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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--29 AUGUST 1964

1. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. JOCKEYING FOR POWER CONTINUES AMONG THE LEADERSHIP.

B. EARLY THIS MORNING, CIVILIAN VICE PREMIER NGUYEN XUAN OANH--WHO HAS STUDIED AND TAUGHT IN THE US--WAS TAGGED AS ACTING PREMIER, TO HEAD A CARETAKER GOVERNMENT FOR TWO MONTHS.

C. THIS PARTIALLY ACCORDS WITH THE LINE GENERAL KHANH WAS TAKING WITH AMBASSADOR TAYLOR YESTERDAY--THAT HE WOULD STAY ON AS PREMIER BUT WOULD TAKE A "SHORT" LEAVE AND LET OANH SIGN PAPERS DURING THIS PERIOD. YESTERDAY, AMBASSADOR TAYLOR DESCRIBED KHANH AS "OBVIOUSLY AT THE POINT OF PHYSICAL EXHAUSTION."

D. EARLIER, KHANH HAD ALSO SAID HE HOPED TO BE NAMED PRESIDENT BY A "COMMITTEE OF UNITY" COMPOSED OF VARIOUS NOTABLES--AND FORMATION OF SUCH A COMMITTEE WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY. HOWEVER, GENERAL MINH WOULD PREFER TO SEE HIMSELF AS CHIEF OF STATE WITH KHANH AS PREMIER.

E. THERE HAS BEEN NO NEW VIOLENCE REPORTED FROM THE NORTHERN CITIES AND BY EARLY MORNING TODAY (SAIGON TIME) SECURITY ELEMENTS WERE MOVING TO RESTORE ORDER IN SAIGON.

F. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO NOTABLE STEPUP IN VIET CONG ACTIVITY TO EXPLOIT THE CRISIS.

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G. DURING PAST CRISES, HOWEVER, INTENSIFIED VIET CONG
ACTIVITY HAS NOT BEEN IMMEDIATELY APPARENT

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THERE

ARE REPORTS THAT THE VIET CONG HAVE CONCENTRATED TWO OR THREE
BATTALIONS IN HAU NGHIA PROVINCE, JUST WEST OF SAIGON.

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2. COMMUNIST CHINA - VIETNAM:

A. THE CHINESE MAY BE PLANNING TO STRENGTHEN THEIR
NAVAL CAPABILITY IN THE GULF OF TONKIN AREA.

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3. CYPRUS:

A. ROTATION OF TURKISH TROOPS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY REMAINS THE PRIMARY PRESENT ISSUE, WITH PRECISE TURKISH INTENTIONS STILL A QUESTION RAISING TENSIONS ON THE ISLAND. THE TURKISH EMBASSY CHARGE IN NICOSIA HAS BEEN QUOTED AS SAYING THAT UNARMED TROOPS WOULD BE LANDED; IF BLOCKED, THEY WOULD WITHDRAW AND FORCE WOULD THEN BE USED.

B. GREEK CYPRIOTS CONTINUE TO SQUEEZE THE SMALL TURKISH BRIDGEHEAD IN NORTHWEST CYPRUS, ALTHOUGH FIGHTING HAS NOT YET ERUPTED. THREE GREEK RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT OVERFLEW THE COASTAL ROAD WEST OF KYRENIA YESTERDAY, BUT NO TURKISH FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FOR FIVE DAYS.

C. IN ANKARA, ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN SWELLING. CONCEIVABLY THEY COULD SERVE AS A CATALYST FOR SOME MOVE TO OUST INONU.

D. AN INFLUENTIAL TURKISH NEWSPAPER CLAIMED YESTERDAY THAT UNLESS TURKISH DEMANDS REGARDING THE "CYPRUS PLAN" WERE MET, TURKEY "WILL CHOOSE A NEW WAY"--AN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY AND REMOVAL OF SOME AMERICAN PRIVILEGES.

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4. CONGO:

A. REBEL OPERATIONS IN THE NORTH AND THE EAST ARE STILL EXPANDING.

B. LEOPOLDVILLE CLAIMS THAT ALBERTVILLE HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THE REBELS, BUT [REDACTED] THE MAIN MERCENARY FORCE IS STILL A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE AWAY.

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C. THE BELGIANS, WHO CONSIDER SOME GOVERNMENT MILITARY SUCCESS A PREREQUISITE TO ANY POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, ARE GIVING PRIORITY TO THEIR PLAN CALLING FOR THE FORMATION OF SIX NEW "COLUMNS" COMBINING CONGO ARMY, KATANGA GENDARME AND MERCENARY PERSONNEL [REDACTED]

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D. MEANWHILE, THE BELGIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN LEOPOLDVILLE SAYS THAT KATANGAN GENDARMES STILL IN ANGOLA ARE TO BE BROUGHT BACK "SOON" TO STIFFEN KATANGA POLICE FORCES.

E. AN OAU SESSION ON THE CONGO NOW SEEMS ON FOR ABOUT 5 SEPTEMBER. TSHOMBE INDICATES HIS INTENTION TO ATTEND. SO FAR THERE APPEARS TO BE NO CONSENSUS ON THE FORM OF OAU ACTION, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE INCREASING SIGNS IT WILL INVOLVE "NEGOTIATIONS" BETWEEN THE LEOPOLDVILLE GOVERNMENT AND THE DISSIDENTS.

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F. IN THIS LATTER CONNECTION, GHANA'S NKRUMAH IS STILL MANEUVERING. HE HAS NOW PROPOSED TO CONGOLESE PRESIDENT KASAVUBU THAT A CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT AND REBEL LEADERS BE HELD IN ACCRA, WITH GHANA, NIGERIA, ALGERIA, ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN SITTING IN AS OAU MEDIATORS.



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5. INDONESIA:

A. US OFFICIALS IN SUMATRA HAVE HEARD THAT NEW LEFTIST DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST US RUBBER ESTATES ARE IN THE WIND. THEY ALSO HEAR, HOWEVER, THAT ORDERS HAVE COME FROM DJAKARTA TO "LET THE PEOPLE ACT AGAINST THE BRITISH" BUT TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO AMERICAN PROPERTIES.

B. THE USIS OFFICE IN SURABAYA--ON JAVA--HAS A REPORT THAT IT TOO IS TO BE AN EARLY TARGET.

C. THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN DJAKARTA, ECHOING TOKYO, FULLY EXPECTS JAPAN TO BE NEXT IF INDONESIAN COMMUNISTS ARE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR EFFORTS TO WORSEN US-INDONESIAN RELATIONS.



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6. NOTES:

A. ETHIOPIA: [REDACTED] YOUNG 50X1

OFFICERS--DISGRUNTLED OVER CONDITIONS IN THE SERVICES AND
OVER FAILURE TO FORCE THE ISSUES WITH SOMALIA LAST FEBRUARY
--ARE PLANNING A COUP [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WE THINK THE EMPEROR HAS
PROBABLY ALSO HEARD OF THIS. THE LAST COUP, IN DECEMBER 1960,
FAILED.

B. TANGANYIKA-ZANZIBAR: TANGANYIKAN OFFICIALS ARE GET-
TING NERVOUS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN ZANZIBAR, OVER WHICH THEY
HAVE LITTLE OR NO CONTROL. [REDACTED]

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D. BERLIN: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] US HELICOPTER OVERFLIGHT OF EAST BERLIN THAT THE NEXT

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SUCH OVERFLIGHT WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO THE "MOST SERIOUS
MEASURES," [REDACTED]

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IT WOULD
EITHER BE BUZZED, FORCED DOWN, OR SHOT DOWN. THE LATTER SEEMS
UNLIKELY, BUT WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED BY AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE
ONE DOWN.

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