

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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**1. Cuba-USSR**

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b. The Soviets [Redacted] appear to be readying more military equipment for return to the USSR.

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c. Recent photography shows over 30 vans in a spot used as a staging area before similar equipment was shipped back last June.

d. Meanwhile, the backlog of would-be passengers from Cuba to the USSR continues to tax Soviet shipping.

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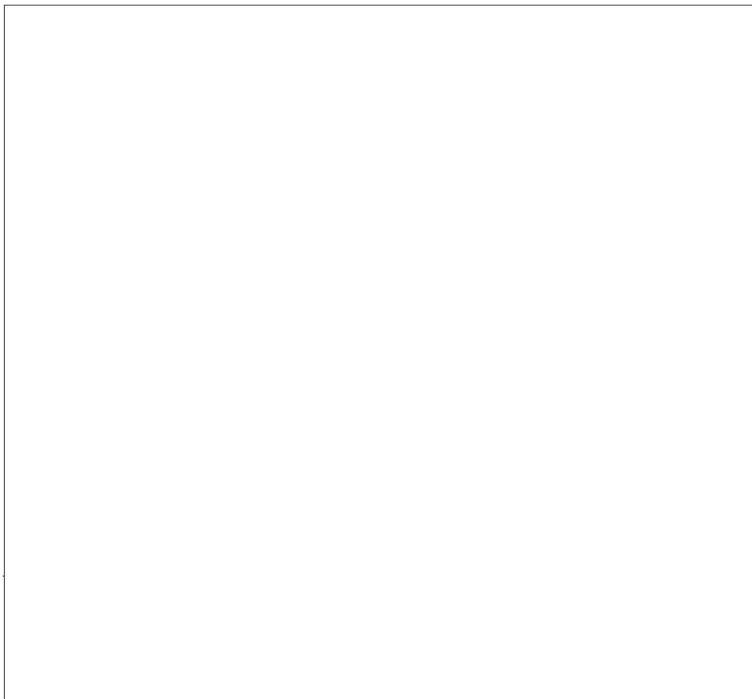
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**2. Sino-Soviet Dispute**

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**3. Laos**

a. Souvanna himself, in contrast to what his political adviser told us last week, appears optimistic that the Pathet Lao are "coming around" and will participate actively in the government.

b. He told Ambassador Unger on Sunday that he has agreed to the formation of a tripartite police force in Vientiane--one of Souphannouvong's conditions for the return of the Pathet Lao leaders.

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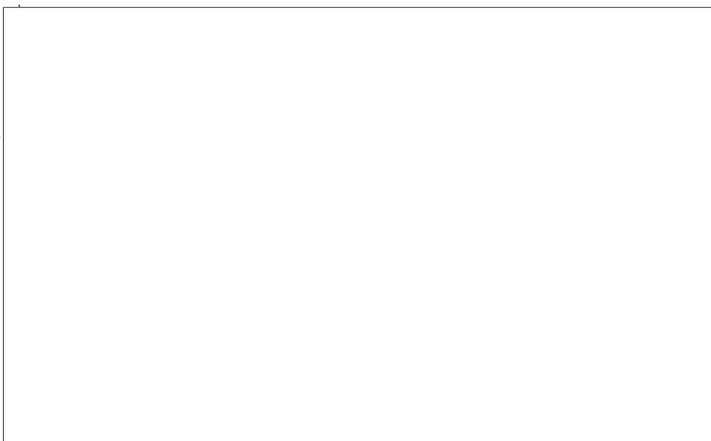
c. However, General Phoumi, who controls the city, is unlikely to agree to anything more than a token integration.

d. We doubt that Souvanna can really restore stability before he leaves on Monday for an extended trip abroad.

4. UAR - Yemen -  
Saudi Arabia

a. Egyptian forces still have their hands full trying to subdue the Yemeni royalists.

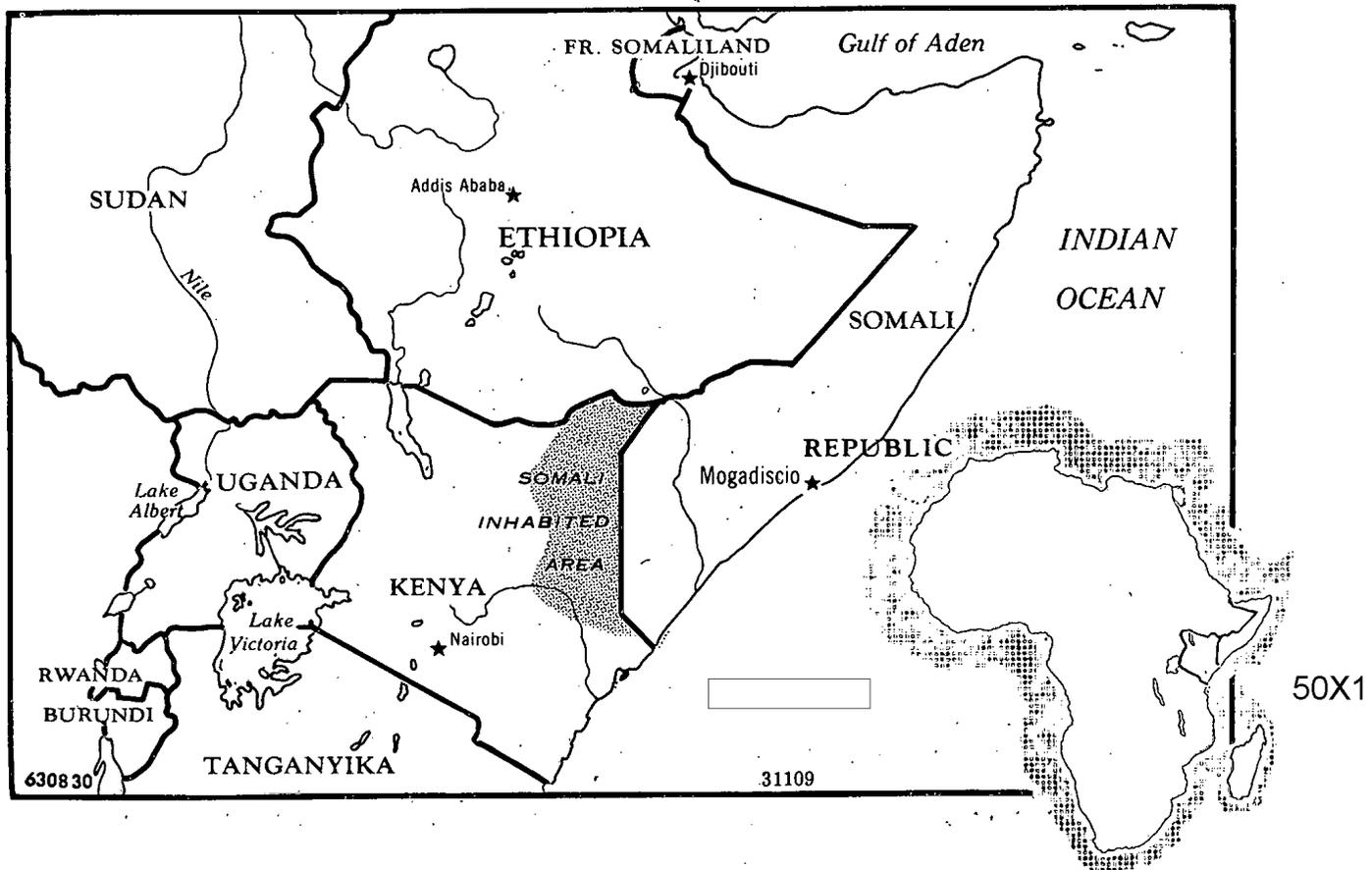
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d. On Monday, Faysal vigorously reaffirmed to our embassy his contention that Cairo has not complied with the disengagement agreement, but gave no indication of possible Saudi action.

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NOTES

A. South Vietnam There has been no significant change in the overall situation.

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B. Iran Trouble may be brewing over the elections set for 17 September. Government pressure on civil servants to assure a sizable vote has created widespread resentment, while religious fanatics are increasing anti-government agitation. Tehran insists publicly that the elections will not be rigged.

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C. UK-Kenya-Somalia Talks in Rome have failed to resolve the dispute caused by Somali territorial claims in Kenya.

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Kenya turned down a Somali proposal for either joint or UN administration of the disputed area pending further negotiations. We expect the Somalis will now set out to stir up more trouble in the area.

D. Eastern Europe - USSR The active phase of a Warsaw Pact exercise involving East German, Czech, and Polish forces apparently began on Friday. We cannot be sure of the degree of Soviet participation, if any.

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