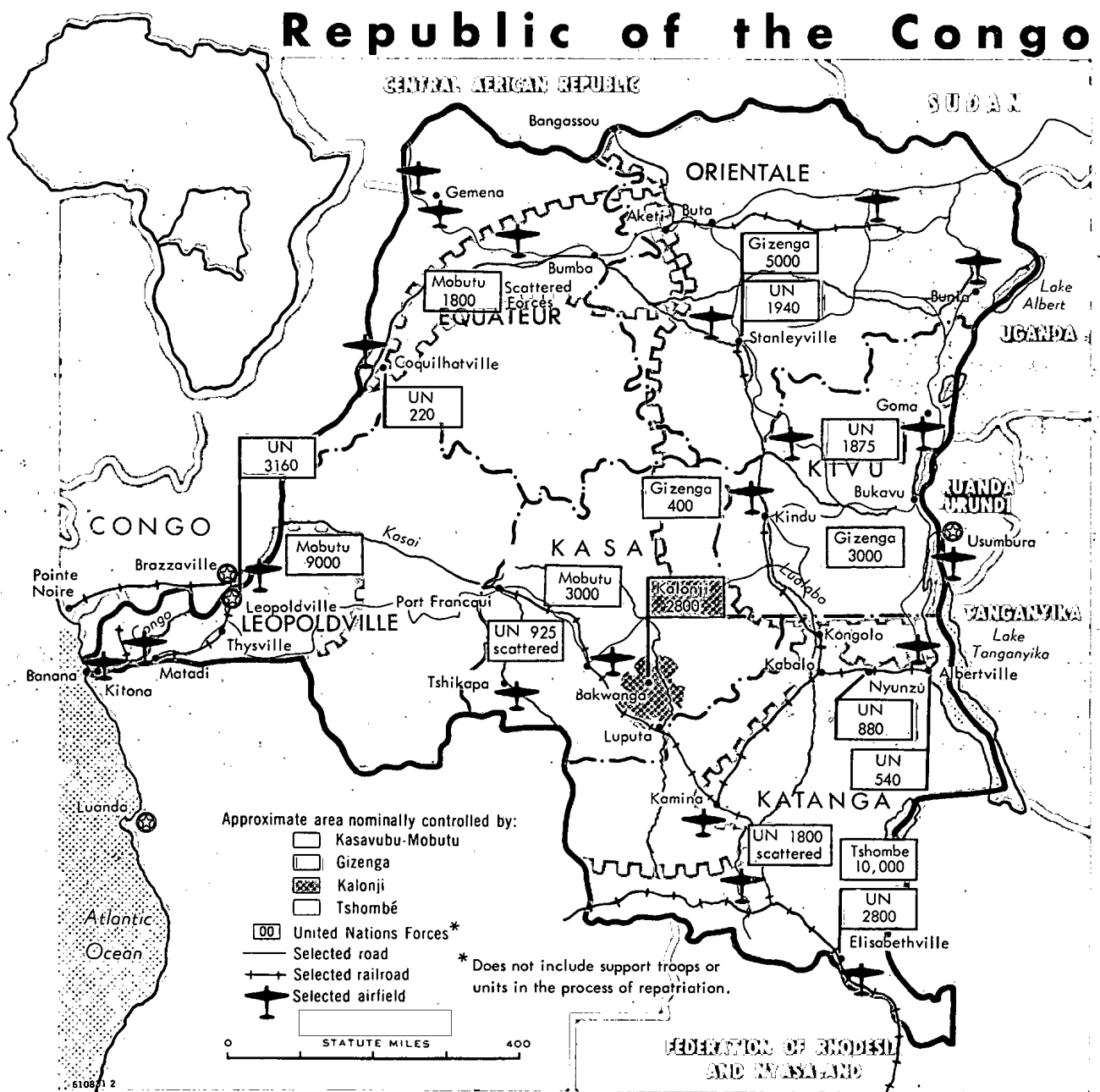


# THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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(The following is a summary of the situation in Katanga, based on press reports as of 0800 this morning.

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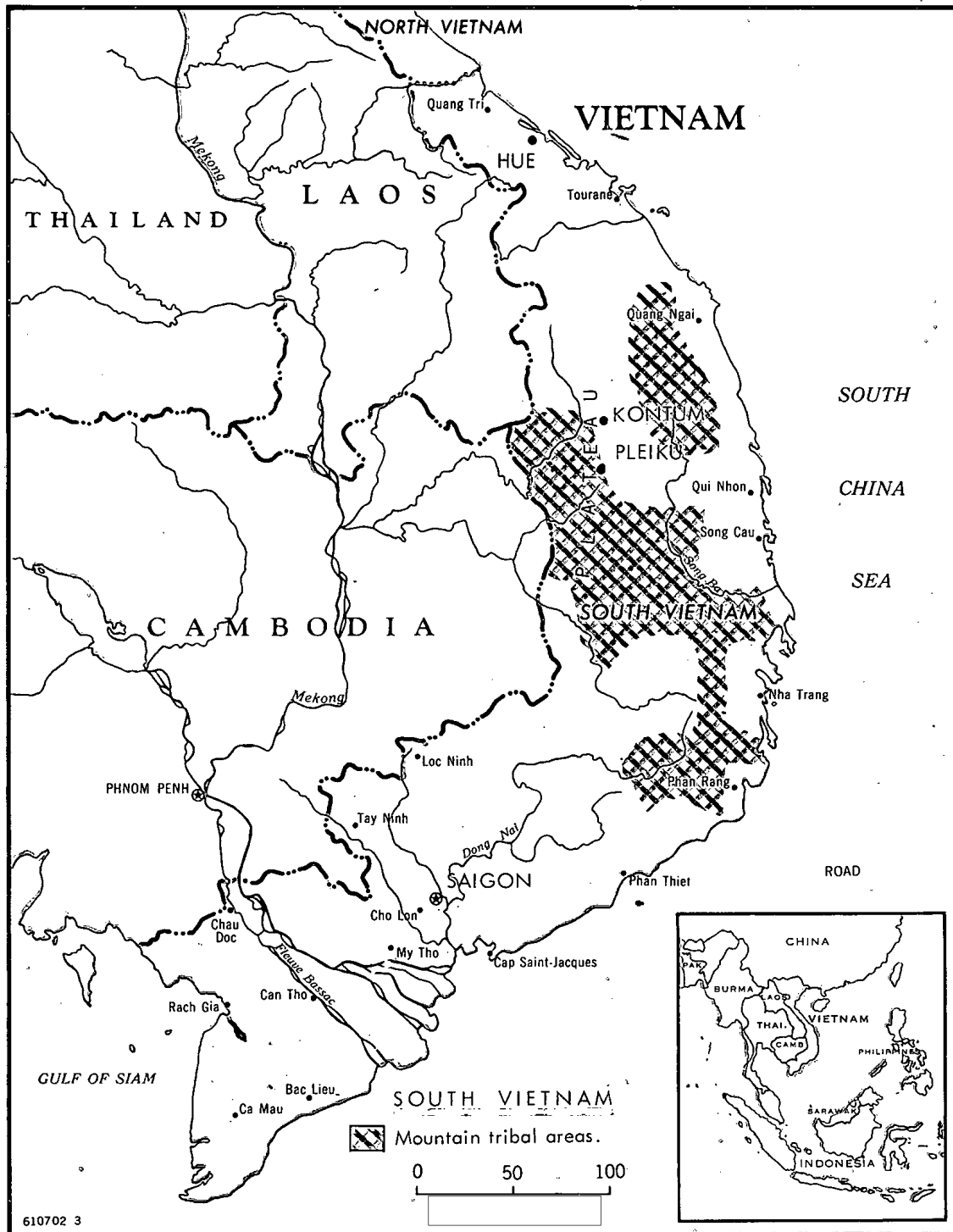
The UN moved against the Katangan government at 0400 local time this morning. Its forces now apparently hold most strategic centers. There was heavy fighting in Elizabethville, however, until Gurkhas and Swedes broke the main center of Katangan resistance around the main post office. Some reports say action in Elizabethville is still going on, and an Irish company is said to be surrounded at Jadotville.

Tshombé went into hiding outside Elizabethville and may by now have escaped into Rhodesia, where Munongo and other Katangan ministers are rumored to have fled.

Adoula has announced that Katanga has been reunited with the central government, and has sent a "high commissioner" to Elizabethville.

The UN move came after a day of utmost confusion. There had been great tension between the UN and Katangan forces in Elizabethville, with the latter anticipating either that the UN would attempt to disarm them or would help central government forces to move in. Tshombé refused to go to Leopoldville to meet Hammarkjold (he arrives today), apparently coupled with serious incidents in the city, evidently precipitated today's action. The UN claims it acted in order to prevent war between Leopoldville and Elizabethville forces.

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1. [redacted] military opposi-  
tion to De Gaulle [redacted]

[redacted] believe the assassination attempt  
had the backing of highly placed military  
officials. [redacted] 50X1

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2. Greater Communist  
strength in Central  
South Vietnam

The scope of guerrilla attacks in  
the first ten days of this month  
shows these forces are now larger,  
better organized and better equipped  
than before, probably because earlier  
Communist successes in adjacent areas  
of Laos have given the guerillas  
virtually unimpeded communications  
with North Vietnam. South Viet-  
namese forces in the area have also  
improved, and are reacting vigorously.


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3. Afghanistan-Pakistan  
problem



Ambassador Rountree states that "border incidents of minor to serious proportions are possible" and points to the possibility that "the USSR may seek to exploit the present situation by encouraging or otherwise supporting hostile actions against Pakistan." Ambassador Byroade also comments that "a trouble spot may be created here far beyond the importance of the local Pakistan-Afghan feud." Afghan Prime Minister Daud, however, emphasized to Byroade yesterday his desire that American aid and goodwill continue, which leads Byroade to believe the Afghan motive is still to induce the US to bring strong pressure on Ayub. 

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NOTES

- A. The US Mission in Berlin reports West Berlin's economy in good shape, but sees signs of weakening morale among business leaders. [redacted] 50X1
- B. AN ICBM test-fired from Tyura Tam last Sunday evidently failed at or shortly after lift-off. [redacted] 5050X1  
[redacted] 50X1
- C. A Soviet freighter which arrived in Casablanca on Sunday has [redacted] arms [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] These arms are probably intended for the Algerian rebels [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] 50X1
- D. Summaries of Kim Il-song's long report Monday to the North Korean Communist Party Congress contained nothing remarkable; he balanced off his compliments to the USSR and Communist China. [redacted] 50X1
- E. In addition to the air attacks which we reported yesterday, the Iraqi ground forces have been ordered to move against the Kurds. [redacted] 50X1  
We believe them capable of restoring order in the tribal areas. [redacted] 50X1  
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