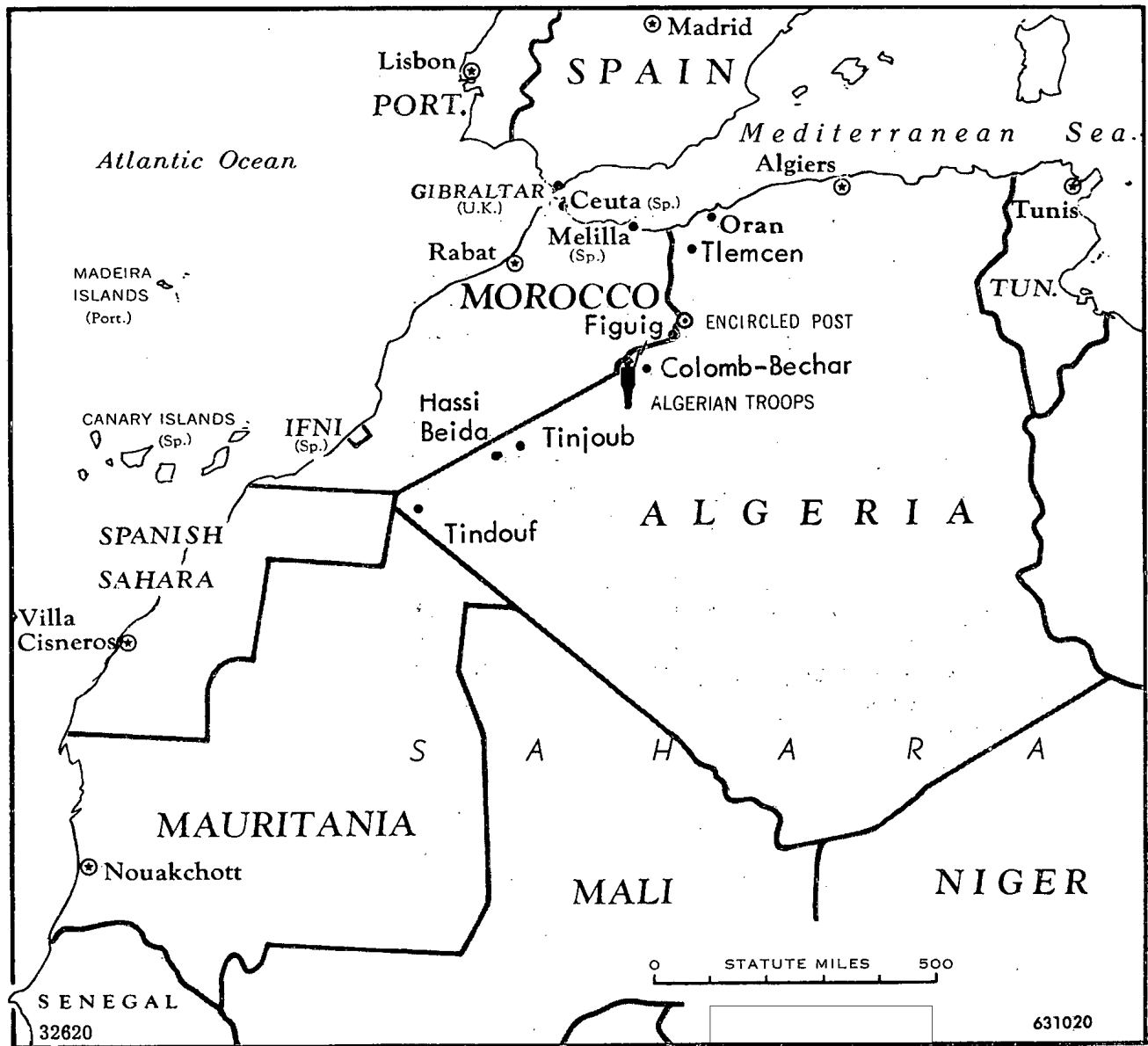


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Algeria-Morocco

a. Both sides continue to move up reinforcements, and Algeria evidently is preparing to seize the Figuig area of Morocco in retaliation for the loss of Hassi Beida and Tinjoub.

b. Actual fighting, however, has abated temporarily as attention shifts to diplomatic efforts to arrange a cease-fire.

c. Algerian Foreign Minister Bouteflika flew suddenly to Rabat late yesterday in company with the Ethiopian Foreign Minister--a surprise move which has encouraged hopes that Haile Selassie's mediation may prove successful.

d. The emperor himself has been in Morocco for the past few days and, in a change of schedule, is coming to Algiers today.

e. Ghana also has its emissaries on the scene, and the Arab League, having called for a cease-fire and a return to the status quo ante, has selected a mediation committee which is expected to be in the act by mid-week.

**2. Egypt-Morocco-
Algeria**

a. The Moroccans yesterday captured at least three and more likely five Egyptian officers who were aboard an Algerian helicopter, evidently on a reconnaissance mission, when it landed in Moroccan territory northwest of Colomb-Bechar.

b. The Algerians, who have admitted five Egyptians were aboard, say Moroccan planes violated the border and forced the helicopter to land in Morocco.

d. Morocco has already claimed Egyptian troops were fighting along with the Algerians, and capture of the officers will reinforce the claim.

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3. South Vietnam

a. Business circles in Saigon are becoming uneasy over continued strains in the government's relations with the US.

b. Prices last week began to rise, some as much as 30 percent, hoarding is increasing, and confidence in the piaster is beginning to wane.

c. This could snowball rapidly, but the government shows no sign of softening its argument with the US.

4. USSR - Cosmos Satellite

a. There has been no evidence of further ESV activity at Tyuratam since the launch of Cosmos 20 on 18 October

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B. Congo President Kasavubu last night declared a "state of emergency" for the Leopoldville area. It will now be governed, at least for the next six months, by a committee under Defense Minister Anyanwu with special military powers. Clashes with organized labor seem inevitable. Adoula apparently has been talked into going along with the arrangement.

C. France - Nuclear test [Redacted] the French underground test [Redacted] occurred yesterday [Redacted]

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D. Kenya The talks in London on Kenya have finally ended "with agreement on all major issues," which we assume means Kenyatta got the powers for the central government he had demanded. If so, the minority tribes may feel compelled to fight for their lives.

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E. Syria-Jordan The Syrians apparently are fed up with subversive Egyptian [redacted] operations mounted against them from Lebanon. A border foray into Lebanon by a Syrian patrol [redacted] resulted in a clash [redacted] [redacted] Other such incidents may follow.

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