



30 SEPTEMBER 1962 CHECKLIST

1. SYRIA. A. THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND HAS FURTHER TIGHTENED ITS HOLD. NASIR WHO SEEMS TO HAVE ABANDONED, FOR THE TIME BEING--AT LEAST, THE IDEA OF A MILITARY INVASION, IS PROBABLY HOPING NOW, THROUGH PROPAGANDA AND SUBVERSION, TO STIMULATE INTERNAL COLLAPSE;

B. THE NEW 11-MAN CABINET IS HEAVILY WEIGHTED ON THE CENTER OR CONSERVATIVE SIDE. PRIME MINISTER KUZBARI, WHO IS ALSO FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTER, HAS A MODERATE, ANTI-COMMUNIST RECORD. 50X1

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ADNAN QUWATLI, THE NEW INTERIOR MINISTER, 50X1
HAS SOCIALIST SYMPATHIES BUT IS PROBABLY NEITHER A COMMUNIST NOR A STRONG PRO-COMMUNIST;

C) JORDAN AND TURKEY HAVE RECOGNIZED THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND IRAN WILL PROBABLY DO SO TODAY. KUZBARI, MEANWHILE, IS SETTING UP MEETING WITH FOREIGN ENVOYS IN DAMASCUS, INCLUDING THE US CONSUL, IN A PRELIMINARY BID FOR WIDER RECOGNITION. 50X1

2. CONGO: TSHOMBE, IN HIS MEETINGS WITH UN REPRESENTATIVES, IS FOR THE TIME BEING, EASING OFF ON HIS DEMAND FOR TOTAL UN WITHDRAWAL FROM KATANGA. THE SITUATION IN ELISABETHVILLE, HOWEVER, REMAINS UNEASY. ADOULA, MEANWHILE, HAS ANSWERED TSHOMBE'S CALL FOR TALKS WITH A SERIES OF CONDITIONS, INCLUDING CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THE KATANGA ARMY, WHICH TSHOMBE IS NOT LIKELY TO ACCEPT. 50X1

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4. NOTES:

A. COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS IN SOUTH VIETNAM ARE MUSTERING THEIR FORCES IN THE AREA NORTH OF SAIGON IN WHAT MAY BE THE PRELUDE TO FURTHER BATTALION-SIZE ATTACKS THERE.

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B. THE JAPANESE ARE TRYING TO PERSUADE THE CHINESE NATIONALISTS THAT THEIR BEST COURSE ON THE MONGOLIAN ISSUE IS TO ABSENT THEMSELVES ON THE VOTE RATHER THAN VETO OR ABSTAIN.