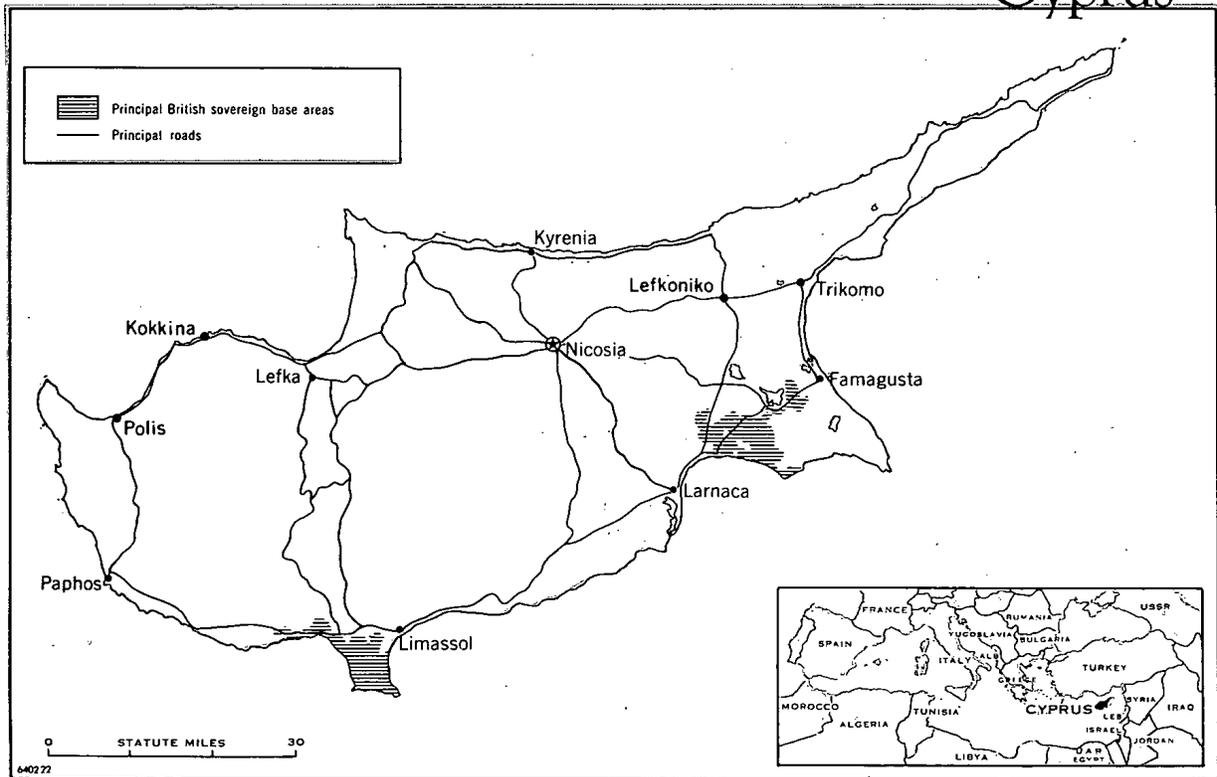


# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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# Cyprus



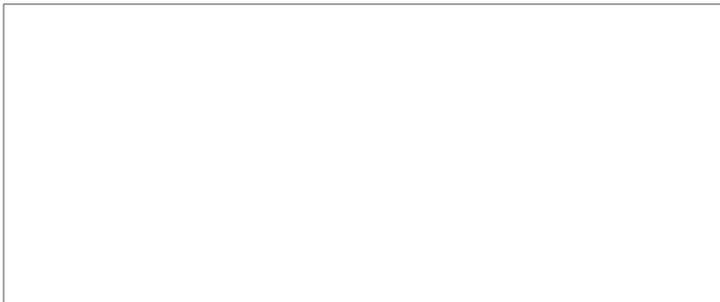
1. Cyprus

a. On the island, both sides continue efforts to improve their position on the ground.

b. The Greek Cypriots are strengthening their positions in the Kyrenia area. If they are able to deny the Turkish Cypriots access to supply points along the north coast, they can put an economic stranglehold on them.

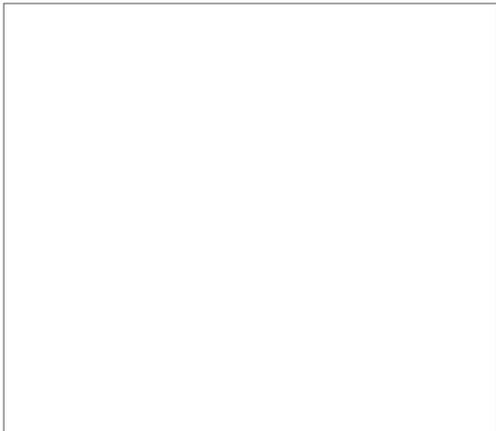
c. Foreign Minister Erkin has again likened Cyprus to Cuba and Makarios to Castro. He has told Ambassador Hare he hoped the US would approve unilateral Turk intervention, if that became necessary.

d. "Events are moving fast" said Erkin and "quick decisions might have to be made."



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3. Cuba - Western Europe



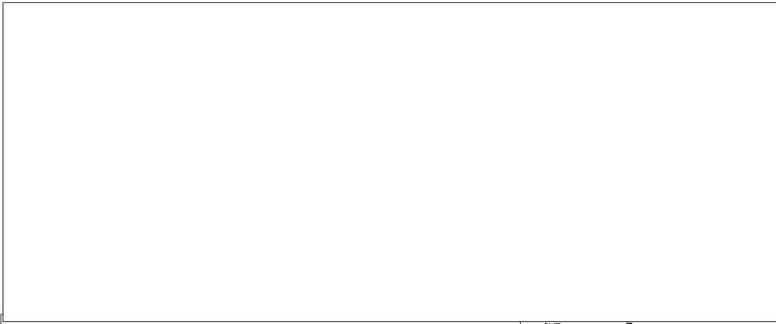
a. Spaak has again raised with Ambassador MacArthur the "appalling lack" of understanding of our Cuban policy in Europe.

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b. For example, Spaak recently had a discussion on Cuba with Belgian ambassadors who had been recalled for a policy conference. All except one (the ambassador to NATO) showed little understanding of US policy toward Cuba and were critical of it.

c. Spaak believes that unless we take more effective measures to get our story across, added strains will be placed on our relations with Europe, particularly over the issue of trade with Cuba.

4. Honduras



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Escobar has been plotting to remove Lopez for some time.

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c. Lopez, whose illness is genuine, may be glad to use this as an excuse to get away and avoid a violent upheaval.

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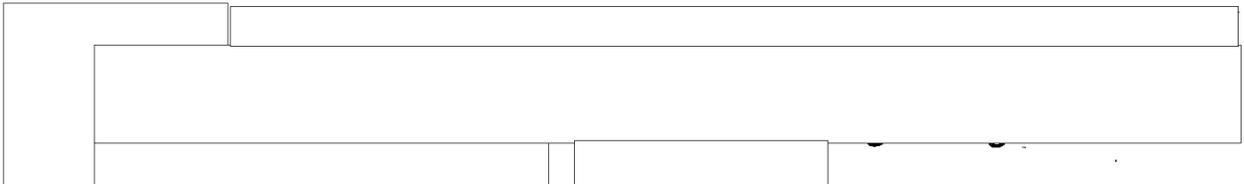
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B. South Vietnam Coup rumors continue to circulate, an unhealthy sign in itself. The latest is that General Nguyen Van Thieu, chief of the joint general staff, is planning one 

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D. Communist China Several Chinese Communist ambassadors in Europe and North Africa returned to Peiping for a conference in late February. The purpose of their recall is not clear, but they may be getting new instructions following the establishment of diplomatic relations with France.

E. Iraq-Iran Tehran is still supplying some aid to Kurdish rebel leader Barzani despite the cease-fire between Baghdad and the rebels.

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G. Belgium-Congo Relations between the two countries seem on the upswing. Adoula is reported agreeable to settling the Congo's debt to Belgium in accordance with a formula proposed by Spaak. The latter plans to visit Leopoldville in mid-March and hopes to conclude the arrangement then. This might also lead to some progress in the Belgian military training program.

H. Venezuela Betancourt has told the British ambassador that, if Shell sells any oil to Cuba, its Venezuelan holdings may be expropriated at a fair price. He has also told the French and Spanish ambassadors that Venezuelan workers may refuse to service their aircraft and ships because of their continued dealings with Cuba.

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USSR: Recent photography by satellite suggests the USSR may be preparing to build nuclear submarines at the Petrovka shipyard, near Vladivostok in the Soviet Far East.

At the present time the subs are built only at Severodvinsk on the White Sea and at Komsomolsk on the Amur River.

Petrovka, where all of the nuclear powered, cruise missile equipped E-class submarines have been fitted out, is being greatly expanded. At least six new buildings have been completed since September 1963.

The Soviets may intend to transfer nuclear submarine construction programs to Petrovka from Komsomolsk where deliveries are hampered by low water and ice on the Amur River.

We estimate the Soviet Navy to have 34 nuclear submarines of which 25 are based in the Northern Fleet.

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