

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

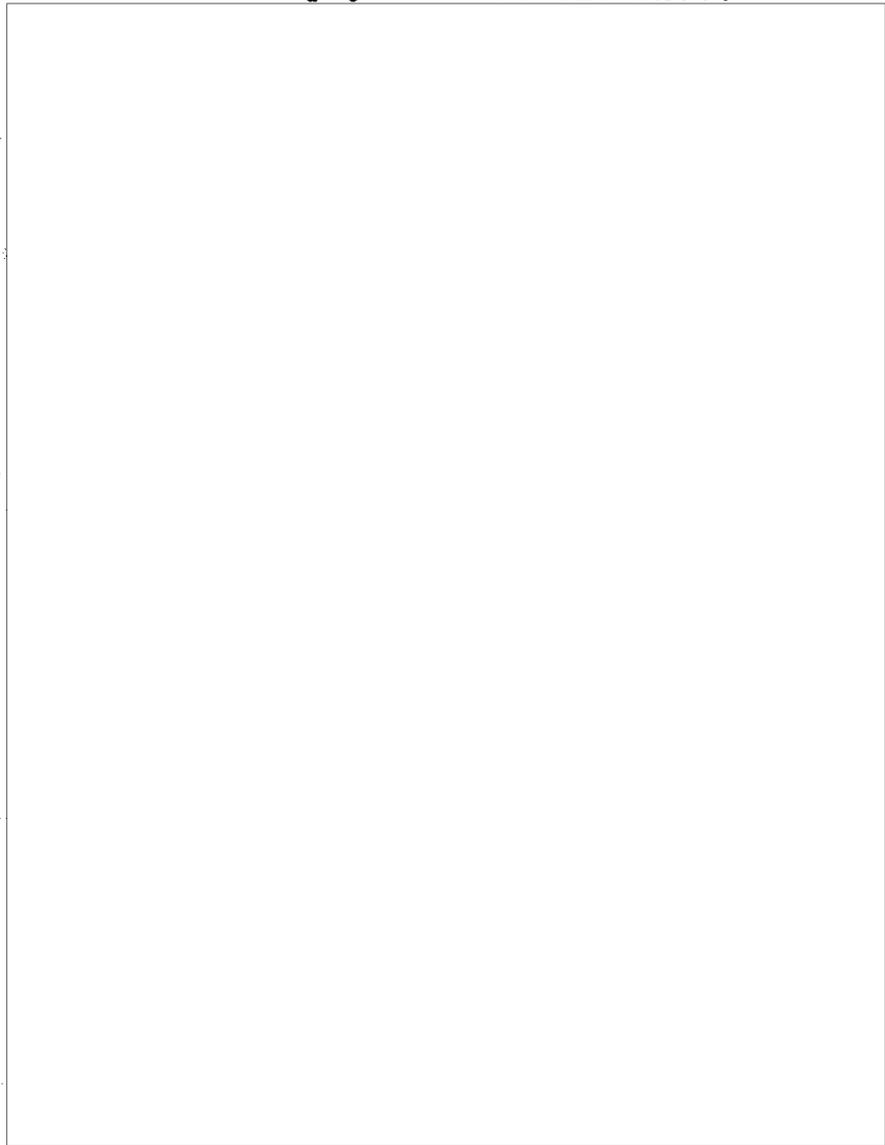
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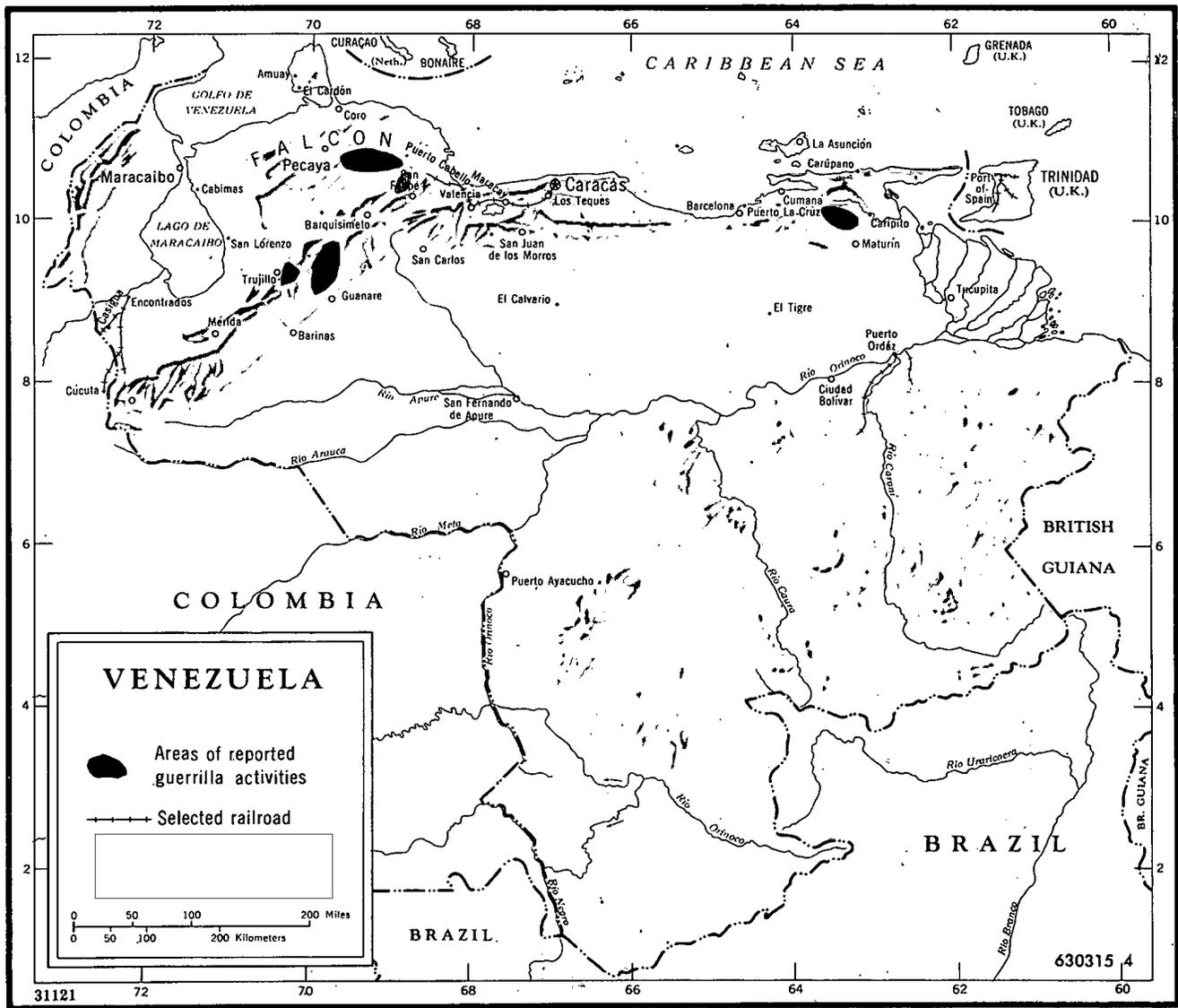
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**1. Cuba-Bloc**

**a. The Cubans are falling behind in their payments to the Bloc.**

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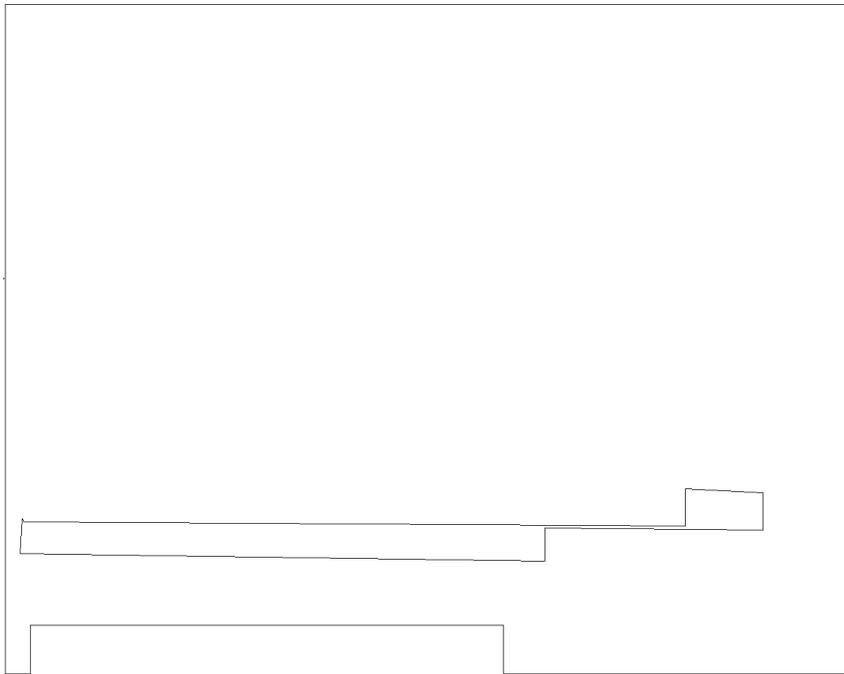


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e. The KHIRUG VISHNEVSKY [redacted]  
[redacted] is the  
only one suspected of carrying a  
cargo of military goods.

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2. Venezuela

a. The pace of hit and run guerrilla attacks is quickening, particularly in the western area of the country, as the Communists step up their effort to force Betancourt to suspend constitutional guarantees or to embarrass him otherwise as he leaves for the US.

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b. Thought is being given to supplementing the harassed and overworked police in the capital with armed squads of faithfuls from Betancourt's party.

c. The military are quiet and apparently united; they are ready to take up patrol duty, too, if ordered.

d. [redacted]  
the ANZOATEGUI [redacted]  
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Press reports say it is making for Belem, Brazil. [redacted]  
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3. Togo

a. The Togolese military are again taking things into their own hands.

b. Acting independently of the shaky Grunitsky government, they are arresting and abusing former parliamentary deputies and local leaders of Olympio's Togolese Unity Party whom they fear would regain power if elections are held as promised.

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c. This will give impetus to Unity party exiles already working toward a countercoup from Dahomey and Nigeria.

d. Ghanaian security personnel, in glaring disrespect for Togo's sovereignty, are trooping in and about Lome in full uniform and in their own vehicles looking for Ghanaian emigrés.

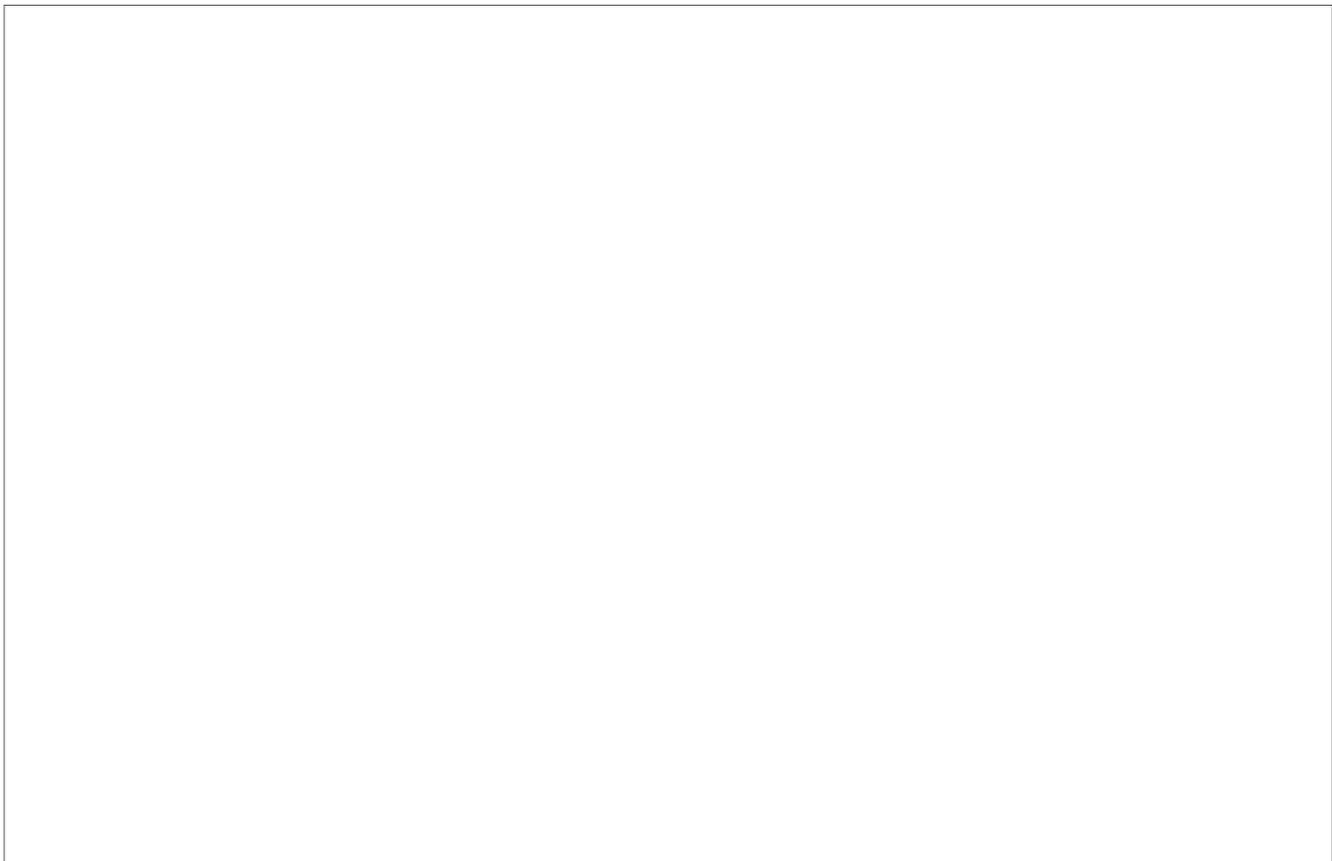
#### 4. Iraq

a. Quiet returned to Baghdad yesterday after several days of resurgent Communist resistance.

b. The new regime is beginning in earnest to cast off close ties with the Bloc. Soviet projects now in progress will be completed, but the government intends to try to find other sources of assistance. Iraqi students in Eastern Europe are to be called home and a purge of far leftists in education and diplomatic posts is in the making.

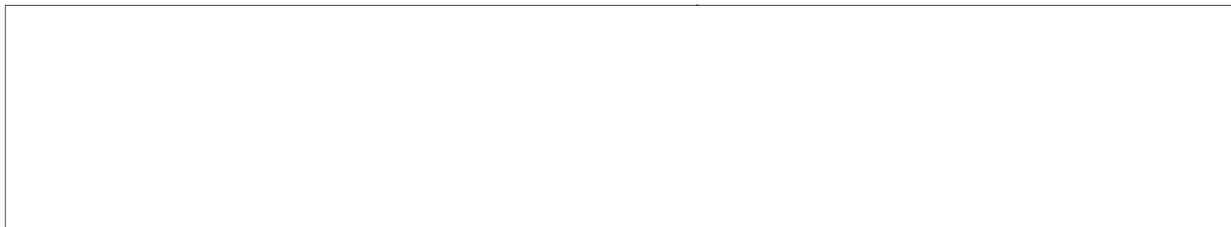
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- B. Yemen The Yemenis have given Ethiopia one week to recognize them or get out. Addis Ababa is refusing to act under such pressure and has asked us to handle their interests in Yemen.
  
- C. Laos Souvanna has decided to quit the King's entourage in Moscow and return home. We are told he was deeply affected by news of the killing of Col. Ketsana, and he evidently feels (as do we) that the developing situation calls for his presence on the scene.