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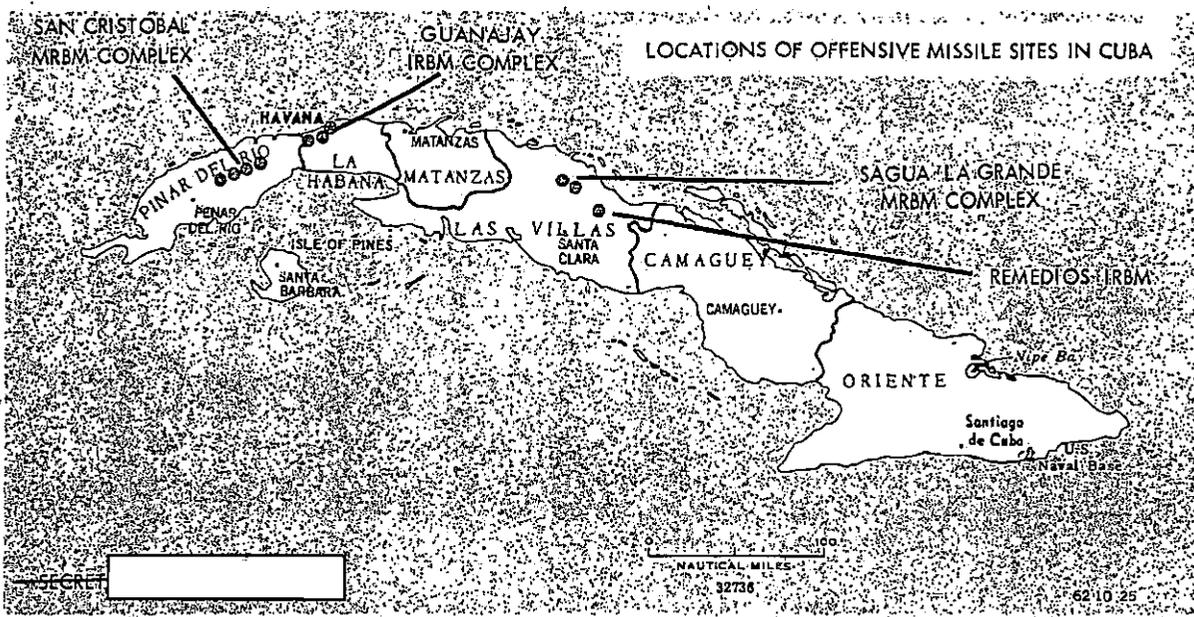
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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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LATE ITEM

The story in New Delhi is that Moscow has told the Indians that they need not expect to get any MIG aircraft as long as hostilities with China are in progress..

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1. Cuba

a. On the basis of aerial photographs obtained from missions flown on Friday and Saturday, we estimate that all 24 MRBM missile launchers are now fully operational.

b. No new MRBM or IRBM sites were detected. However, construction of the IRBM sites is proceeding at a rapid pace, and missile support equipment is being moved into the Guanajay complex. At the MRBM sites, a fast check-out of the entire missile-launch force is underway.

c. There has been no let-up in the construction of what we think are nuclear storage facilities. One at Guanajay is just about completed. The pattern of nuclear storage facilities is now pretty clear--one for each launch site.

d. Camouflage against aerial photography is becoming more effective. Automatic anti-aircraft weapons have also been deployed around many of the missile sites in the past few days.

e. We now assume that operations of the SA-2 air defense network are completely integrated. Judging by the microwave relay towers at some of the MRBM and IRBM sites, development of command and control communications systems for these missiles is fairly well advanced.

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f. We do not have all the facts in hand yet, but there is a good chance that the U-2 aircraft lost yesterday over the Banes area was knocked down by an SA-2 missile.

g. Yesterday we picked up a message, evidently originating from a Cuban-based transmitter, instructing recipients in Latin America to destroy "any kind of Yankee property" and to "organize solidarity demonstrations in order to attack Yankee embassies and seize the largest possible number of documents." We are not sure how much significance, if any, to attach to this, but note that it fits with what we know of Communist plans in the event of a US move against Cuba.

h. Foreign Minister Raul Roa is due in New York today presumably to urge U Thant to accept Castro's invitation to make a quick visit to Cuba. The last word we have suggests that Thant leans in favor of the idea.

2. Bloc Shipping

a. We now count nine Soviet ships (6 tankers; 3 dry cargo) en route to Cuba. By our calculations, the tanker Grozny should have entered the quarantine zone early this morning.

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b. An East German passenger ship and a Polish freighter are due in Cuban ports today.

c. It now looks as though there are four Soviet submarines operating in or near the quarantine zone. Another may be operating with the Terek just west of the Azores, and a sixth is probably en route to the North Atlantic. None of these is a missile boat.

3. Bloc Reactions

a. There has been no significant change in the bloc's military posture since yesterday. We are unable to confirm [redacted] that the East German Army went on the alert on Wednesday.

b. Bloc propaganda this morning began changing gears from praising Khrushchev's proposals for a settlement to sharp attacks on our turning them down. As expected, there has been no change in Peiping's line that the only right policy is one of no compromise.

c. In Eastern Europe, scattered instances of scare buying, hoarding, and blackmarketeering are symptomatic of an underlying apprehensiveness over the way things are going.

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d. During the past month, Moscow has increased its daily radio broadcasts to Cuba from one hour to ten.

e. As of Thursday, the Voice of America Russian broadcasts were getting by Soviet jamming in the Moscow area with a quality ranging from good to loud and clear.

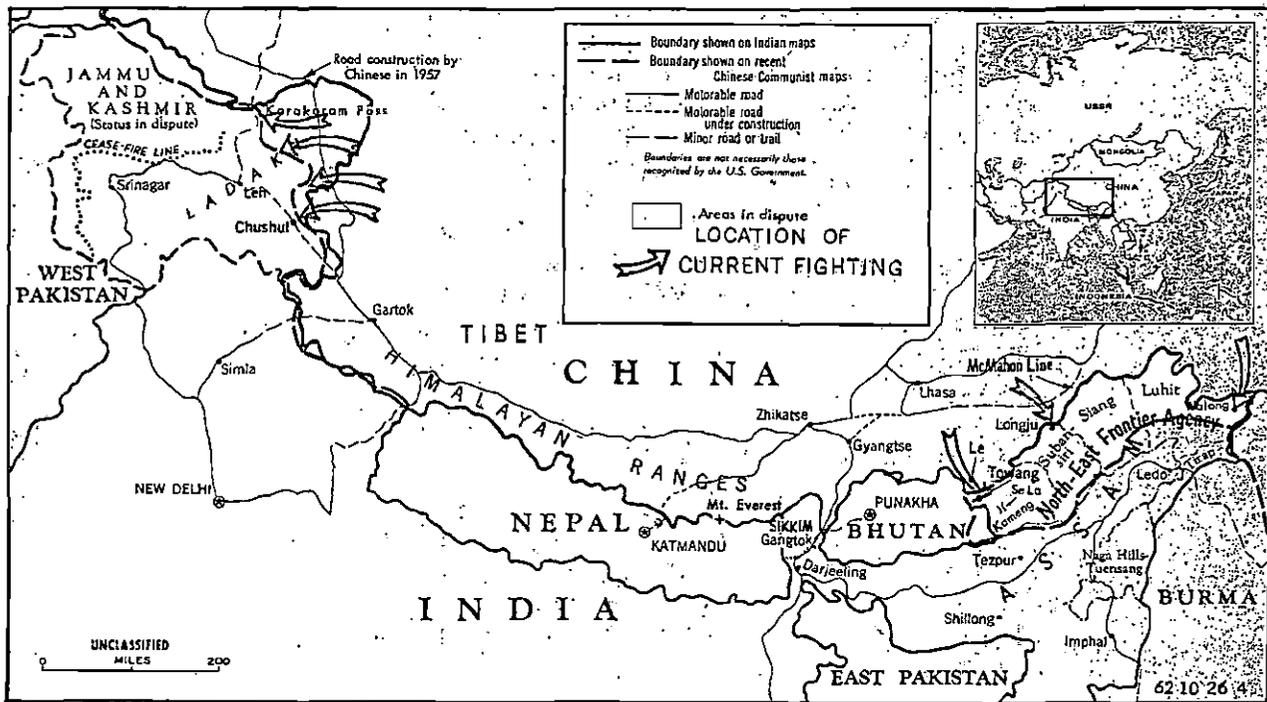
4. Non-Bloc Reactions

a. Returns are still coming on Khrushchev's proposals, but so far we have seen no surprises. Neutral sentiment for some sort of a quid pro quo settlement is strong.

b. Venezuela yesterday got out in front in Latin America by ordering a full-scale mobilization of its armed forces. This action followed closely on the heels of President Betancourt's declaring that the time had come to get rid of the Cuban threat "once and for all."

c. Bolivia has followed Brazil's lead in coming out in opposition to the application of stiffer measures against Cuba.

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5. India-China

a. Indian forces seem to be holding their ground at Chushul in Ladakh and at Walong, which is situated at the extreme eastern end of the border. They are, however, still retreating in the central and western sectors of the Frontier Agency.

b. We are seeing indications that the Chinese Communists, satisfied with the bloody nose they have dealt the Indians, may now want to disengage and bring New Delhi to the conference table.

c. The latest of these is Peiping's intimation yesterday that it might be amenable to pulling its forces back behind the McMahon line. It turned thumbs down, however, on the Indian demand that the situation be restored to what it was early last month.

d. With the government assuming emergency powers, some leaders of the "Chinese" faction of the Indian Communist Party, anticipating a move for their arrest, are thinking of going underground. The party's records are reportedly being stashed away in prearranged hiding places.

e. Krishna Menon is still ducking brickbats coming in from all directions, but the latest word we have is that Nehru is resisting pressure to sack him. [REDACTED]

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6. UN-Congo

a. U Thant's military adviser has asked Pakistan to supply UN forces in the Congo with six F-86s to replace the three withdrawn by Ethiopia. He is not hopeful of a favorable response, but thinks Karachi might go for a deal where it would provide the pilots, if the US would provide the planes.

b. We are also told that the 1,000-man Tunisian contingent will be pulled out for good by the end of the year. The story is that Tunisia, anticipating tense relations with Algeria, wants to keep all its forces close to home. The UN is breathing easier on this one, however, now that Indonesia has agreed to lend a hand.

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A. USSR The Soviets yesterday conducted a nuclear test in the atmosphere over Novaya Zemlya.

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B. UAR-Yemen-Aden Cairo, not yet sure that Yemen is in the bag, is holding up the delivery of long-promised MIG-15s to Algeria. The British, meanwhile, are getting ready to send a squadron of fighters from the UK to Aden to help boost local morale.

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C. Laos Souphannouvong, after spending six weeks in Moscow is retracing his steps back to Laos. At last report, he had reached Peiping. We consider the complete silence that has surrounded Souphanouvong's trip to be unusual, and as yet have no satisfactory explanation for it.