

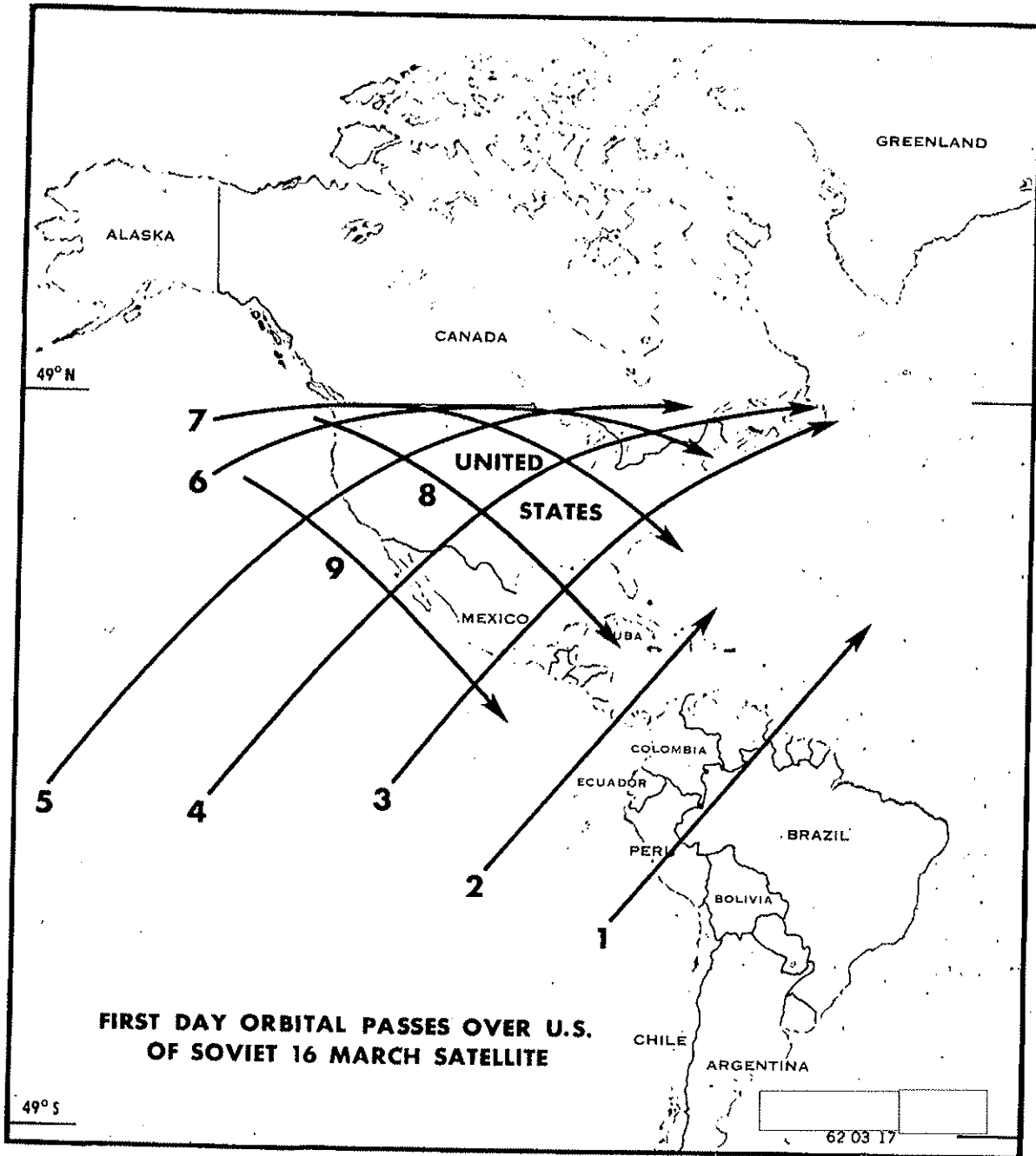
# THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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3. Soviet space launch

Yesterday morning's launch used a smaller booster than the man-in-space vehicles and all signs point to an instrumented payload. The satellite's orbit is ideal for coverage of the US and it will pass over the US during afternoon daylight hours. It is possible that a photo reconnaissance function is involved. This was the first vehicle to be launched successfully from the Kapustin Yar site, where there were two failures late last year. This satellite vehicle launching is not the anticipated space launch and recovery operation for which preparations have been under way at Tyura Tam, where the stand down seems to be still in effect. [REDACTED]

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4. Berlin corridors

The after-dark flights of four Soviet transports in the northern corridor went off as scheduled yesterday. Today's flights, again four, have already taken place in daylight hours, this time beneath the levels normally flown by Western commercial airlines. [REDACTED]

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