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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--28 AUGUST 1963

1. SOUTH VIETNAM

A. THOUGH SOME EASING OF MARTIAL LAW WAS EVIDENT IN SAIGON YESTERDAY, STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO TIGHTEN THE SECURITY RING AROUND THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, WHICH HOUSES DIEM AND THE NHU'S.

B. THE PALACE SECURITY GUARD, NORMALLY PROVIDED BY AN ELITE ARMY UNIT, IS NOW, WE HEAR, BEING DRAWN FROM UNITS UNDER COLONEL TUNG, THE PRO-REGIME COMMANDER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES. IN ADDITION ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS HAVE BEEN EMPLACED IN THE PALACE AREA.

C. MEANTIME, THE SHADOW OF NGO DINH NHU LOOMS EVER LARGER. HIS PICTURE HAS BEGUN TO SHOW UP IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS-- [REDACTED] DIEM'S IS COMING DOWN--AND A MILLION POSTERS OF NHU, RESPLENDENT IN HIS YOUTH CORPS UNIFORM, HAVE BEEN MADE UP FOR NATION-WIDE DISTRIBUTION.

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D. [REDACTED]

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E. MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE VIET CONG CONTINUE, BUT MARTIAL LAW COMMITMENTS LED TO THE SUSPENSION OF A LARGE-SCALE OPERATION IN CENTRAL VIETNAM AND THE NUMBER OF SMALL-SCALE GOVERNMENT ACTIONS HAS DECLINED.

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2. MALAYSIA:

A. THE UN SURVEY IN NORTHERN BORNEO IS UNDER WAY WITH NO INDONESIAN OR PHILIPPINE OBSERVERS IN ATTENDANCE.

B. DJAKARTA IS STILL BEING CAPTIOUS ABOUT MINOR PROCEDURAL ISSUES INVOLVING THE OBSERVERS, AND MANILA REFUSES TO ORDER IN ITS TEAM UNTIL THE INDONESIANS SEND THEIRS.

C. THE INDONESIAN PRESS AGENCY THIS MORNING SAID THAT INDONESIA WAS NOT LIKELY TO SEND ANY OBSERVERS IN VIEW OF THE "DIFFICULTIES CREATED BY THE BRITISH."

D. [ ] KUALA LUMPUR [ ] HAS DECIDED TO ANNOUNCE ON FRIDAY THAT MALAYSIA WILL COME INTO BEING ON 16 SEPTEMBER. [ ]

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3. PORTUGAL:

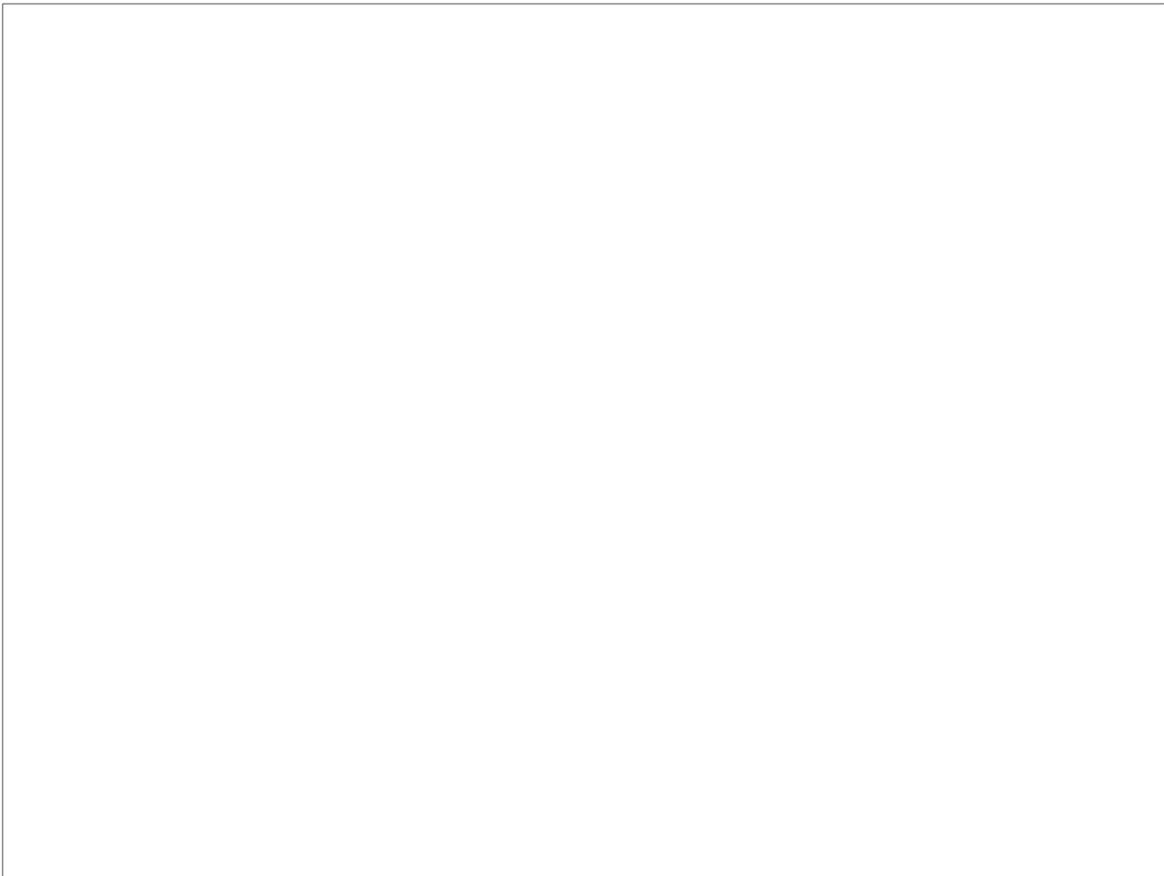
A. [ ] SALAZAR'S OPPONENTS ARE STEPPING UP THEIR EFFORTS TO UNSEAT THE DICTATOR.

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B. OPPOSITION ELEMENTS ARE TAKING HEART FROM THE GROUNDSWELL OF FEELING BOTH AT HOME AND IN THE COLONIES THAT SALAZAR'S UNBENDING STAND ON AFRICAN MATTERS WILL LEAD THE NATION TO RUIN.

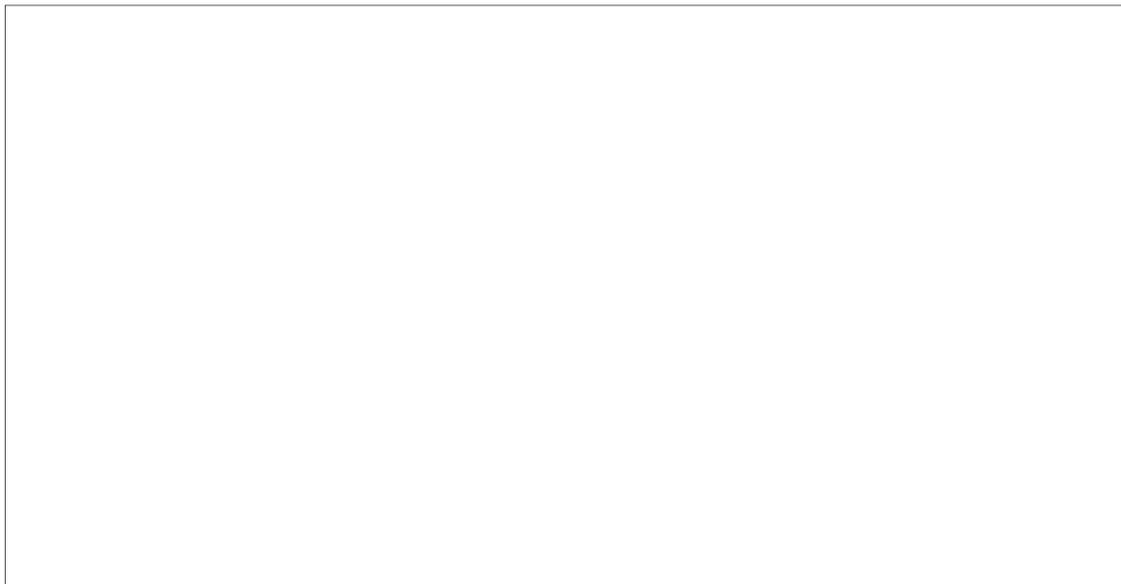
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**4. IRAQ-USSR:**



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**5. NOTES:**

**A. CUBA**

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**B. USSR-CUBA**

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**C. CUBA**

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**D. IRAQ-SYRIA**

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**E. EEC-POULTRY:**

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[Redacted] THE EEC WILL HAVE TO RETALIATE IF THE US WITHDRAWS TARIFF CONCESSIONS IN THE AMOUNTS THREATENED. THE EEC CONSIDERS THE US FIGURE UNACCEPTABLY HIGH.

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**F. HAITI**

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