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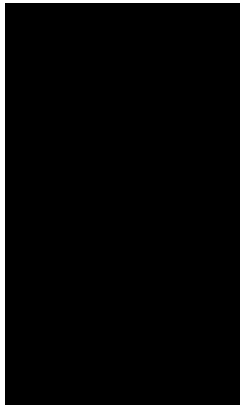
Freedom of Information Act Electronic Reading Room

Welcome to the Central Intelligence Agency's Freedom of Information Act Electronic Reading Room.

What is the Electronic Reading Room?

What's New on the Electronic Reading Room?

The Nixon Collection



Nixon and the People's Republic of China: CIA's Support of the Historic 1972 Presidential Trip

This collection marks the 50th anniversary of President Richard M. Nixon's February 1972 trip to the People's Republic of China (PRC) – a landmark event that preceded the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. This small collection, consisting of three city guides, an atlas, and four leadership profiles, is a subset of the materials CIA produced for President Nixon and National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger in preparation for the seven-day visit.

City guides were produced on Peking (Beijing), Shanghai, and Hang-Chou (Hangzhou)¹, as these cities were part of President Nixon's tour of the PRC. Each guide included a brief history of the city, contemporary maps and photographs, and descriptions of geography, climates, and points of interest.

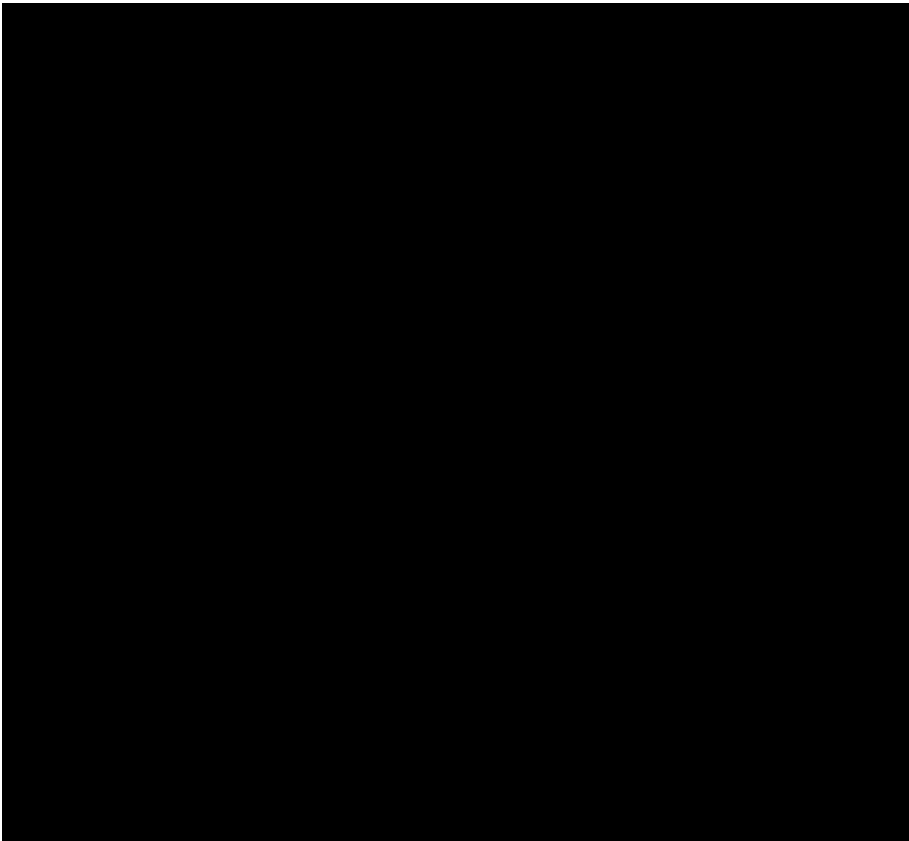
CIA also produced an 82-page atlas of the PRC for President Nixon's trip. The US government distributed more than 4,000 copies to government customers and non-government institutions and libraries, and sold 30,000 copies to the public for a short period after the trip for \$5.25, or \$35.19 in today's dollars. This is the first time in fifty years CIA has made the atlas available to the public.

This collection also includes leadership profiles—assessments that CIA provides US Presidents and other policymakers to assist them in understanding their foreign counterparts. The profiles in this collection include Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Chairman Mao Tse-tung (Mao Zedong) and Premier Chou En-lai (Zhou Enlai). A profile of Lin Piao (Lin Biao), Vice Chair of the CCP, prepared for this trip is also included in this collection; however, Lin died in a plane crash five months before President Nixon's visit.

¹ CIA did not begin using the non-Romanization spelling of Beijing and Hangzhou until 1979. This article provides updated spellings elsewhere in parentheses.

See The Nixon Collection (8 documents/331 pages).

Current/Central Intelligence Bulletin Collection



Central Intelligence Bulletin

Harry Truman was the first U.S. president to receive a daily intelligence digest. At his direction, the Daily Summary began production in February 1946, and continued until February 1951. President Truman was pleased with the product, but a survey group commissioned by the National Security Council in 1949 was

critical of the Daily Summary and issued several recommendations to improve it. The new version, called the Current Intelligence Bulletin, began production on 28 February 1951, and this remained the format of the president's daily digest through Dwight Eisenhower's two terms, although it was retitled the Central Intelligence Bulletin in 1958. The Current/Central Intelligence Bulletin grew longer than its predecessor over time with the addition of more items and more analysis, and would eventually contain more graphics as printing technology improved.

2 January-30 June 1961

The new Kennedy Administration confronted a full array of international issues in 1961. In April, a group of CIA-trained Cuban exiles landed at the Bay of Pigs on the southern coast of Cuba with the goal of overthrowing the Fidel Castro regime and establishing an anti-Communist government. The outnumbered invading force was quickly repelled by Castro's troops. The year's reports were dominated by the worsening Congo crisis, with the fragmentation of the country widening despite the efforts of the United Nations, and US concern over the high tempo of Soviet testing of space vehicles and intercontinental ballistic missiles. The situation in Laos deteriorated, as the Communist Pathet Lao insurgency gained strength against the US-backed Royal Lao government.

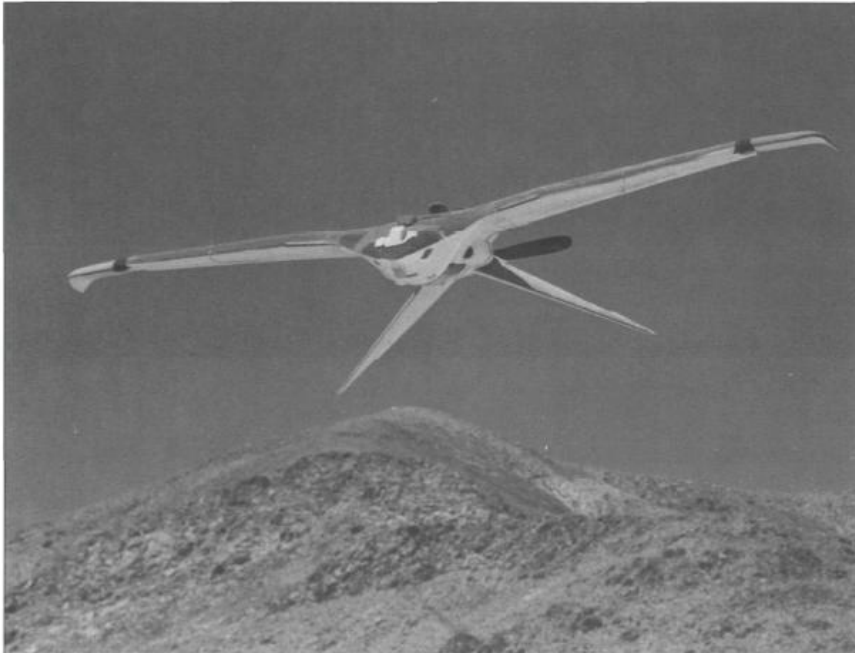
The changes at the CIA following the Bay of Pigs included a format update for the president's daily intelligence report. The new version, called the President's Intelligence Checklist (PICL), was first delivered on 17 June 1961. The Central Intelligence Bulletin continued to be produced as a separate publication until 10 Jan 1974, when it was replaced by the National Intelligence Daily. The PICL, however, was the president's primary written intelligence source through the remainder of the Kennedy Administration. The Kennedy PICL reports are available [here](#)

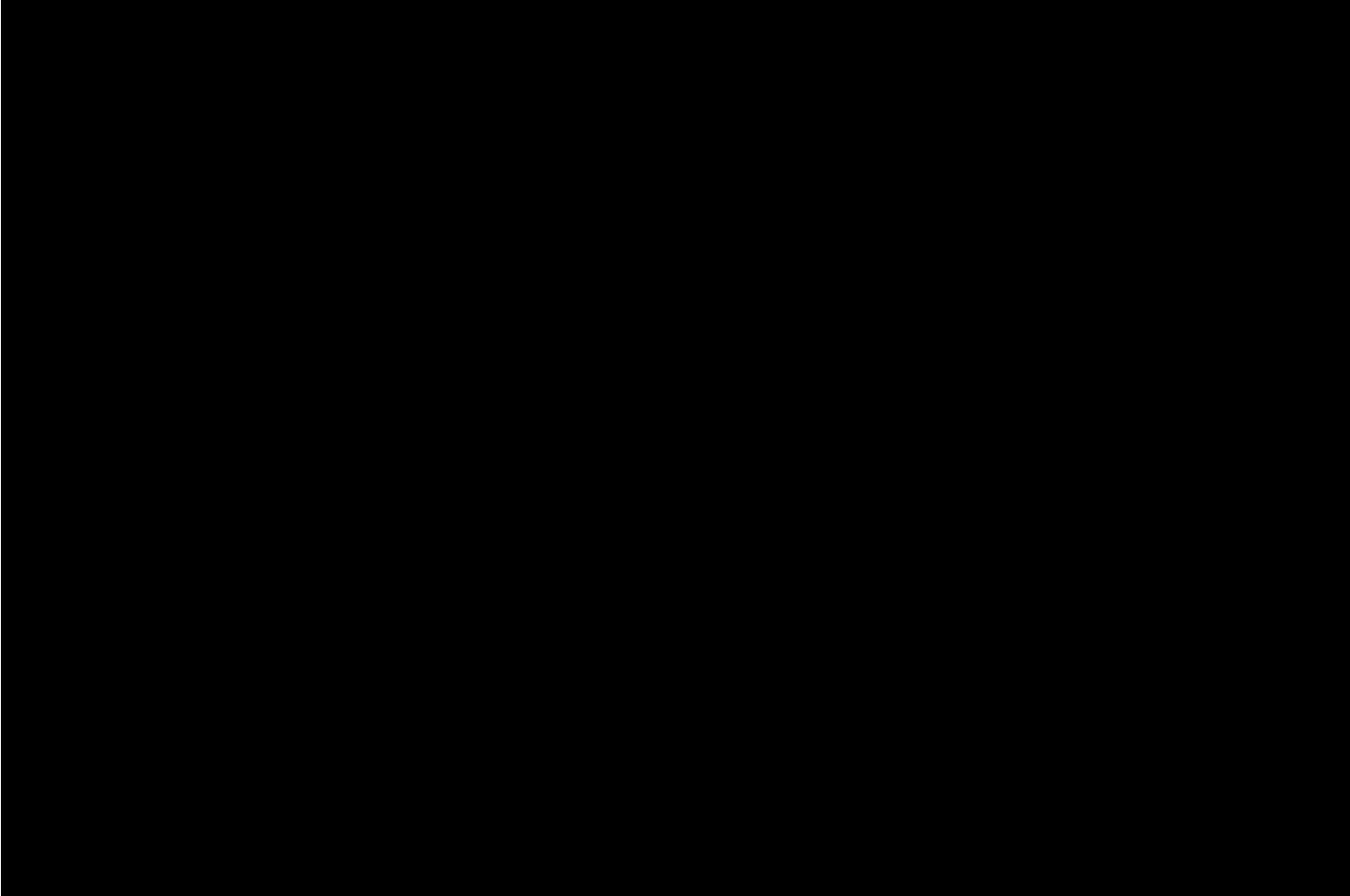
This historical release includes: the Central Intelligence Bulletin reports from 2 January-30 June 1961 (2752 pages).

This release is the thirteenth and final release in the Current/Central Intelligence Bulletin series.

See the [Current/Central Intelligence Bulletin Collection](#)

Aquiline





aquiline adj. of or like the eagle.

Aerial intelligence collection platforms have played a critical role in US national security from the earliest beginnings of aviation. CIA's 1960s OXCART Program and its use of U-2s are examples of collection innovations that have kept US leaders informed about adversaries' capabilities and intentions. Despite their success, however, use of these platforms carried significant risks and repercussions, including detection and even pilot loss, such as the downing of the U-2 flown by Francis Gary Powers in 1960. Ever-evolving research by the CIA led to the development concept of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) as collection platforms. An innovative Agency program in the 1960s codenamed Aquiline was the very first to test this concept. Based initially on the study of flight characteristics of birds, Aquiline was envisioned as a long-range vehicle that could safely and stealthily provide a window into denied areas such as the Soviet Union through photography and other capabilities, and would even support in-place agent operations. While it never became operational, the concept proved invaluable as a forerunner to today's multi-capability UAVs.

Learn more about CIA's early eagle (40 documents/289 pages).

The Collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe: A 30-Year Legacy



The Collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe: A 30-Year Legacy

This collection includes a broad sampling of articles from the National Intelligence Daily—the CIA's principal form of current intelligence analysis at the time—from February 1989 to March 1990. These articles represent much of the Agency's short-term analysis of events unfolding in Central and Eastern Europe as popular opposition to Soviet misrule erupted and quickly surpassed anything the Communist regimes were prepared to understand or to which they could respond. The material also represents a major source of information and insight for US policymakers into what was happening in these countries, where the situation was heading, and how a collapse of Communist rule in Europe and the beginnings of the breakup of the Soviet Union would impact Europe and the United States.

Please note: Some of the material is marked "NR" or "not relevant." This means that material is unrelated to events in Central and Eastern Europe, and was therefore not reviewed for declassification as part of this collection.

Learn more about the collapse of Communist rule in Europe (105 documents/151 pages)

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Health minister Jean-Yves Duclos on the fight over funding and the future of health-care in Canada

Is politicking getting in the way of critical action needed to fix our ailing health-care system? Federal health minister Jean-Yves Duclos joins David Common to address the ongoing feud between federal and provincial leaders, and his government's health-care commitments for the new year.

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The greatest jazz you've never heard: Female composers get their due

When you think of women in jazz, some great performers come to mind. But female composers? Many jazz fans may struggle to name more than a few. Grammy Award-winning jazz drummer Terri Lyne Carrington explains how she's out to change that with a new book and album.

The Sunday Magazine for December 18, 2022

Federal health minister Jean-Yves Duclos addresses the ongoing health funding feud and how we might re-imagine health-care, Eric Bauza digs into how cartoons shape culture, Terri Lyne Carrington sheds light on female jazz composers, and physicist Brian Cox champions science literacy.

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Canadian actor Eric Bauza 'toons' in to the complicated history of cartoons

Ever wonder what kind of deep-rooted impact all those hours of watching Bugs Bunny or Transformers had on you? Voice actor Eric Bauza speaks with David Common about his show Stay Tooned, which explores the ways cartoons have shaped our culture.

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Science is 'imperfect' – and that's a good thing, says physicist Brian Cox

We've built a world based on science and discovery. So more people need to understand it, for the sake of society – and democracy at large. That's the pitch from particle physicist Brian Cox. The professor joins David Common to discuss his work, and why he's offering Science 101 courses to politicians.

The Sunday Magazine for December 11, 2022

Anne Applebaum reflects on U.S.-Russia relations and the war in Ukraine, Jeopardy! star Mattea Roach talks about the pressures of her newfound fame, Duncan McCue shares his documentary about The Beachcombers actor Pat John, and we break down 'bureaucratese.'

Speak plainly to me: The push to remove 'bureaucratese' from politics

Canadian Conservative party leader Pierre Poilievre is pushing for a law in Canada that would do away with political jargon and force politicians to speak plainly.

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The Beachcombers made Pat John an Indigenous icon. When fame faded, his journey home began

After the celebrated TV show ended, Pat John found himself living in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside before finally returning to his roots. After John's death this summer, Duncan McCue set out to learn more about his life.

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Mattea Roach reflects on life after Jeopardy!

Since her historic 23-win run on Jeopardy!, Mattea Roach has been keeping herself busy. Despite all her accomplishments, Roach says she's constantly being asked what she's going to do next. She joins Piya Chattopadhyay to talk about life after Jeopardy!, and the pressure that comes with her newfound fame.

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Anne Applebaum on the state of U.S.-Russia relations, and the course of the war in Ukraine

Nearly 10 months after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Anne Applebaum joins Piya Chattopadhyay to talk about the state and future of the war as the year draws to a close and what this past week's release of WNBA star Brittney Griner in exchange for a Russian arms dealer reveals about U.S.-Russia relations.

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We love it, we hate it, we legislate it: Word Processing 'bureaucratese'

In the latest installment of our ongoing language series Word Processing, we break down 'bureaucratese' – the jargony gobbledygook that so many lawyers, civil servants, academics, and otherwise intelligent people can't seem to resist using.

The Sunday Magazine for December 4, 2022

Rick Mercer shares his thoughts on Canada's political discourse, we explore why some psychiatrists are calling for a delay to the expansion of MAID, 12-year-old Yeva Skalietska describes her experience of the war in Ukraine's early days, our monthly brain game That's Puzzling! continues.

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Rick Mercer shares his take on Canada's political discourse today

The comedian and satirist joins Piya Chattopadhyay for a year-end chat and offers his thoughts on anger and divisions we see in the country today.

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A child's diary of war

Yeva Skalietska, a 12-year-old girl who fled from Kharkiv in the early days of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, speaks with Piya Chattopadhyay about documenting her experience of war in her diary.

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Why some psychiatrists are calling for a delay to the expansion of MAID

Dr. Jitender Sareen explains why the heads of psychiatry departments at Canada's medical schools are concerned that the upcoming MAID expansion to people whose sole condition is a mental disorder is happening without sufficient guidelines and safeguards.

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That's Puzzling! for December 2022

In The Sunday Magazine's monthly challenge That's Puzzling!, host Piya Chattopadhyay competes against one familiar voice and one clever listener in a battle of brain games devised by puzzle master Peter Brown.

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How Pong paved the way for video gaming 50 years ago

Fifty years after the original Pong arcade game console appeared, tech journalist and author David Kushner explores how Pong changed the world of video gaming.

The Sunday Magazine for November 27, 2022

Our Sunday Politics Panel share takeaways from the Emergencies Act inquiry hearings, Dr. Bajjayanta Mukhopadhyay explores how healthcare and colonization intersect, 'Sort Of' star Bilal Baig talks about their show's broad appeal, and journalist Heather Radke tells a backstory of butts.

Nedal Huoseh never meant to be a soccer agent. Now he manages Alphonso Davies

Nedal Huoseh was coaching his kid's soccer team when Alphonso Davies joined the squad. Now Davies is playing for Canada in the men's World Cup and Davies is representing him as his agent. Huoseh shares how his father's journey as a Palestinian refugee helped him relate to Davies.

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The politics behind butts are anything but peachy

In her new book *Butts: A Backstory*, Heather Radke examines the politics of the backside through the lens of race, gender and power. She joins Piya Chattopadhyay to make the case that our complicated relationship with the beloved body part reveals a bigger story about ourselves.

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Sunday Politics Panel: Takeaways from the Emergencies Act inquiry hearings

Columnists Susan Delacourt and Matt Gurney talk about the big takeaways from the public hearing phase of the Public Order Emergency Commission's inquiry into the federal government's use of the Emergencies Act, and what might change when Commissioner Paul Rouleau presents his final report in February.

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A family doctor on how healthcare and colonization intersect

Dr. Bajjayanta Mukhopadhyay talks about his book, *Country of Poxes: Three Germs and the Taking of Territory*, how Canada can move to a more equitable future in health and healing, and why he hopes his job as a fly-in doctor to remote Indigenous communities doesn't exist in the future.

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The evolution of Bilal Baig and their hit show, Sort Of

When Bilal Baig's television series *Sort Of* debuted last fall, they had no idea what lay in store. As season two launches, Baig joins Piya Chattopadhyay to talk about the surprise success of the show and how their life and their mission as an artist have changed as a result.

The Sunday Magazine for November 20, 2022

We explore solutions to Canada's health care crisis, soccer star Christine Sinclair talks about equality in sports, we break down 'sportswashing' as the World Cup kicks off, Marion Nestle looks back on her career in food politics, and writers unwrap their dumpling stories.

Canadian soccer superstar Christine Sinclair says she's watching World Cup with mixed emotions

Soccer fans around the globe are abuzz with World Cup energy. Canadian women's team captain Christine Sinclair says she'll be cheering on the men, but that it feels like the Canadian Soccer Association has forgotten the women's team has been to seven straight World Cups.