

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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LATE ITEM

Brazil

a. Goulart has finally gone, but no one knows exactly where.

b. Best guess is that he has taken refuge in his ranch on the Uruguayan border whence he could easily slip into exile.

c. His last defense crumbled yesterday when 3rd Army troops in Porte Alegre declared for the rebels.

d. A number of leftists have taken asylum in various Latin American embassies or crossed into neighboring countries to escape the fairly sweeping scythe wielded by the military.

e. Many of those remaining, including several high officials in Goulart's regime, have been arrested. Among these is the head of PETROBAS, the government petroleum monopoly.

f. President for thirty days Mazzilli is forming his cabinet. His three military ministers are all anti-Communist and pro-Western, and his other appointments to date are moderates.

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g. The general atmosphere throughout Brazil appears to be one of relief, though some pro-Goulart demonstrations have taken place in Recife and one or two smaller cities.

h. The transport workers strike was broken with the arrest of its leaders, and Rio is moving back to normal; a holiday mood prevailed there yesterday.

i. One cloud, however, has already appeared on the horizon. A Rio broadcast claims Sao Paulo governor de Barros is threatening to break with the new regime over some of Mazzilli's appointments.

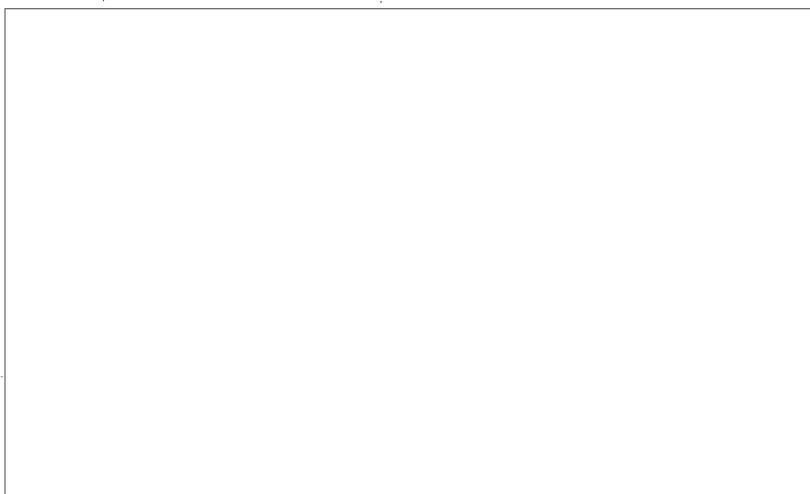
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j. The big problem now will be to get the country through the interregnum period until a new president is elected for the full term in 1965.

k. None of the strong contenders will want to serve out the remainder of Goulart's term as this will disqualify them from running again.

1. Cyprus

a. Makarios is still pressing the UN peacekeeping force to re-establish freedom of movement throughout the island.



d. Turkey has rejected Makarios' request to withdraw its troops astride the Nicosia-Kyrenia road and this could provoke early countermoves by the Greek Cypriots.

e. There is a strong likelihood that Makarios will shortly announce unilateral abrogation of the 1960 Treaty of Alliance among Cyprus, Greece and Turkey which provides for the stationing of 950 Greek and 650 Turkish troops on Cyprus.

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g. The movement to bring former underground leader George Grivas back to Cyprus from Greece seems to be gaining strength.

h. Several thousand Greek students paraded through Nicosia yesterday in his cause. Also a special committee to promote his return has been formed

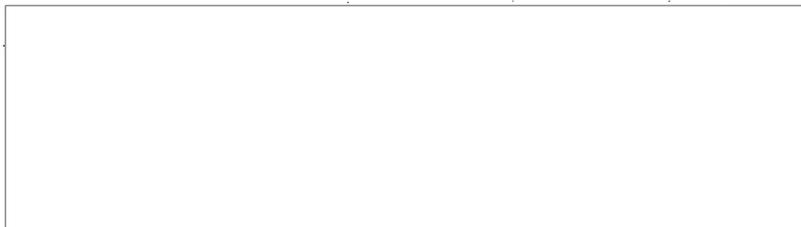


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2. USSR-Cyprus

a. Moscow, alive to the possibility that the drive to bring Grivas back and promote union with Greece may develop into something big, is putting pressure on Makarios to resist it.



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c. The USSR has been all for the efforts of the Greek Cypriots to consolidate power on the island since the Communist party of Cyprus, composed of Greek Cypriots, would stand to gain by this.

d. For example, it is not inconceivable that by 1970, the Communists might be able to gain control legally through elections.

e. On the other hand, Cyprus as a province of Greece would come under the strong anti-Communist laws promulgated by Athens.

3. Panama

a. The current calm in Panama may be short lived.

b. [redacted] Panamanian revolutionaries are preparing for armed violence in the near future to keep the pot boiling.

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c. [redacted] Panamanians who have been training in Cuba and the USSR have [redacted] returned home.

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d. The banana workers strike, now ten days old and embracing some 5,000 workers, may provide a ready made occasion to stir up trouble in the interior. Pro-Communist agitators are doing their best to incite the workers to violence.

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e. In Panama City, demonstrations are planned for this weekend, in connection with the anniversary of the ill-starred rebellion five years ago which Castro supported. These too may be used to trigger violence.

f. Should these fires get started, it would take a while to put them out as the Panamanian national guard would be spread pretty thin.

4. Soviet Space Probe

a. We are puzzled by the Soviet announcement calling the 2 April deep space probe "Zond - 1" (Sonder - 1) and making no mention of its obvious Venus probe mission.

b. The probe clearly was aimed at Venus--there was no place else for it to go judging from the time and the place from which it was injected into space.

c. We think therefore that the announcement was a deliberate deception, probably to cover malfunction of the probe.

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d. There is a remote possibility that the Soviets are hedging; i.e., not committing their prestige on this probe until they can determine if it is successful.

e. The Soviets have been somewhat less than frank about these matters in the past. They called their 27 March Venus probe a Cosmos satellite after the vehicle went into parking orbit but failed to put out a probe.

5. South Vietnam

a. General Khanh remains suspicious of civilian politicians.

b. He and his Defense Minister, General Khiem, have been expressing concern in recent weeks about efforts of the Dai Viet Party to recruit followers in the armed forces.

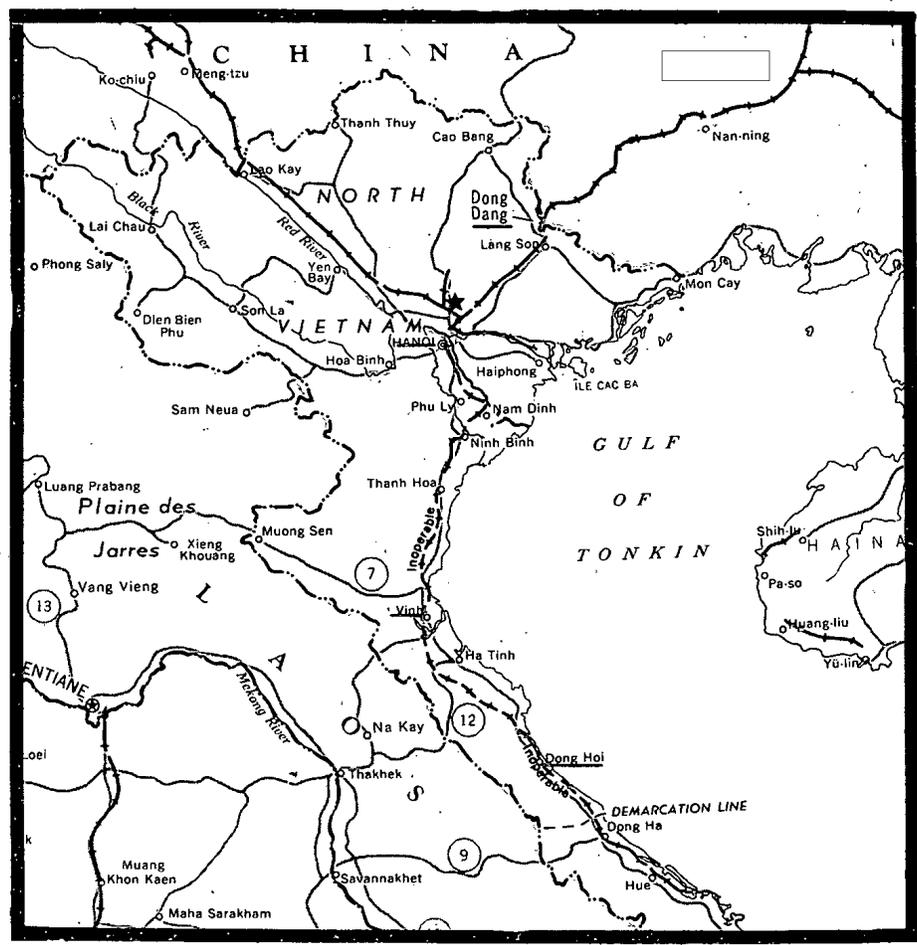
c. They seem to feel that such activity could eventually make the Dai Viets, who have several ministers in the government, a threat to the military leadership.



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e. There are also continuing rumors of friction between Khanh and Nguyen Ton Hoan, vice premier for pacification and leader of the southern Dai Viet faction.

f. Differences over the extent of Hoan's authority were supposedly ironed out some weeks ago.

g. The other Dai Viet faction is only lukewarm in support of Khanh.

h. Khanh's suspicion is also bringing him into conflict with the advisory Council of Notables. The council is resisting his indirect pressures for its dissolution.

6. North Vietnam

a. [redacted] in North Vietnam [redacted] some fairly extensive military and civil defense preparations against outside attack.

b. These measures, [redacted]
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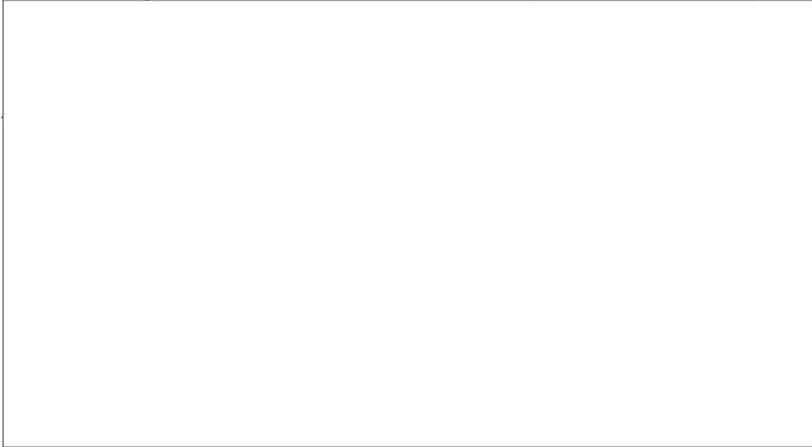
c. At Hanoi's Gia Lam airfield, planes were dispersed and the guard force was strengthened. Additional anti-aircraft batteries were deployed around the southern part of the city.

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d. Trenches and underground shelters have been built in and around the major urban centers.

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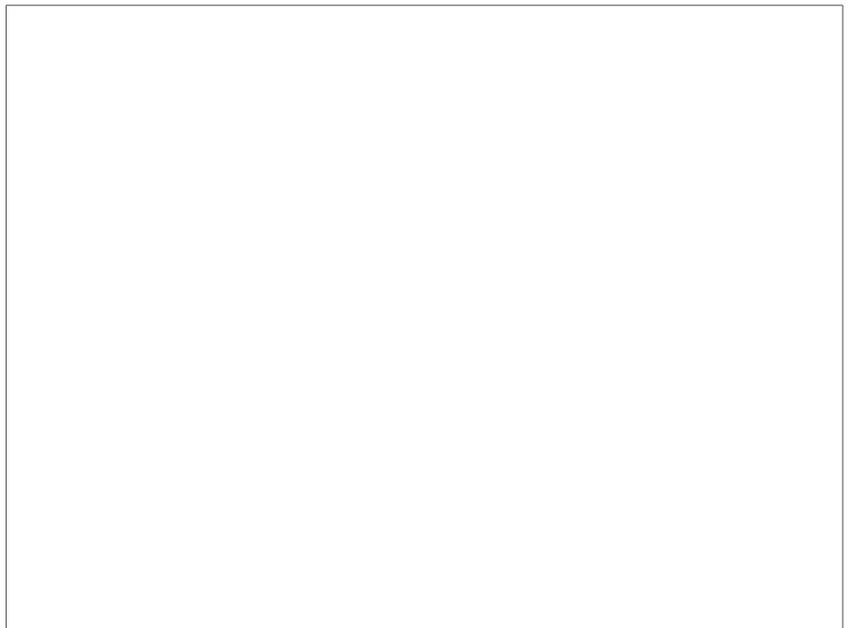
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8. UK

a. The Director of the Conservative Party Research Department is advising the Prime Minister to postpone the general election until the fall.



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NOTES

- A. USSR-Communist China The Soviets have counter-attacked Peiping in publicizing a speech made by Suslov to the Party Central Committee meeting in mid-February and a Central Committee decision, taken at that time. Suslov said Peiping's behavior required the Soviet party to come out openly and strongly against the incorrect views and dangerous actions of the Chinese. He said the party decision demanded a "decisive repulsion of their splitting activities."
- B. Congo The government is giving big play to its discovery of a Brazzaville based plot to murder key officials in Leopoldville. National Liberation Committee (CNL) agitator Frederic Boende and several of his followers were arrested last Monday

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