

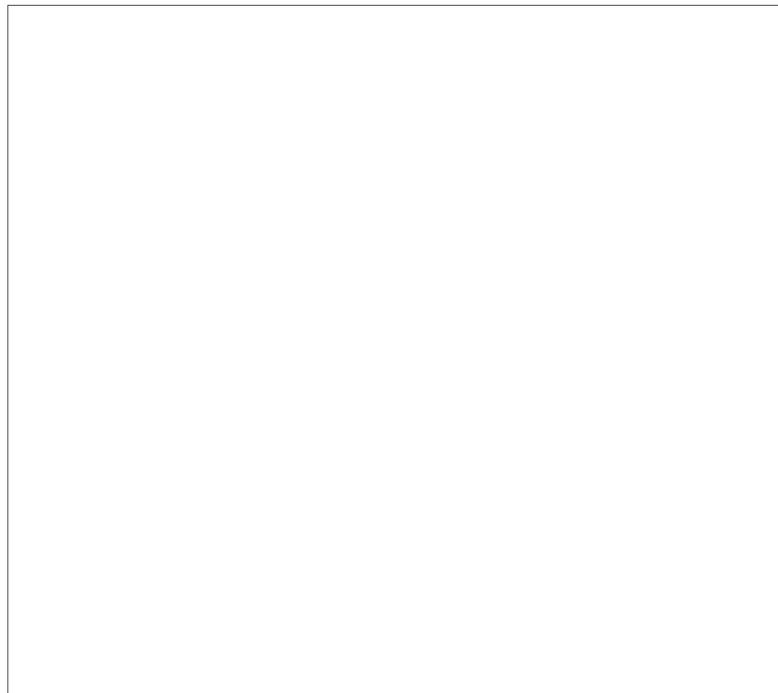
THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. USSR

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2. Brazil

a. Even close confidants of President Goulart no longer believe that he can solve Brazil's worsening problems.

b. They say that the President is exhausted physically and psychologically. His isolation from the realities of Brazilian political life is growing, they add.

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c. General Silva, formerly Goulart's chief military adviser, asserts that the present balance between contending political forces is so precarious that any serious incident would precipitate a crisis and possibly prolonged hostilities among the political factions.

3. Dominican Republic

a. So far no evidence has been uncovered to indicate a Cuban origin for the weapons taken from the guerrillas captured this week in the mountains near the north coast.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] a press report from Miami [redacted] says that Havana radio has claimed that pro-Castro guerrillas have gotten a foothold in the Dominican Republic.

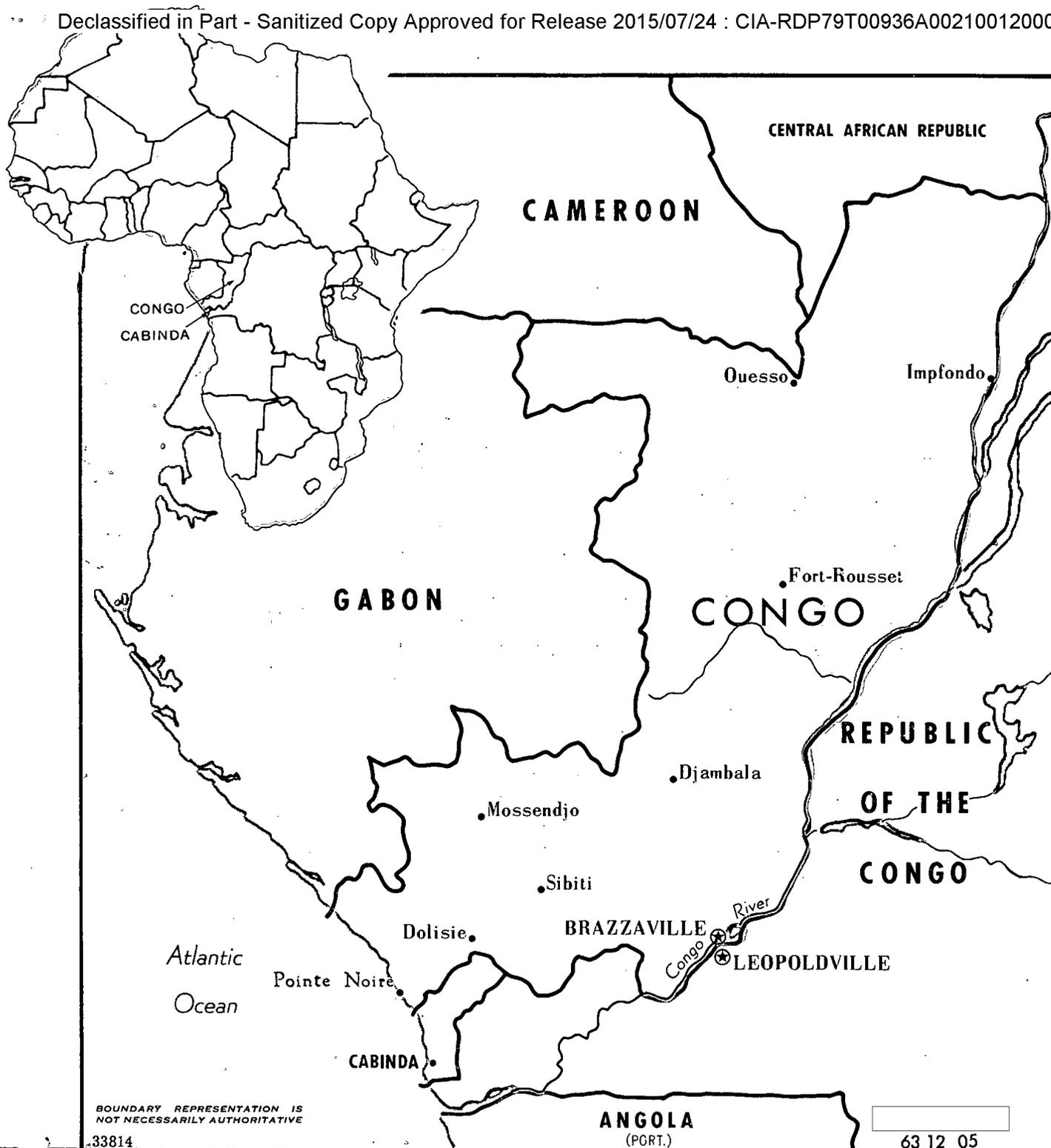
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4. Cambodia

a. The Thai have reacted sharply against Sihanouk's demand for a multinational conference to guarantee Cambodian neutrality.

b. The foreign minister told US officials that the US attitude toward the proposed conference is a critical point in US-Thai relations. Our attendance would represent acceptance of Sihanouk's charges against Thailand and South Vietnam.

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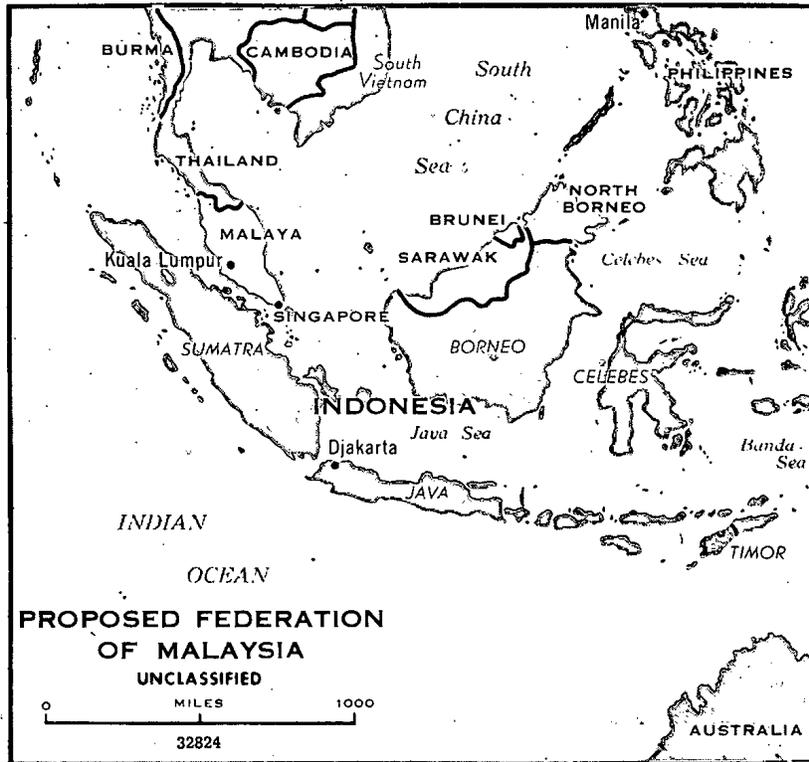
c. The South Vietnamese are of course equally against the scheme.

5. Congo
(Brazzaville)

a. The political situation in Brazzaville is as confused and unstable as ever with the approach of Sunday's constitutional referendum and election.

b. Both the constitution and the congressional candidates, who are running unopposed, will probably be strongly endorsed. A number of leftist unionists and youth leaders are among the candidates, and their possible elevation to ministerial posts may signal a trend to the left.

c. Leftists are already seeking to exploit the tense situation which has developed along the border with Cabinda.



NOTES

- A. Cuba Field training of Cubans in the SAM system is moving ahead.

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- B. Malaysia

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- C. Turkey There is no resolution as yet of the cabinet crisis. We expect that President Gursel, who is now testing several alternatives, may have to turn again to Prime Minister Inonu to form a government.
- D. Syria There has been no resolution of the struggle between the moderate and extreme Baathists, and the possibility of a coup is still there.
- E. Laos The murderers of neutralist Colonel Leuang have not been apprehended. Ambassador Unger reports that suspicions range across the whole Laotian political spectrum, from the Pathet Lao on the left to the Phoumi rightists.