

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Bolivia

a. A government of sorts, under General Barrientos, is slowly emerging out of what Ambassador Henderson describes as the "almost paralyzing confusion" of the past few days.

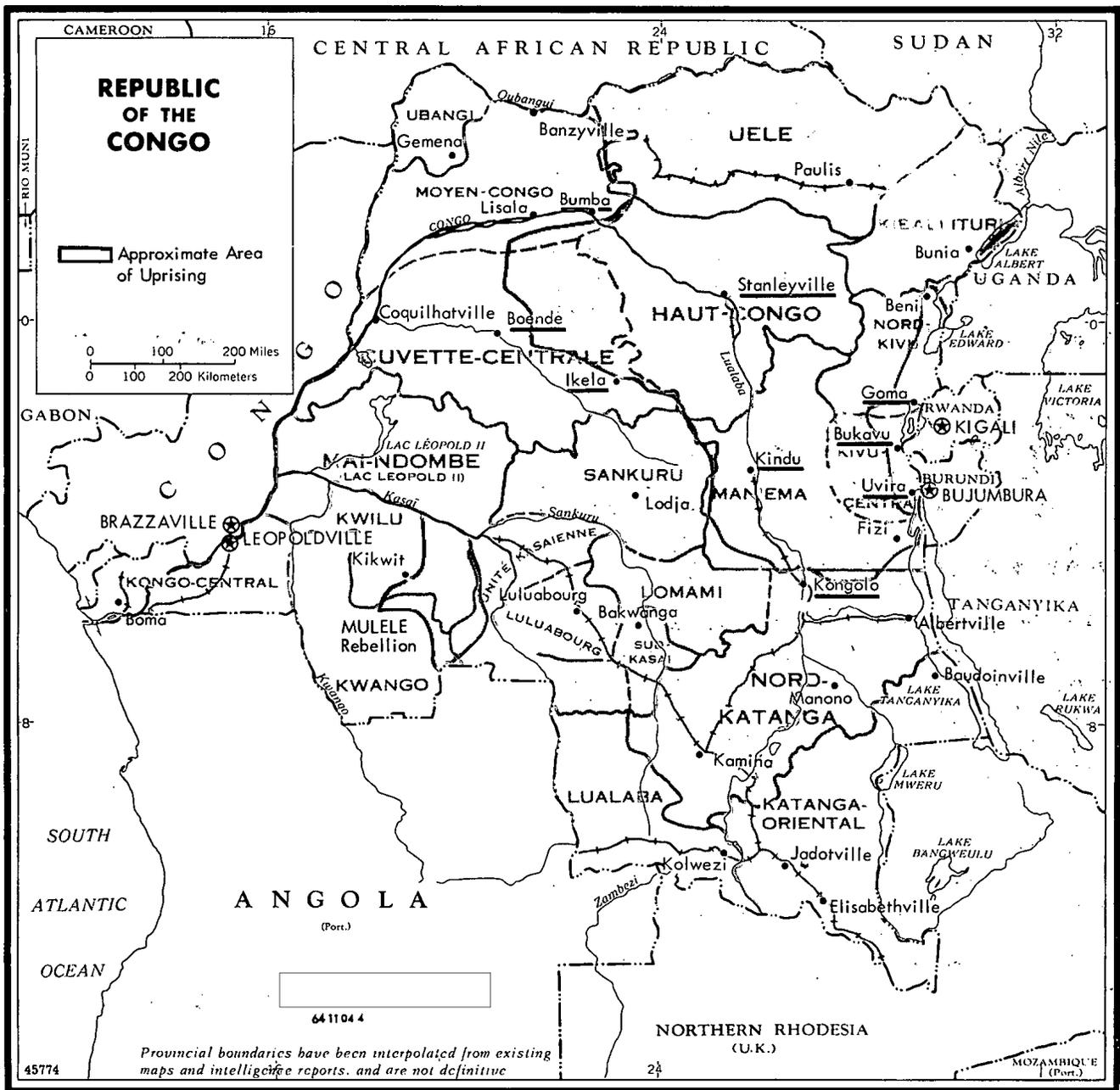
b. As feared, Barrientos has surrounded himself with a number of old cronies, many of whom are immature and unreliable. At least one is a pro-Communist.

c. Like others before him, the general is talking of striking a balance with the Communists until the dust settles and then eliminating them. We doubt that the left wing will be easily dislodged from the gains it has made in the past few weeks.

d. The National Revolutionary Movement, in power since the 1952 revolution, has to all intent and purposes ceased to exist. Instead there is a wide open scramble for position among civilian politicians of all stripes.

e. One of these, the relatively moderate and capable Walter Guevara Arce, considers Juan Lechin his main rival in the scramble.

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## 2. South Vietnam

a. The vultures are circling above Huong's infant government, but Ambassador Taylor says that the new prime minister strikes him as determined not to knuckle under to pressure from the Buddhists or the students.

b. In a talk yesterday with Taylor, Huong dismissed Buddhist complaints as one of their usual power plays. He expects, but does not seem deeply concerned about, further trouble from this quarter.

c. The prime minister assured Taylor that he had instructed the police and military to maintain law and order if, as reported, the students take to the streets for protest demonstrations today.

## 3. Congo

a. Rebel forces in the north-east continue to give ground. Yesterday pro-government units took Ikela.

b. The Vander Walle column, which walked into Kindu Thursday evening after a brief air strike, reported that Europeans in the city were safe. However, the column found dead Europeans in several towns along their march.

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c. In some cases, no other Europeans were about, suggesting that the rebels had taken them along as additional hostages.

d. In this situation, the head of the UN civil effort in the Congo is recommending a thorough review of UN programs there. He feels that Tshombe's use of mercenaries has made him anathema to the rest of Africa, and that this tarnishes the UN.

e. The official has been trying to talk Tshombe out of accepting the "Rothschild Plan" which would put Belgians in key posts. Whether in response to this or not, Tshombe has now told Brussels that he is not entirely satisfied with the scheme.

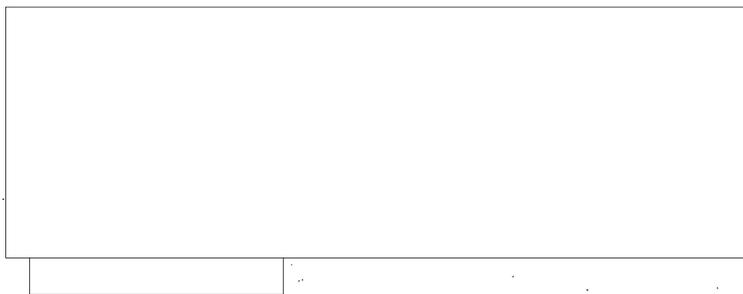
#### 4. Indonesia-Malaysia

a. With Sukarno back in town, the political atmosphere in Djakarta, which showed signs of turbulence in his absence, should calm down.

b. This may not be the case with the Indonesian struggle against Malaysia.



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5. USSR

a. In his anniversary address yesterday Brezhnev tried to appear reasonable toward the Chinese, but the leaders in Peiping, searching the text for signs of Soviet give, are not likely to find any.

b. For example, Brezhnev, re-emphasized Soviet arguments in favor of "peaceful coexistence" and hailed the US elections as proof the Americans are tired of the cold war. Peiping continues to insist that "peaceful coexistence" with the US is simply not possible.

c. His treatment of the Soviet economy, the first extended discussion of the subject since the takeover, contained what seemed to us a relatively realistic and balanced approach to the vexed problem of resources allocation.

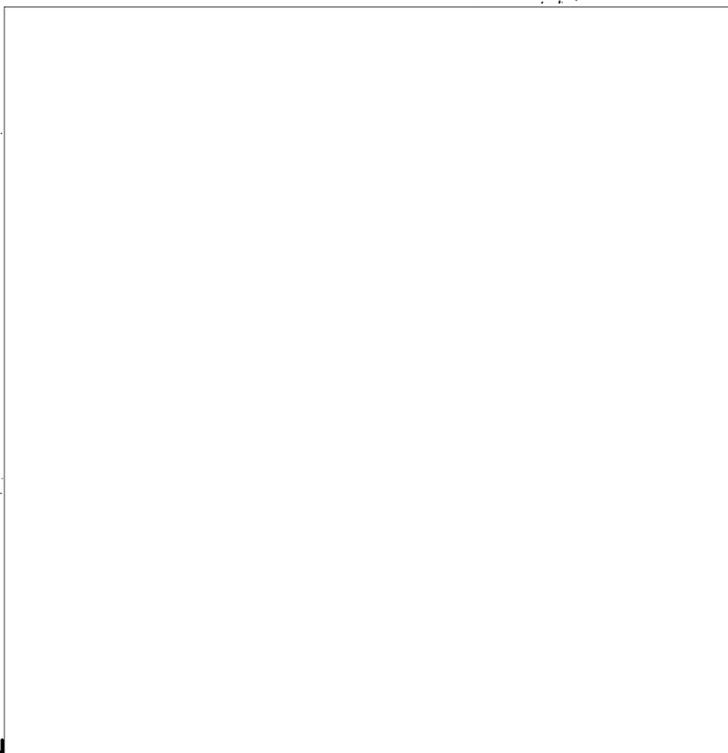
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d. In the course of this discussion, he did second a move taken several days ago by the head of the Ukrainian party, who ordered the restoration of private peasant holdings of land and livestock. This is the first clear reversal of a Khrushchev policy by the new leaders.

e. In the anniversary parade this morning, the Soviets displayed several missiles which they had not shown before. We will have more to say about them when we have had a chance to examine pictures of the parade later today.

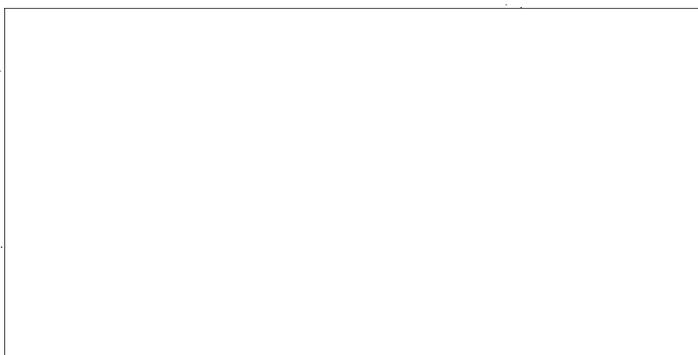
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6. India



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B. Communist China Foreign Minister Chen Yi, contrary to expectations, has returned to China without visiting other African states. He did talk to Nasir in Cairo while en route.



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C. Sudan The new authorities in Khartoum have been making soothing sounds to Ambassador Roundtree, assuring him that they will continue to cooperate with the US and that the Communist menace has been overrated. We are not entirely convinced of this. In any case, the regime has yet to commit itself on test issues, such as the suspended US overflights.

D. Gabon The French apparently do not intend that Mba will return to Libreville in the immediate future. The Quai has despatched a high officer to Gabon for an on-the-spot survey of the situation which will take some 10 days. For his part, Mba has announced that he will spend some time visiting relatives in the south of France before returning to Paris for further talks.

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