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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--27 DECEMBER 1962

1. PAKISTAN/INDIA/COMMUNIST CHINA:

A. YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PAKISTAN AND COMMUNIST CHINA HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT "IN PRINCIPLE" ON THEIR COMMON BORDER WAS TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF TALKS ON KASHMIR.

B. IT ALSO COMES ONLY FIVE DAYS BEFORE PREMIER BANDARANAIKE OF CEYLON IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN PEIPING WITH THE NEUTRALIST PROPOSALS ON THE SINO-INDIAN BORDER CONFLICT.

C. THE INDIANS HAVE HAD TIME ONLY TO REGISTER SURPRISE AND "REGRET" AT THE NEWS. IT IS LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT THEIR RESENTMENT WILL BE TURNED MAINLY TOWARD THE PAKISTANIS AND THAT THIS WILL HAVE AN UNHEALTHY EFFECT ON THE KASHMIR NEGOTIATIONS.

D. THE INDIANS ARE THINKING OF INVITING MACMILLAN TO NEW DELHI FOR TALKS ON THE CHINESE PROBLEM, AND ARE WONDERING CAUTIOUSLY WHETHER THE PRESIDENT MIGHT ALSO BE PERSUADED. A TRIP BY NEHRU TO WASHINGTON AND LONDON IS ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION.

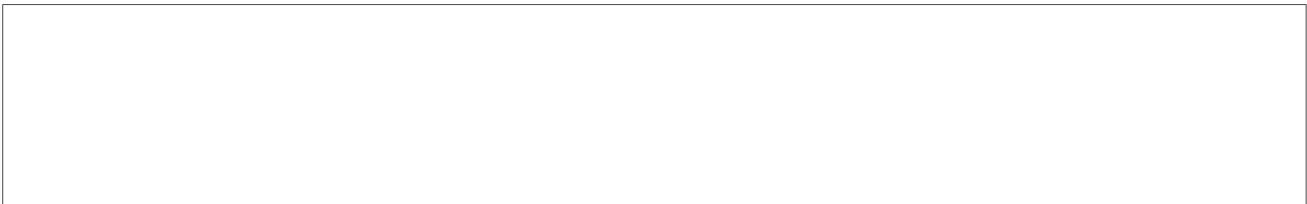
2. CONGO:

A. YESTERDAY CAME AND WENT WITHOUT ACTION BEING TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO RECESS PARLIAMENT. THE LONGER THE DELAY, THE MORE TIME ADOULA'S OPPONENTS WILL HAVE TO ORGANIZE A COUNTERMOVE WHICH COULD LEAD TO PUBLIC DISORDERS.

B. GULLION DESCRIBES THE DELAY AS "ANOTHER HAIR-RAISING EXAMPLE OF CONGOLESE CARELESSNESS." GENERAL MOBUTU, WHOSE TROOPS HAVE BEEN STANDING BY SINCE SUNDAY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT, IS IRATE AT THE DELAY.

C. ONE REASON GIVEN FOR THIS HOLD-UP IS THAT PRESIDENT KASAVUBU WOULD LIKE TO EXTRACT A CERTAIN PIECE OF LEGISLATION FROM PARLIAMENT BEFORE IT IS RECESSED.

D. IN ELISABETHVILLE, THE UN HAS ISSUED ORDERS TO STOP ALL EXITING CARS TO PREVENT THE DEPARTURE OF TSHOMBE OR OTHER TOP KATANGAN LEADERS. 50X1

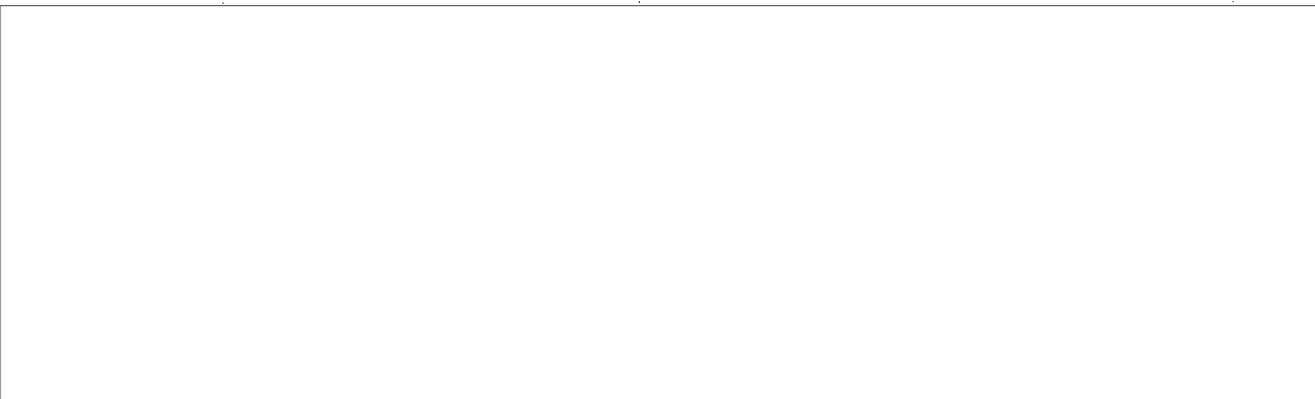


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3. CUBA:

A. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE MAKING SURE THAT CASTRO IS CONSCIOUS OF THEIR SYMPATHY AS HE APPROACHES THE FOURTH ANNI-VERSARY OF HIS RISE TO POWER.

B. PEIPING IS ORGANIZING A 10-DAY NATIONWIDE "SUPPORT CUBA" CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED BY A "MAMMOTH RALLY" ON THE ANNIVERSARY, 2 JANUARY.



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4. NOTES:

A. FRANCE: COUVE DE MURVILLE HAS TOLD OUR PARIS EMBASSY THAT THE NASSAU AGREEMENT WILL HAMPER BRITAIN'S ENTRY INTO THE EEC. MACMILLAN HAS REVEALED, ACCORDING TO COUVE, THAT HE HAS NOT YET DECIDED TO BE "REALLY EUROPEAN."

B. SYRIA: THE CABINET HAS DECIDED TO LIFT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT EVER SINCE THE SPLIT WITH EGYPT IN SEPTEMBER 1961, IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN JULY. THE ARMY WILL PROBABLY HAVE THE ROLE OF REFEREE DURING AN UNEASY PERIOD OF POLITICAL CONTENTION BETWEEN THE MODERATE RIGHT AND A COMBINATION OF COMMUNISTS AND OTHER ANTI-NASIR LEFTISTS.

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