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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--24 MARCH 1962

1. ARGENTINE POLITICAL CRISIS STILL UNRESOLVED:

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 MADE MONDAY THE DEADLINE FOR FRONDIZI TO FORM A SATISFACTORY CABINET.
 YESTERDAY, GENERAL ARAMBURU, A WIDELY RESPECTED SUPPORTER OF CONSTI-
 TUTIONALITY WHO SUCCEEDED PERON, AGREED TO HELP HIM FORM ONE. THIS
 EFFORT HAS APPARENTLY BOGGED DOWN, ALTHOUGH FOUR MINISTERS HAVE
 BEEN PUBLICLY NAMED IN AN EFFORT TO CALM THINGS DOWN. BETTING IS
 LESS THAN EVEN THAT FRONDIZI WILL MEET HIS DEADLINE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] . THE PERONISTA GENERAL STRIKE YESTERDAY WAS A FIZZLE.

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2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

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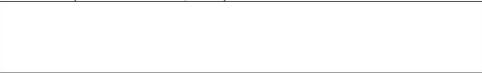
B. COMMUNIST CHINA ISSUED ANOTHER STRONGLY-WORDED ATTACK ON US ACTIVITIES TODAY.

C. THERE WERE 492 INCIDENTS REPORTED LAST WEEK, UP FROM 406 THE PREVIOUS WEEK. MOST OF THE INCREASE WAS IN KIDNAPPINGS.

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3. BERLIN:

A. TWO SOVIET FLIGHTS IN THE NORTHERN CORRIDOR THIS MORNING TOOK PLACE WITHOUT INCIDENT. 

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B. THE EAST GERMANS SEEM TO BE BACKING DOWN ON THE TRANSIT VISA ISSUE IN THE FACE OF IMPLIED WEST GERMAN THREATS TO INTERRUPT INTERZONAL TRADE. 

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C. THE EAST GERMANS LAST NIGHT BEGAN SETTING UP CONCRETE OBSTACLES AT FOUR CROSSING POINTS IN BERLIN SIMILAR TO THOSE CONSTRUCTED AT FRIEDRICHSTRASSE EARLY THIS MONTH. 

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D. A REGULAR US ARMY SUPPLY CONVOY LEAVING BERLIN WAS HELD UP BY THE SOVIETS FOR TWO HOURS YESTERDAY. 

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4. BOLIVIAN ULTIMATUM TO CHILE:

A HYDROELECTRIC AND IRRIGATION PROJECT BUILT BY CHILE ON THE LAUCA RIVER, WHICH RISES IN CHILE AND FLOWS INTO BOLIVIA, IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OPERATION IN APRIL. BOLIVIA CHARGES CHILEAN USE OF THE RIVER WOULD BE AN "ACT OF AGGRESSION," IS THREATENING TO BRING THE MATTER TO THE OAS, AND HAS HINTED THE US SHOULD MEDIATE THE DISPUTE. BOLIVIA HAS NO USE FOR LAUCAN WATER AND IS MORE INTERESTED IN USING THE ISSUE TO DIVERT PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND PERHAPS TO INDUCE CHILE TO NEGOTIATE ON BOLIVIA'S SCHEME FOR ACCESS TO THE PACIFIC. 

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5. WEST NEW GUINEA:

INDONESIAN NEGOTIATOR MALIK HAS FLOWN HOME TO SEEK GREATER NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY. HE HOPES TO BE BACK THURSDAY. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS HAS BEEN GOOD, WITH EACH SIDE APPARENTLY CONVINCED OF THE OTHER'S GOOD FAITH.

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6. DE GAULLE ORDERS FRENCH ARMY TO PUT DOWN EUROPEAN "ARMED INSURRECTION "IN ALGIERS:

THIS ORDER FORCES THE ARMY TO COMMIT ITSELF FULLY IN SUPPORT OF HIS POLICIES. THE OAS MUST MAKE A STRONG SHOWING IN RESPONSE OR LOSE MOMENTUM. PRESS REPORTS THIS MORNING SUGGEST THAT THE ARMY IS MOVING VIGOROUSLY, SOMEWHAT TO THE DISILLUSIONMENT OF THE EUROPEAN SETTLERS. IN ORAN, THE OAS YESTERDAY ROBBED A BANK OF ALMOST \$5,000,000.

8. USSR EXPLOITS ISRAELI-SYRIAN TENSION:

THE SOVIETS HAVE PROMISED TO SUPPORT SYRIA IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL NEXT WEEK. SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER DAWALIBI IS PRESSING THE UNITED STATES FOR SIMILAR BACKING, THREATENING THAT IF IT BECAME KNOWN THAT ONLY THE USSR WAS SUPPORTING THE ARABS, THERE WOULD BE A POPULAR GROUNDSWELL TOWARDS THE USSR IN THE ARAB WORLD. HE CLAIMED HIS OWN GOVERNMENT WOULD FALL.



9. GOULART VISIT PLANS:

PRESIDENT GOULART OF BRAZIL WANTS TO TALK WITH THE PRESIDENT ALONE, "WITHOUT THE LIMITATIONS WHICH THE PRESENCE OF BRAZILIAN CABINET MINISTERS MIGHT PLACE ON SUCH A FRANK DISCUSSION." HE SAID THE ARGENTINE SITUATION REINFORCED HIS CONVICTION THAT STABILIZATION MEASURES MUST NOT HURT THE WORKING CLASS AND THAT THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS MUST INCLUDE PROJECTS WITH A VERY BROAD SOCIAL APPEAL, SUCH AS MEDICAL CENTERS FOR SMALL TOWNS. 

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10. NOTES:

A. AS OF 0800 EST THIS MORNING, WE HAD NO WORD ON HARRIMAN'S MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY. 

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B. A SOVIET PARTY MEETING, PERHAPS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, IS TO TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW TUESDAY, WITH OFFICIALS HURRIEDLY SUMMONED FROM THE HINTERLAND. THE SUBJECT IS "REORGANIZATION," WHICH MIGHT REFER TO KHRUSHCHEV'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM, BUT THE TIMING LEADS US TO SUSPECT SOMETHING MORE MAY BE INVOLVED. THE SAME OFFICIALS WILL HAVE TO BE BACK IN MOSCOW ON 10 APRIL FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE NEWLY ELECTED SUPREME SOVIET.



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D. ADOULA AND TSHOMBE ARE STILL BOGGED DOWN IN LEGALITIES, WITH THE FORMER BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPATIENT. [REDACTED]

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E. THE EEC FOREIGN MINISTERS MADE LITTLE PROGRESS ON POLITICAL FEDERATION AT THEIR MEETING TUESDAY. THE NEXT ROUND IS SCHEDULED FOR 17 APRIL. [REDACTED]

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G. THE BRAZILIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HAS SPLIT. THE DISSIDENTS HAVE ESTABLISHED A RIVAL "COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRAZIL," WITH CHINESE OVERTONES, AND ARE ATTACKING THEIR PARENT BODY FOR ITS POLICY OF REFRAINING FROM VIOLENT TACTICS. [REDACTED]

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H. THE MOROCCANS HAVE ASSURED US THEY WILL ADMIT NO SOVIET MILITARY TECHNICIANS AND INSTRUCTORS IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ARMS AGREEMENT THEY MAY REACH WITH THE USSR. [REDACTED]

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