

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

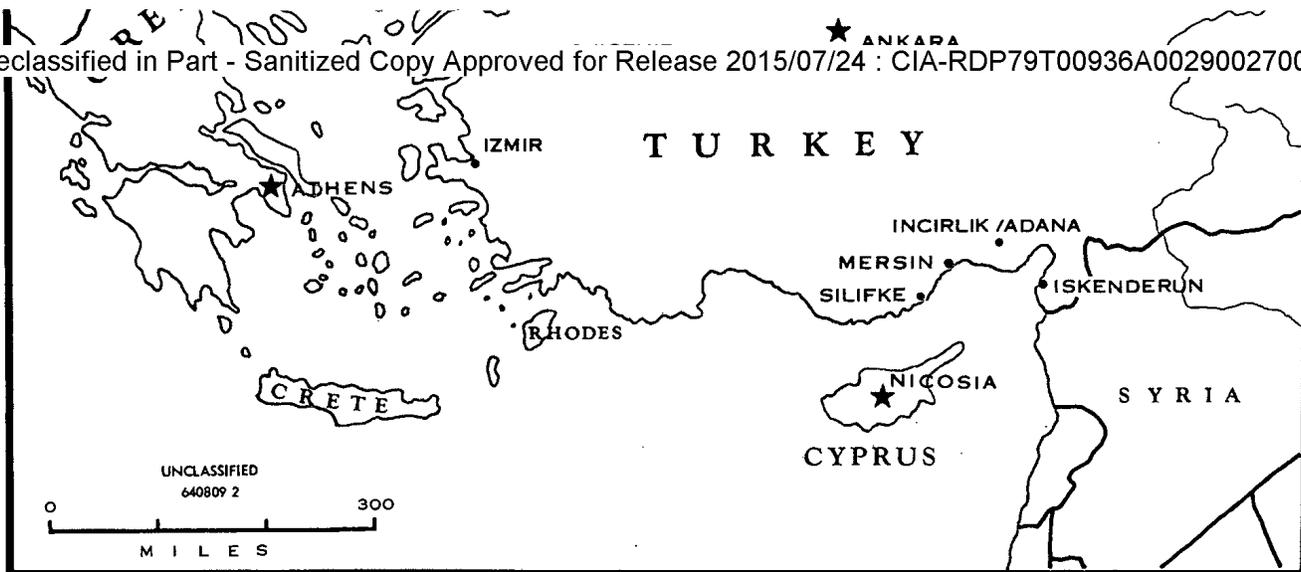
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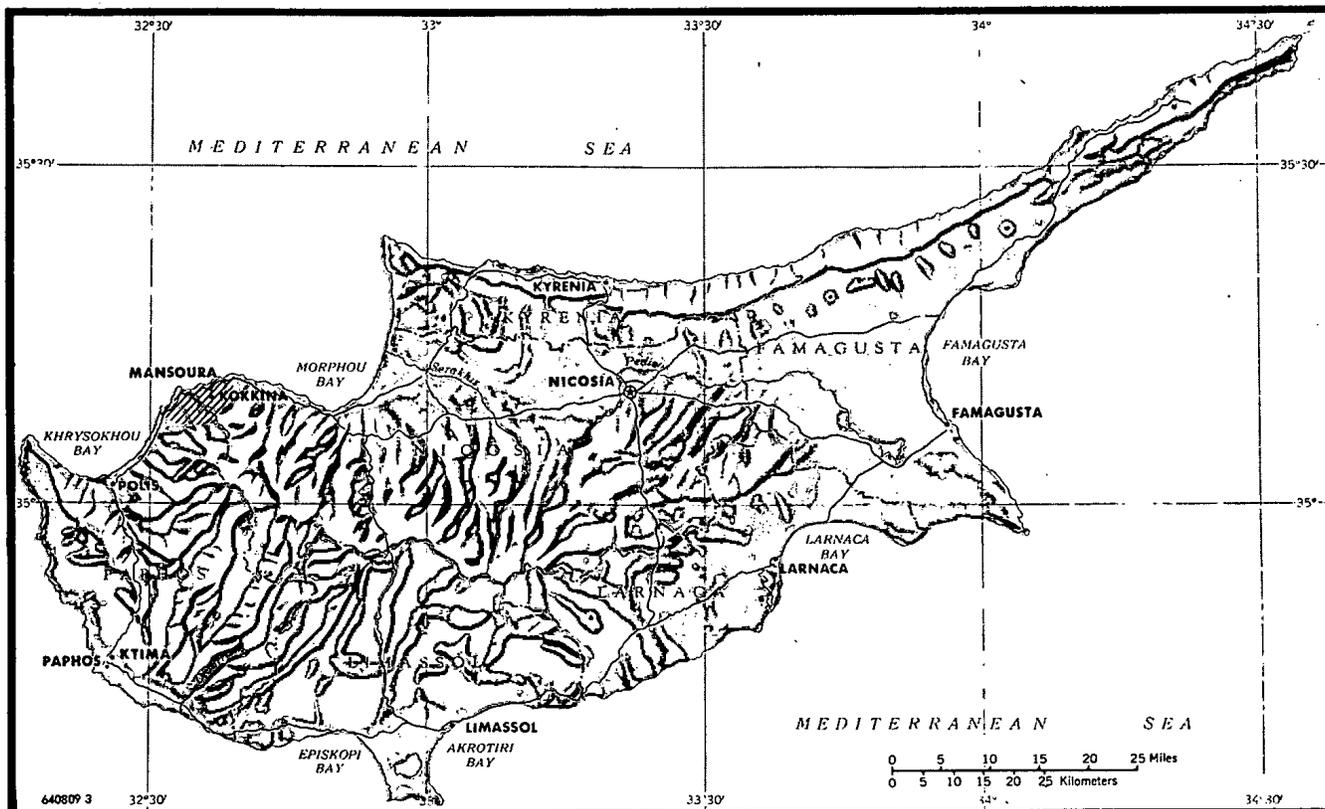
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1. Cyprus (as available to CIA at 0830 EDT)

a. The tenuous cease-fire arranged between Ankara and Nicosia last night remains most fragile.

b. Gunfire is continuing in the Kokkina and Nicosia areas.

c. Athens claims that two Turkish aircraft strafed Polis this morning.

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g. So far, Greek military reaction has been limited to the fly-over [redacted] yesterday. But Athens insists it must intervene if Turkish troops land in strength.

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h. Turkish staff officers reportedly have said Greek intervention would mean war. Both Greek and Turkish forces in Thrace are on the alert and [redacted] [redacted] villages on both sides of the border have been evacuated.

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i. Athens, seeking a way out, is insisting that Makarios enforce the cease-fire.

j. So far, the only Soviet response to Makarios' request for military assistance has been Khrushchev's expression of "sympathy" and his call to the Turks to stop military operations.

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1. In the event of major Turkish landings we can expect Soviet propaganda blasts and even designedly ominous military activities--as in past Middle Eastern crises.



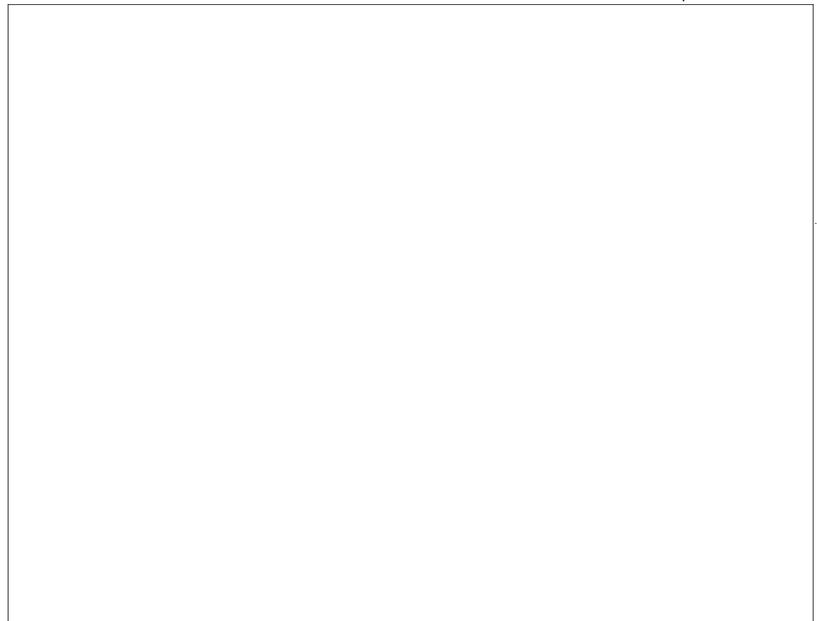
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2. China - North
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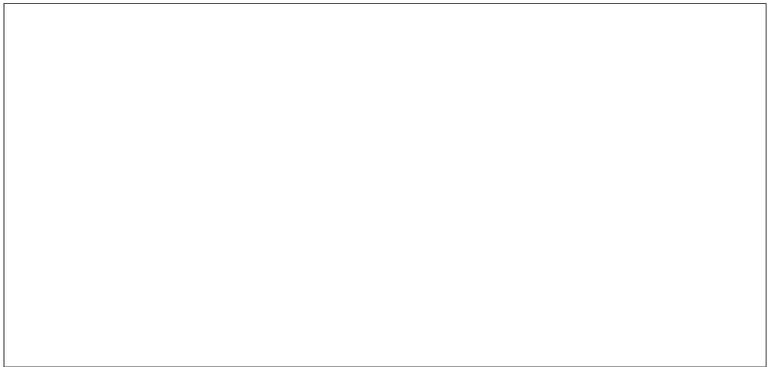
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c. Peiping, in its statements, is now stressing its "right" to assist Hanoi "in every possible form." A central committee member warned at a rally yesterday of China's determination "by practical deeds to volunteer aid." This could be a buildup to acknowledgment of what has already been sent-- or it could mean more is coming.

d. While the North Vietnamese have not yet rejected the UN's invitation to appear, yesterday Hanoi formally rejected the competence of the Security Council to consider the situation.

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g. According to a press report from Hong Kong, a Communist paper has published a picture of the I.D. card of Lt. Alvarez, one of the downed pilots, and allegedly now a prisoner.



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3. Congo

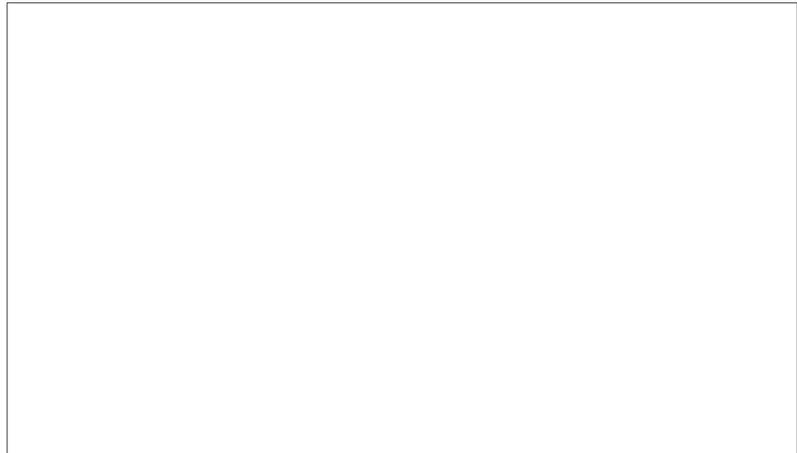
a. There are new signs of rebel preparations to attack Bukavu.

b. The US consul in Stanleyville has now been able to report on the rebel takeover and its aftermath. A relatively uncertain situation prevails, particularly for Europeans.

c. He sees indications that rebels in Stanleyville intend to join in a "national takeover" rather than form a separate state.

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d. He is unable to leave the city now but hopes that, by the time an operation could be mounted to get him out, the situation might stabilize enough to permit him to stay. He is meeting today with rebel leaders over the UN evacuation proposal.



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g. Tshombé, disturbed by unrest in Leopoldville, wants a show of force over the city. US officials there are wondering about jets from the Enterprise.

4. Laos

a. The three factions have agreed to talk among themselves in Paris, possibly beginning 24 August, preparatory to a Geneva conference.

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b. Observers in Vientiane see signs that Souvanna will give way on his demand for prior withdrawal of the Pathet Lao from the Plaine des Jarres as a precondition for an international conference.

c. On the ground, skirmishing goes on. Government forces continue mop-up operations southwest of Ban Thieng on Route 13.

d. On Friday, however, discouraged by heavily mined approaches and reports of enemy reinforcements, they withdrew from several advanced positions occupied during their attack toward Phou Kout.

5. Haiti

a. President Duvalier's troops are still chasing some 35 exiles who landed on Thursday-- members of a non-Communist exile group headquartered in New York.

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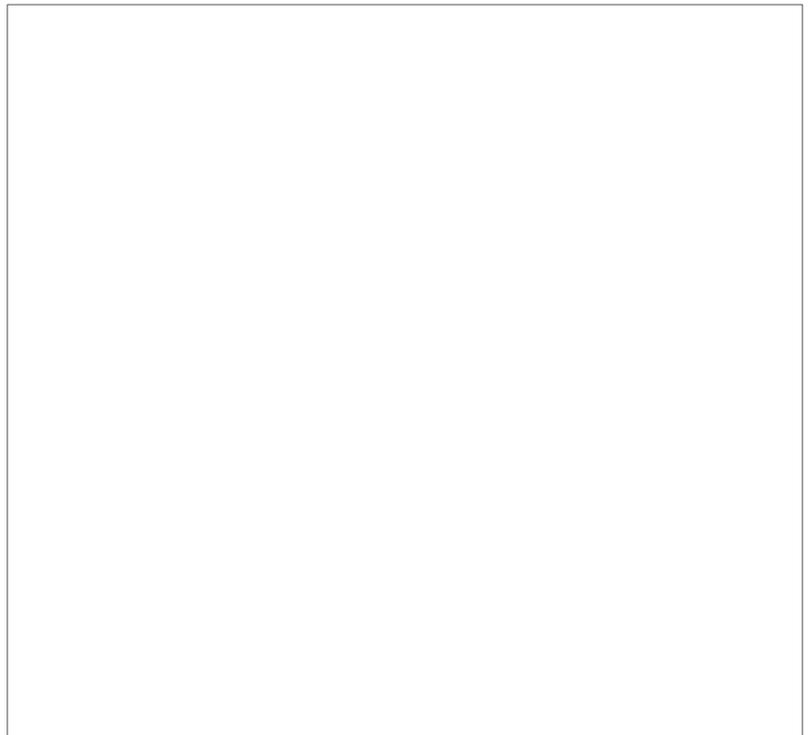
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6. Israel-Syria

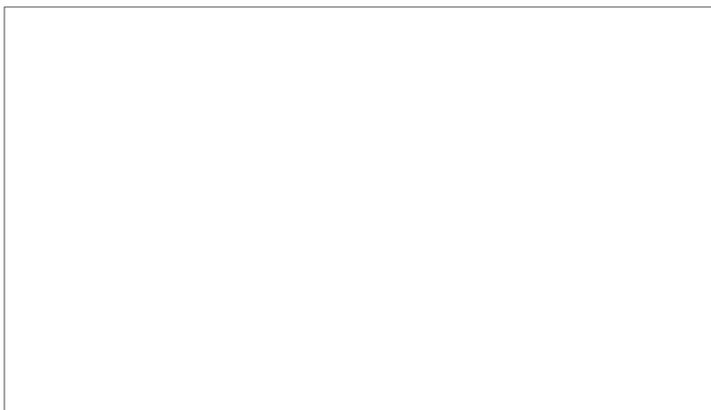
a. Border shooting incidents are back again.

b. The Israelis are concerned about control of the border area now that their pumping station for diverting Jordan water is operating. They are patrolling into the DMZ, and Syrian troops are responding vigorously, most recently on 6 August.

7. Egypt - Yemen -
Saudi Arabia



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8. USSR-China

a. The war of words is stepping up into one of electronics.

b. Since 30 July, the day Moscow released the text of a particularly abusive letter from Peiping, the Soviets have been jamming--effectively--all Chinese broadcasts in Russian to the European area.



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NOTES

- A. Indonesia - North Vietnam Our embassy is beginning to credit reports that Djakarta is contemplating recognition of North Vietnam-- possibly as part of the 17 August independence celebration.
- B. Ghana-USSR [] small Soviet patrol gunboats, complete with instructors, have been delivered to the Ghana Navy. More are expected. []
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- C. Chile-Cuba A senior Chilean functionary, described by Ambassador Cole as "perhaps the most influential person in the foreign office," feels that President Alessandri may yet decide to break with Cuba before the 4 September elections.

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