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## THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

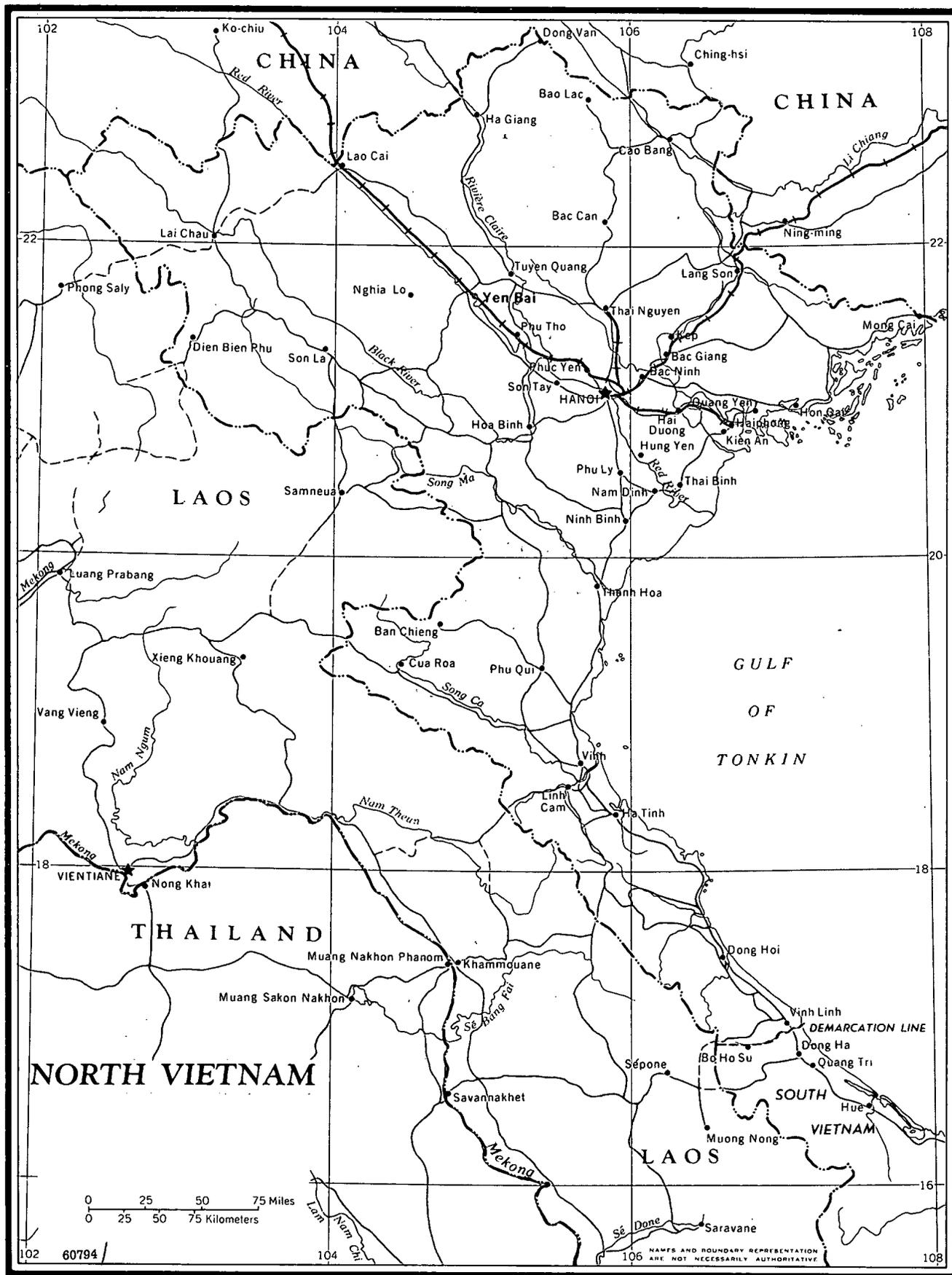


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1. North Vietnam

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[Redacted] A Pravda correspondent reported two days ago that Haiphong resembles a fortress and that nearly all the children and most of the adults had been evacuated.

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Recent photography strongly suggests that a new airfield is in the early stages of construction near Yen Bai (see map). This is the site of the newly built storage area containing at least 285 widely dispersed buildings. Earth has been moved in an area approximately 6,600 feet long. Such a field could accommodate jet fighters.

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2. Communist China

[Redacted] an epizootic of swine disease--probably hog cholera--is spreading through northern China.

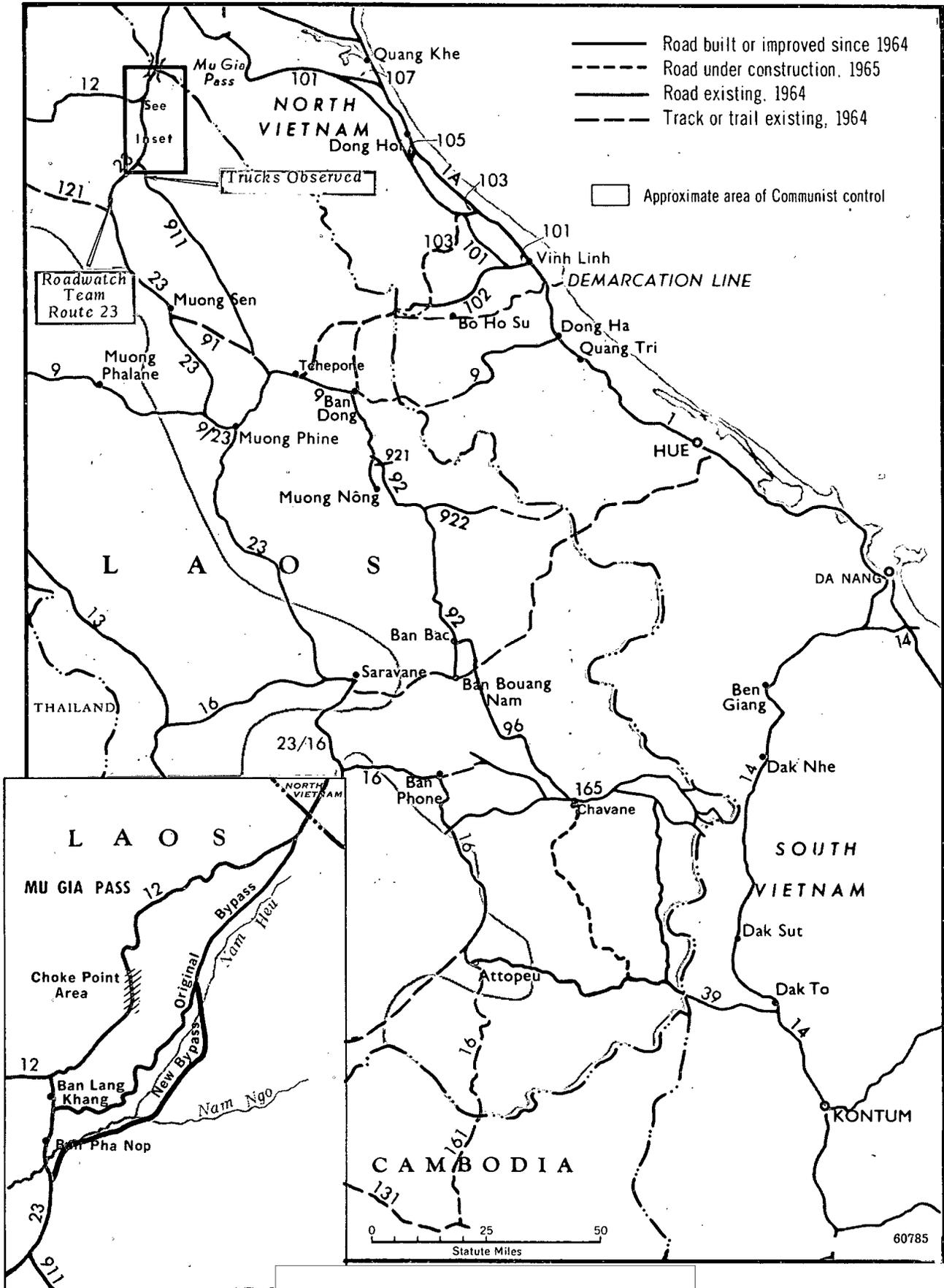
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It is not clear just how bad the situation is, but pork is the largest meat item in the Chinese diet, and a marked decline in production could have serious consequences.

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### 3. Laos

Increased Communist military movement in the Laotian panhandle suggests that new probes against government defenses may be in the offing. Some of this activity reportedly involves substantial numbers of North Vietnamese troops. It probably reflects continued Communist sensitivity to any ground operations against them which might threaten the infiltration routes into South Vietnam.

Our roadwatch team near the northern end of Route 911 has reported the movement southward of some 600 trucks since 27 December. Another team, located a few miles west on Route 23, reported a convoy of about 110 trucks moving south last weekend. The Communists continue to build alternate routes and bypasses to facilitate this traffic (see map).

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#### 4. Zambia

President Kaunda now seems confident of Britain's determination to crush the Smith regime. He told Ambassador Good yesterday that military force will be unnecessary if Britain maintains its present sanctions program.

Kaunda also intimated strongly that he would not impose a total boycott of Rhodesian goods next month. He said that Zambia was "not prepared to commit suicide" to bring down the Smith government.

This confidence and renewed appreciation of Zambia's vital interests will last only as long as the precarious oil embargo is maintained.

#### 5. Greece

The Stephanopoulos government has taken a number of setbacks since parliament reconvened last week. Its chances for survival seem to be increasingly dim.

The government, with a parliamentary majority of only two, is in serious trouble over its tax bill, which is to be introduced in parliament today. The income tax portion is undoubtedly doomed. On top of this, the cabinet is badly split as a result of a factional intra-party fight, and one cabinet member has recently resigned.

There are signs that some leading elements in the government would be willing to consider a reconciliation with ex-Premier Papandreu if Stephanopoulos falls. The palace, however, would make a strenuous effort to head off a Papandreu comeback.

6. Cyprus

Archbishop Makarios arrives in Athens tomorrow for discussions of ways to resolve the Cyprus issue. The Greeks will probably suggest three approaches: direct talks between Makarios and the Turkish Cypriots, a renewal of mediation efforts by the United Nations, and resumption of talks between Athens and Ankara.

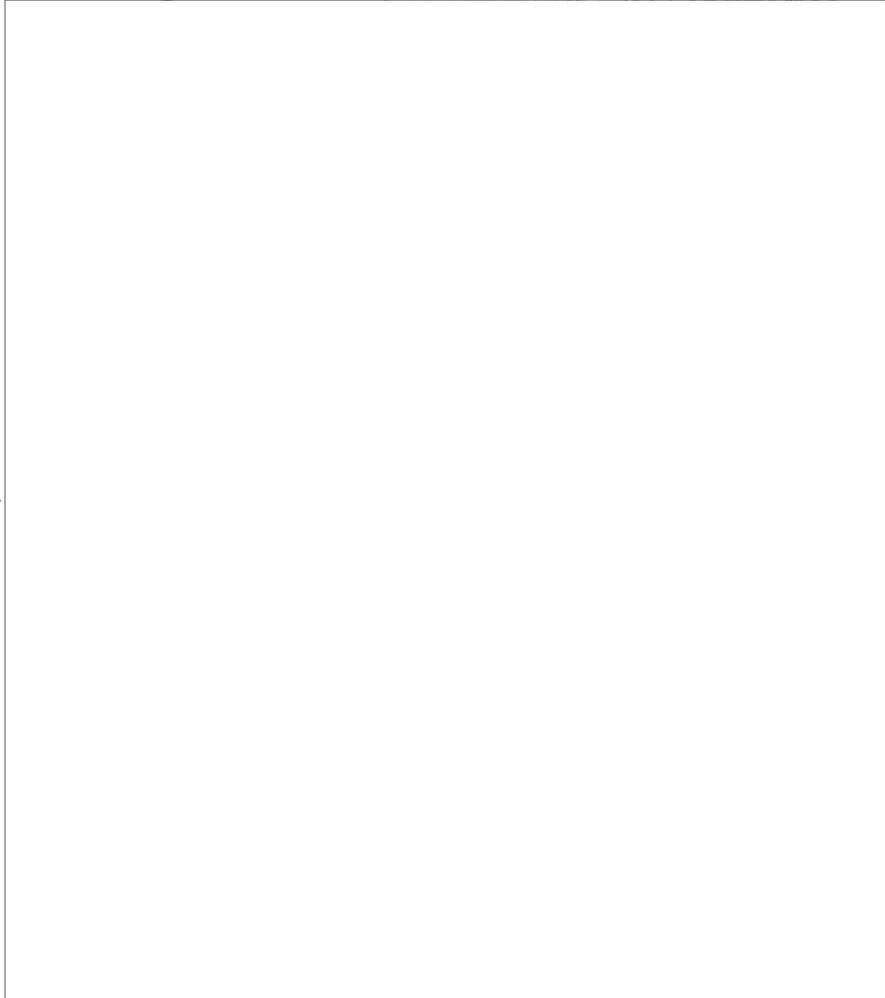
Makarios might accept any of these, but there is still wide disagreement over the substance of any possible solution.

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7. Dominican Republic

[redacted] senior Dominican military and police officials met on Tuesday to discuss their stand against the provisional government.

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