

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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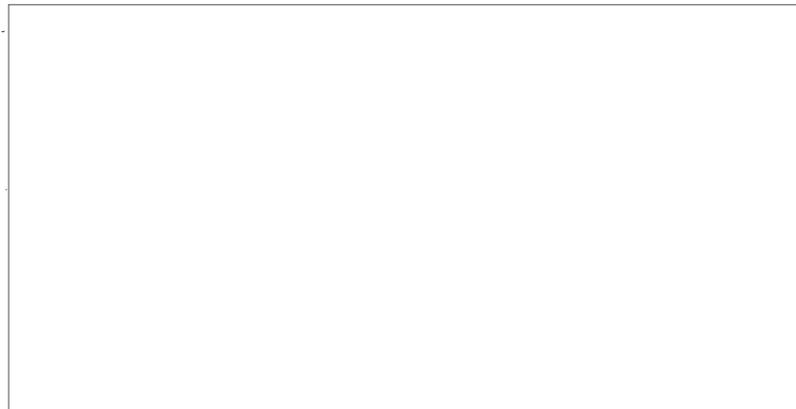
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1. Cyprus

a. U Thant is having trouble putting together a peacekeeping force. Most of the nations approached have asked for clarifications. They want, for the most part, to know who pays.

b. Thant is aiming for a force of 7,000. The British are willing to put in 3,500 and are looking forward to withdrawing the remainder of their present Cyprus force.



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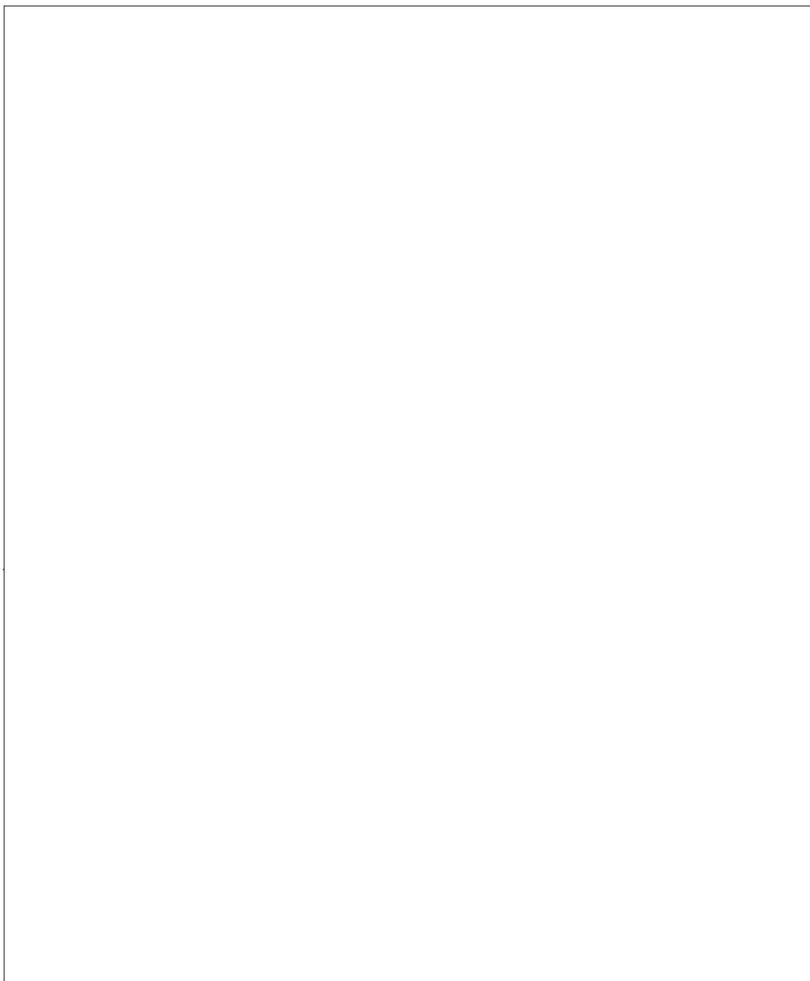
e. The knotty problem of relations among the UN force, the Greek and Turkish contingents, and the Greek and Turkish Cypriots has yet to be worked out. Makarios and Papandreou would like to see both contingents withdrawn, but we doubt the Turks will see it this way.

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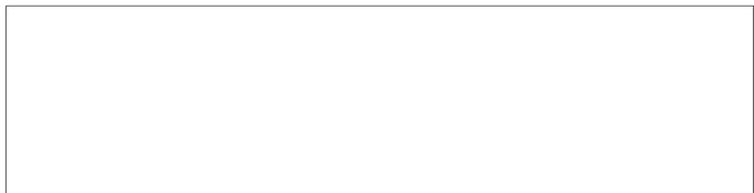


2. South Vietnam

a. We have reports of possible Viet Cong concentrations around several provincial capitals.

b. In the north, Communist movements in battalion strength have been noted in the mountains near Quang Ngai. Earlier reports had indicated the possibility of a major Viet Cong effort in this province.

c. There have also been Viet Cong movements in the past week around three provincial capitals in the delta.



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e. A Viet Cong radiobroadcast recently referred to a Communist military unit larger than a regiment. We have not so far identified such a unit, but its appearance would be a logical development of present trends.

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**3. Sino-Soviet
Dispute**

a. Evidence is building up that the Soviets have finally decided to face up to a showdown with the Chinese and will call another world conference for the purpose.



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c. We doubt that they will get any satisfaction from Peiping, which has already publicly belittled Moscow for failing to do anything despite earlier threats to deal the Chinese a "worthy rebuff."

d. The Soviets are probably holding off to see the results of Rumanian talks with the Chinese.

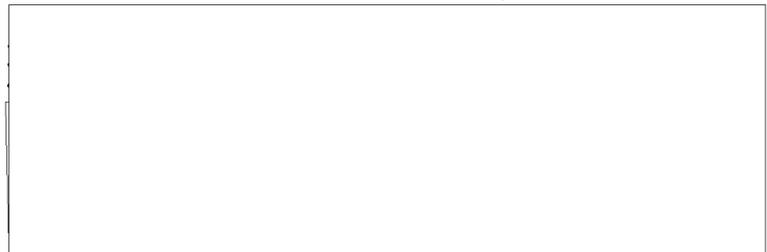
e. Most foreign parties, while basically backing Moscow, are most reluctant to face a showdown. Some are actively trying to restrain the Soviet party from calling a conference at present.

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f. There was some fighting yesterday at points along the northern and eastern coasts. It did not get out of hand. This relative quiet may continue for several more days as the Greek Cypriots have been ordered into mourning for the death of King Paul.

g. Makarios yesterday instructed that all Turkish Cypriot hostages be released today. The Turkish side said it would respond in kind. At last report, the Greeks were actually arranging for the release of 49 Turks.

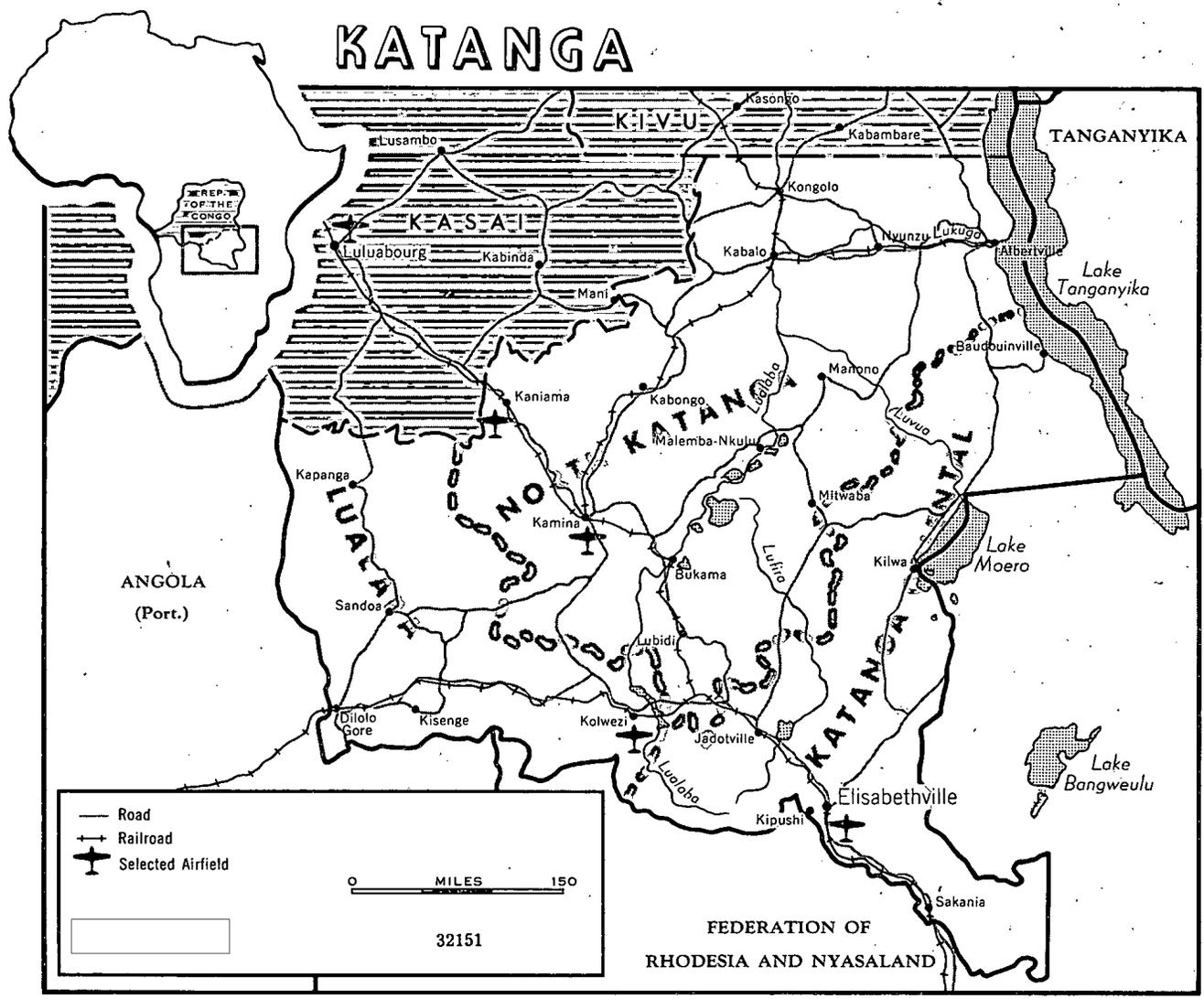
h. Greek Premier Papandreou, responding to Ambassador Labouisse's protest on recent anti-American manifestations, said that the "danger period" is over. The ambassador is not so sure.



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4. Congo-Angola

a. It is by now quite apparent that Tshombé is building up a quasi-military force in Angola, hoping that it may prove useful in his bid to return to power in Katanga, perhaps after UN forces decamp in June.

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[REDACTED] Tshombé's fellow 50X1
tribesmen have left Katanga for Angola. 50X1

c. While the Portuguese may be interested in using the threat of this force to pressure Adoula into curbing Congo-based Angolan rebels, we rather doubt that Lisbon will permit Tshombé to launch an attack on the Congo from Angola.

d. The Portuguese may, however, be sorely tempted if Roberto goes through with a scheme to open a "second front" in Angola. [REDACTED] 50X1

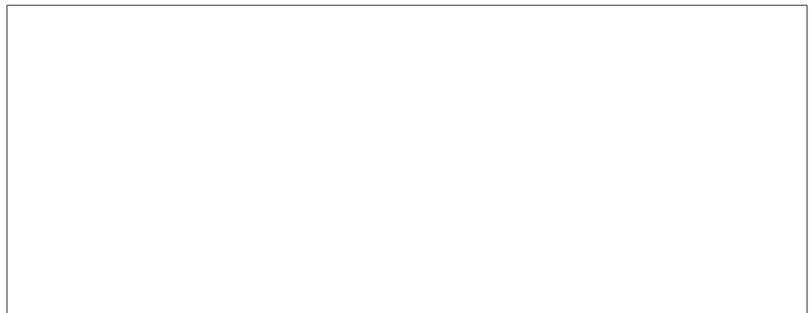
5. USSR - Ethiopia -
Somalia

a. Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Malik descended quite suddenly on Addis Ababa last Wednesday, raising a number of eyebrows in the Horn of Africa.

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b. As we get the picture, his purpose was to try to placate the Emperor, who is understandably upset over Khrushchev's charges of aggression and Soviet arms aid to Somalia.



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d. The Ethiopians, by their own accounts, were skeptical. Malik is due to fly to Mogadiscio today, probably for some more smoothing of ruffled feathers.

e. While Malik talked in Addis Ababa yesterday, there was an exchange of artillery fire along the border, the first since the closing of the OAU conference last Sunday.

6. Algeria - UAR -
Cuba

a. The last of the men and materiel sent by Nasir to Algeria during the Morocco-Algeria border fighting last fall was scheduled to return



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b. [redacted] Egyptian military instructors will stay on, perhaps to counter the presence of Soviet military advisors.

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c. The [redacted] Cubans who came to Algeria about the same time have not left. Algiers has, however, assured Cairo that they will do so soon.

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7. China-Cambodia

a. The Chinese Communists evidently intend to make a big thing out of the upcoming trip to China of a Cambodian military mission headed by Defense Minister Lon Nol.

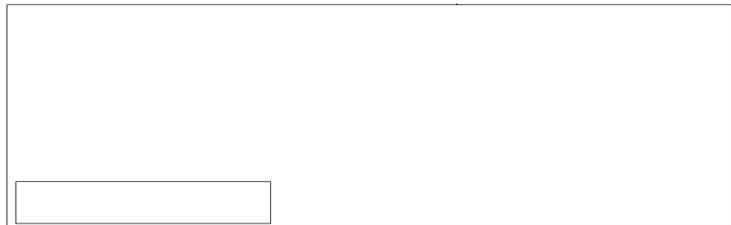
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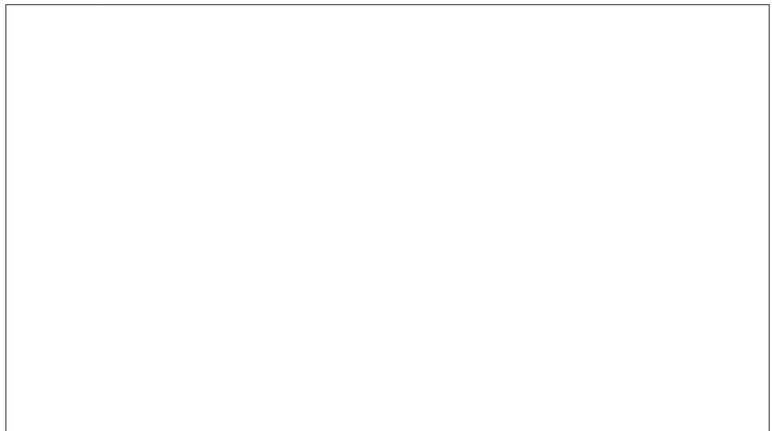
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**8. Indonesia-
Malaysia**

a. The three Maphilindo foreign ministers are back in their respective capitals after the breakdown of the Bangkok talks.

b. There is a chance of resuscitating the dialogue if Sukarno will buy a proposition that political talks and withdrawal of guerrillas begin simultaneously.



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NOTES

- A. Gabon Yesterday's quiet in Libreville was spoiled only by series of threats, telephoned to the US Embassy by French civilians, of reprisals for the alleged US support of Mba's opponents. One caller warned that "the American pigs will be chased out of Gabon." Viewing the situation, Ambassador Darlington says he expects more trouble and fears that it may be large and bloody.
- B. Greece The new Greek King, the 23-year-old Constantine, has taken part in most government decisions since last June. During this time, he has shown signs of a growing independence [redacted] He is said to believe that he can work closely with Premier Papandreou. 50X6
- C. Zanzibar Ambassador Leonhardt is not convinced that the removal of Okello from the Zanzibar scene is necessarily a good thing. He thinks that Okello and Babu together--and at cross purposes--may be less advantageous to the Communists than Babu alone. Meanwhile, the Zanzibar Government has discouraged a visit to the island by the touring Duncan Sandys. 50X1
- D. South Korea - South Vietnam [redacted] a battalion of trained Korean anti-guerrilla fighters be sent to Vietnam. 50X1
- E. British Guiana The strike among the sugar workers could lead to another outbreak of violence between East Indians and Negroes. A pro-Jagan union has been attempting to wrest control of the sugar workers from an anti-Jagan union which constitutes a sizable proportion of organized labor in British Guiana. Although support for the strike has been spotty, Jagan's union has played rough and at least some of the sugar producers are evidently prepared to recognize it as the sole bargaining agent.

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F. Iran Prime Minister Alam resigned today, as expected,
and Hasan Ali Mansur has been tapped by the Shah.

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