

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE REVIEW

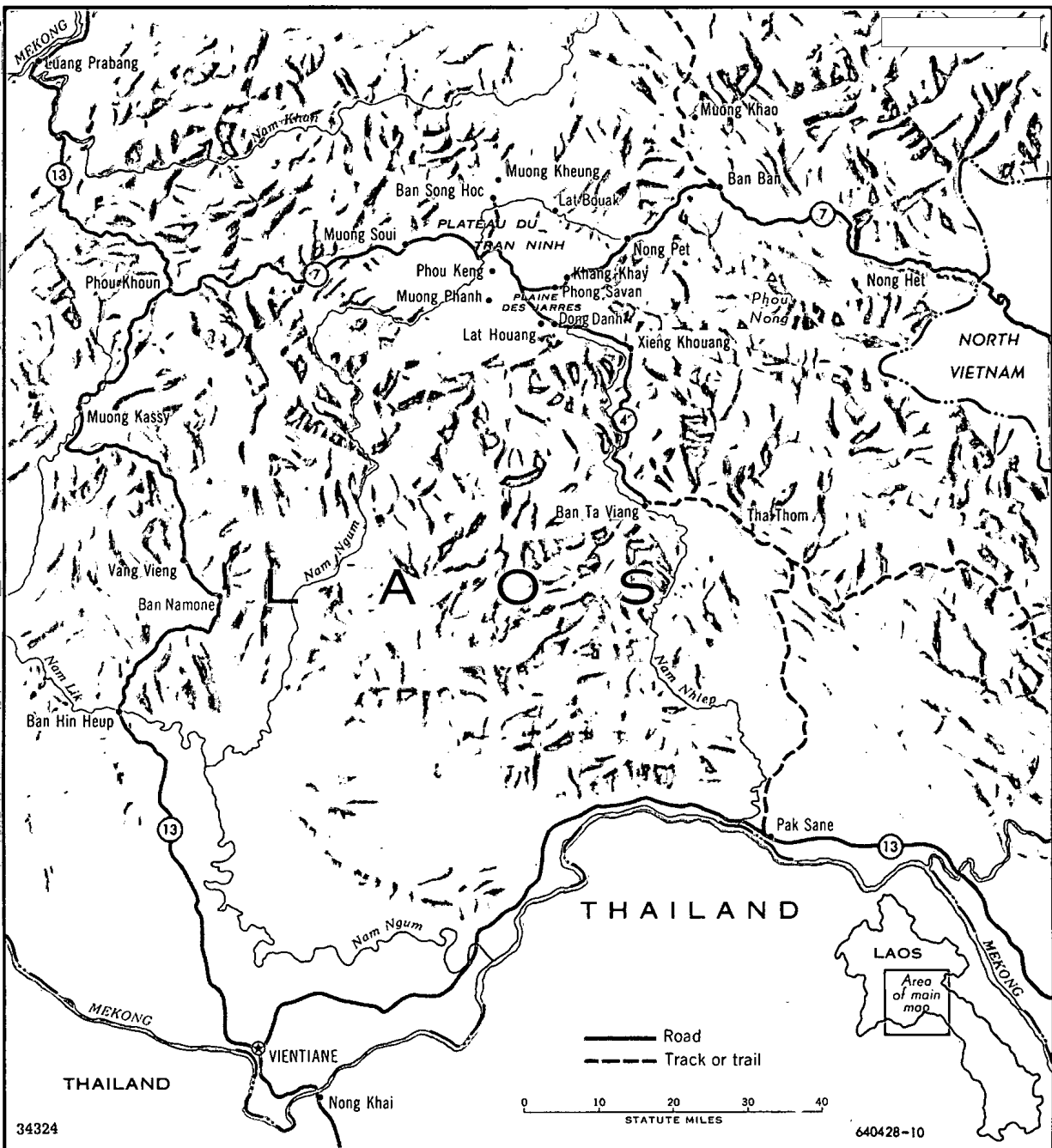
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[REDACTED] if the situation in Vientiane is not cleared up by 9 May, [REDACTED] will take the city by force and/or set up his own "legitimate" Laotian government.

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[REDACTED] Ambassador Unger reports that he finds it hard to believe that the general will sit back as his power is whittled away.

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Meanwhile, fighting in the Plaine des Jarres has quieted down. In other areas, the Pathet Lao forces appear to be taking advantage of the confusion in non-Communist ranks and are pressing attacks against rightist and neutralist units in the mountains east of the plain.

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Cyprus: Turkish military units, readied for action, appear to be standing by as Ankara assesses the UN's new "hard look" on Cyprus.

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[redacted] will probably welcome the new orders given to UN teams in the Kyrenia Mountains to return any Greek Cypriot fire on the local Turks. Ankara probably is also pleased at the show of toughness by a UN Swedish detachment which disarmed a group of Greek Cypriots on Thursday. Ankara has already commented that it found U Thant's recent report on Cyprus "constructive."

[redacted] no indications of an imminent Turkish move on Cyprus and commented that intervention appears unlikely.

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3. Cuba: Castro is working hard on gathering international sympathy against US overflights. His proposal for taking the issue to the International Court of Justice is a move in that direction. It is unlikely that the Cubans really expect US agreement on adjudication.

This proposal, Castro's threats to attack US reconnaissance aircraft, and his claim to be willing to negotiate with the US, are typical Communist tactics. They are probably designed to increase the political costs to the US of continuing the overflights and to encourage US willingness to consider a negotiated settlement of a whole range of US-Cuban issues.

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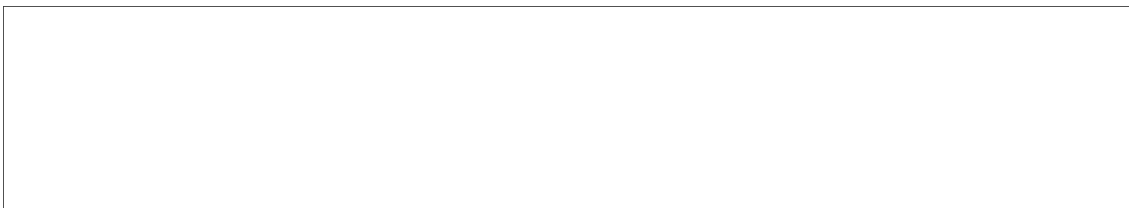
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4. Indonesia-Malaysia: Sukarno has postponed indefinitely his trip to the New York World's Fair, originally set for 16 May.

He says he cannot come because of uncertainties over a possible Maphilindo summit meeting, but Ambassador Jones suspects the real reason is that the Indonesian leader has no stomach for the unfavorable atmosphere he would face in the US just now. Jones adds that the buildup in the anti-Malaysian campaign, ordered after the Tunku's "to hell with Sukarno" stand, may also have played a part.

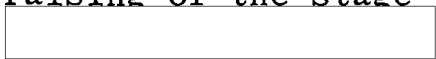


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[Redacted] Sukarno has ordered the Indonesian armed forces to complete preparations for an invasion of Singapore and peninsular Malaya. This could be no more than another Indonesian effort to get up some enthusiasm for a summit meeting. Sukarno, of course, is confident of his ability to outmaneuver the Tunku in any such confrontation.

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All Indonesians have been alerted to listen on Sunday morning for an "important command" from Sukarno in connection, so the announcement says, with "the raising of the stage of the struggle" against Malaysia.



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5. Brazil: We have evidence that Castello Branco may have alienated some of Brazil's military leaders. These leaders are reported to feel that the President is giving too much leeway to the politicians and intend to remind him that his first duty is to carry out the aims of the revolution.

6. British Guiana: Jagan's People's Progressive Party is making a deliberate effort to arouse its East Indian supporters against both the Negro population and expatriate Britishers.

The Negro population is in turn talking openly of retaliation if there are any further provocations by the East Indians. In this setting, any minor racial incident could easily and quickly assume serious proportions.



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7. Mexico: Lopez Mateos is concerned over the inroads being made by Communist agitators among the poor peasants of northern Mexico. There have been land invasions by peasants, and Diaz Ordaz, Mateos' heir apparent, was physically assaulted while campaigning in this area. Further disturbances are entirely possible before the 5 July elections.



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8. Saudi Arabia - UAR: The Saudi foreign minister has said that Faysal is not canceling his trip to Cairo, as had appeared to be the case earlier. He stated it is only being postponed for a month or so.

 Nasir has been urging the meeting to settle Saudi-UAR differences over Yemen. Faysal may simply be stalling, waiting to see how Nasir's fortunes go in Yemen following the recent government reorganization.

9. Syria: The hard-pressed regime in Damascus has had to turn to drastic measures to break the shop-keeper's strike. Henceforth any shop which stays shut is to be confiscated. This does nothing to placate the opposition which is now close to spontaneous combustion.

10. Bolivia: Tin miners loyal to leftist Vice President Lechin are again stirring up trouble for the government.

 They clashed last weekend with progovernment miners and were urged on by a fierce speech delivered by Lechin. Lechin, who is having difficulty getting any but Communist support for his presidential candidacy in the 31 May elections, may be ready to turn to armed violence.

11. Congo: Bands of terrorists, calling themselves "Mulelists," are active in Kwilu Province near the Burundi border. They may force the commitment of additional units of the Congolese Army, already hard pressed by the Mulele rebellion in Kwilu and disturbances elsewhere.

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12. Italy: The Moro-Nenni government appears to be in for hard times. It has never really gotten moving, and some Italians are reported to believe a crisis, possibly leading to violence, is in the offing. Trouble now appears most likely to come from the right, but the Nenni socialists are also becoming uneasy over the government's lack of progress on agreed reforms.

13. Pakistan - Communist China: [redacted] General Mohammed Musa, Pakistani Army Commander-in-Chief, has received an invitation to visit Communist China. President Ayub will probably authorize the trip. Ayub accepted a similar invitation during Chou En-lai's February visit to Pakistan and is [redacted] considering going late this year.

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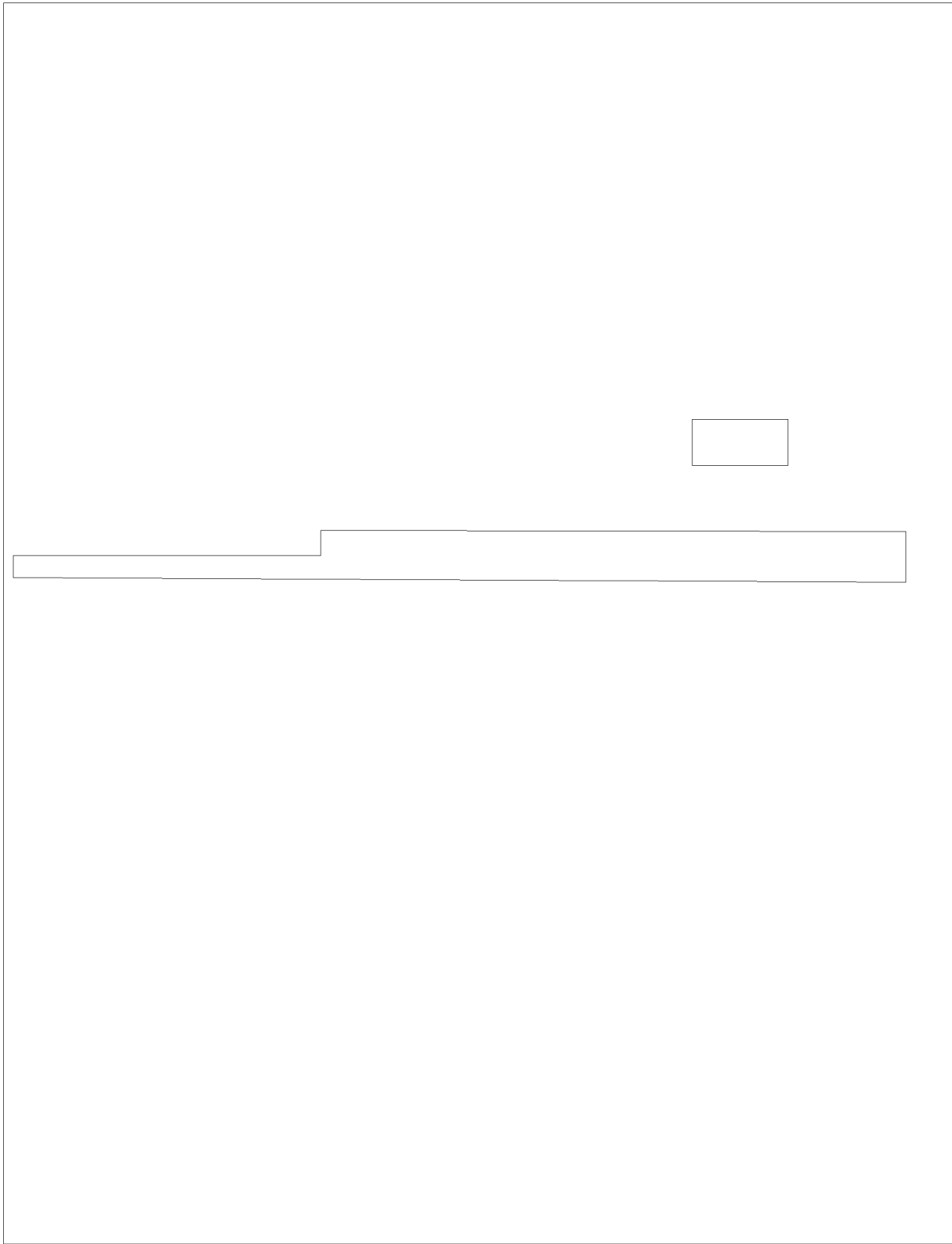
14. Israel - Arab States: Further tests of Israel's Jordan River project are scheduled to begin early next week. They will involve the first actual diversion of small amounts of water from the Jordan basin. Progress on the water project has been slower than expected, and large-scale withdrawals of water probably will not be possible until much later this year.

The Arab states will denounce the tests as soon as they become known, but are likely to do little else.



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