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# THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

1 AUGUST 1961  
~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Tunisian developments



Both sides have given cautious indications of some "give" on Bizerte. The Tunisian Defense Secretary has pledged no disruption of "normal" communications in return for a French withdrawal to the base area. Paris has dispatched a political advisor to the base commander and has substituted civil police for the paratroops on duty outside the base. Meanwhile, however, there is evidence that some UAR military aid to Bourguiba is now en route via Eastern Libya, and arrangements have been made for the Tunisian foreign minister to fly to Moscow today.



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2. Decline in Chinese Communist industrial production



There is now firm evidence of significant drops in industrial output in the last half of 1960. Peiping has been notably silent regarding 1961 economic performance, leading us to believe that they have made little or no headway in licking last year's difficulties.



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**3. Congo Parliament  
deadlocked**



The Leopoldville and Stanleyville factions have reached an impasse over formation of a coalition government. The Gizengists are demanding the premiership, though not for Gizenga, while moderates are holding out for Adoula. The moderates, in a mood of frustration, may stage a walk-out.



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NOTES

- A. Soviet Navy Day activities will continue at Leningrad [redacted] 50X1  
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- B. There are further indications of stepped up anti-Israeli activity on the part of the Arab states. The Jordanian and Lebanese military are engaged in contingency planning in anticipation of increased tension, while the Syrians are considering a project for diverting one of the Jordan's tributaries. [redacted] 50X1
- C. The rebels in Angola have succeeded in widening their area of operations in recent days. The Portuguese are being forced to spread their forces increasingly thin. [redacted] 50X1  
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- D. Viet Cong guerillas in South Vietnam, increasingly aggressive, failed in an attempt on Diem's life on 28 July. [redacted] 50X1
- E. Weekend registrations bring the July total of Berlin refugees to above 28,000. [redacted] 50X1

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