

# THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. South Vietnam

a. General Khiem, recently relieved as armed forces commander and just back from a week's detention in Dalat, is unburdening himself to US officials.

b. He claims many Vietnamese officers, including Minh, are increasingly dissatisfied with Khanh because of his apparent complaisance toward Buddhist leader Tri Quang. They believe this will lead Khanh down the neutralist path.

c. Khiem said he and other top officers would support Khanh if he turned the premiership over to a "respected civilian" and devoted his full attention to the military. He warned, however, that if the present drift continued, a "radical solution" would have to be considered.

d. Khanh, he also said, is increasingly suspicious of the Americans. This fits with Khanh's earlier remarks to Ambassador Taylor about the Rhade dissension.

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e. The latter, contained for the moment, has still to be dealt with. Tribal leaders, waiting for a response to their demands, are increasingly restive, and are said to be talking of a new outbreak in conjunction with the Viet Cong.

f. Taylor yesterday was trying to work up a meeting between Khanh and the apparent Rhade spokesman, who had disappeared.

## 2. Cyprus

a. Makarios and his government, at least, would appear to expect a Soviet military aid agreement. Minister of Interior Georkatzis told our people Monday of their hopes to avoid taking Soviet technicians along with military equipment "now being negotiated for."

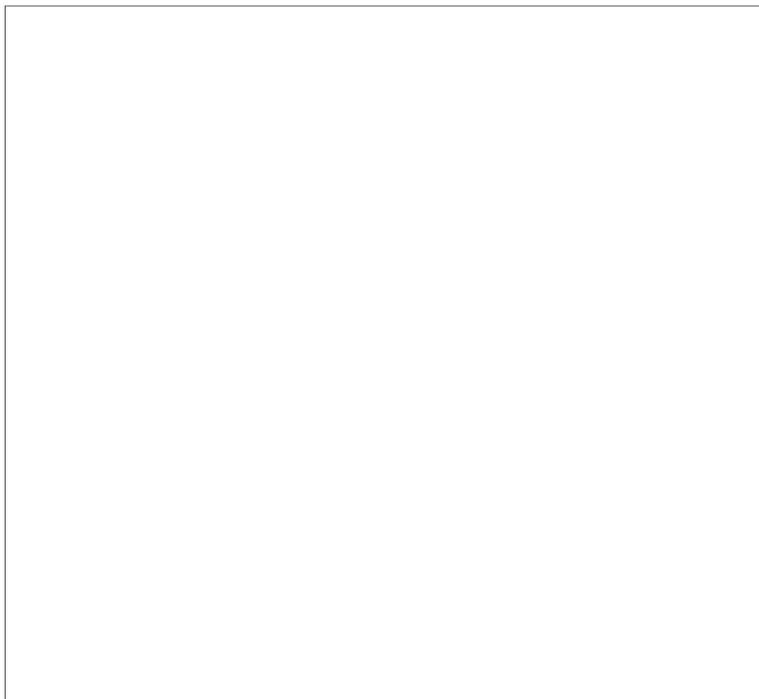
b. Georkatzis also said that the Soviets were delaying meaningful negotiations pending the arrival in Moscow of Cypriot Foreign Minister Kyprianou from New York in order to add political impact to anything arrived at.

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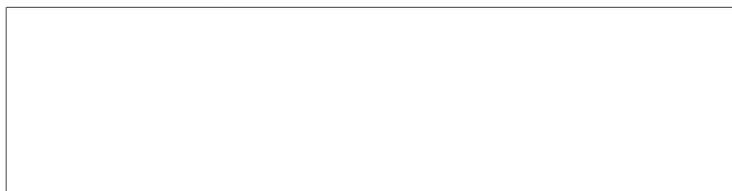
c. We also think the Soviets are stalling, but we are not so sure of the reason. Embassy Moscow has suggested they are trying to divert the Cypriots from military to economic aid.

d. Cypriot Communists and fellow travelers are organizing a "peace march" through British bases for 11 October. The British plan to serve tea to the marchers.

3. Mexico

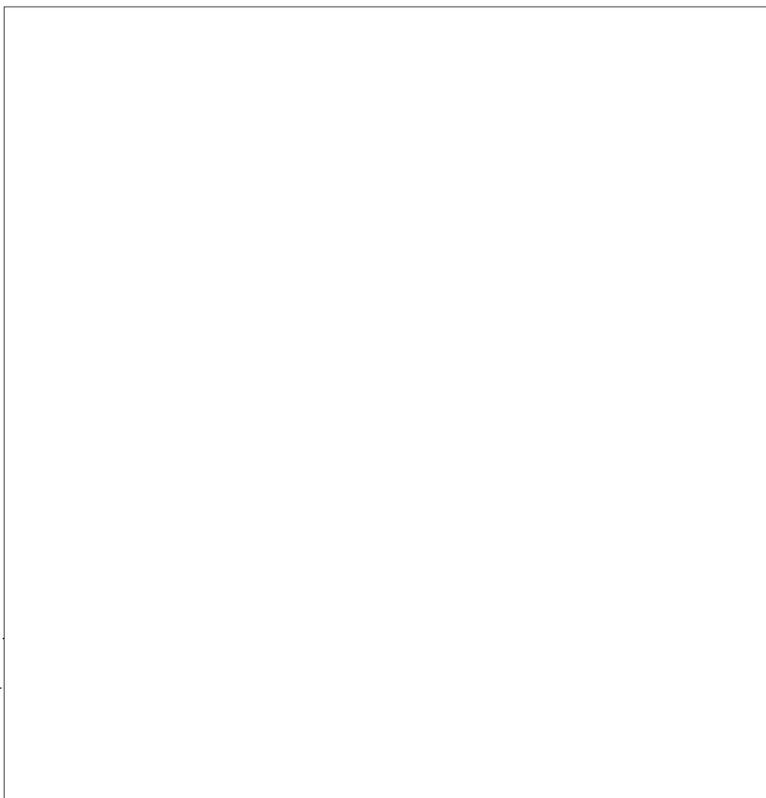


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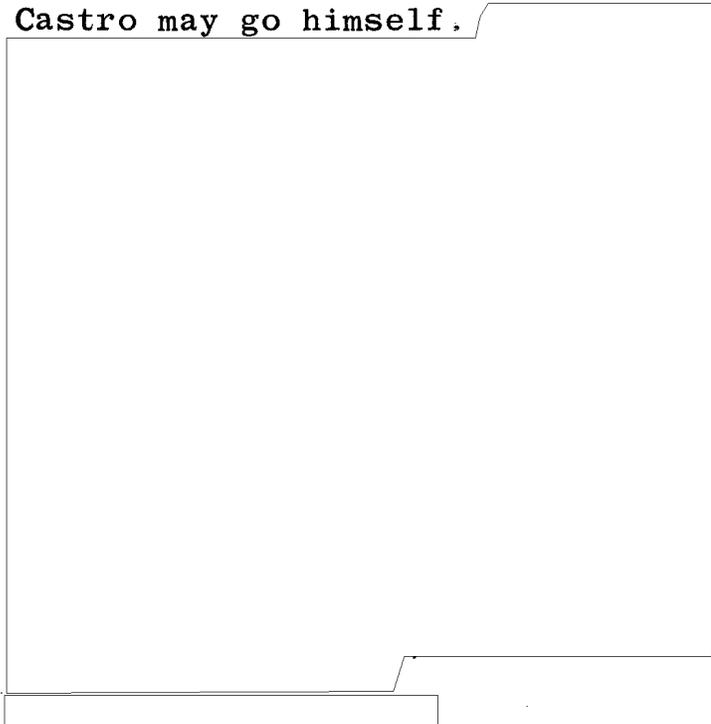


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5. Cuban Roundup

a. The Castro regime sees the early October "nonaligned" conference in Cairo as an opportunity to break out of its isolation from the non-Communist world. Castro may go himself.

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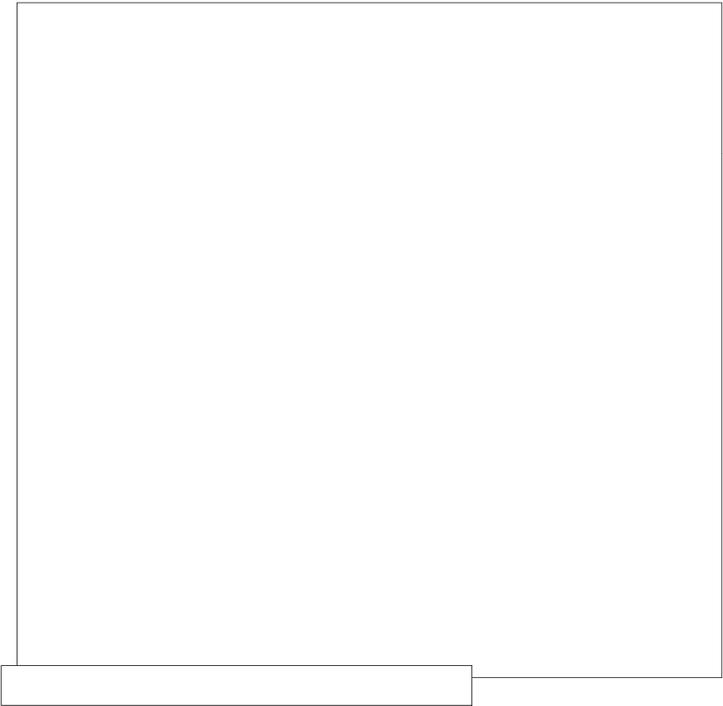


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6. Vietnam-  
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C. Soviet Bloc - Communist China Rumanian Prime Minister Maurer is going to Peiping's 1 October National Day celebrations, but he may be lonely.

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a number of Soviet bloc leaders, including Khrushchev, suggested pointedly they might be "too busy" to attend. Sihanouk, however, is going, probably in search of some strong political guarantees.

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E. Congo [redacted] the OAU committee on the Congo will not visit Stanleyville. They fear both sabotage of their aircraft, [redacted] [redacted] and being shot down or killed by the rebels there.

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F. Israel-Syria The Israelis plan after 28 September to resume cultivation in the Southern Demilitarized Zone (southeast of Lake Tiberias) up to a UN de facto line still not agreed upon between Israel and Syria. [redacted]

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G. Ethiopia [redacted] the officers planning a coup against Haile Selassie are getting desperate as security forces close in on them. [redacted]

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[redacted] We think their chances are poor.

H. USSR The grain harvest now looks to reach 120-125 million tons [redacted]

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I. USSR A satellite was launched from Tyuratam at 0800 EDT today. We do not yet know its mission but it is not the manned one we have been expecting. [redacted]

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