

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--24 SEPTEMBER 1962

1. LAOS:

A. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND PATHET LAO HAVE PULLED THEIR JOINT HEADQUARTERS OUT OF KHANG KHAY.

B. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM AN ANALYSIS [REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED] THAT PART OF IT WAS MOVED IN EARLY AUGUST TO THE SAM NEUA AREA (A CENTER OF PATHET LAO STRENGTH) PRESUMABLY AS PART OF THE REGROUPMENT OF COMMUNIST ELEMENTS INTO THE MORE INACCESSIBLE AREAS OF NORTHEAST LAOS. THE OTHER HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT HAS BEEN SET UP IN NORTH VIETNAM NEAR HANOI. [REDACTED] 50X1

C. [REDACTED] SOUVANNA LAID IT ON THE LINE TO SOU- 50X1 PHANNOUVONG LAST WEEK JUST BEFORE THE LATTER LEFT FOR PEIPING 50X1 AND MOSCOW TO GET HIS "BARACHE" FIXED. NOT ONLY DOES HE WANT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS AND NORTH VIETNAMESE OUT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BY 8 OCTOBER, BUT HE WANTS THE SAME 50X1 FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO AREAS CONTROLLED BY SOUPHANNOUVONG AS 50X1 PHOUMI HAS GIVEN HIM. OTHERWISE, SOUVANNA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL RESIGN ON THAT DATE AND LEAVE LAOS PERMANENTLY. 50X1

D. SOUVANNA MAY HAVE MEANT THIS, AND CERTAINLY MEANT IT AS A THREAT, BUT WE ARE NOT CONFIDENT THAT SOUPHANNOUVONG WILL THINK IT MUCH OF A THREAT. 50X1

E. [REDACTED] RUMORS THAT PHOUMI IS PLANNING A COUP. [REDACTED] 50X1

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2. ARGENTINA:

A. ARGENTINA'S LATEST MILITARY-INDUCED CRISIS HAS ENDED LIKE THE MANY BEFORE IT IN RECENT MONTHS--WITH THE BASIC ISSUES STILL TO BE SETTLED IN THE POLITICAL ARENA.

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B. GUIDO, STILL THE PAWN IN THE MIDDLE, WILL HAVE TO BALANCE THINGS CAREFULLY, AND ANY SCISSORS AND PASTE ARRANGEMENT HE COMES UP WITH IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS CAN EASILY COME UNSTUCK. IN A SHORT STATEMENT YESTERDAY, HE PROMISED EARLY ELECTIONS, ADDING, ENIGMATICALLY, THAT ALL SECTORS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE "IF THEY ADHERE TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES."

3. CONGO:

A. AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE CONFIRMS THE PRESENCE OF FIVE HARVARD (T-6) AIRCRAFT IN KATANGA. THIS US-MADE, CONVENTIONAL, SINGLE-ENGINE, TWO-PLACE TRAINER, WHICH IS USED BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE FOR GROUND ATTACK, GIVES THE KATANGESE THEIR FIRST REAL, ALBEIT LIMITED, COMBAT SUPPORT CAPABILITY. AT THE MOMENT THEY ARE BEING PAINTED IN CAMOUFLAGE.

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B. NO NEW MOVES YET BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS INTO NORTH KATANGA.

C. TSHOMBE [REDACTED] HAS HAD A QUARREL WITH HIS IN-
TERIOR MINISTER MUNONGO WHO OBJECTS VIOLENTLY TO RECONCILIATION
TALKS. MUNONGO IS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN TO THE BUSH TO ROUND UP
SUPPORT. HE IS NOT LIKELY TO GET IT RIGHT AWAY FROM MERCEN-
ARIES, BUT THERE ARE TRIBAL CHIEFS WHO WILL GO ALONG WITH HIM.
IF HE SUCCEEDS, TSHOMBE MAY HAVE TO RETRENCH.

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D. THE UN PLANE, IT TURNS OUT, WAS SHOT DOWN BY CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT TROOPS, NOT KATANGESE.

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4. UK/COMMON MARKET:

A. WITH THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE BEHIND IT, MACMILLAN'S
GOVERNMENT IS NOW MORE COMMITTED THAN EVER TO BRINGING BRITAIN
[REDACTED] INTO THE COMMON MARKET, AND THE NEXT HURDLE IS TO BRING BRITISH
PUBLIC OPINION AROUND. A MASSIVE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN
LAUNCHED TO STEM THE DRIFT OF OPINION WHICH HAS BEEN GOING THE
OTHER WAY. A TEST OF ITS SUCCESS WILL COME IN NOVEMBER'S BY-
ELECTIONS.

B. SPAAK, MEANWHILE, TELLS US THE ITALIANS WERE STUNG BY
THE IMPLICATION IN DE GAULLE'S STATEMENTS IN GERMANY THAT EU-
ROPE MUST BE BUILT AROUND A BONN-PARIS AXIS TO WHICH THEY AND
[REDACTED] BENELUX ARE EXPECTED TO RALLY. THE RESULT IS THAT THEY WILL
JOIN WITH BENELUX IN TRYING TO EASE BRITAIN'S ENTRY AND WILL
DO NOTHING TOWARD A POLITICAL TREATY WHICH EXCLUDES BRITAIN.

5. NEPAL:

KING MAHENDRA HAS ABRUPTLY DUMPED HIS MODERATE FOREIGN MINISTER, THE ONLY REALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL HE HAS, AND REPLACED HIM WITH HIS INDIA-BAITING, PEKING-LEANING BITTER RIVAL AND PREDECESSOR. THE REASON GIVEN, "TO BRING STILL MORE UNIFORMITY AND SOLIDARITY TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS," IS CORRECT. THE COUNCIL NOW WILL BE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SOLIDLY ANTI-INDIAN.

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6. NOTES:

A. BERLIN: TWO EAST BERLINERS ESCAPED TO WEST BERLIN THIS WEEK END IN FAKE US ARMY UNIFORMS MADE IN EAST BERLIN.

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B. CUBA: ONE OF THE MISSILE INSTALLATIONS WHICH WE HAD THOUGHT TO BE A SA-2 SITE TURNS OUT TO BE A SECOND CRUISE-TYPE COASTAL DEFENSE MISSILE SITE. [REDACTED]

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C. ECUADOR: AROSEMENA, BREATHING 100-PROOF FIRE FROM HIS STRONGHOLD IN GUAYAQUIL LAST WEEK END, MAY HAVE RALLIED SOME POPULAR SUPPORT WITH HIS HARANGUE BUT FANNED REGIONAL ANTAGONISMS IN THE PROCESS AND MADE CONGRESS MORE DETERMINED TO OUST HIM.

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D. YUGOSLAVIA/USSR: SOVIET PRESIDENT BREZHNEV ARRIVED IN BELGRADE THIS MORNING FOR A 10-DAY ROUND OF TALKS AND CEREMONY TO SHOW THAT THE OFF-AGAIN-ON-AGAIN FRIENDSHIP IS OFFICIALLY ON AGAIN. IT IS A RETURN VISIT FOR TITO'S TRIP TO THE USSR IN 1956. THE CHINESE, WITH ALBANIAN ACCOMPANIMENT, ARE PLAYING IT FORTISSIMO.

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