

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

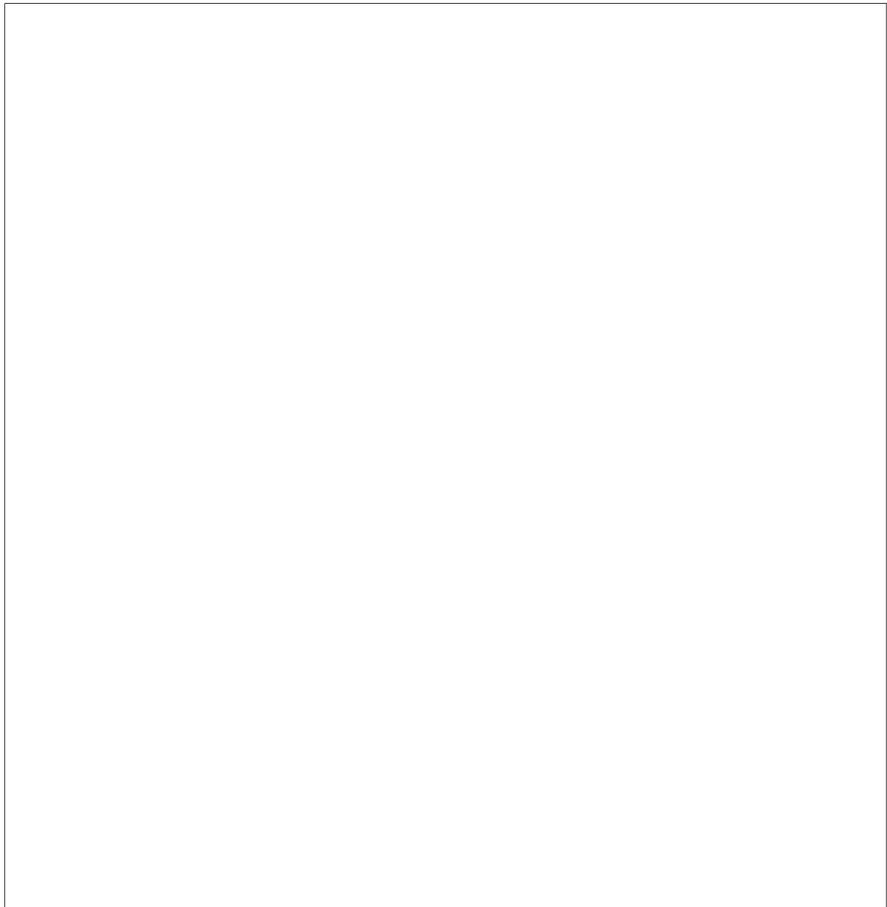
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1. Cuba

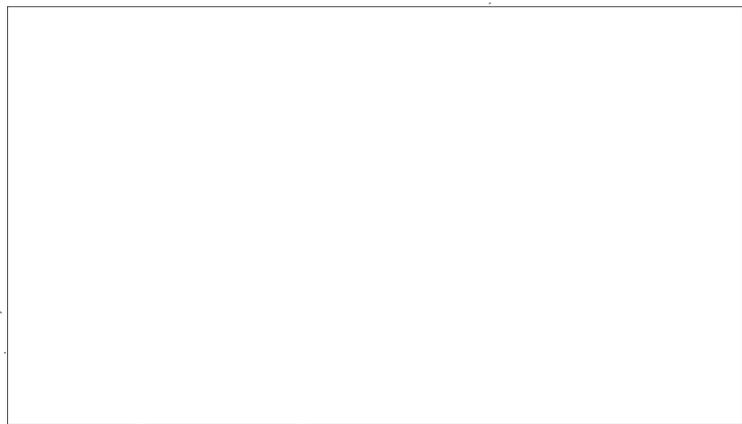
a. Cuban training in MIG-21s  
is progressing rapidly.

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e. The Yuri Gagarin, [redacted]  
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for Cuba with arms, has put in at  
Latakia, Syria, its declared desti-  
nation. It is returning to the  
Black Sea.

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2. USSR

a. The Soviets recovered their  
latest Cosmos satellite (Cosmos 18)  
yesterday after nine days in orbit.

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b. Its mission is not known. It was the ninth in the Tyuratam Cosmos series which uses the heavy (10,400 pounds) Vostock capsule.

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### 3. Rumania-USSR

a. Rumanian leaders apparently remain convinced that Moscow's plans for economic integration would leave Rumania a second class citizen in the Bloc.

b. Soviet Presidium member Podgorny has been in Bucharest to persuade them otherwise. But on Wednesday, he was treated to an uncompromising public speech by Rumanian party secretary and Presidium member Ceausescu.

c. Ceausescu quoted Lenin to support Bucharest's view that "equalization of the level of construction of Socialist states is indispensable for the construction of Communist society."

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d. This is a favorite Chinese chestnut, too.

e. Curiously, when the Soviet government newspaper Izvestiya carried Ceausescu's speech, it deleted this offending paragraph and another relating to indispensability of heavy industrial development. Pravda ran the text in full.

#### 4. Laos

a. So far, Communist forces have not followed up their heavy shelling of the past three days with major attacks by ground units on the softened-up neutralist outposts.

b. Kong Le continues to warn of an impending Communist attack, however, with the North Vietnamese carrying the ball.

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c. By late yesterday afternoon the shelling reportedly had let up.

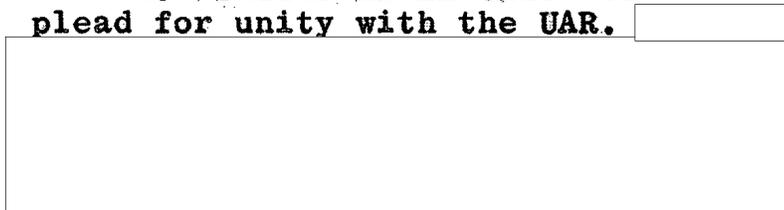
d. Souvanna has again appealed to the Pathet Lao to join in talks to restore the situation in the Plaine des Jarres, but the Pathets have not replied.

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e. Signs are that if and when they do, they will continue to set unacceptable terms.

5. Yemen

a. Sallal is in Cairo to plead for unity with the UAR.



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b. Sallal's problems have multiplied in recent weeks as the rift widens between the two main tribes and disenchantment with the regime grows. The feeling in Sana is that unity with the UAR is the only hope.

c. Nasir is aware of these problems, and is not likely to welcome Sallal's effort to dump them in his lap.

6. Iraq

a. President Arif has been linked to the anti-regime, apparently pro-Nasir, conspiracy which was blown last week in Baghdad.

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c. Arif who was made President as a sop to the pro-Nasirites in Iraq,

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d. Even if he remains as President, however, suspicion of his involvement has reduced what little influence he has had with the powers that be.

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NOTE

Ecuador - tuna boats The nineteen tuna fleet masters intend to sit it out in Salinas. They have plenty of provisions and hope their demonstration of solidarity will engender enough sympathy and support from US unions and consumers to force a satisfactory solution.

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