

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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LATE ITEM

Panama

a. Last night's rioting developed out of a dispute between US and Panamanian students over flying the flags of the two nations in front of a Canal Zone high school.

b. Canal Zone police met resistance when they tried to move the Panamanian students out of the Zone. The students were joined by other Panamanians at the border where the violence started.

c. The issue of flying the Panamanian flag in the Zone has always been a bone of contention, with the Panamanians insisting on this dual display. Violence also followed a flag incident in the Zone in November 1959.

d. The Canal Zone Government recently extended an earlier agreement on dual display to include additional sites and to stipulate that neither flag could fly alone.

e. From 70-80 Panamanians are reported wounded and seven dead. Two US soldiers were killed when students assaulted the US Embassy.

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f. Anti-US reaction in the wake of last night's developments is likely to be prolonged.

g. President Chiari has appealed to the OAS and to the UN. It is not yet clear to us whether Panama plans to sever relations with the US or merely to suspend them.

h. Communist agitators are working to keep tensions high and plan to organize student rallies this morning.

1. Indonesia-
Malaysia

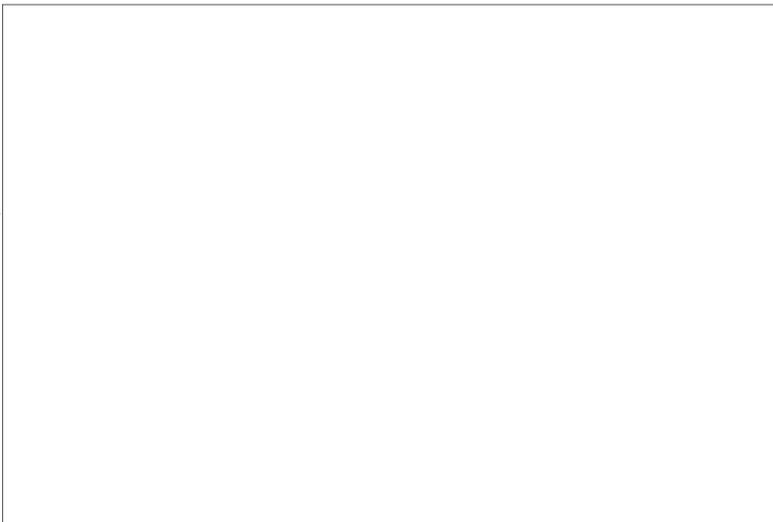
a. Sukarno is still pressing for the elimination of British influence in Malaysia.

b. The Foreign Office in Djakarta has told its UN delegation that the first step in any negotiated solution on Malaysia must be the removal of all new British bases in the area. Time limits should then be set for the removal of older bases; and following this, the wishes of the people of northern Borneo should be reassessed.



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d. Indonesia, in the meantime, is intensifying its paramilitary activities in Sabah and Sarawak.



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2. Cyprus

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government anticipates further trouble
on the island following next week's
London conference.

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3. Ghana

a. Nkrumah is shaking up his security services following last week's attempt on his life.

b. He has already dismissed practically the entire top command of the British trained police establishment.

c. The purge will probably extend to one or more cabinet ministers. Taken with Nkrumah's plan to convert Ghana formally into a one party state, it might galvanize disaffected moderate elements to plot Nkrumah's removal.

4. Arab Conference

a. King Saud [redacted]

[redacted] Mecca radio reports he will attend Nasir's conference opening next Monday.

b. We expect that Faysal will go too and conduct the real business,

[redacted]

c. Reports continue to flow in that Nasir is planning to discuss a number of things in addition to Israel's diversion of Jordan waters.

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5. Communist China - Africa
- a. Chou En-lai thus far in his African tour has made a good impression.
 - b. Nasir told Ambassador Badeau he was surprised by Chou's quiet intelligence, reasonableness, and apparent willingness to accept the principle of nonalignment.
 - c. The Chinese leader returned to Africa yesterday after a nine-day side trip to Albania. His two-day visit to Tunisia is expected to result in the establishment of diplomatic relations.
 - d. After leaving Tunisia, Chou is scheduled to visit Ghana, Mali, and Guinea in West Africa. He will then swing through East Africa, stopping in the Sudan, Tanganyika, and Uganda, and possibly Somalia and Ethiopia.

NOTES

A. India [redacted]
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B. Indonesia-Cambodia Sukarno is due in Phnom Penh Saturday. [redacted]
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C. USSR-Cuba The Soviet cargo vessel Sergei Kirov is en route to Cuba with what may be the second military cargo [redacted]; the Ivan Polzunov, which carried the first, arrived in Cuba earlier this week.

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D. Belgium - Communist China The Belgian Foreign Office feels that French recognition of Peiping would generate strong pressures in Belgium to follow suit. Both government parties and Foreign Minister Spaak already favor recognition in principle.

E. USSR [redacted]
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