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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

East Germany remains rigid on the status of West Berlin, but Ulbricht's allies may encourage him to develop a more flexible position at the forthcoming Warsaw Pact summit meeting. (Page 1)

The Communists continue to dominate several sections of important Cambodian highways. (Page 2)

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Guinea has repelled a second invasion force. (Page 4)

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The Soviets conducted a short-range firing of the standard SS-11 Saturday. (Page 4)

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BERLIN

No progress was made Friday at the first all-German working-level session on Berlin.

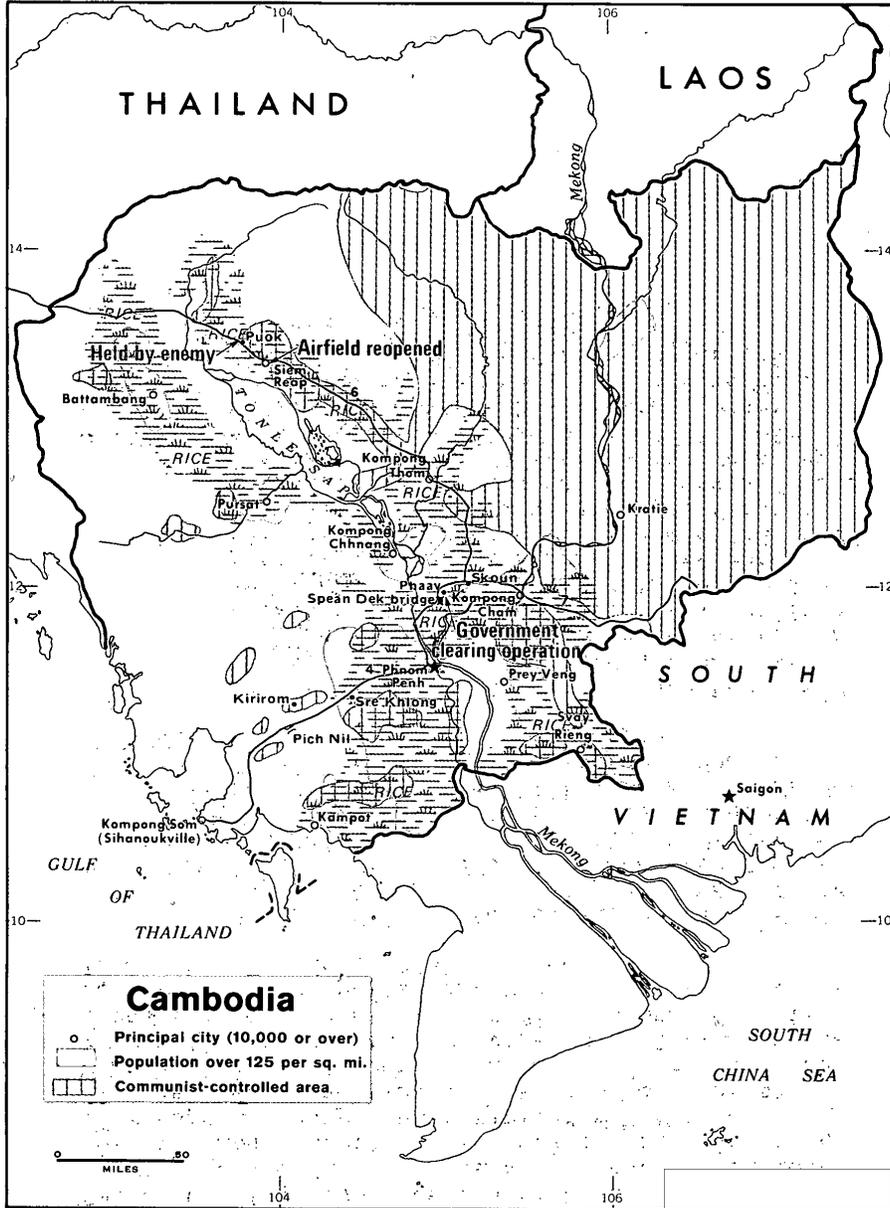
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Pankow demonstrated its disapproval of these meetings by causing tie-ups over the weekend for travelers to and from Berlin. The East Germans insist that West German "political activities" in Berlin are illegal because West Berlin is not a political entity of West Germany, a position the Soviets ostensibly support.

East German negativism may have been in Brezhnev's mind yesterday, however, when he said in a speech at Yerevan that it is necessary for interested parties involved in discussions on West Berlin to display good will. Brezhnev renewed his commitment to the four-power talks and indicated he would support East Germany's "legitimate interests and sovereign rights." The limits of these interests and rights may be the central issue at the forthcoming Warsaw Pact summit conference. Moscow announced this morning that the meeting would take place in Berlin in early December.

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### Current Situation



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**FOR THE PRESIDENT ONLY****CAMBODIA**

Communist pressure against major lines of communication continued over the weekend. The enemy still holds sections of Routes 6 and 7 in Kompong Cham Province, and an attempt by government troops to reopen Route 6 from Phaav to the Spean Dek bridge on Saturday was unsuccessful. Enemy harassing attacks and ambushes against government positions along Route 4 in the Kirirom area have forced the Cambodians to abandon temporarily their push to clear that important highway.

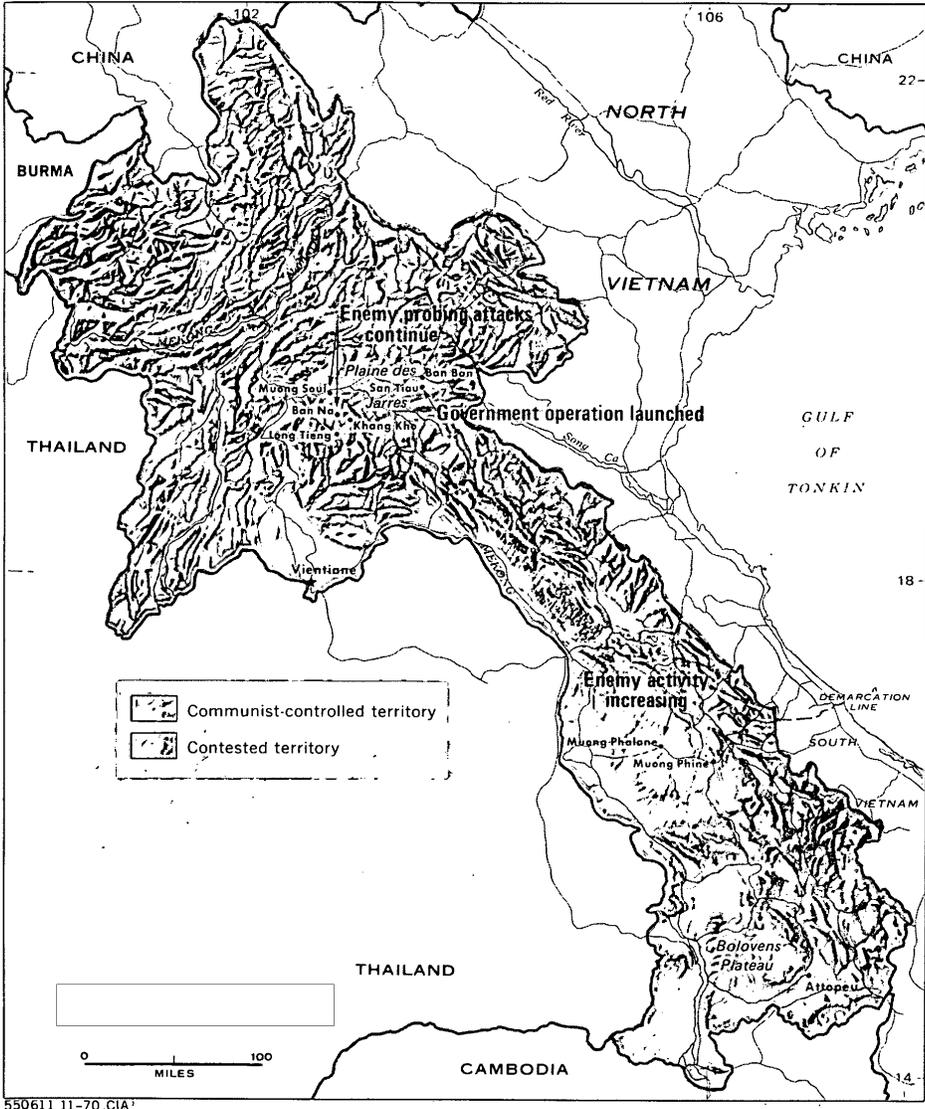
In the northwest, senior government commanders are trying to organize a new operation to recapture the town of Puok, ten miles west of Siem Reap city on Route 6. This operation may include three battalions that recently completed training in Thailand. Government troops succeeded in reopening the road between Siem Reap and its airfield on 28 November.

*Since their current campaign against vital roadways began on 9 November, the Communists have capitalized effectively on the Cambodian Army's inexperience and lack of mobility. Small enemy units have put the government back on the defensive with a series of selected ambushes and harassing attacks.*

Minor enemy actions continue around Phnom Penh, but no significant Communist advances toward the capital are evident. Government sources in Phnom Penh have announced that a dusk-to-dawn curfew for foreign nationals will be instituted in the city today, but this measure appears to be aimed at discouraging additional terrorist incidents.

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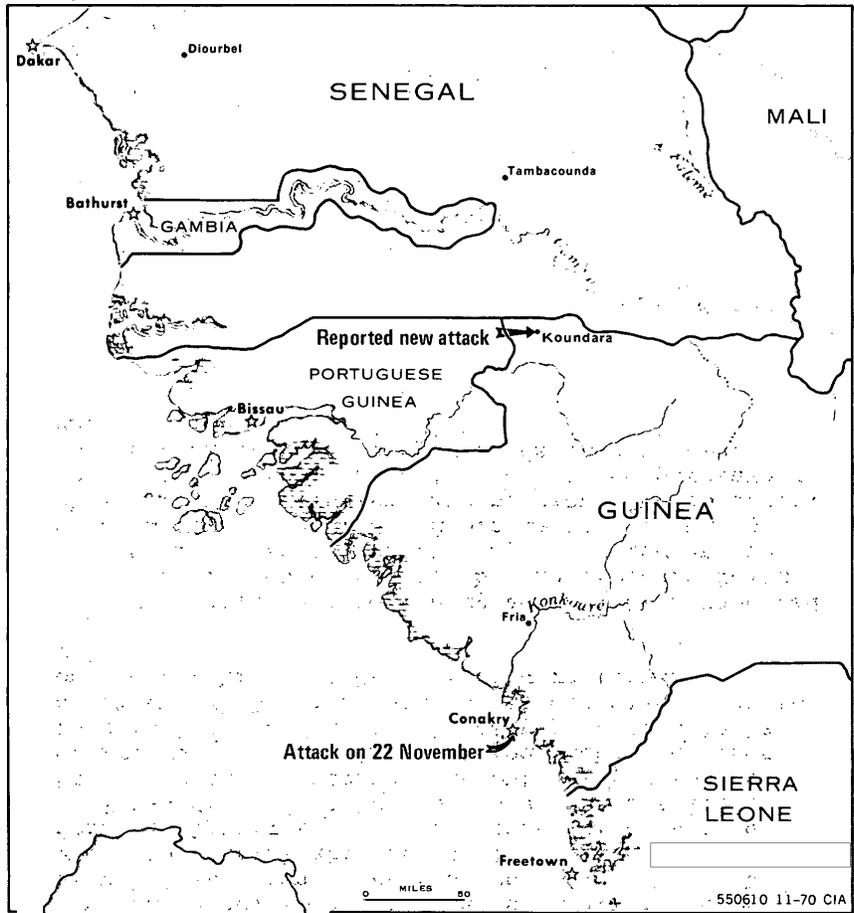
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LAOS

A force of almost 1,000 irregular troops from Long Tieng and Khang Kho was airlifted into the San Tiau area, some ten miles south of the Communist logistic center at Ban Ban, on 27 and 28 November. Initial attempts by the irregulars to secure San Tiau were met with enemy mortar and recoilless rifle fire but no casualties resulted. Southwest of the Plaine, one outpost was abandoned by irregular troops in scattered weekend clashes. Northwest of Ban Na, small enemy probing attacks on 26 and 27 November against a government position on the outskirts of Muong Soui were repulsed quickly.

No significant new enemy actions were reported yesterday in southern Laos, but intercepted Communist messages reveal increasing enemy reconnaissance activity and troop deployments near Muong Phalane. The Communists may be preparing to attack Muong Phalane to forestall possible new government forays against their supply lines in the Muong Phine region.

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[redacted] the second invasion force to raid Guinea within a week has withdrawn [redacted]

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About 80 exiled opponents of Toure's government failed to capture the frontier town of Koundara and more than 20 of the invaders have been captured. Over the weekend, two Soviet and two Egyptian AN-12 transport aircraft arrived in Conakry, presumably delivering medical and other supplies. The special UN investigating mission has returned to New York and its report is likely to incriminate Portugal.

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USSR-Cuba: The Soviet submarine tender which has been in Cuban waters since early September again left the port of Cienfuegos on 27 November. The tender is now south of Haiti and may be under way to meet a Soviet guided-missile frigate, an oiler, and possibly a nuclear-powered submarine which are on a heading to enter the Caribbean about 1 December.

USSR: The Soviets fired a standard SS-11 ICBM from Tyuratam to an undetermined short range on 28 November. This was the first short-range firing of this model of the SS-11 since July 1968, when at least five were tested to a range of about 500-600 nautical miles. The purpose of the test after the more than two-year hiatus is unknown. The Soviets conducted three tests of a modified SS-11 ICBM--the model with larger fuel tanks and a penetration aids system--to short ranges in June and July.

Guatemala: [redacted]

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