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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE REVIEW

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1. Cyprus: Incidents on Cyprus appear to be on the rise again and the Turkish Government is getting more restive.

Last weekend Greek Cypriot gunfire was aimed for the first time at the 650-man Turkish military contingent on the island. The heaviest firing since March has taken place around St. Hilarion, where Turkish Cypriots hold positions on the Nicosia-Kyrenia road.

Our ambassador in Nicosia thinks Cyprus will continue to evolve into a "Mediterranean Cuba" unless a fundamentally pro-Greek solution can be worked out. Local Communists have expertly exploited Greek Cypriot hysteria over a possible Turkish invasion and have so thoroughly moved in on the nationalist movement that even the staunchly anti-Communist Grivas has had to make at least temporary peace with them.

UN commanders on the island are fed up with Greek Cypriot interference and harassment. They think the UN force should either be withdrawn or heavily reinforced and that the Security Council should consider the matter.

Both the Greeks and the Turks continue to put men and military supplies into the island.

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The Turkish foreign minister told our ambassador that he thinks Turkey should have intervened last June. He says he is now ready to recommend creation of an "international crisis" to demonstrate Turkey's seriousness to the Greeks.

Turkish military officers are reported to be irked by Inonu's handling of the Cyprus question as well as by his failures at home.

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[redacted] they might soon think it necessary to tighten control over the civilian administration.

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2. Congo: The fall of Stanleyville to the rebels seems imminent.

This probably will be followed quickly by the collapse of Bukavu, capital of Kivu-Central, [redacted]

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If the rebels take over in this area, they might declare an independent state under leftist Gaston Soumialot. Last month when the rebels moved into Albertville they declared a provisional government.

In Katanga, government troop reinforcements were sent to Kamina and are apparently holding the city. New fighting has broken out in the last few days in Kwilu Province [redacted]

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Tshombé, who calls his National Army "worthless," has asked the US for money, arms, and vehicles for his Katangan gendarmes. He claims that with such aid he could put down the rebellions in two months. Tshombé has not yet committed white mercenaries, but he may do so soon. Two planeloads are expected shortly from South Africa.

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3. South Vietnam: The Viet Cong drive has been marked by four battalion and company size attacks in the last five days.

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alleged coup plotting against Khanh. [REDACTED]

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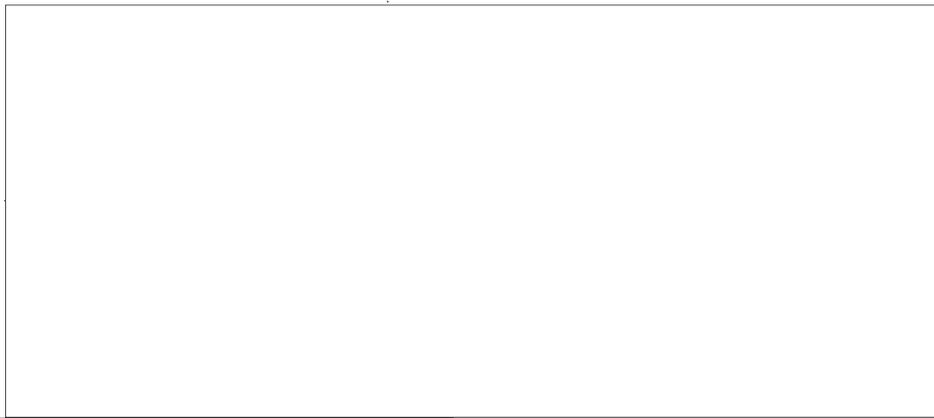
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4. North Vietnam: Hanoi apparently has at least a limited capacity for airborne reaction to intruder aircraft.

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5. Laos: Operation Triangle's success has put political and military leaders in a state of euphoria.

Souvanna realizes, however, that the enemy still must be sought out and destroyed. He can probably be counted on to stay calm in the face of military "cockiness."



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the Soviets are not prepared to take any position on the Laos question because of their problems with Peiping. The new Soviet chargé in Vientiane told our ambassador that perhaps nothing could be resolved on the Lao-tian issue until after the US elections.

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6. North Vietnam - US: [redacted] the attacks on the Maddox on Sunday and again on Tuesday were planned and directed by Vietnamese naval authorities ashore. Both attacks took place well outside of Vietnamese territorial waters.

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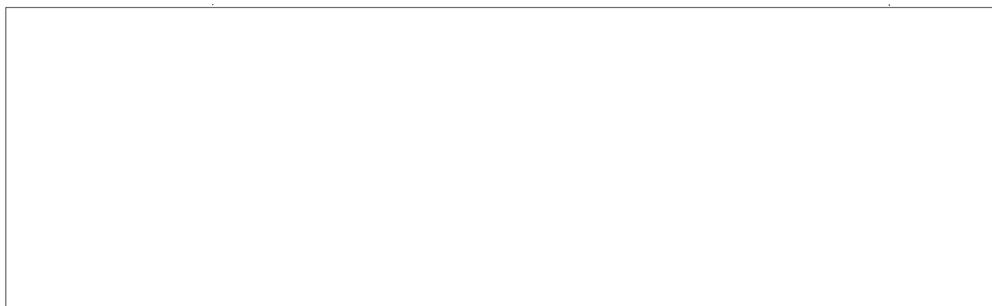
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8. North Korea - Indonesia: Kim Il-sung is going to head a large delegation to Djakarta for Indonesia's independence celebrations on 17 August. It will be Kim's first trip outside the bloc and will probably be billed as evidence that Pyongyang's growing stature on the international scene merits wider diplomatic recognition. Indonesian - North Korean diplomatic relations were established earlier this year.

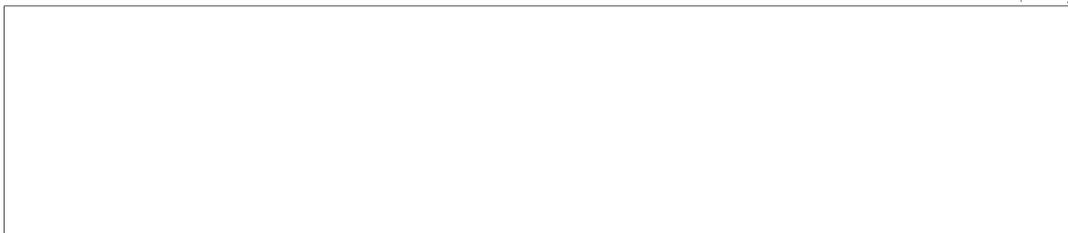
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9. USSR: The Soviets, as we expected, have announced that they will conduct a series of missile firings to the Pacific between now and the end of the year.



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11. Cuba: Havana may be in for some trouble in its foreign earnings from sugar sales next year.



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 Cuba will get only 3.8 cents a pound for sugar sold to Morocco in 1965. It got over 10 cents this year. The decline apparently is a reflection of slippage in the world sugar price (4.4 cents last week).

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This year Cuba sold Morocco 250,000 tons and earned \$55 million. It now stands to sell only 190,000 tons in 1965 with \$16 million earned.

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12. India: The food crisis probably will get worse before it starts to improve.

New Delhi's measures of the past few weeks to build up basic grain stocks and improve distribution will not take effect before late August.

The year's major rice crop will start to come into rural markets at about the same time and into urban markets a bit later.

In the meantime, protest demonstrations and food riots may spread, but the government will probably be able to control them.

13. France:

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14. Tanganyika - Communist China: President Nyerere has now confirmed earlier indications that Tanganyika has been negotiating with Peiping for military help. The details, he says, have not been worked out, but arrangements have been made for an 11-man Chinese military mission to come to Tanganyika for six months. Soviet equipment and advisers from Zanzibar will serve in another part of Tanganyika for the same period.

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