

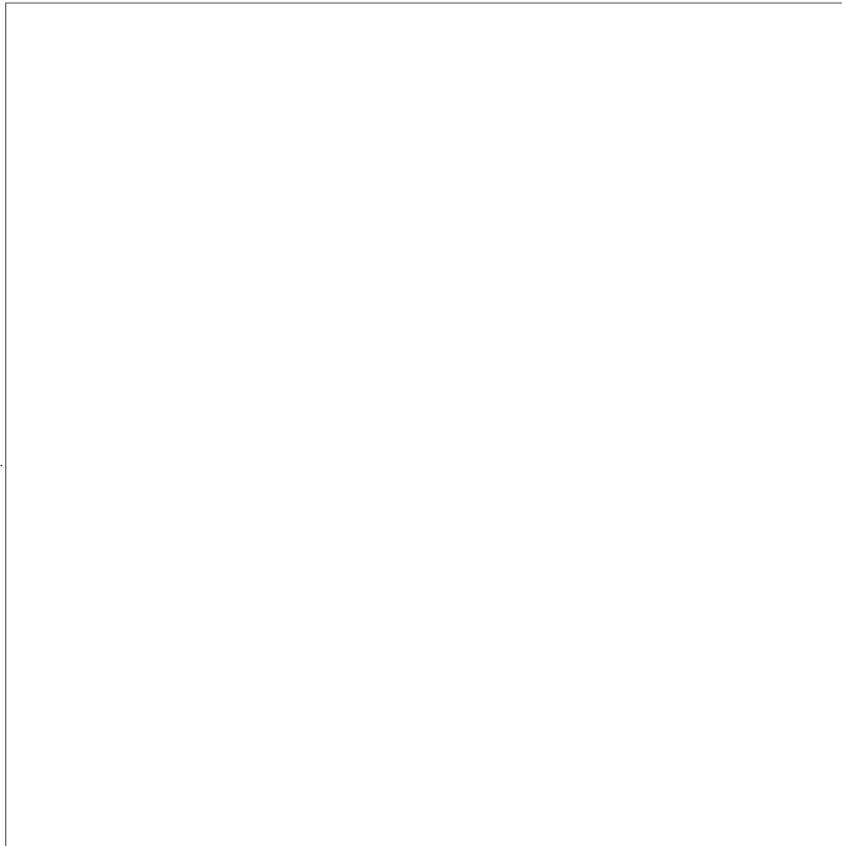
# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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**1. Cuba-UN**

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**2. Cuba-USSR**

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c. Havana is making much of Soviet statements of support for Cuba. Our reading of Soviet propaganda, however, is that it is falling considerably short of endorsing Castro's proposals. We are inclined to doubt that the Soviets will go much beyond a try for firmer guarantees that Cuba will not be attacked.

3. Cuba--  
missile  
sites

a. We have no new evidence to confirm or deny Russian assertions that the missile bases are being dismantled.

b. We do know, however, that the Soviets yesterday made what looks like an about-face on the question of UN inspection of the sites.

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We do not know whether this word reached U Thant before he left Cuba or not.

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c. The Soviets are now saying that it will be some time before they will be able to move the missiles out of Cuba. They attribute this to packing problems and the absence of shipping in Cuban ports.

d. By our calculations, it would require two, perhaps three weeks to assemble in Cuban ports those Soviet dry-cargo ships with hatches suitable for loading missiles.

e. We also estimate that the dismantling and movement of essential missile facilities to port areas could probably be accomplished within about 24 hours, but about a week would be required for loading.

4. Bloc shipping

The number of bloc ships en route to Cuba is now eleven. Three of these are wallowing at the edge of the quarantine line.

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5. India-China

a. There has been little fighting in the past two days.

b. Heavy snow in the northeast probably explains the lull in that sector. Snow or not, the Indians have brought their forces defending the Se La pass up to division strength.

c. Krishna Menon's new job is Minister of Defense Production. This gets him out of the main stream in the present crisis, but it remains to be seen whether he has lost much of his personal influence with Nehru.

d. Just how badly the defense ministry has been managed under Menon may not be evident for several days. A survey of the shambles has begun.

e. Chou En-lai has turned aside Nasir's proposals for a cease-fire, arguing instead for a restoration of the situation as it stood in 1959. In doing so, he appears to have tipped his hand on what Peiping is after; a Chinese pull back behind the McMahon line in exchange for 12,000 square miles of Ladakh. New Delhi has turned that one down more than once.

f. In New Delhi, sentiment for better relations with Pakistan is beginning to develop. So far, the Pakistanis, who are fearful that India will get too far ahead in their private arms race, have not done much to encourage its growth.

## 6. USSR

a. The feeling in Moscow's diplomatic circles is that sooner or later heads will roll as a result of the Cuban fiasco. However, nobody has yet been able to put the finger on evidence of a falling-out within the Soviet leadership.

b. Whatever the tensions in the Kremlin, all indications are that the man in the street has been much relieved by the recent turn of events.

c. Moscow has ordered its radio and TV writers to hold themselves in when preparing material for this year's anniversary of the November revolution. The word is that their scripts should "in some way be milder, simpler, more human and without unnecessary bombast."

d. The Soviets yesterday conducted another nuclear test in the atmosphere over Semipalatinsk.

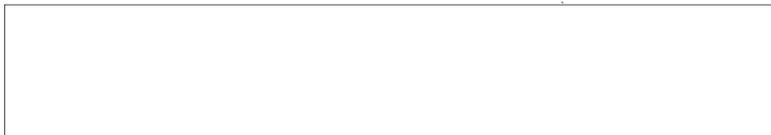
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7. Saudi Arabia

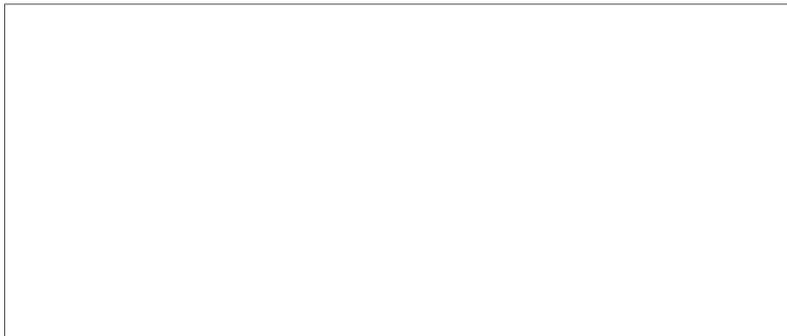
a. Faysal yesterday pulled together a cabinet dominated by men who are tough-minded enough, but who have never been convinced that Saudi Arabia needs very much reform. We thus foresee a tightening of the government's administrative bailing wire, but are unable to say whether it will hold things together for very long.

b. In any event, it seems inevitable that the new line-up will inspire Cairo's propagandists, who have been coasting for a week, to start beating their anti-Saudi drums with renewed vigor.



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8. Yemen



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b. [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] local officials are  
busily fanning the flames of anti-  
American sentiment [redacted]

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## 9. Germany

a. The East Germans, in recent days, have been broadly hinting that they will make political concessions if Bonn will give them a better trade deal.

b. They are holding out the promise of easier access to West Berlin, reunification of families, and amnesty for people convicted of abetting the escape of refugees. [redacted]

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NOTES

- A. Laos The Soviet airlift suddenly tailed off to five flights during the past week. There is no ready explanation for this, but we are sure it is not due to bad weather. It is possible that the Russians are preparing to shift their base of operations from North Vietnam to Vientiane.
- B. Brazil It now looks as though Leonel Brizola, Brazil's mouthpiece for the left who broke all voting records last month in getting himself elected to the Chamber of Deputies, may be headed for appointive office instead. The speculation in Rio is that he will join the cabinet or, what is more in his line, be given the directorship of PETROBRAS, the national oil monopoly.
- C. Belgium Resurgent opposition to legislation redrawing the line dividing the Flemish and French speaking sections of the country has got the government into hot water again. The crucial vote in parliament was set for last night, but we have not yet heard what happened.
- D. Congo-Belgium Spaak was not at all encouraging on Tuesday when Ambassador MacArthur urged that Belgium participate in an emergency import aid program for the Congo. He asserted such a program, far from hastening Katanga's reintegration, would only make Adoula more bull-headed in dealing with Tshombé.
- E. Communist China - Japan On Tuesday, a five-year barter trade agreement with Japan was initialed in Peiping. Only a few commodities like fertilizers are involved, but the doorway to more Sino-Japanese trade has now been set ajar.

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- F. Rumania Reports of rural disturbances stemming from food shortages and harsh treatment of the peasantry are beginning to appear more substantial.
- G. France French officials tell us that underground nuclear tests in the Sahara, originally set for this fall, have been put off until early next year. The French were not completely successful in keeping last spring's explosion from leaking into the atmosphere and are taking the extra time to make sure it won't happen again.
- H. USSR Deployment of Soviet instrumentation ships suggests that Moscow is set for more ICBM shots into the Pacific.