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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

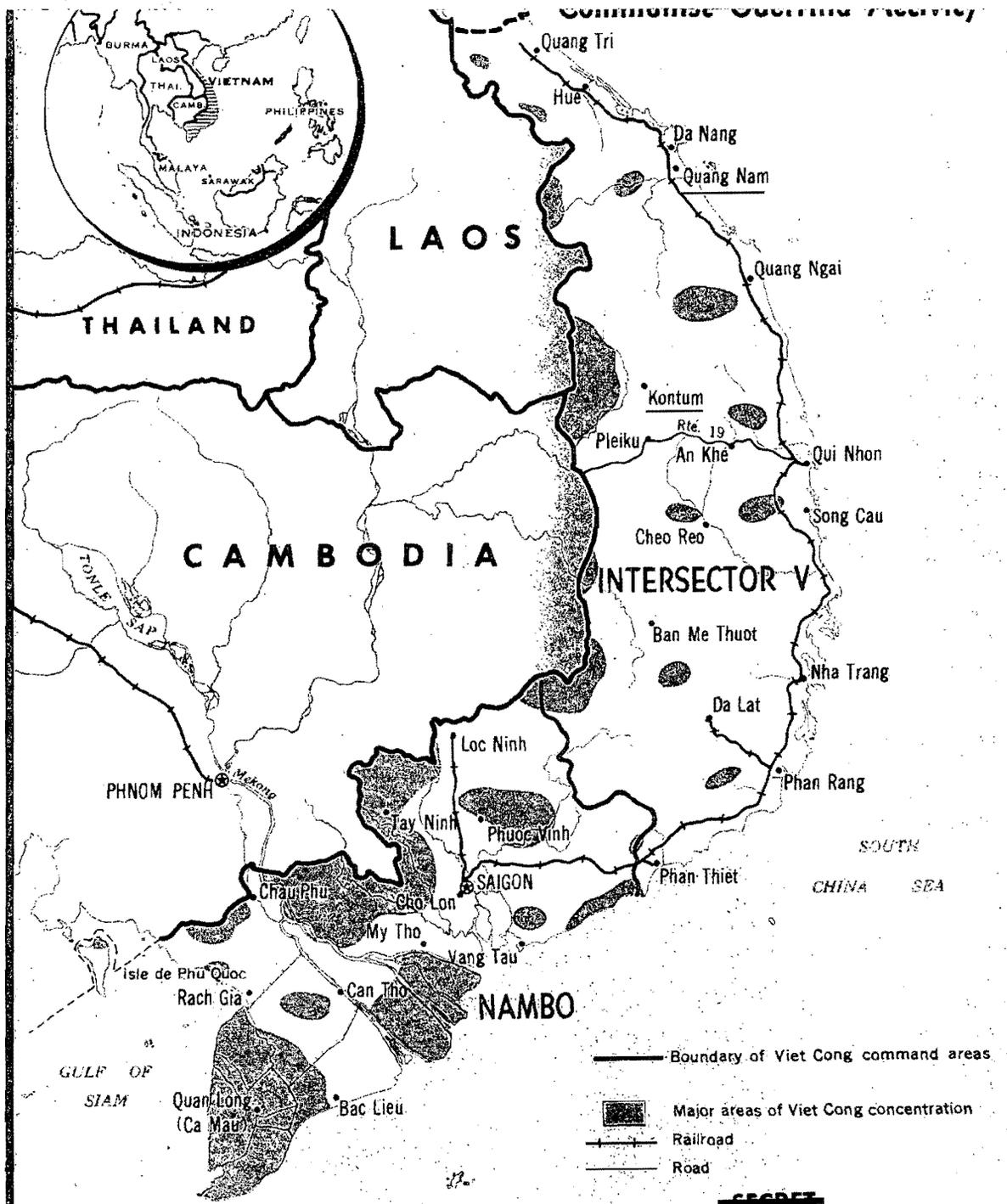
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1. Laos

Phoumi drew a flat refusal when he asked Souphannouvong yesterday to let a company of Royal Army troops into the Plaine des Jarres to match the Pathet Lao contingents already in Vientiane and Luang Prabang. Phoumi says he will let the issue stew for a couple of days, but has, in the meantime, sent a cable to Souvanna in Geneva urging him to return to break the impasse. Governor Harriman has been instructed to see Souvanna as soon as possible to register US displeasure at this display of bad faith by Souphannouvong.

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3. Peru

The word in Lima is that a military cabinet will be installed today in place of the civilian cabinet which resigned en masse yesterday after President Prado had rejected the military's demands that he nullify the elections. Despite this refusal, we have been told by a member of the outgoing cabinet that Prado has agreed to call new elections unless Haya de la Torre's APRA party and General Odria can get together on a coalition to be headed by Odria. As of now, the government is neither fish nor fowl, being somewhere between the constitution and a military dictatorship.

4. Indonesia-Netherlands

Under prodding from Ambassador Jones, Subandrio has eased away from a demand for the direct transfer of administration over West New Guinea to Djakarta. He now says merely that he hopes the transfer can be "accelerated," and declares that he will not be carrying any ultimatums in his pocket when he leaves for Washington tomorrow.

5. South Vietnam

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the Viet Cong is hard at work building a full-blown military structure, using cadres of North Vietnamese regulars as a nucleus. The center of their activity is in Intersector 5, which has the twin advantages of rugged terrain and closeness to the trails feeding in from Laos. [REDACTED]

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6. Cuba

The Cuban press is again busy working up a propaganda lather over the US base at Guantanamo. Even though the theme is old hat, Havana has vowed frequently to take the issue to court before an international body at an "appropriate time," and, given his domestic troubles, Castro may have decided that the time for such a diversion has arrived.

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