

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

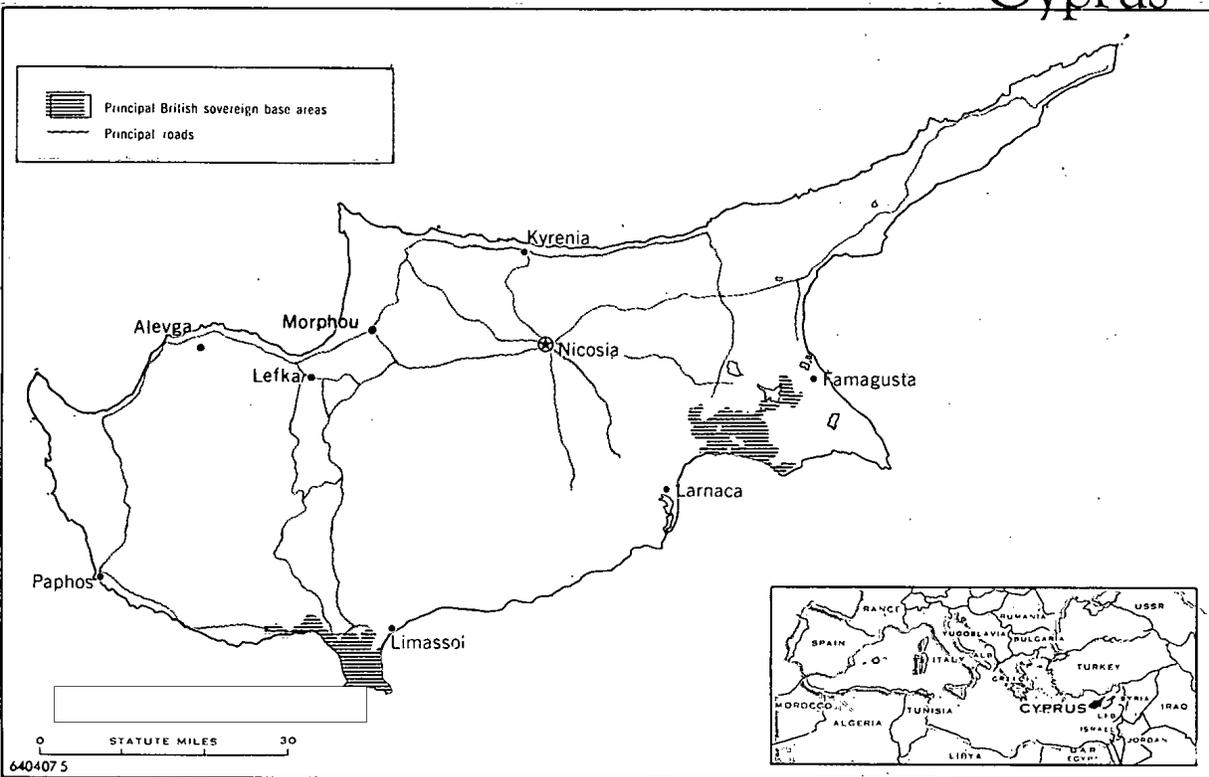
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# Cyprus



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1. Cyprus

a. Turkish Foreign Minister Erkin says Prime Minister Inonu is "very bitter" over the trend of events in Cyprus. Erkin believes the issue is now being turned into a straight Greek-Turkish problem.

b. This implies that Turkey, frustrated by its inability to influence directly the course of events on Cyprus, will step up direct pressure on Greece.

c. Our ambassador fears that this will lead to a "go it alone" Turkish policy toward Greece which will be carried out without prior consultation with the US.

d. On Cyprus itself, the problem over control of the road between Nicosia and the north coast port of Kyrenia is still unsolved.

e. The UN command has announced it intends to open all major roads, including this one, by tomorrow.



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f. The position of Turkish Cypriots in northwest Cyprus also is becoming more difficult.



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## 2. Brazil

a. Brazil should have its interim president shortly. The Congress, reflecting the heavy pressure put on it by the military, has approved a bill calling for an immediate election.

b. As we have noted earlier, the revolt's leaders have threatened to dissolve Congress if it does not come up with the proper man.

c. Ambassador Gordon reports it is generally accepted that a military man will be made president, with Castello Branco the front-runner.

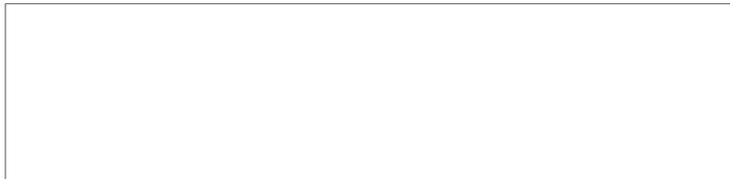
d. Gordon is concerned that the drive of the anti-Goulart forces to make a quick and effective purge of subversives may go too far. Some measures they have taken seem to us to be excessive.

e. Large-scale arrests continue, and all radio stations in at least one state have been commandeered by the state government.

f. Also, censorship on outgoing cable news copy went into effect in Rio Tuesday afternoon.

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g. Not surprisingly, some Brazilians are beginning to worry about these tendencies in a regime dominated by the military.



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### 3. USSR

a. Khrushchev is having some trouble in his own back yard in lining up support for his new counter-offensive against Peiping and in particular for a new international conference of Communist parties.

b. The more independent-minded East Europeans know they would lose their newly won maneuver room if they had to commit themselves definitively to Moscow in a showdown with the Chinese.

c. The Hungarians have not yet specifically backed the conference proposal and are thought to prefer no action at all to the possible break with the Chinese that might follow from such a meeting.

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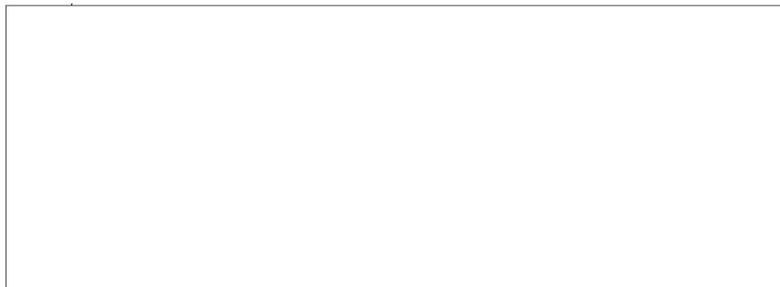
d. There are reports circulating in Budapest that Khrushchev is going to stay on there until 13 April, presumably in the hope of bringing Kadar around.

e. The Rumanians are also dragging their feet. The Poles, who have said nothing publicly on the issue, are believed willing to attend a conference only if its purpose is to seek a means of reconciliation with Peiping.

f. Khrushchev does seem to have the East Germans in his pocket, and the Bulgarians and Czechs are also on record as favoring a conference this year.

#### 4. Pakistan

a. There are reasons for suspecting that Pakistan, despite protests to the contrary, may indeed have reached some sort of understanding with Communist China.



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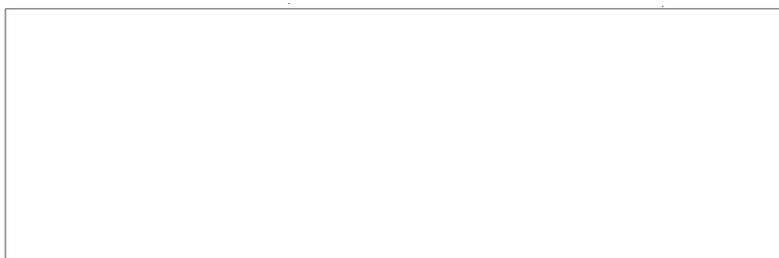
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**6. Egypt**

a. Nasir has assured Ambassador Badeau that he would lay off specific mention of American bases or Wheelus in his propaganda.

b. He also claimed that after hearing about propaganda broadcasts of the clandestine "Voice of the Arab nation" attacking President Johnson he had ordered them to stop.

c. Nasir may well feel he can afford to keep quiet about Wheelus now that negotiations for its removal have been set in train by the Libyans.

d. However, it remains to be seen how long he will refrain from interfering again in Libya particularly if he sees any good chance of toppling the monarchy by his own efforts.

**7. East Africa**

a. Kenyan Minister of State Murumbi says that Tanganyika's President Nyerere is ready to go ahead immediately on federation with Kenya and leave the door open to Uganda and Zanzibar to join later.

b. Such a development might provide a ray of hope for keeping Zanzibar's Karume from being swallowed up by the Communists.

c. However, we have no confirmation from Nyerere himself on this subject and recent Tanganyikan actions would appear to point in just the opposite direction.

d. Kenyan emissary Koinange was able to get Karume to say categorically that if an East African Federation were formed Zanzibar would join it. Koinange, however, failed in his primary mission, which was to get Karume to ask for support from Kenya.

e. [redacted] the Zanzibar regime, [redacted] intends to make Pemba the main training ground for "freedom fighters" for the liberation of Africa.

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f. Such a development appears plausible [redacted]

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g. Karume's demand yesterday that the NASA space station be removed by 1 May is the latest move in the drive to eliminate Western influence on the island.

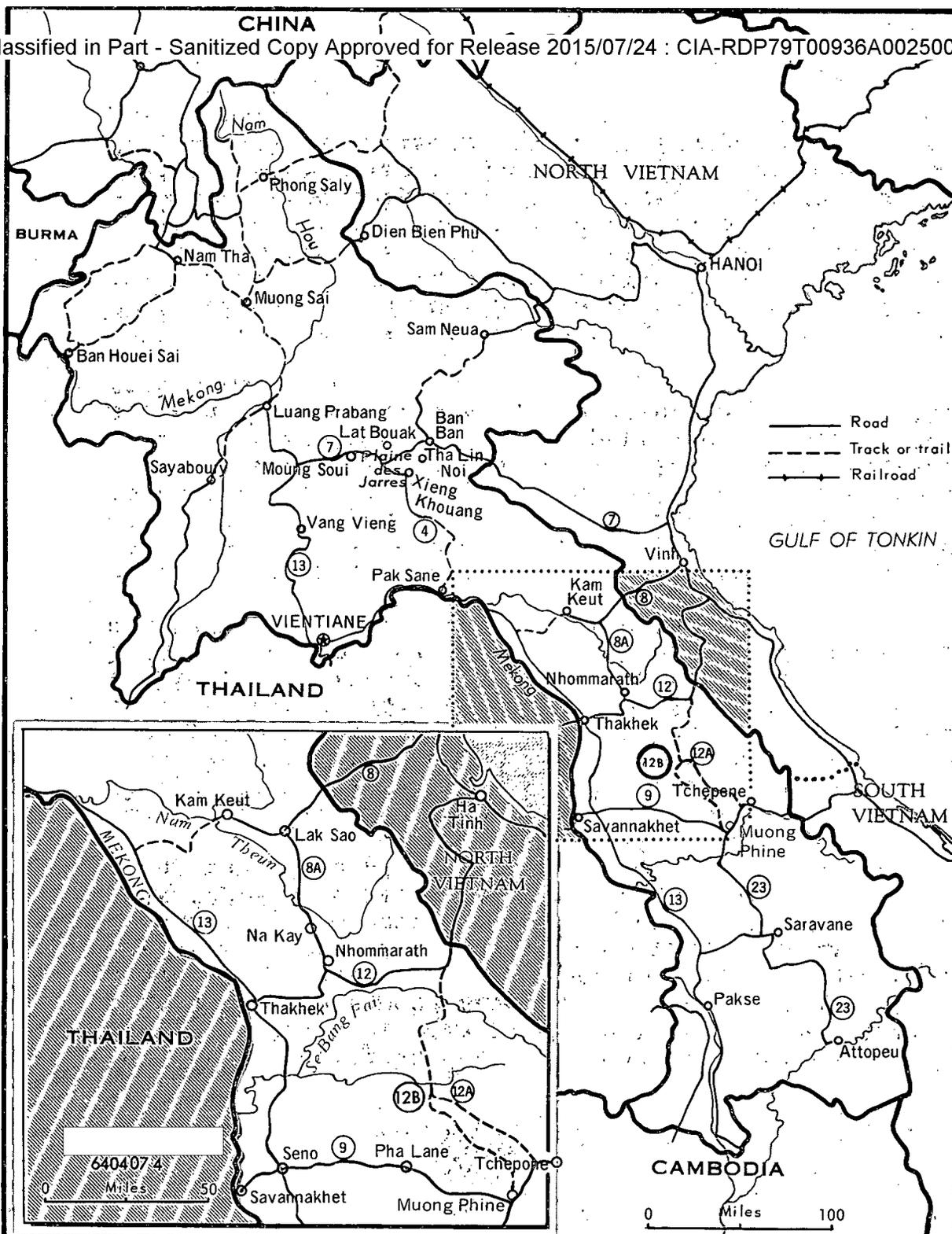
8. Dominican Republic

a. Ramon Tapia is still holding out. He has refused to resign unless his replacement in the triumvirate is named simultaneously.

b. This has led to a further falling out between the remaining members of the triumvirate, Reid and Tavares.

c. Reid suspects a maneuver to supplant him as senior member of the triumvirate, while Tavares, with justification, suspects Reid is tired of sharing power and wants to rule by himself.

d. Ex-president Bonnelly is worried that dissident groups will rally around Tapia. This would further confuse the political situation and give the Communists an opportunity for troublemaking.



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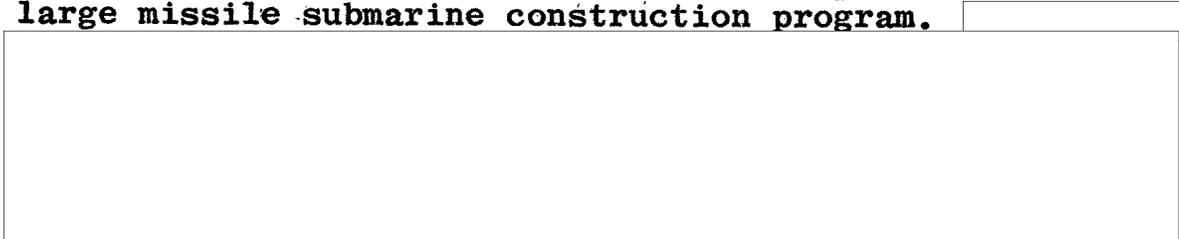
- A. Laos Right-wing observation teams trained by Americans have reported that some 2,000 to 3,000 troops, including many North Vietnamese have moved from the region east of Thakhek southeast to the Muong Phine area. This area serves as a base for Communist operations along the southern Laos - South Vietnam border. The reinforcement could have been planned to offset any joint operations that General Khanh and Phoumi might arrange.
- B. USSR-Iran The Soviets are reacting with some sensitivity to the joint US-Iranian exercise "operation Delawar,"



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- C. Bolivia In response to Barrientos' threat to resign as his vice-presidential running mate in next month's elections, President Paz has announced that he had nothing to do with Federico Fortun's recent maneuvering to get himself back on the ticket in place of Barrientos. Fortun has now promised to support the Paz-Barrientos slate and is expected to go to Buenos Aires until things cool down.

- D. USSR The navy is continuing to develop a modest force of missile-equipped surface ships to complement its large missile submarine construction program.



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**E. India** A meeting of Indian Communist Party officials opening tomorrow may produce a formal party split. The pro-Chinese faction is threatening to leave the party if its effort to oust party chairman J. A. Dange fails. He in turn has proposed disciplinary action against them including expulsion of five leftist leaders.

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**F. Venezuela** Government authorities [redacted]

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[redacted] are [redacted] braced for a new series of attacks by terrorists on 9 April, which is the anniversary of the Castroite Armed Forces of National Liberation.

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**H. Chile** Further reflection leads us to think that our interpretation [redacted] of Duran's re-entry in the presidential race was unduly optimistic. He is more likely to draw votes from the right than from the left. Hence Allende's chances may well be strengthened rather than weakened.

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