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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--8 AUGUST 1964

1. NORTH VIETNAM - CHINA:

A. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWED SIX CHINESE COMMUNIST MIG-15S OR MIG-17S AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD NEAR HANOI ON 7 AUGUST.

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D. TYPHOON IDA, NOW EXPECTED TO HIT THE CHINA COAST NORTH OF HAINAN ON 9 AUGUST, WILL PROBABLY HAMPER NAVAL AND AIR OPERATIONS IN THE GULF OF TONKIN OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

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F. CHINESE COMMUNIST AND NORTH VIETNAMESE PROPAGANDA STATEMENTS HAVE STILL FAILED TO THREATEN SPECIFIC COUNTER-ACTIONS TO US MOVES.

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G. BOTH PEIPING AND HANOI HAVE INDICATED A CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR THE GENEVA PEACEKEEPING MACHINERY OVER THAT OF THE UN. PEIPING STATED ON 8 AUGUST THAT THE UN IS NOT COMPETENT TO DEAL WITH INDOCHINA, AND HANOI HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO THE UN INVITATION.

H. PROPAGANDA FROM BOTH HANOI AND PEIPING SUGGESTS THEIR FEELING THAT SOVIET BACKING HAS BEEN LESS THAN ADEQUATE.

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2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. ON 7 AUGUST, THE VIET CONG BROADCAST A STATEMENT "ADDRESSED" TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HIGH COMMAND IN EFFECT PROMISING TO STEP UP ITS ATTACKS.

B. SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT INTENSIFICATION OF VIET CONG ACTIVITY--ALREADY AT AN UNPRECEDENTED RATE DURING JULY. SOUTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, FEAR SOME SPECTACULAR ACTION.

3. CONGO:

A. THE MILITARY SITUATION REMAINS SERIOUS, ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMED THE RECAPTURE OF SEVERAL TOWNS IN NORTH KATANGA, INCLUDING BADOUVILLE.

B. TSHOMBE'S 3,000 GENDARMES CAMPED IN ANGOLA ARE APPARENTLY BEING READIED FOR MOVEMENT BACK TO KATANGA [REDACTED]

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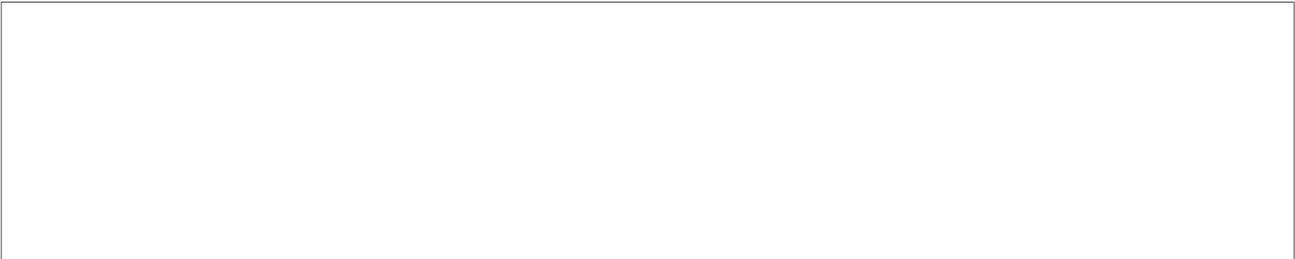
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C. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SPAAK SAID THURSDAY THAT THERE WAS "NO HOPE" FOR EITHER ENCADREMENT OR DIRECT INTERVENTION BY BELGIAN FORCES AND THAT UNTIL BRUSSELS HAD SOME CLEAR INDICATION OF TSHOMBE'S PLANS IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS IT WOULD LIKE IN GIVING ANY MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

D. YESTERDAY, HE WAS MORE FORTHCOMING, AGREEING TO SEND RIFLES AND AMMUNITION AND MORE ADVISERS AND TO TALK TO THE BRITISH, GERMAN, FRENCH, AND ITALIAN AMBASSADORS ABOUT SOME POSSIBLE WESTERN PEACEKEEPING FORCE.

E. SPAAK, AND BELGIAN BUSINESSMEN, HAD BEEN BEGINNING TO RATIONALIZE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING ALONG WITH THE CONGOLESE REBELS SHOULD THEY EFFECT A TAKEOVER.

F. THE US CONSUL IN STANLEYVILLE IS APPARENTLY CLOSELY MONITORED BY THE REBELS AND EFFORTS TO ARRANGE EVACUATION THROUGH REBELS THERE HAVE NOT SO FAR SUCCEEDED. FURTHER EFFORTS ARE TO BE MADE WITH REBEL LEADERS ELSEWHERE IN THE CONGO.



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4. INDONESIA-MALAYSIA:

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5. CYPRUS:

A. TURKISH MILITARY INTERVENTION APPEARS TO HAVE AGAIN BEEN AVERTED.

B. ANKARA WAS CONCERNED OVER THE FATE OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN THE KOKKINA-MANSOURA AREA ON THE NORTHWEST COAST WHO WERE INVOLVED IN HEAVY CLASHES YESTERDAY.

C. HOWEVER, A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED LAST NIGHT THAT GREEK CYPRIOT FORCES WITHDRAW FROM AROUND MANSOURA AND THAT UN FORCES OCCUPY POSITIONS VACATED BY GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

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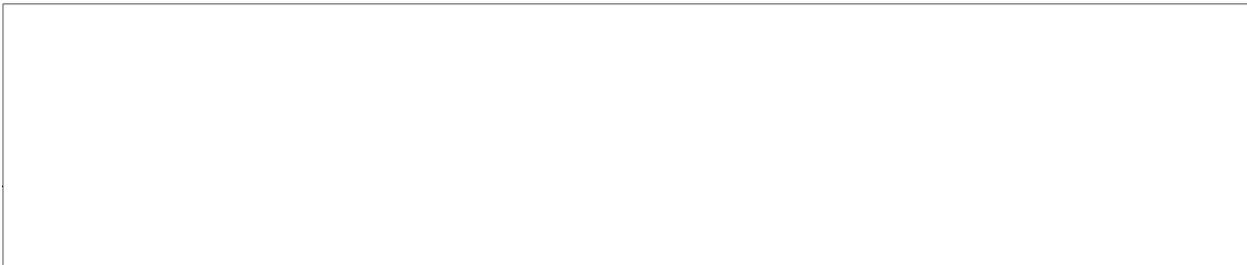


D. TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER ERKIN ACCEPTED THIS PROVIDED MANSOURA WAS NOT ALREADY UNDER GREEK CYPRIOT CONTROL. A TURKISH CABINET MEETING AT 0200 EDT TODAY WAS TO MAKE THE FINAL DECISION.

E. AS OF 0830 EDT WE HAD NOT RECEIVED OFFICIAL REPORTING ON THE CABINET MEETING.

F. THE TURKISH COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE MEETING, HOWEVER, LEVIES VERY SERIOUS CHANGES AGAINST GREECE AND THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT. IT ALSO REPORTS DECISIONS FOR A "FULL" DEFENSIVE ALERT AND FOR "CONSTANT" AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OVER CYPRUS.

G. YESTERDAY, FOUR TURKISH JET FIGHTERS MADE A DEMONSTRATION OVER KOKKINA AND THE PORT OF POLIS TO THE WEST. THEY MAY HAVE FIRED, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS AIMED FIRE.



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I. GREEK FORCES HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTED AS ALERTED, WITH NAVAL UNITS DISPATCHED TO PATROL NEAR CYPRUS.

J. THE MILITARY SITUATION REMAINS CONFUSED THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND AND NEW FIRING HAS BEEN REPORTED THIS MORNING.



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K. THIS INCLUDES FIGHTING IN THE KOKKINA-MANSOURA AREA.
UN, GREEK AND TURKISH REPRESENTATIVES ARE TRYING TO LIMIT
THIS AND NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT ON THE SPOT.

L. IF THEY FAIL, THE INTERVENTION ISSUE COULD AGAIN
ARISE.

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