

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Malaysia

a. There has been a new outbreak of anti-Malaysia rioting in Djakarta today. A mob broke into and set fire to the British embassy. Ambassador Jones has asked General Nasution to restore order.

b. Indonesian authorities give the appearance of trying to keep anti-British agitation within bounds. Orders were issued today that the British firms which had been seized yesterday by unionists be returned to their owners.

c. In Kuala Lumpur Malaysian Prime Minister Rahman has announced a state of alert in the wake of the violent demonstrations of the past few days.



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2. South Vietnam

a. An opposition group

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[redacted] has plans to assassinate Diem, Nhu and several associated generals.

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c. Hanoi, meanwhile, shows no signs that Ho Chi Minh is prepared to soften terms for a ceasefire in an effort to exploit the present crisis.

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c. We don't for a moment doubt, however, Ho's interest in using whatever contacts he can to probe for weak spots in Saigon.

3. USSR

a. Soviet consumers are reading recent admissions by the party center about a poor 1963 harvest and grain purchases abroad as a move to soften them up for a rise in the price of bread.

b. The admissions are contained in a note from the central committee which has been featured at recent meetings in plants, apartment houses, etc. This is not a usual way for the regime to communicate with Soviet citizens.

c. We suspect that the authorities are approaching a price rise with caution, having in mind the disturbances which followed the price hikes on meat and butter in June last year.

d. At that time Soviet troops had to be called in to put down riots in several south Russian communities. A number of rioters were killed.

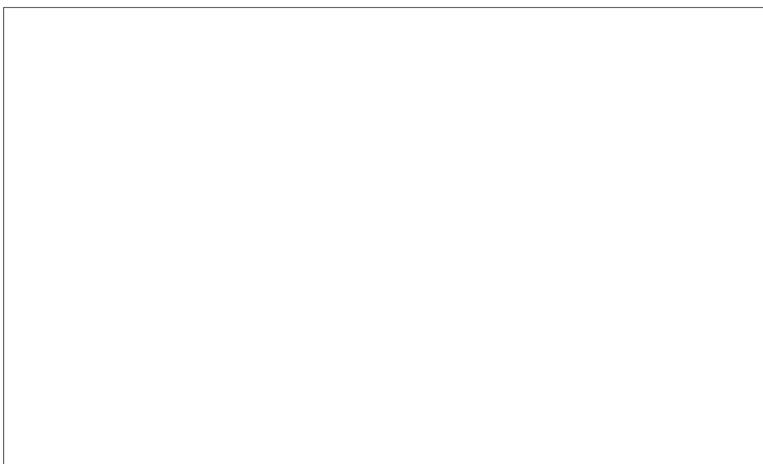
4. USSR missiles

a. Tuesday's shot from Tyuratam appears to have been the third consecutive successful SS-8 firing in the past five months.

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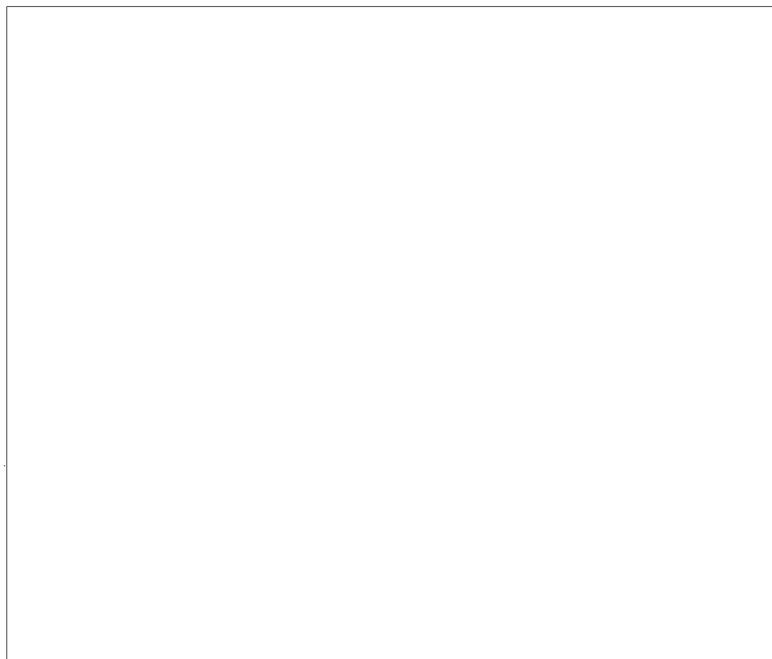
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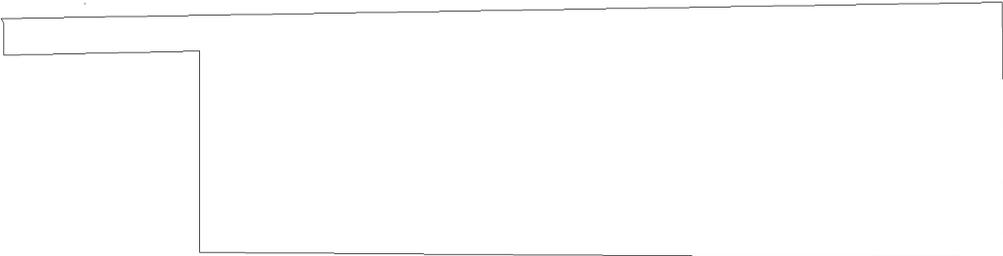


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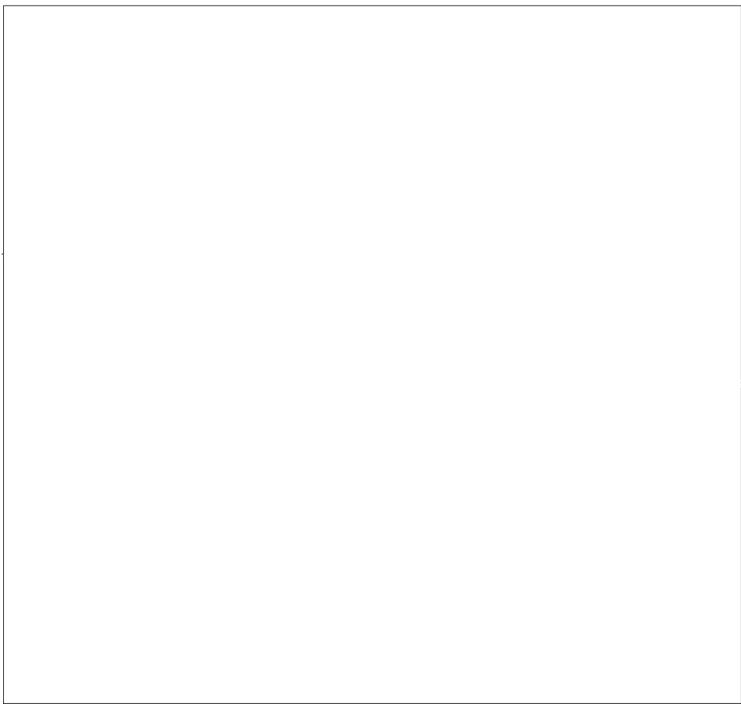
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NOTES

- A. Haiti Duvalier's representatives [redacted] warned the dictator that a "rebel" attack is coming. [redacted]
- B. Cuba-France Four small French cargo vessels reached Cuba early this month, the first showing of the French flag in the trade this year. Three declared cargoes of potatoes. The French government does not prohibit French vessels from calling at Cuban ports, but does try to discourage the practice. It has denied a press story that French concerns are trying to increase their Cuban business. [redacted]
- C. Chad Violence, described by the US embassy in Fort Lamy as "virtual civil war", broke out in this north-central African state on Monday when the authorities tried to arrest three Moslem leaders. Government troops appear to have restored order but the embassy feels that the incident will further aggravate the tensions between Moslems in the north and the southern Negroes.
- D. Ceylon-USSR Khrushchev has agreed to receive Prime Minister Bandaranaike between 21 and 29 October. She may try to work in a trip to the UN before or after the Moscow visit. [redacted]

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E. Saudi Arabia King Ibn Saud arrived in Riyadh on
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