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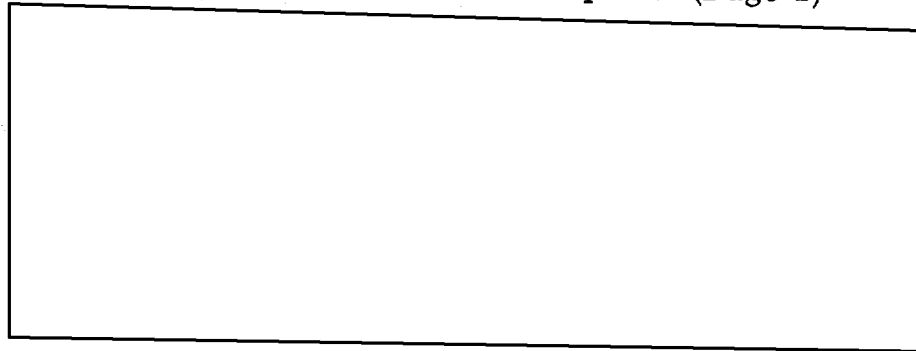
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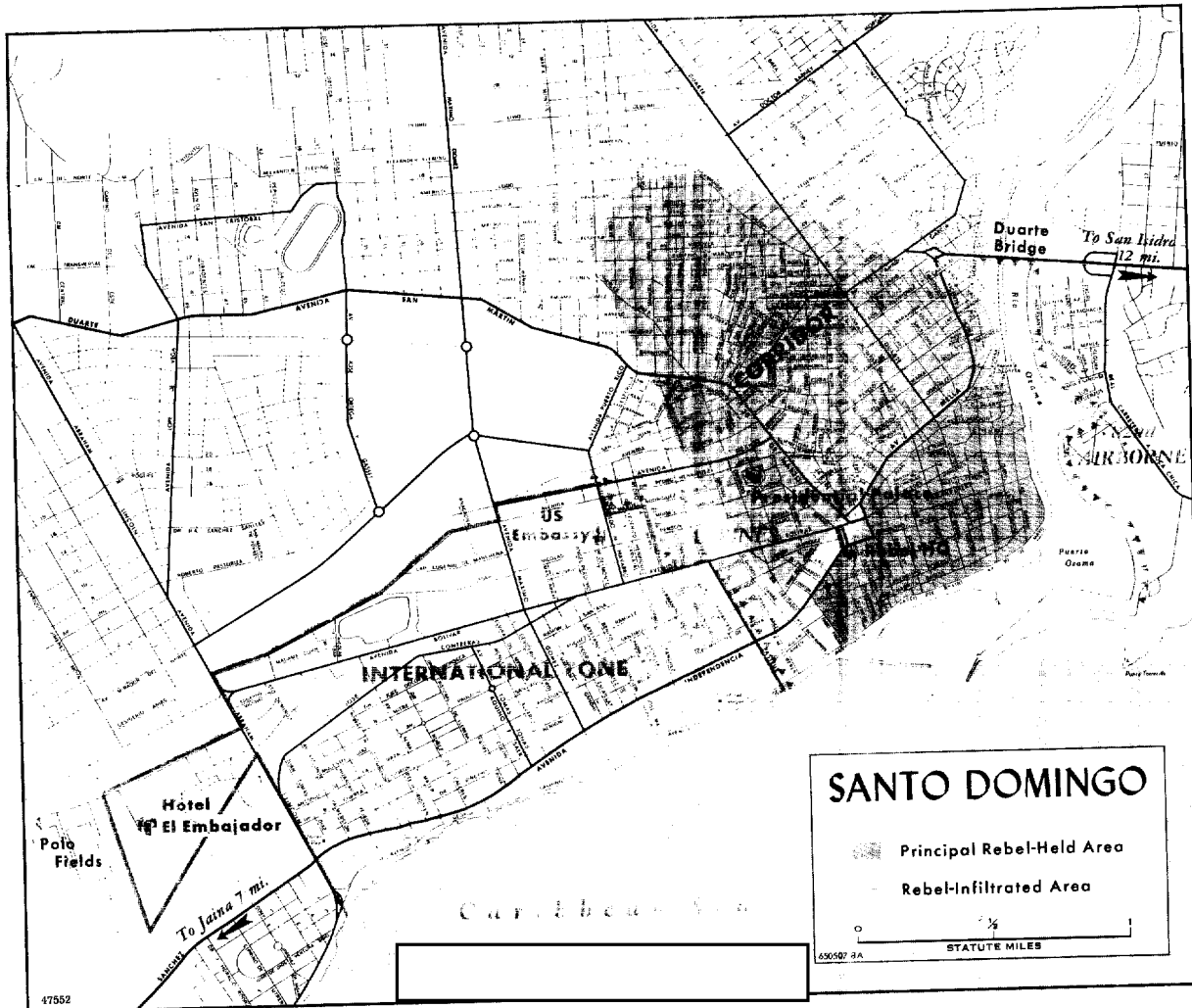
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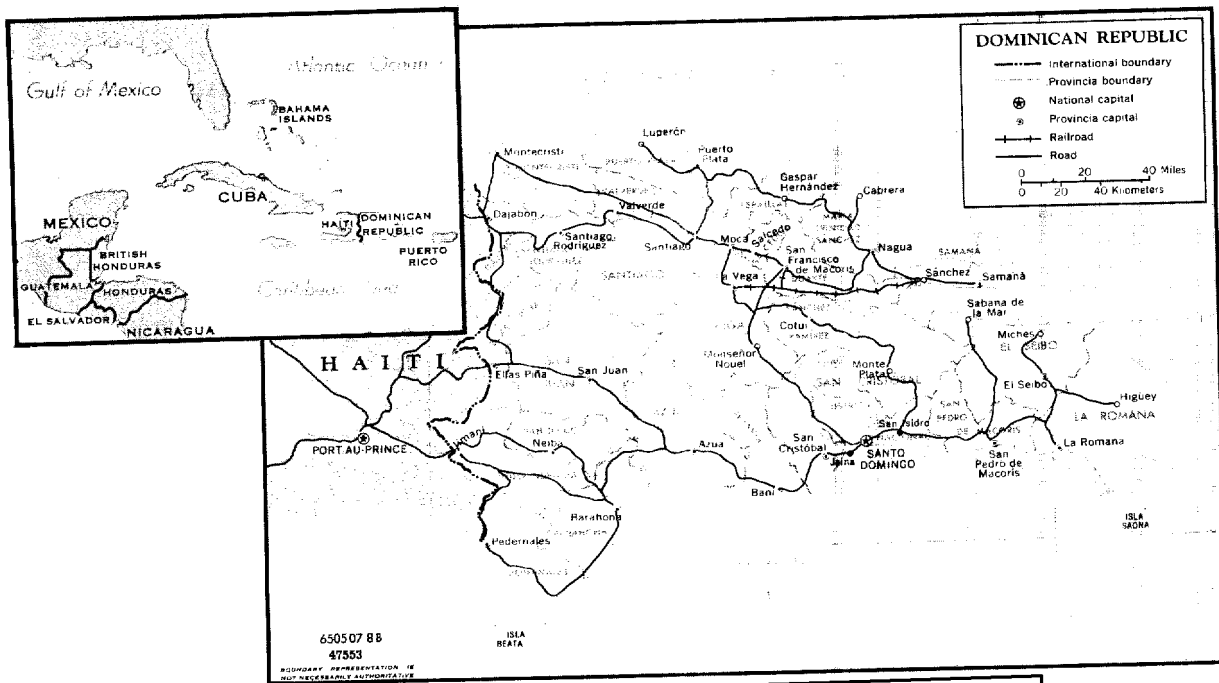


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*Dominican Republic: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT) Except for occasional sniper fire and a few minor skirmishes among Dominicans, Santo Domingo was quiet yesterday with no important military developments.

Areas away from the capital generally remain calm and under the control of loyalist police and military units. Most population centers are described as having reverted to a virtually normal existence, aside from food shortages and rising prices. There are reports, however, that rebel forces are moving into the countryside in an effort to stir up trouble and arouse support for Colonel Caamano's rebel regime.

In an effort to regain the political initiative, loyalist forces yesterday established a five-man "Council of National Reconstruction" government headed by Antonio Imbert Barrera, a tough, controversial figure who participated in the 1961 assassination of dictator Trujillo. The US Embassy believes that the Council, which also includes former junta leader Colonel Benoit and three respected civilians, is the best available group at the moment and presents a reasonably good political balance. The Council lacks, however, a representative of former President Joaquin Balaguer, who remains a major force in Dominican politics.

No new political initiatives on the part of the Caamano "government" have been noted within the past 24 hours. However, the rebels have been stepping up their efforts to impress other Dominicans as well as the rest of the world with their claims that only they represent constitutionality. Also, inflammatory rebel broadcasts are evidently continuing despite the recent signing of a "psychological cease-fire" agreement at the suggestion of the Organization of

American States commission. Loyalist officers are becoming increasingly angered by the broadcasts, and their continuation could jeopardize the truce.

Apparently no government has formally recognized the Caamano regime yet despite the rebels' early pleas for such recognition. [Moreover it now appears that both Chile and Costa Rica, which previously had given some indications that recognition of the Caamano group might be near, are not planning to take this step in the immediate future.]

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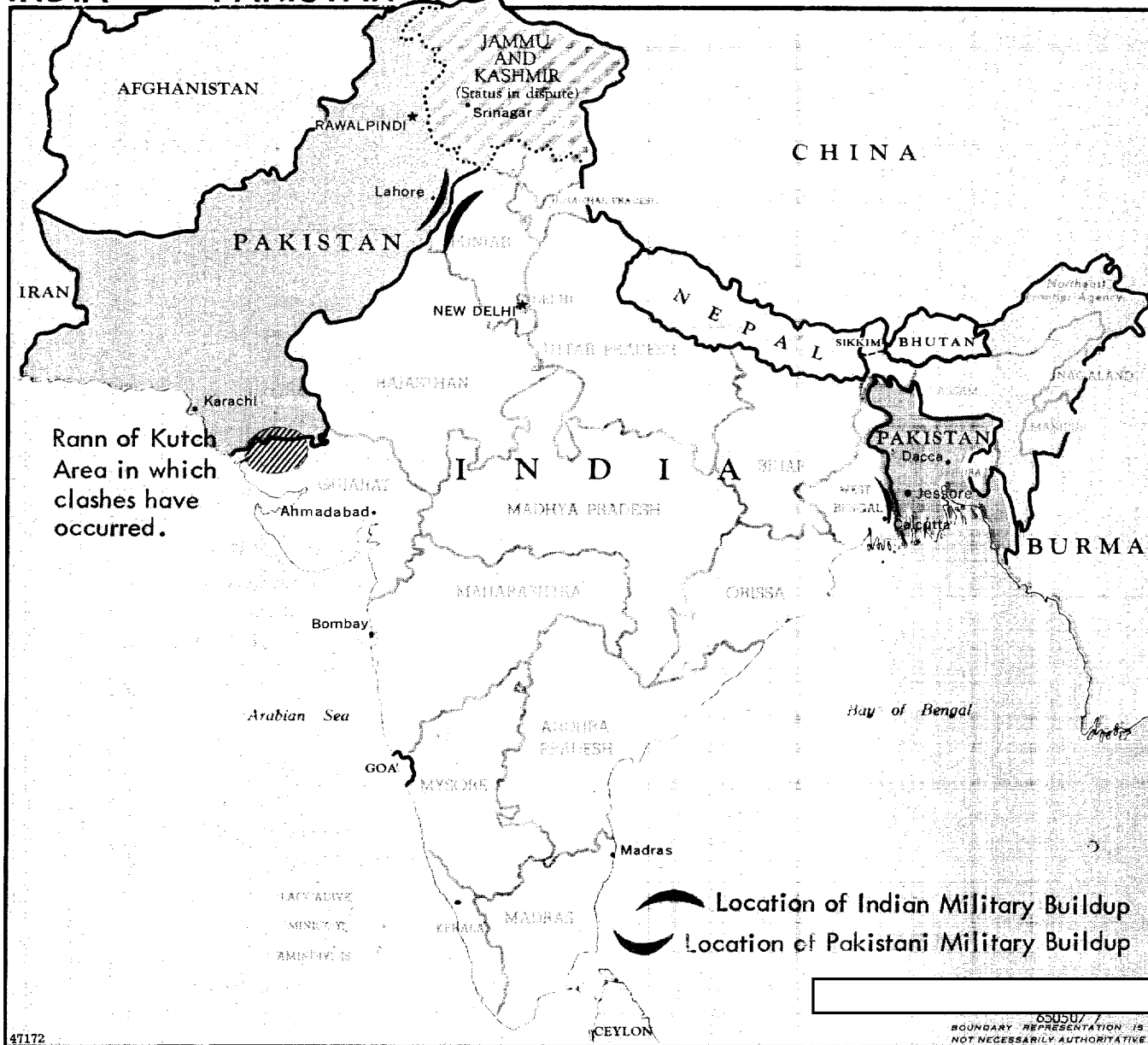
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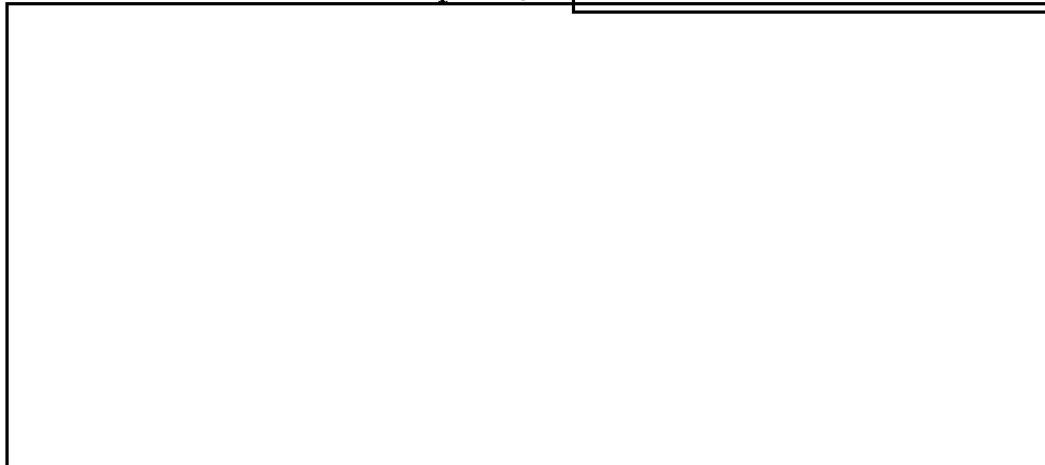
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India-Pakistan: Pakistan is strengthening its defenses against possible Indian attacks, while diplomatic efforts to formalize the cease-fire continue.

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Pakistani officials privately describe the situation as "close to the flash point." [redacted]



The Pakistani foreign secretary says that if the Indians confine any attack to disputed areas, Pakistan will keep its response localized. If India launches an attack into undisputed territory, however, Pakistan's response would be generalized.

Pakistan is informing the permanent members of the UN Security Council that it believes a serious threat to the peace has arisen on the subcontinent. It is not yet asking for a meeting of the council, however, on the grounds that it does not wish to overreact.

British efforts to bring Pakistan and India to the negotiating table continue. India has responded to Prime Minister Wilson's latest proposals with counter-proposals of its own. [redacted]

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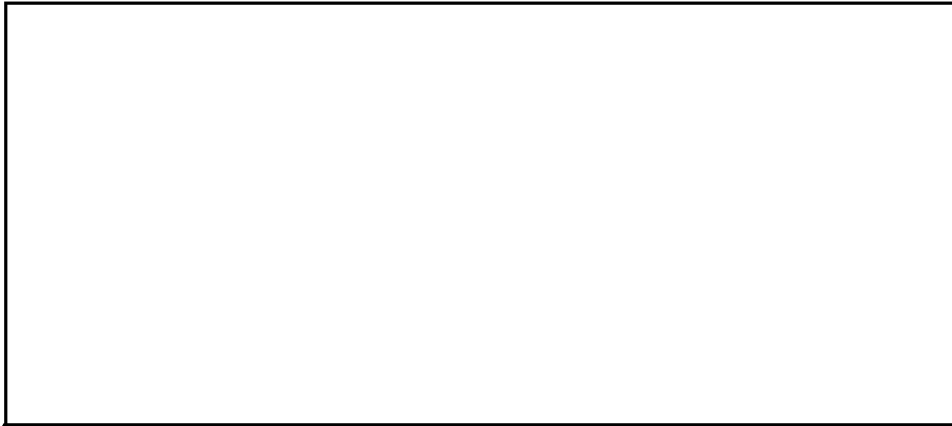
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Arab States: Activist elements at the Baath party's general conference in Damascus this week succeeded in removing Michel Aflaq, the party's founder, as Baath secretary general. This move is a manifestation of the continuing behind-the-scenes power struggle in the Baath among military, civilian, Syrian, and non-Syrian elements. The conference also adopted an unusually tough anti-West, anti-Israel stand.

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