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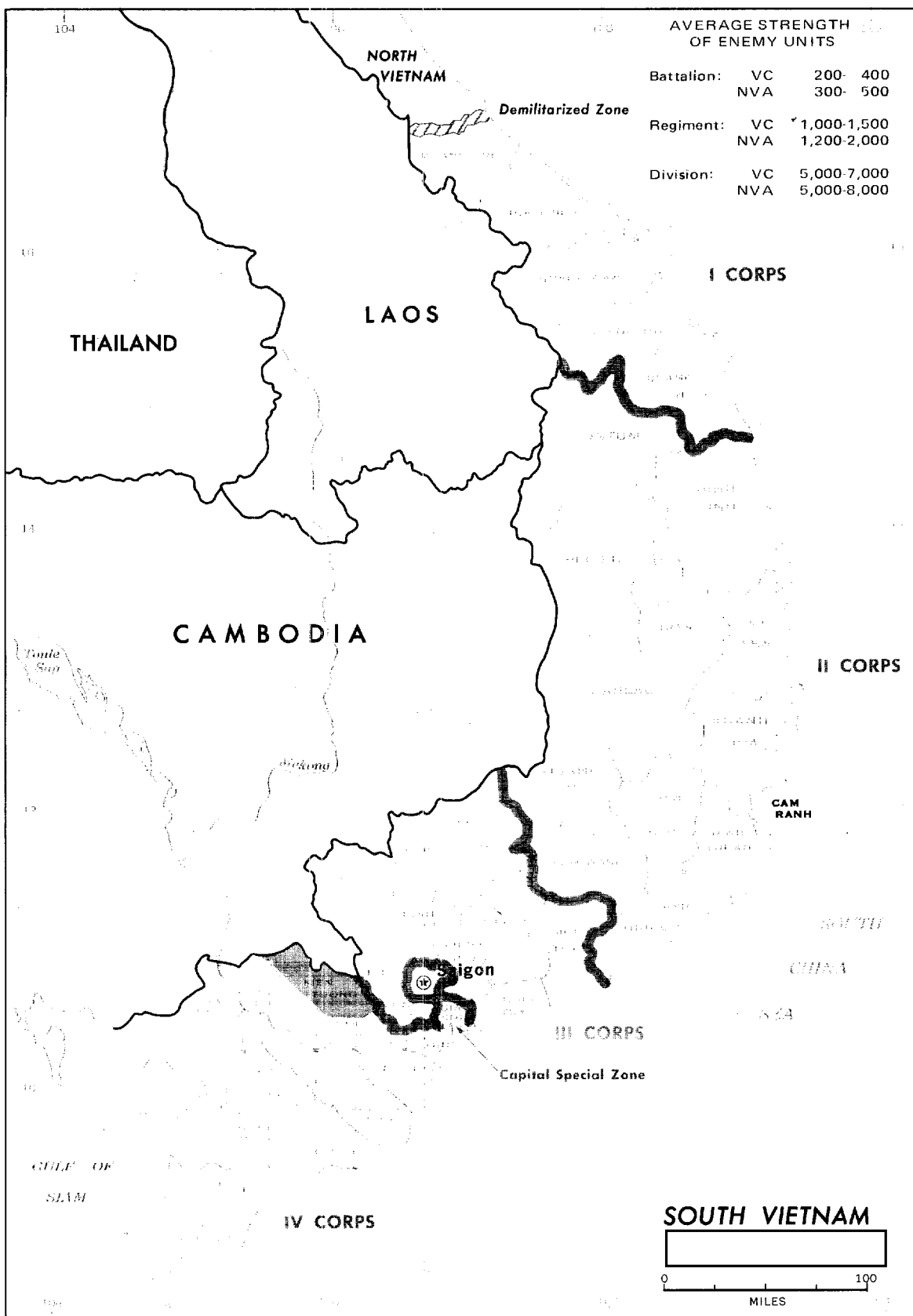
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【 South Vietnam: Enemy action in the delta picked up significantly over the weekend.

At least ten of the delta's 16 provinces were shelled on 5 October, and two of the target areas were provincial capitals. The increased tempo of the fighting in the delta actually began late last week when South Vietnamese irregular defense forces met stiff Communist opposition in a two-day battle near the Cambodian border. With the help of US air strikes, the South Vietnamese killed 62 Communists and destroyed most of an enemy base camp in this area of western Kien Tuong Province. [redacted] (Map) ]

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Communist China - UK: Peking's release of Reuters correspondent Anthony Grey has removed a long-standing irritant to Sino-British relations.

The Chinese action was prompted by the British release on 3 October of the last of 13 Chinese journalists jailed during the 1967 Communist disturbances in Hong Kong. Grey was placed under house arrest in July 1967 in retaliation for the detention of the left-wing newsmen, and Peking from the beginning has linked Grey's freedom to the release of these journalists.

Peking's closing out of this issue is another token of Chinese interest in returning Sino-British relations to their pre - Cultural Revolution status. Since Grey's arrest 26 months ago, Communist China has backed away from its policy of "confrontation" in Hong Kong and has taken a number of diplomatic steps to improve its ties with London.

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Ecuador: Violence is likely this week as militant student and labor groups prepare for demonstrations in Quito.

Exploitation of labor and student grievances by extreme leftist leaders, principally of the pro-Castro Revolutionary Socialist Party of Ecuador (PSRE), added to the approach of the second anniversary of the death of Che Guevara on 8 October, has set the stage for disorders that could easily lead to a violent collision with government security forces.

Disorder erupted last week when President Velasco personally intervened against striking hospital workers. A walkout by teachers is planned for today, and electrical workers say they are determined to strike on Tuesday despite an expected sharp response from the military. Anniversary celebrations of a labor federation will be held Wednesday; the federation's PSRE leader

hopes to turn it into an antigovernment demonstration.

Led on by their PSRE rector, Central University students are planning street demonstrations and possibly terrorist acts this week to protest the lack of facilities at the university, according to the minister of education. The abolition of entrance examinations, as demanded by students last spring, has swollen the freshman class to three times its normal size. The eight-year sentence handed down last week to a former student leader for the murder of a policeman has given the students another issue.

The US Embassy believes that the government plans to brook no sustained violence, especially in view of the recent unhappiness of military commanders over the free-swinging activities of leftist groups. Any clampdown, however, would probably not come until after disturbances had aroused public indignation.

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