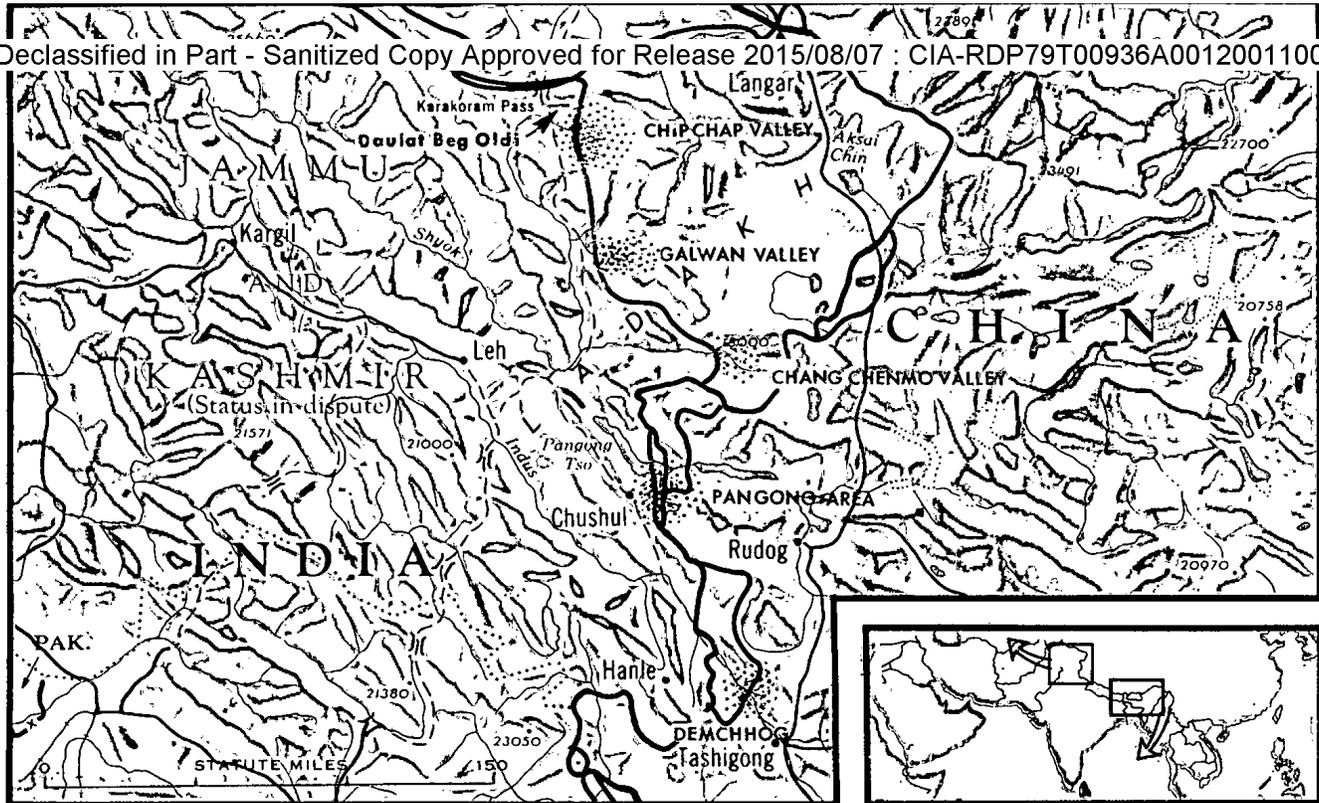


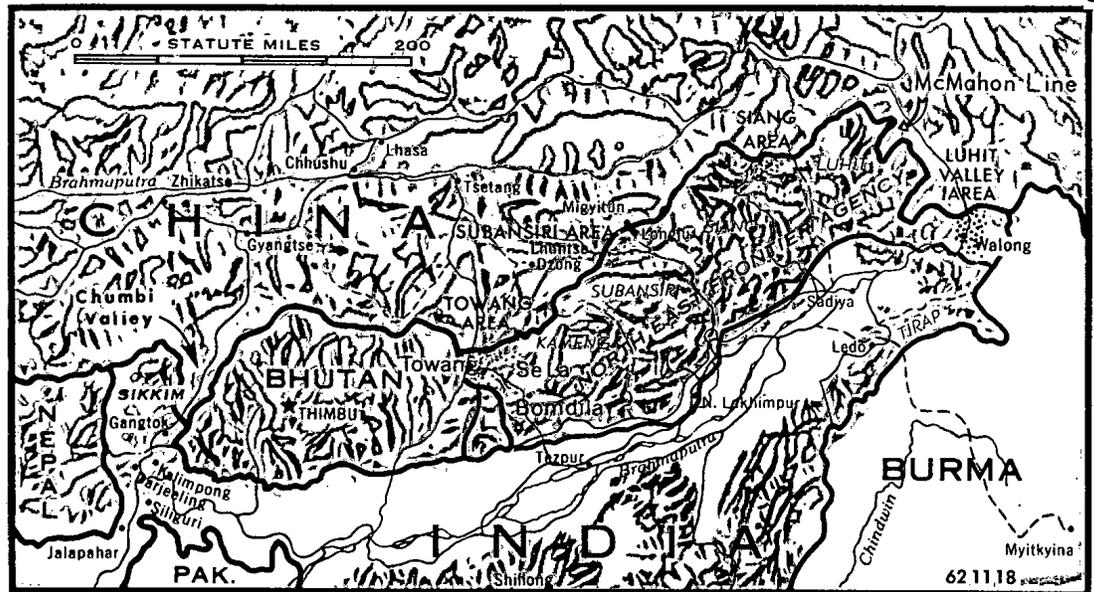
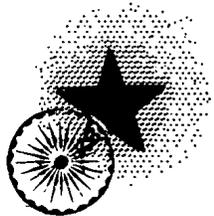
THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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- Areas Chinese have occupied since 20 October
- Boundary shown on recent Chinese Communist maps (Where differing from US and Western maps)
- Boundary shown on recent India maps (Where differing from US and Western maps)
- Boundary shown on most US and Western maps
- Road or track
- Spot height (in feet)
- Pass

1. India-China

a. Indian forces, falling back under heavy Chinese attack in three sectors, have lost both Walong, the gateway to the Assam plain, and Se La, southeast of Towang.

b. At last report, the Chinese were still advancing in strength in both areas as well as in Ladakh.

c. Nehru addressed the Indian parliament this morning in grave tones. He said that he was ready to consider a formal declaration of war against the Chinese, and was seeking "all possible help" from friendly countries.

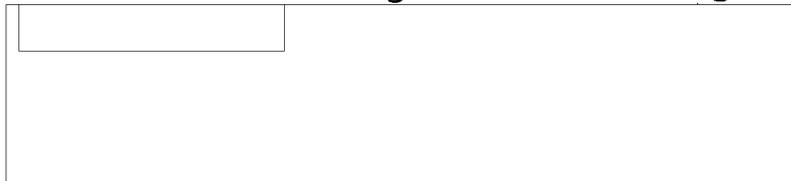
d. Yesterday, New Delhi had commandeered all domestic civil aircraft to rush reinforcements to the Walong area. Embassy New Delhi reports, however, that Indian Army headquarters is in a state of shock and disorganization with no clear defensive plan.

e. The Indians are preparing a request for immediate US airlift help, and Ambassador Galbraith says they will need and are "urgently willing" to accept US pilots.

2. Cuba

a. Beginning early yesterday morning, Cuban anti-aircraft units were under orders to fire on US planes. All civil flights over Cuba (except crop dusters) were cancelled "until further orders." The orders were temporarily suspended during the night but are in force again this morning.

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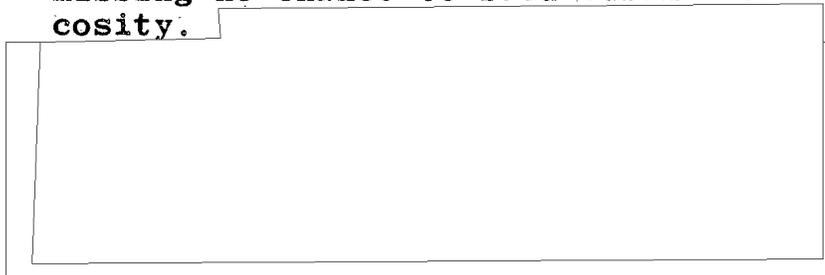
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c. The US high-level reconnaissance aircraft which overflew Cuba yesterday returned unscathed. Photography from the mission reveals no significant change from previous missions at the Remedios IRBM site, the Sagua la Grande MRBM sites, or at the two SAM sites observed.

d. The Chinese Communists are missing no chance to feed Cuban bellicosity.

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[redacted] Mikoyan warned Castro that the USSR would not risk a world war in the event that invasion by the United States was deliberately provoked by Cuban acts." He predicted an imminent US invasion. [redacted]

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3. Laos

a. Scrapping between Pathet Lao and neutralist military elements in the Plaine des Jarres seems to be continuing.

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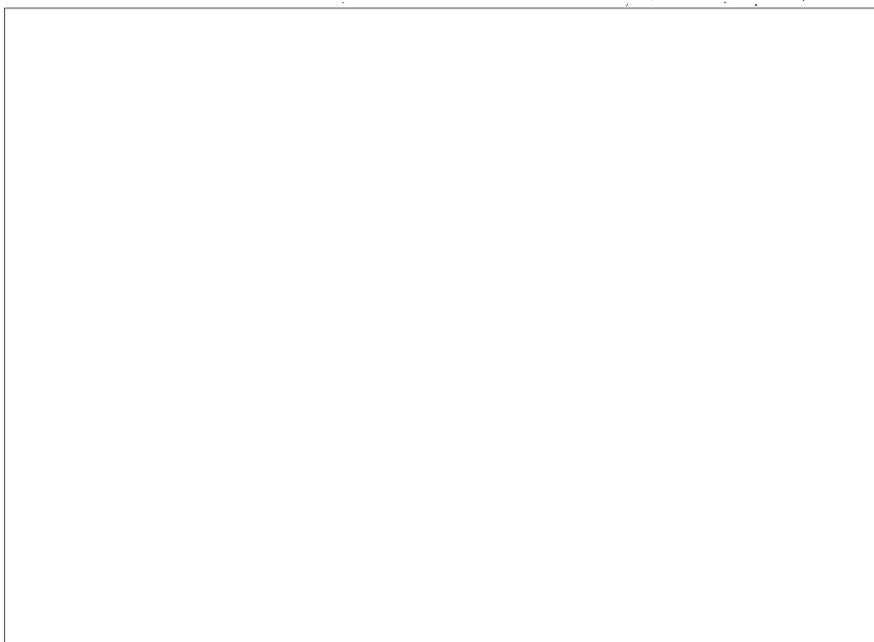
b. The ICC has put aside the Canadian proposal for a check on North Vietnamese forces and will await a complaint from the faction-ridden Laotian National Commission, which already has a record of prolonged inertia.

c. The Canadians had been fairly certain of carrying the Indians with them, but agreed to defer action on prompting from Souvanna, who thinks that an investigation now would rock his unsteady boat.

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4. West Germany

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5. UAR-Arab states

a. Nasir's clandestine "Voice of the Arab Nation" radio is taking a more strident line than ever against the regimes in Iraq, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

b. Its broadcasts on Friday, for instance, urged the Arab people to liberate Syria from "the agents and opportunists," "take vengeance...on Qasim and his treachery," and kill Saud and Husayn. One harangue concluded, "Arab officers in all the Arab countries: This is the revolution, and this is the decisive battle. Get your arms ready to destroy reaction and the palaces of treason and to exterminate secession. Get ready, for the hour of action has struck."

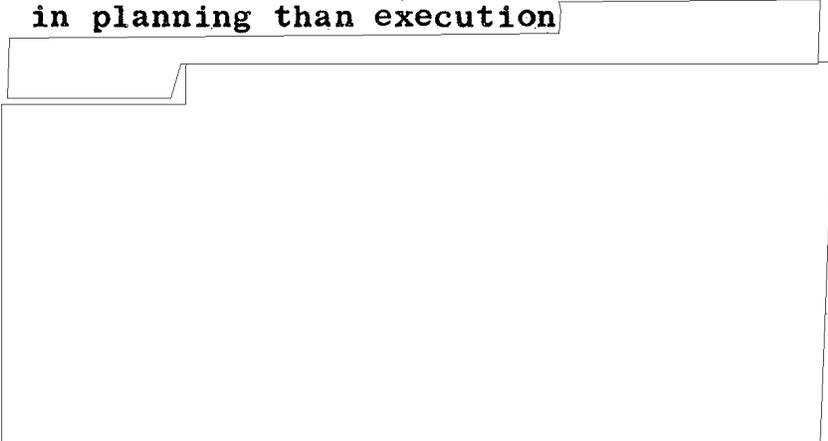
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c. Such talk, coupled with continuing UAR subversive efforts and the revolution in Yemen, is wearing other Arab leaders down. Ambassador Macomber reports Husayn as saying to him "I wonder who will be next, King Saud or me?"

6. Iraq-UAR

a. Nasir's tactics may also be getting somewhere in Iraq, where conspirators against Qasim appear again to be close to the point of action.

b. Qasim's ill-wishers could, as so often before, prove to be bolder in planning than execution



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7. Yemen - Saudi
Arabia - UAR

a. There is no sign of slackening in Saudi support for the royalist forces in Yemen.

b. Crown Prince Faysal's government is continuing to move troops and equipment up to the border area.

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c. An additional two Soviet transports, probably carrying military equipment earmarked for UAR forces in Yemen, reached Cairo Saturday.

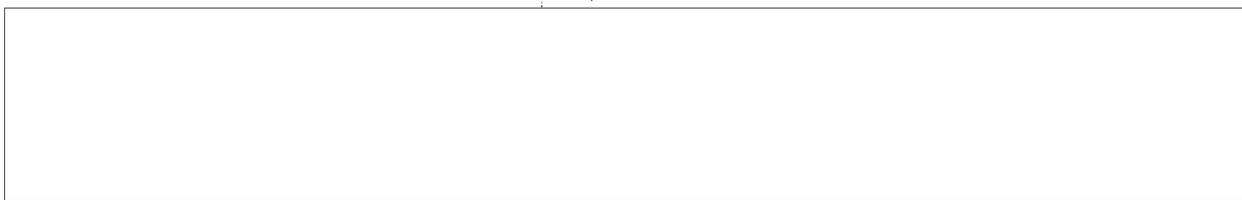
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d. The revolutionary regime in Yemen has called for a general strike, beginning today, in British Aden, which it refers to as southern Yemen.

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NOTES

- A. Soviet Central Committee Khrushchev's speech to the Central Committee meeting, which opened in Moscow this morning, is now coming in. He is so far sticking to domestic economic themes, with heavy emphasis on the need for radical strengthening of the party's role in the control of industry and agriculture.
- B. UK-Mongolia The British plan shortly to become the first Western nation to establish diplomatic relations with Outer Mongolia. The Mongolians will be pleased; one of their UN delegates remarked recently that Mongolia "sometimes found the pressures of living between two great powers, the USSR and the Chinese People's Republic, rather overpowering."



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- D. Congo General Mobutu, intent on getting his stalled attack on Kongolo in Northern Katanga going again, plans to bring his own makeshift air force into play. He has five trainer aircraft, which can serve as fighters, and five Cuban exiles to fly them.
- E. Ecuador Patience with President Arosemena, particularly among the military, is running out, and not without reason. His Vice-President said Friday that he has been in a generally drunken state and virtually incommunicado since early October.