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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

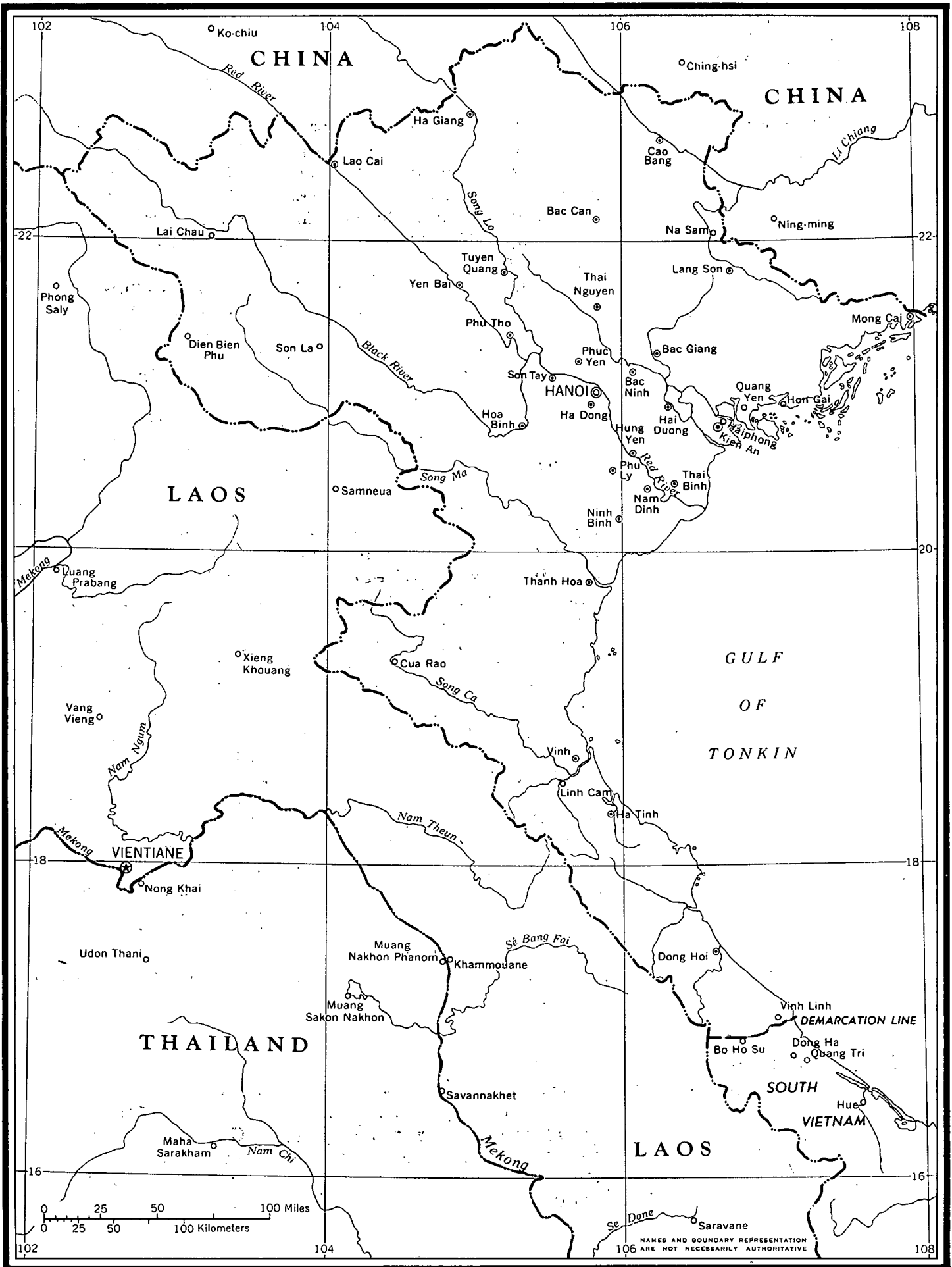


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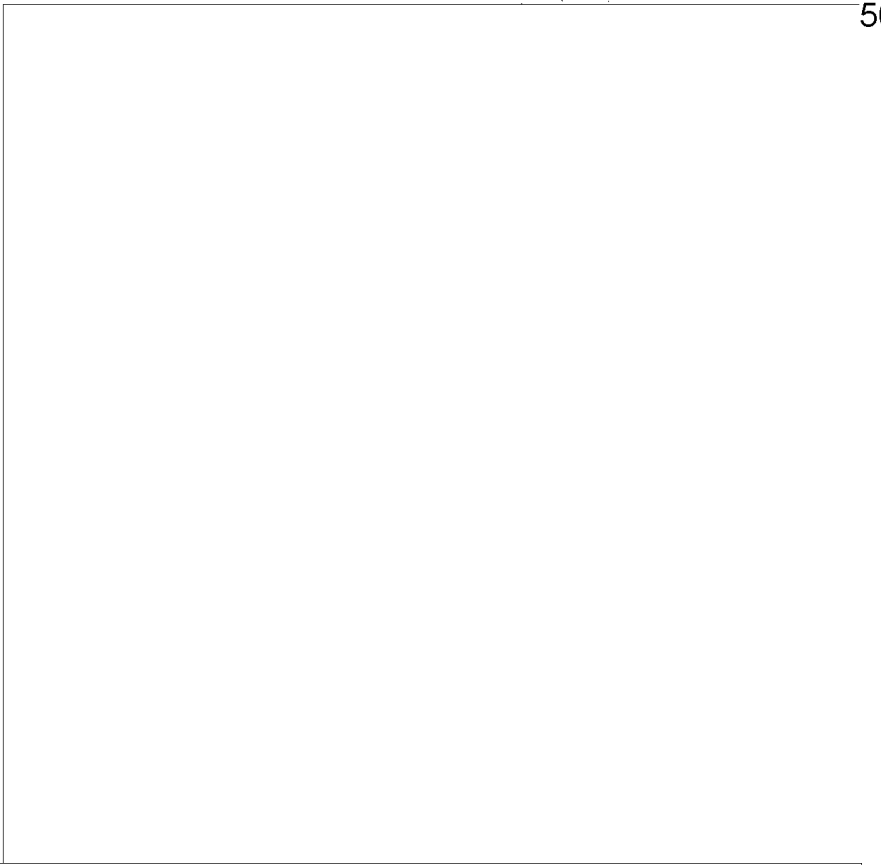
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1. Vietnam



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A new radar setup has appeared near Phu Tho, 30 miles northwest of Hanoi (see map). It includes an early warning radar and probably a target acquisition radar for surface-to-air missile sites. Intercepts connected with the 26 July shoot-down of a US drone aircraft indicated that the Soviet SAM crew was receiving azimuth and range bearings from the Vietnamese at Phu Tho.

2. North Vietnam



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3. Greece

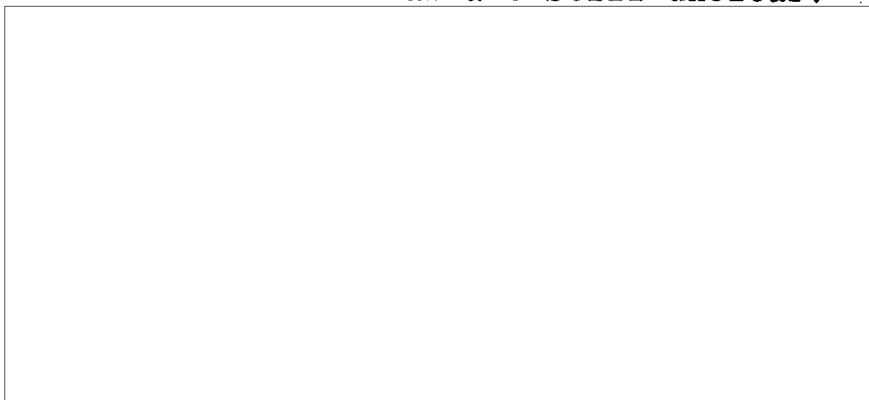
Parliament reopened today but action on the government's motion for a vote of confidence will probably not come until later in the week.

Late press reports indicate that the opening session got well out of hand. Fighting among the delegates broke out almost immediately and the police were called in.

Greek security forces have been put on alert to deal with any public disorder. 50X1

4. Egypt

Results of the recent talks between Nasir's envoy and King Faysal on a settlement of the Yemen war are still unclear.



5. Dominican Republic

There is mounting impatience for a settlement among Dominicans, including business and labor circles and the leaders of the largest political parties.

There are, however, important elements who do not want a solution and are looking for personal satisfaction no matter what it may cost the country. Ambassador Bunker calls it a "slippery and complex" situation, but he hopes that his negotiating team can see a provisional government installed by the middle of the month.

The present situation is examined in today's Annex.

6. Honduras

The government lifted the state of siege over the weekend, and the capital is now quiet.

This may be only a temporary lull.

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[redacted] the opposition Liberal Party is preparing its paramilitary units for armed action against the government. This kind of activity would probably be supported by Communists and other dissidents.

The Honduran security forces are alerted.

7. Colombia

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ANNEX

The Situation in Santo Domingo

Ambassador Bunker believes that sound progress has been made in the past few weeks toward a settlement. He reports that the Organization of American States negotiating team is ready to deal with the really thorny problems. These include the future role of the rebel and loyalist military, the abolition of the rebel zone, and the disarmament of civilians.

Garcia Godoy, who has been tapped to head the provisional government, has said that he will not take office until there is agreement all around on these matters. So far, Bunker has been having trouble in bringing leaders of the two military factions together. There is face to be saved on both sides, but Bunker feels the problems, though real, are not insurmountable.

For one thing, Caamano continues publicly to support negotiations. There are, however, extremists on the rebel side who want either no talks at all or talks which drag on without resolution. Caamano's chief adviser, Aristy, for example, yesterday repeated the call for a continuing struggle against "foreign invaders."

Thus, a key question is whether Caamano, given the best will in the world, can carry the bulk of his commanders along with him. Then, there is a possibility that, even if he is able to get such support, hard-core extremists will fight rather than permit the disbanding of rebel armed forces. Armed resistance within the zone might well be spotty. We estimate that out of several thousand armed partisans on the Caamano side, roughly 200-400 could be designated "fight-to-the-end" elements. The extremists may be forced to mount a guerrilla effort in the hills.

On the loyalist side, the chief obstacle to a quick settlement seems to be Imbert himself. He has been unwilling to compromise. He apparently harbors the hope that the rebels will collapse if only he can hold on long enough.

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Loyalist armed forces chieftains have hinted that they will tell Imbert to "go home" when they judge such an action is needed for a final settlement. The generals, of course, do not want to step down themselves, though the rebel side has insisted that some of them will have to go. In any case, no provisional government could govern long without the armed forces and police.

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