

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. Inonu's lack of firm support in the Turkish National Assembly is casting a large shadow over his visit to Washington next week.

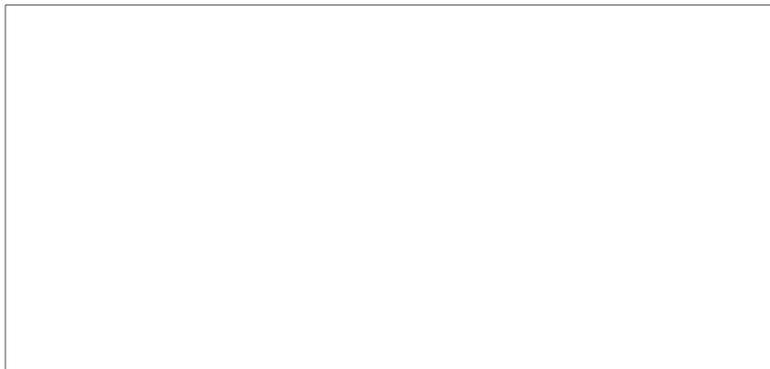
b. We cannot rule out the possibility that he will cancel his visit if tomorrow's vote of confidence goes strongly against him. He probably will squeak by, however.

c. In any event, it appears that Inonu will have a hard time getting Parliament to approve any concessions he might make to reach a Cyprus settlement.

d. On the island, "fierce" fighting broke out in the tense Kokkina area. We have no details as yet.

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2. Laos

a. Kong Le's forces went up and down Phou Kout hill yesterday. They were on top for a few hours, but withdrew under Pathet Lao artillery fire.

b. A T-28 returned the fire this morning as skirmishing on the ground continued.

c. Souvanna flew today to Luang Prabang to see the King. He took along newly appointed Foreign Minister Pheng Phongsavan who Souvanna has said would represent Laos in the six-power talks proposed by Poland.

3. South Vietnam

a. The sharp rise we have noted in Viet Cong activity during the past week shows up clearly in the latest statistics.

b. The total of 615 incidents during the second week of June is one-third more than during the previous week and the highest total since early March.

c. Yesterday's battalion-strength attack on a district capital in Hau Nghia Province, just west of Saigon, is the first big Viet Cong action of this kind in two months. There have been ten other significant attacks since 8 June, mostly in company strength.

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d. Government operations have slackened somewhat with the onset of the monsoon. The more bogged down they get, the more aggressive the Viet Cong forays are likely to become.

e. Reports of Communist plans for a campaign of terrorism continue to be heard in Saigon. [redacted]

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4. Cuba-USSR

a. We think about 3,000 Soviet military personnel have pulled out during the past six weeks.

b. The eight passenger ships which have come and gone since early May carried many Soviet servicemen, most of whom were associated with the SAM and radar systems.

c. More long voyages home apparently are being planned.

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[redacted] the transfer to Cuban personnel of SAM and associated early warning radar operations in the eastern and central sectors seems to have been completed.

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5. Burma

a. Ne Win's bungling has hurt many Burmese badly, and there is growing talk of violence against the regime.

b. His slapdash socialization of the economy has led to serious food and fuel shortages. Mismanagement of the currency has wiped out many persons' savings.

c. Concern over Ne Win's xenophobia and tolerance of former Communists high in the government are adding to the sense of deperation many feel.

d. At the same time, insurgency in Burma's minority areas is on the rise. In Kachin State, bands of rebels up to 500 strong are roving freely.

e. Shan insurgents have become so strong in the southern part of their state, an area once thought secure, that the Burmese Army has had to use tanks to get through.

NOTES

- A. Maphilindo The way was cleared in Tokyo for a meeting of the foreign ministers today. After further jockeying, they hope to set up a one-day summit session tomorrow if arrangements for verification of the withdrawals in Borneo do not run into too many snags. 50X1
- B. Congo Kasavubu yesterday confirmed to Ambassador Godley his intention to support Adoula during the pre-election period. He did not appear to be thinking in terms of any radical broadening of the government.
- C. Communist China - Italy Socialist Senator Vittorelli talked trade with Mao during his recent "exploratory" visit to Peiping. They apparently found that the feeling was mutual. While Vittorelli said Italy was very interested in more trade, he pointed out that an agreement could not be made contingent on recognition. Mao, undeterred, proposed commercial offices in both countries and visiting missions. Rome apparently intends to go slow on anything formal. 50X6

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- E. Angola The rebel movement is continuing to lose ground. One base area has been evacuated, and rebel ranks inside Angola are thinning. These setbacks will only cause more bickering among rival Angolan leaders, and put Holden Roberto under greater pressure to accept military aid from the Chinese Communists.

- F. South Arabia British-led troops have the Radfan raiders on the run north of Aden. While the more organized resistance seems to have been broken up, small bands of insurgents will continue to harass the colonial administration from their secure bases in the hills to the east.

- G. Venezuela The students still have a totally effective strike going at Central University after more than a week. The walkout has been peaceful so far, but the Communists threaten violence if anyone tries to go to class.