

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

ISSUED BY THE
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY



50X1

11 NOVEMBER 1964
~~TOP SECRET~~

26

1. South Vietnam

a. Pressure for changes in the Huong government is still building.

b. The students, apparently undaunted by Huong's warning last weekend that he would take stern measures, are again threatening to demonstrate.

c. They are being encouraged by Buddhist leader Thich Tam Chau, who says he will lead them and demand Huong's ouster if a new cabinet is not appointed within the next few days.

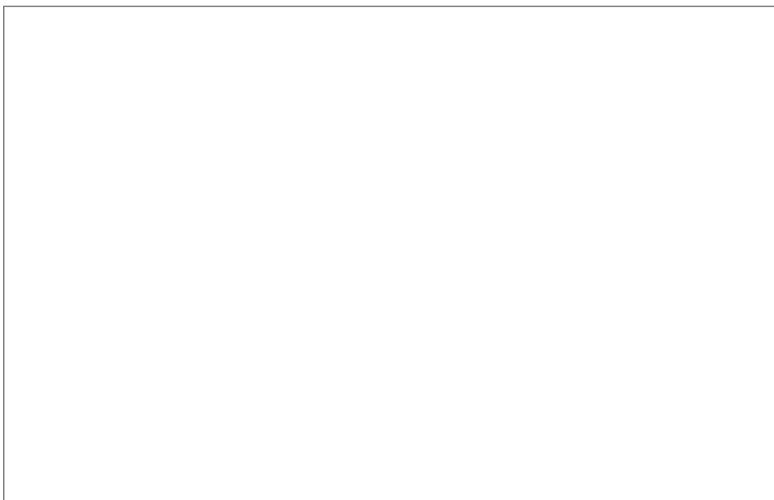
d. General Khanh also was opposed to Huong and would not call out troops in Huong's support unless Chief of State Suu ordered it.

50X1
50X1

e. Huong already has his doubts about Khanh's reliability. He told Ambassador Taylor on Monday that he had detected hesitancy on the part of the military in backing him up last weekend.

(Cont'd)

50X1



2. Congo

a. Government forces and the mercenaries intend to move quickly on Stanleyville, but not as fast as suggested by recent newspaper accounts.

b. Van Der Walle, upon being assured of C-130 transport assistance yesterday, said about half of his forces in Kindu would start moving out today or tomorrow. He would not predict how soon Stanleyville would be taken, saying only that he hoped it would be by the end of November.

(Cont'd)

c. A few mercenaries and Congolese Army troops have already taken Opala, about 100 miles southwest of Stanleyville. [redacted]

50X1
50X1

e. Meanwhile, Tshombé is still taking a hard line against negotiating with the rebel leaders.

3. Israel

a. Prime Minister Eshkol is having serious trouble within his own party, the Mapai.

b. Ben-Gurion, who is keeping his hand in despite his retirement, is [redacted]

50X1
50X1
50X1

[redacted] now disputing an electoral alliance which Eshkol has arranged with another smaller party.

(Cont'd)

c. Last week's resignation from the cabinet by Moshe Dayan, the Sinai war hero and a protégé of Ben-Gurion, may have been part of the anti-Eshkol campaign.

50X1

d. In addition, another faction of the Mapai has split with Eshkol and formed its own independent movement.

e.

[redacted] Mapai party convention at the end of November, [redacted]

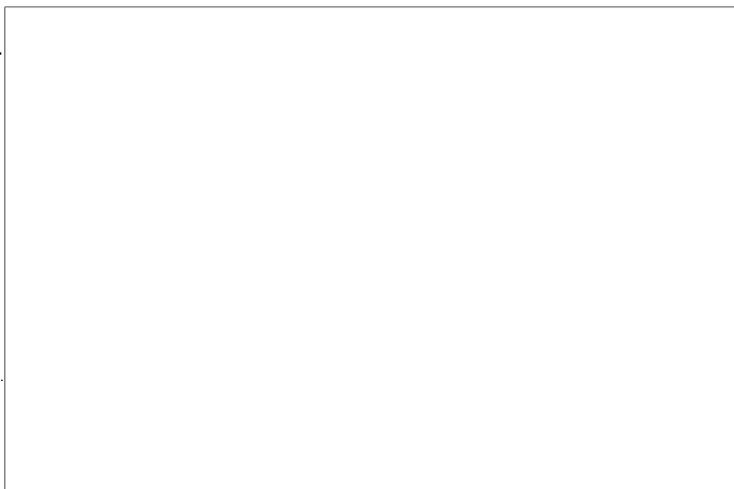
50X1

50X1

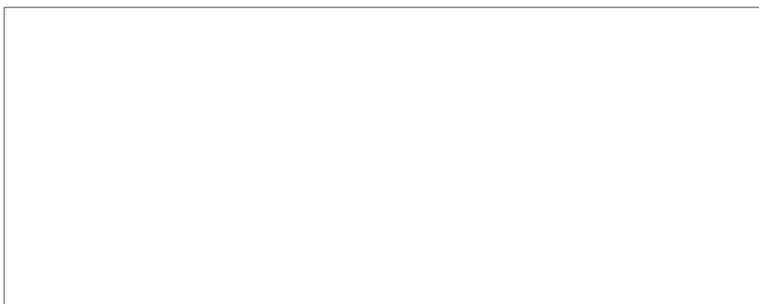
50X1

4. Japan

50X1



50X1



5. UN

a. Four prominent UN ambassadors have suggested a "voluntary rescue operation" to avoid a show-down on Article 19.

b. They have approached the Soviet, French, British, and US delegations with a proposal that all UN members be asked to chip in to ease the UN's financial distress.

c. They hope this will let the USSR and France save face and still pay some of their arrears before 1 December.

d. The group told Ambassador Stevenson that Federenko had been noncommittal when approached, but had promised to ask Moscow's advice.

(Cont'd)

e. In a subsequent talk with Stevenson, Federenko refused to be drawn out on the question. He offered instead his own proposal "to save the UN" by postponing the arrears problem until the 20th session or the end of the upcoming 19th.

NOTES

A. Nationalist China Our embassy on Taipei has received another feeler on the possibility of a US visit by Chiang. A Chinese legislator told an embassy officer yesterday that Chiang would be pleased to come, perhaps using the inauguration of President Johnson as an excuse, but did not want to raise the question himself for fear of a rebuff. The embassy comments that although the source is not close to Chiang, the approach suggests the idea is being increasingly discussed.

B. Indonesia-Portugal [redacted] Sukarno may be considering an aggressive move against Portuguese Timor. [redacted]

50X1
50X1

50X1
50X1

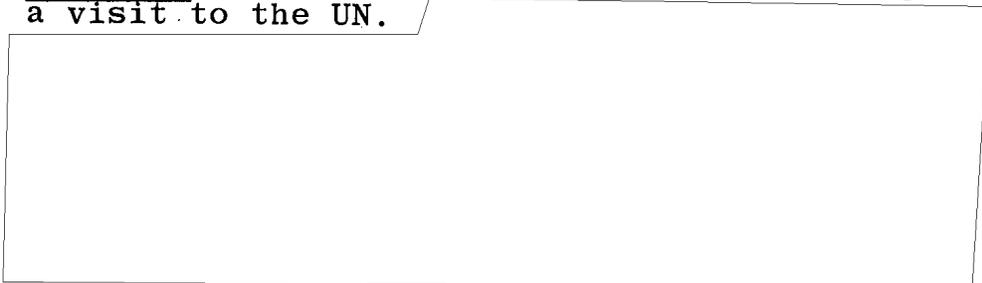
50X1
50X1

C. India There was food rioting in Kerala State again yesterday. Shastri's rationing scheme has been rejected as unworkable by the chief ministers of nearly all the Indian states, and its initiation has not helped the situation in Kerala, where New Delhi exercises direct rule. The government is still looking for a long-term solution in the hope, thus far unfulfilled, that the present grain harvest will ease the situation.

(Cont'd)

D. USSR-Algeria Two KOMAR class guided missile boats were delivered to Algeria on 10 November. Last month the Algerians received four motor torpedo boats. Both deliveries come under the 1963 Soviet-Algerian arms agreement.

E. Congo-UN Tshombé is apparently considering a visit to the UN.



50X1