

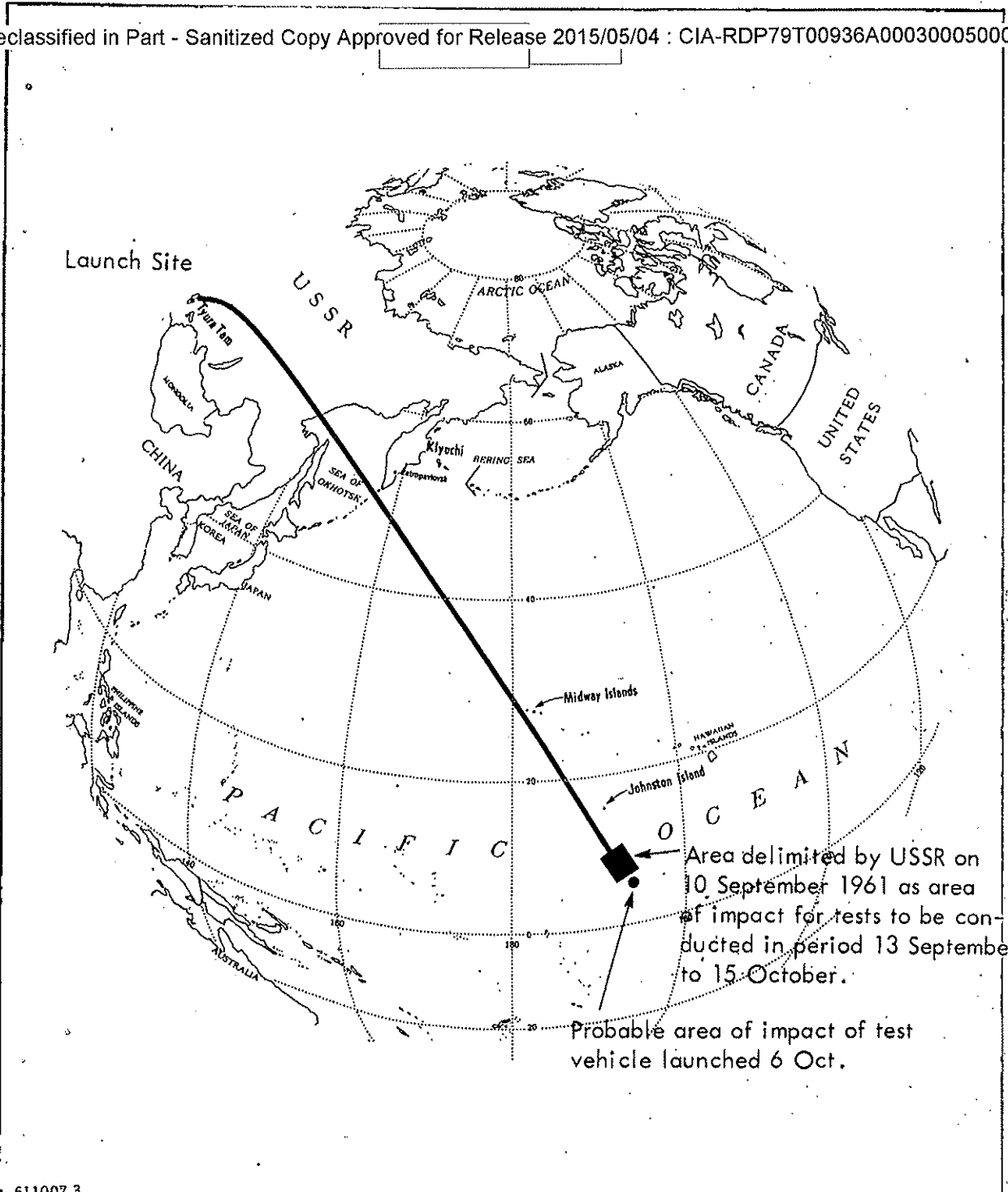
THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Warsaw Pact maneuvers
about to begin



We have noted a wide variety of preparations throughout Soviet and Satellite ground and air forces. In addition, a Soviet mechanized army from the Carpathian Military District is passing through southern Poland into Czechoslovakia, while Polish and perhaps Czech troops are moving into assembly areas in East Germany. Naval exercises also can be expected.

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2. Soviet weapons tests
yesterday



A. There were two nuclear shots, one at Novaya Zemlya and one at Kapustin Yar. The former appears to have been air-dropped; the latter was fired at considerable (but not yet determined) altitude, and probably was an important test of a missile or air defense warhead.

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B. Another ICBM--probably one of the new types being tested this year--was fired from Tyura Tam to the Central Pacific. It went more than 200 miles beyond the four range ships and overshot the impact area announced by the USSR last month.

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