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# THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

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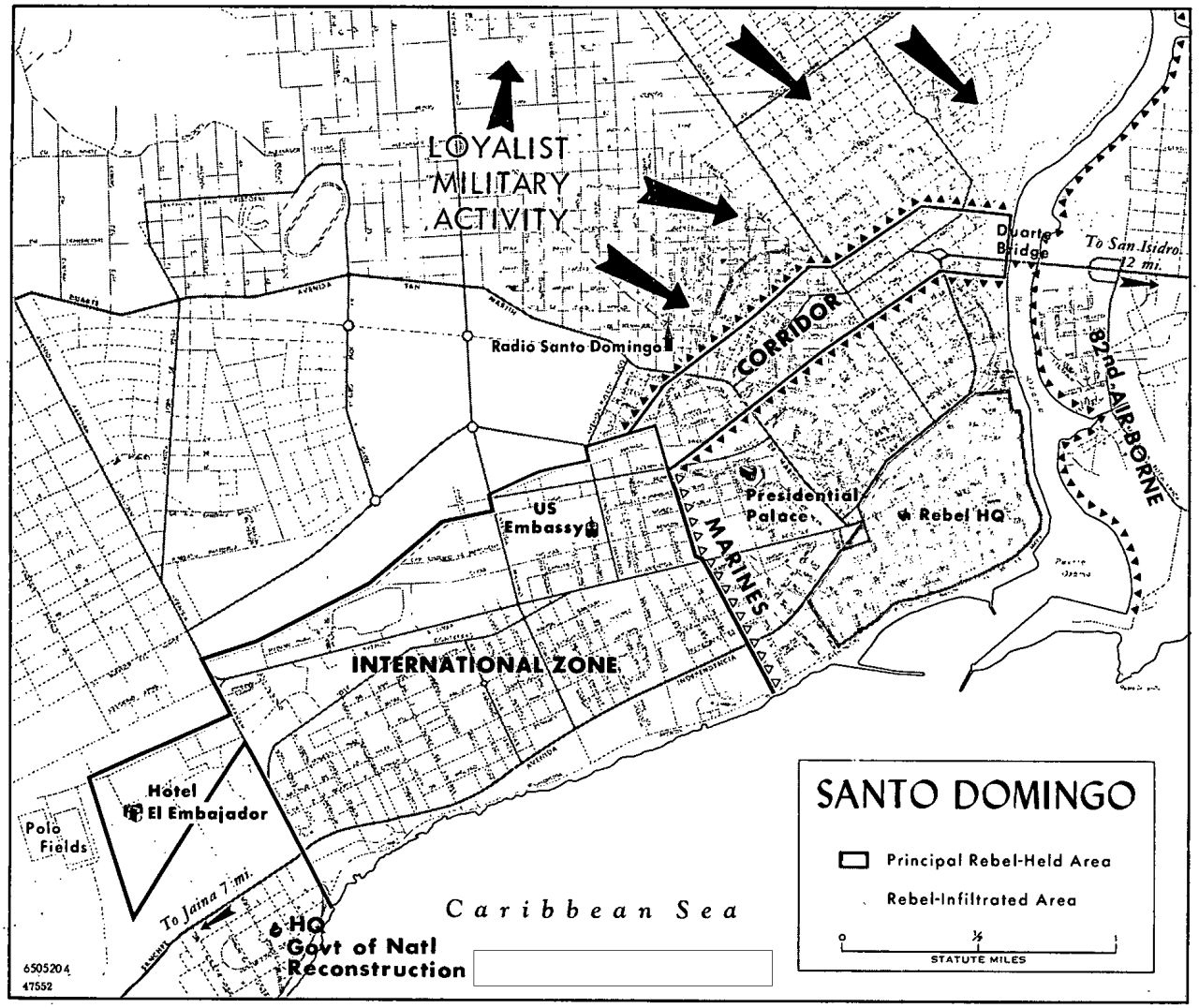


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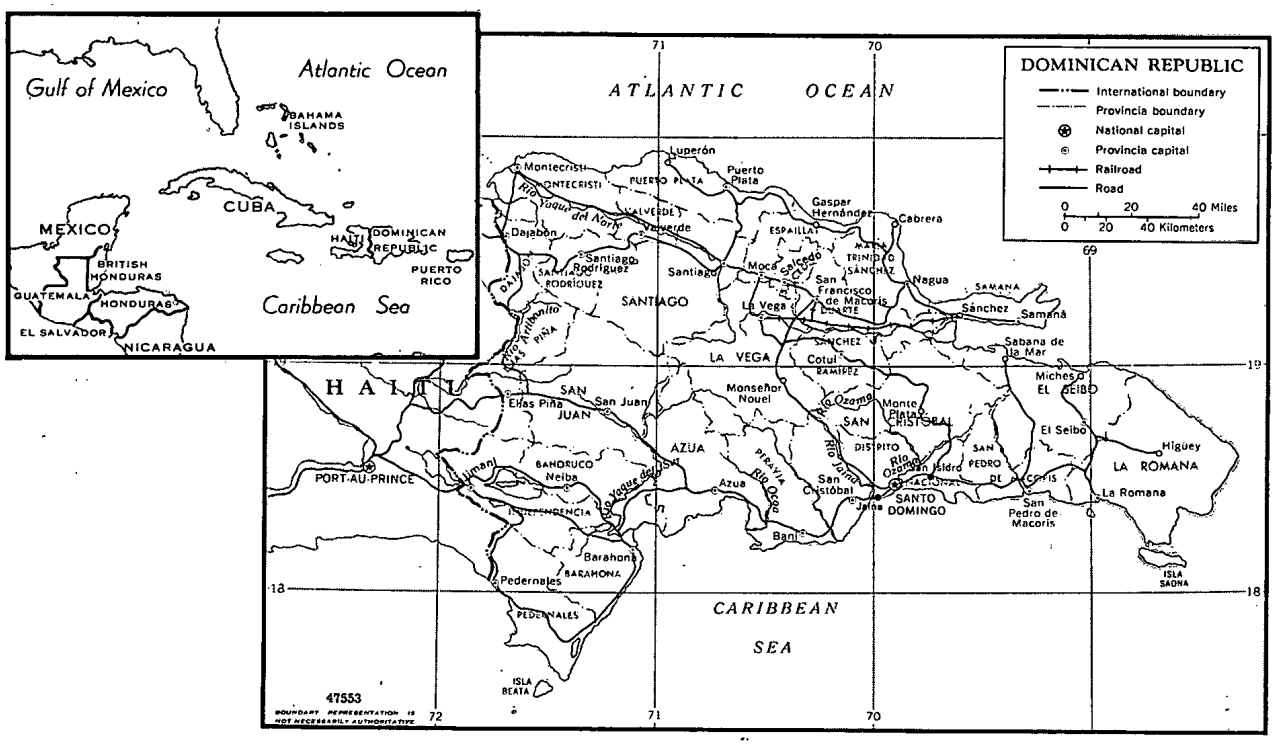


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LATE ITEM

Dominican Republic

[redacted] 50X1 [redacted] loyalist military forces continued their gains up to the time of the 1:00 p.m. EDT cease-fire.

Imbert's men reached the river in the northern part of the city this morning and mopped up along the line of communications. They seem to have had little trouble.

Loyalist gains are apparently dampening rebel morale even more. One of the Bosch Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) leaders--Jose Pena Gomez--told Ambassador Bennett that his party cohorts believe the rebels are finished militarily. He says the PRD is ready to negotiate on everything but the 1963 constitution. He added, however, that there were still some hard-core rebels ready to burn down the city before giving up.

Colonel Caamano and "foreign minister" Cury struck a somewhat conciliatory pose in a press conference this morning. Caamano said there could be no elections before Bosch's term runs out in December 1966, but that he himself might step down before then if it would "serve the revolution." Cury said that while there had been no rebel negotiations with the US about a settlement, discussions might be possible in the future.

Conditions in the rebel stronghold in the city may well be chaotic. [redacted] 50X1 [redacted] armed gangs were firing guns in the hospital. [redacted] 50X1 [redacted]

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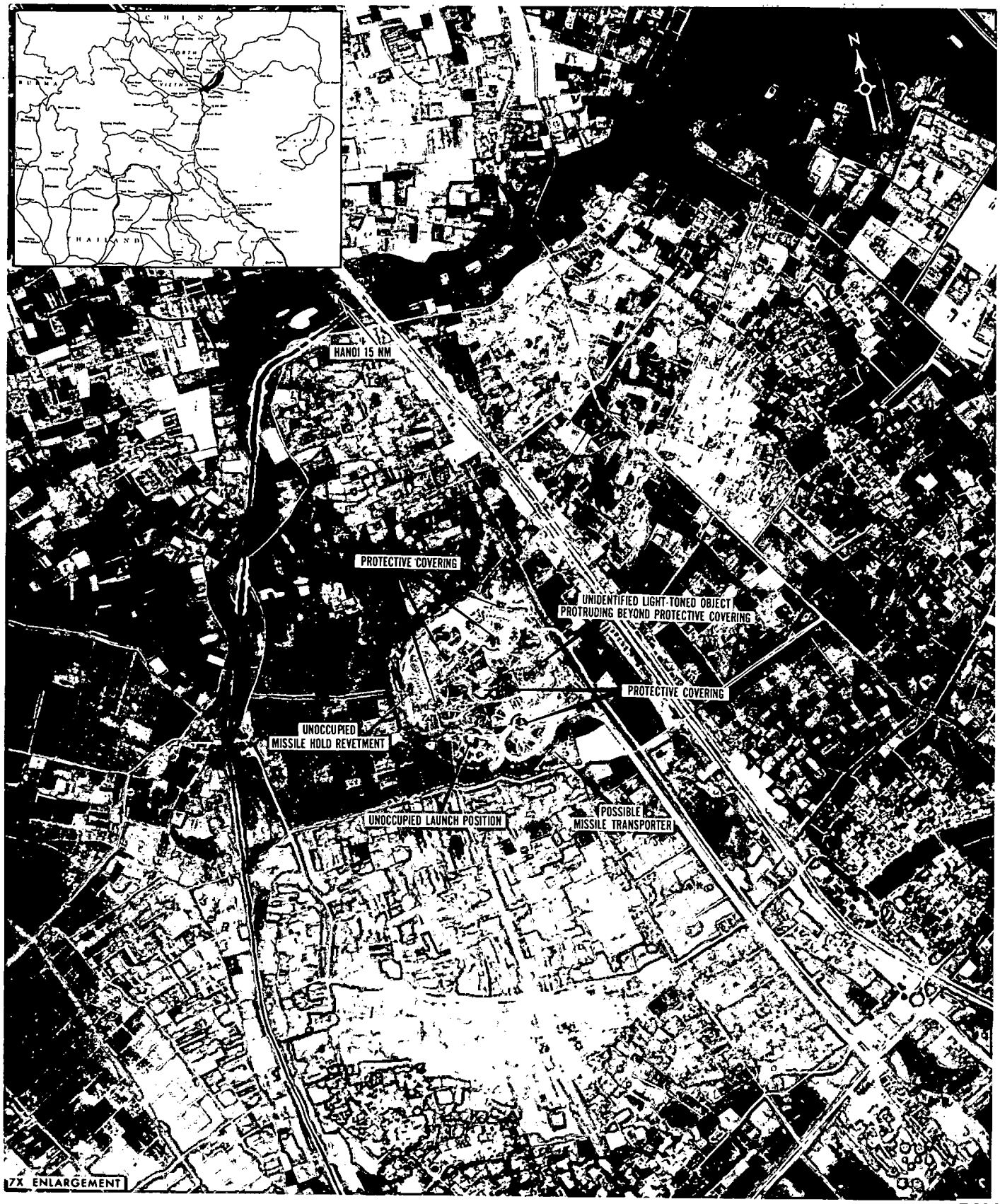


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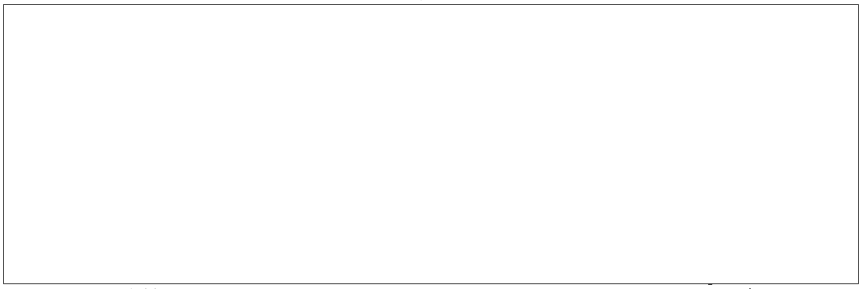
1. North Vietnam



There is no new information on the status of the Hanoi surface-to-air missile sites. Our graphic today is the 15 May photo showing apparent partial occupation of the site first detected on 5 April.

2. South Vietnam

Police yesterday rounded up some 40 military personnel and civilians charged with plotting a coup attempt to have been mounted last night. Colonel Pham Ngoc Thao, allegedly its ringleader as well as that of the abortive 19 February effort, is still being sought. Information is still coming in and it is not yet clear how genuine was the alleged plot. However, Thao has indeed been engaged in plotting and Premier Quat was apparently genuinely concerned that something was in the wind.

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3. Cyprus

There has been no change in the Greek Cypriot intent eventually to set up surface-to-air missile sites. So far, however, there is still no good evidence that missiles themselves have been received on the island.

[redacted] Athens has refused to provide Greek troops to man the sites but that, until Greek Cypriots are trained, Egyptians will be brought in to set up and man them. 50X1

4. Yemen

Egypt has recently built its troop strength in Yemen to a new high [redacted] 50X1

It is not yet clear whether this represents a reinforcement or a phase of a troop rotation. Some observers reason that the build-up indicates that Nasir intends one more effort at a big military victory in Yemen. So far, however, there is no good evidence that this is imminent.

5. Colombia

Rioting students, egged on by left-wing extremists, clashed with police in Bogota and several other cities yesterday. Early today, however, after a night session with government and military leaders, President Valencia declared a "state of siege" and military units were deployed to strategic spots on at least the Bogota streets.

Valencia's declaration gives him the power to govern by decree. This will help him to cope with other domestic problems if he takes advantage of it and may serve to mollify impatient military leaders who have been urging him to be more forceful.

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6. Bolivia

Barrientos and the junta are still managing to keep the lid on. Some workers, but not the miners, are returning to work. According to the press, police today put down one small demonstration by factory workers and students apparently protesting arrests of political and labor leaders. Otherwise, the country was reported calm.

7. Venezuela

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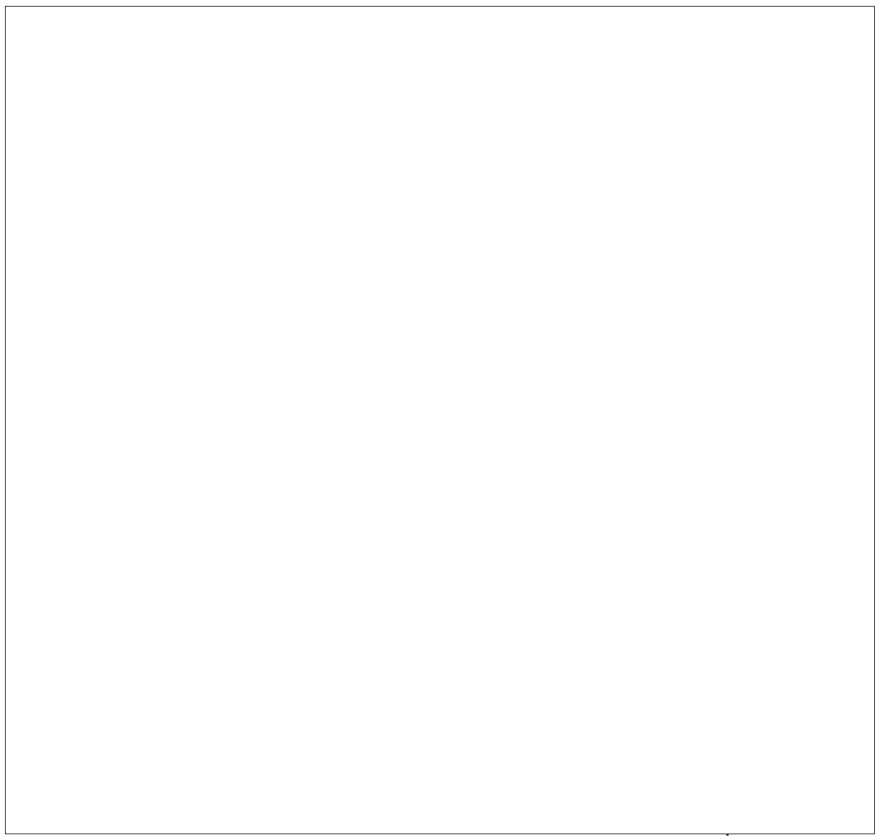

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