

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



50X1

19 JAN. 1962

~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Dominican Council restored to power

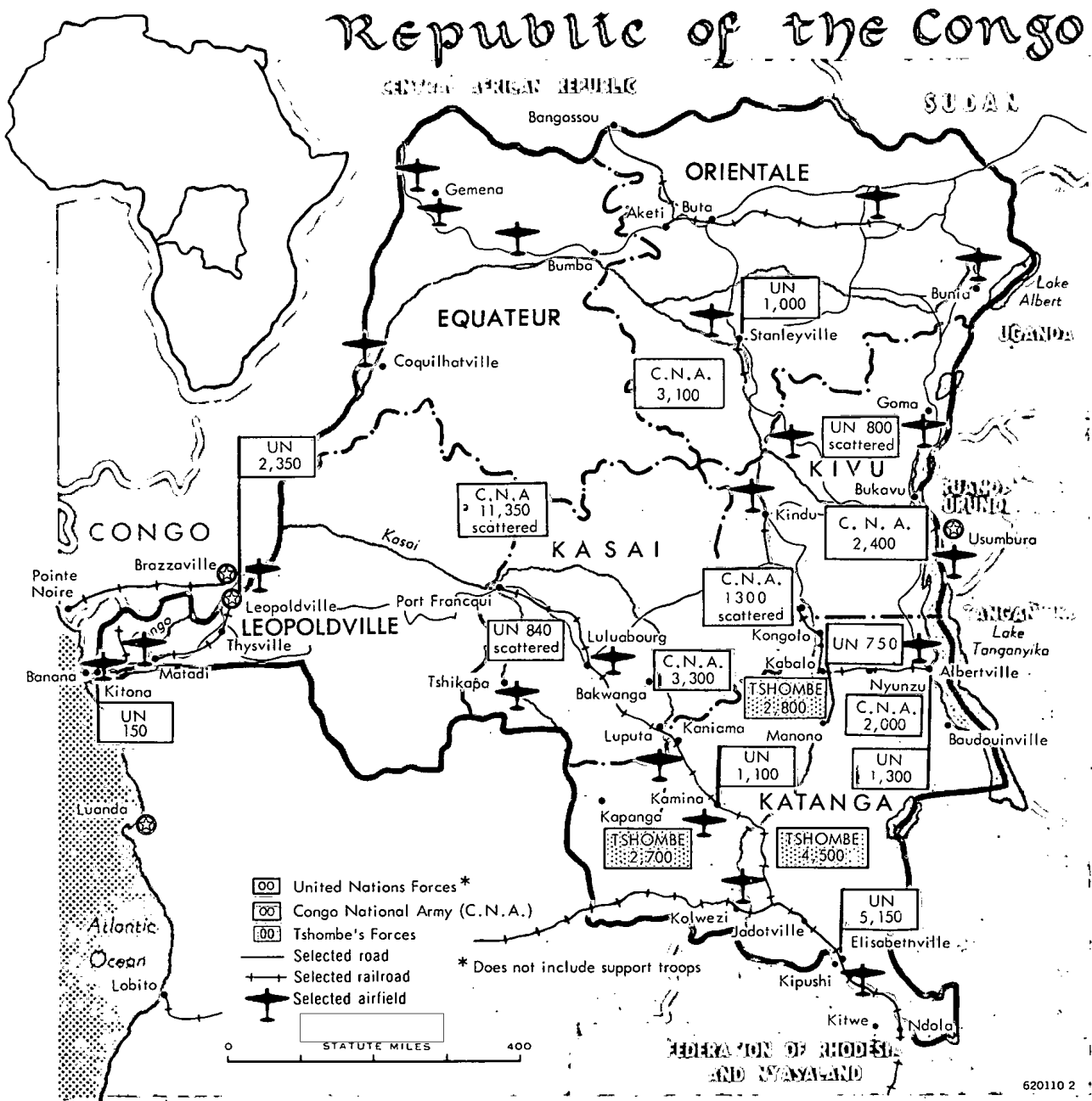
Rodriguez, faced by bitter opposition at home and abroad, already was beginning to cave in when a counter-coup was launched against him by Minister of the Interior Hermida. All the pieces are apparently back in place, except that Bonnelly has replaced Balaguer and Rodriguez is in jail. Hill reports a wild popular demonstration in the streets building up, with much spontaneous celebratory gunfire by military patrols. This could get out of hand during the day.

2. Laos

a. At their meeting yesterday the Princes accepted the draft agreements on Laos prepared by the Geneva Conference, but apparently did not discuss formation of a coalition government. [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] a further meeting is scheduled for this morning. 50X1

b. Government aircraft in Laos on Wednesday flew their first bombing mission ever. Since the Lao authorities tried to conceal the operation from American officials, our Embassy does not know if it was a training mission or a strike against the enemy; it notes that the bombs were not provided by MAAG, and hence probably came from the Thais. We have not noted any Communist reaction so far. [redacted] 50X1



50X1

620110 2

3. India and Pakistan
noncommittal on Presi-
dent's Kashmir proposal-

Ayub replies that he wants to see what Nehru say before he accepts; he refuses to suspend action in the UN Security Council. Nehru has not replied yet, and our Chargé sees some possibility he will not do so by Monday. Foreign Secretary Desai was not encouraging.

4. Congo

a. Tshombé has again left Elisabethville and is said to be en route to Brazzaville; there is some possibility that the UN has arranged for him to meet a representative of Adoula.

b. General Lundula believes that units in Kivu Province loyal to Gizenga are "advancing on Stanleyville," and is sending troops of his own to intercept them. [redacted] The results of such an encounter--if it ever takes place--are not predictable. Press reports that Gizenga has escaped are apparently untrue. Adoula is making preparations to try him.

5. OAS meeting

50X1

b. Embassy Buenos Aires reports that the Argentine government is giving various and misleading impressions of the President's exchanges with Frondizi, to the point of stating that the President opposes sanctions against Cuba.

6. Molotov affair still unclarified

a. Molotov's fate is probably bound up somehow with Soviet-Chinese-Albanian relations. Soviet officials expect developments in the Albanian problem toward the end of this week. () 50X1

b. The "high-level conference" in Moscow widely reported in the press, is in fact a routine staff meeting scheduled at least a month ago. () Rumor 50X1 that the Central Committee is also in session are unconfirmed, and we think Khrushchev is still out of town.

NOTES

- A. Iraq has threatened to expel the British Ambassador in Baghdad if the UK does not downgrade its Embassy in Kuwait. The same tactic may be tried with the US.
- B. Venezuelan army garrisons have been quietly alerted this week to the danger of "small scale subversive activities of a military nature" presumably in connection with the split in Betancourt's party. 50X1
- C. Nepali exiles hope to exploit a near panic in Nepal caused by Hindu astrologers' predictions of a "catastrophe" early in February, by setting in motion an armed uprising against the King.

LATE NOTE

Jones reports Sukarno and Subandrio have cooled off a bit and are in a more receptive mood for negotiations. He points out, however, that there is great popular pressure for retaliation, which can be avoided only if agreement with the Dutch is achieved very soon.

DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

- I. [REDACTED] 50X1
- II. [REDACTED] 50X1
- III. [REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED] 50X11

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE