

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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LATE ITEM

Berlin

a. Reporting on the convoy incidents has been somewhat confused. The following is our best guess at the situation as of 0845 EDT.

b. The Berlin-bound convoy held up yesterday for 15 hours on entering East Germany was finally allowed to pass that checkpoint without dismounting.

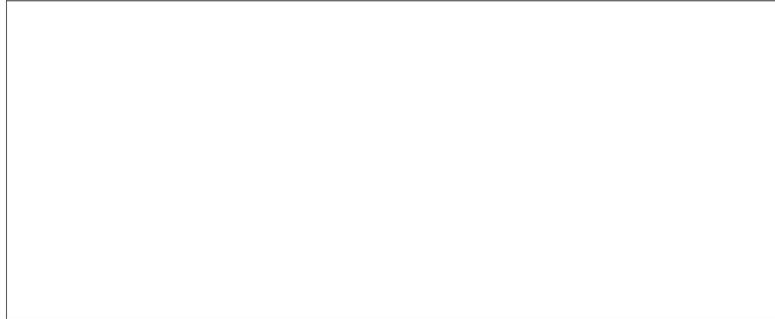
c. At 0500 Berlin time (midnight EDT) the same convoy was again held up by Soviet authorities at the Babelsberg. It consists of 18 vehicles and 61 men and is thus well below "dismount size."

d. The Soviets have blockaded the eastbound lane into Berlin at Babelsberg and apparently the convoy is unable to move despite the ultimatum which we understand Gen. McConnell (Acting Chief, CINCEUR) delivered at 0545 EDT giving the Soviets two hours to begin processing the convoy.

1. Cuba-USSR

a. Soviet military personnel continue to depart Cuba.

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2. USSR-space

a. There will probably be a Soviet space operation soon.

b. The four Soviet instrumentation ships now deployed off Africa



This has been a good tip-off to a recoverable satellite operation.

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d. Three Pacific range instrumentation ships departed Petropavlovsk yesterday, probably for further extended-range ICBM tests, although they have also supported previous space operations.

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e. We still expect a Soviet lunar probe attempt later this fall.

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3. USSR

a. [redacted]

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[redacted] emergency animal slaughtering in anticipation of a major fodder shortage this winter.

b. If [redacted] carried out by Soviet agricultural managers in their usual frantic fashion there will be an inordinate amount of confusion and not enough consideration will be given to the capacity of slaughter houses and storage plants. There is likely to be a great deal of spoilage.

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c. Soviet plans to expand meat production will, of course, be set back sharply, even though some feed grains will be imported.

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4. Laos

a. Kong Le has returned to Laos after an absence of some three months, mostly in the USSR.

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b. His last stop before re-
turning was Bangkok

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5. India

a. The new president of India's Congress Party, Kamaraj Nadar, is one of India's most powerful politicians. He probably is not a serious contender to succeed Nehru, however, because of his identification with South India and his scant knowledge of Hindi and English.

b. He was prime mover behind the Congress party refurbishing in the first place, and is now in a position to carry it further with the authority and energy he commands.

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c. Factional lines are likely to harden, however, as a result of Nadar's rise, as would-be successors to Nehru, particularly Desai, see their prospects dimmed.

6. Communist China-
USSR



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NOTES

- A. Congo-Angola Tshombe's brother Daniel, a sometime resident in Luanda, is there now openly placing orders for vehicles, tents, generators etc. with various firms including some representing US companies. [REDACTED]
- B. Morocco-Algeria Algeria has responded to the Moroccan buildup in the disputed border area with a buildup of its own. Hassan's efforts to get the Algerians to negotiate the dispute have so far been unavailing and immediate prospects for calming the situation are not bright. [REDACTED]
- C. Communist China - Algeria Having already given Algeria a total of \$13.5 million, Peiping is now offering a \$50 million long-term, interest-free credit for as yet undisclosed uses. Unable to match Moscow's recent \$100 million credit, Peiping may well have offered some cash. The Chinese have done this before in similar arrangements with other African countries, which the Soviets have not.
- D. Algeria Ben Bella has decided to use a show of military force against the Kabylie rebels, and late press reports this morning indicate that operations are now getting underway.

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