

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

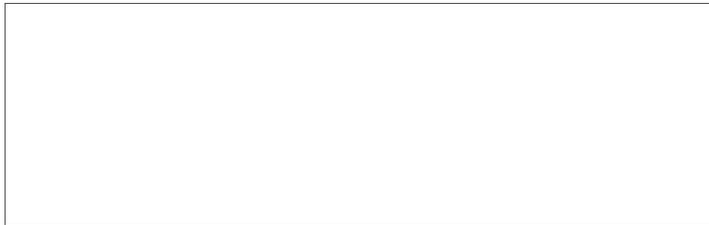
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1. Cyprus-Turkey

a. Ankara has sent an ultimatum to Makarios' government warning that Turkish forces will intervene unless there is an immediate cease-fire and an end to assaults on Turkish Cypriot villages.



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c. Erkin has told Hare that Turkey will intervene only if Greek Cypriot attacks continue. He also said Turkey probably would not intervene if a UN force could be put on Cyprus without delay to protect Turkish Cypriots.

d. Erkin promised to recommend to Prime Minister Inonu that he comply with Hare's request for a 24-hour delay. Such a delay would expire at 1700 hours today, Washington time.

e. Ankara does not appear to be bluffing.



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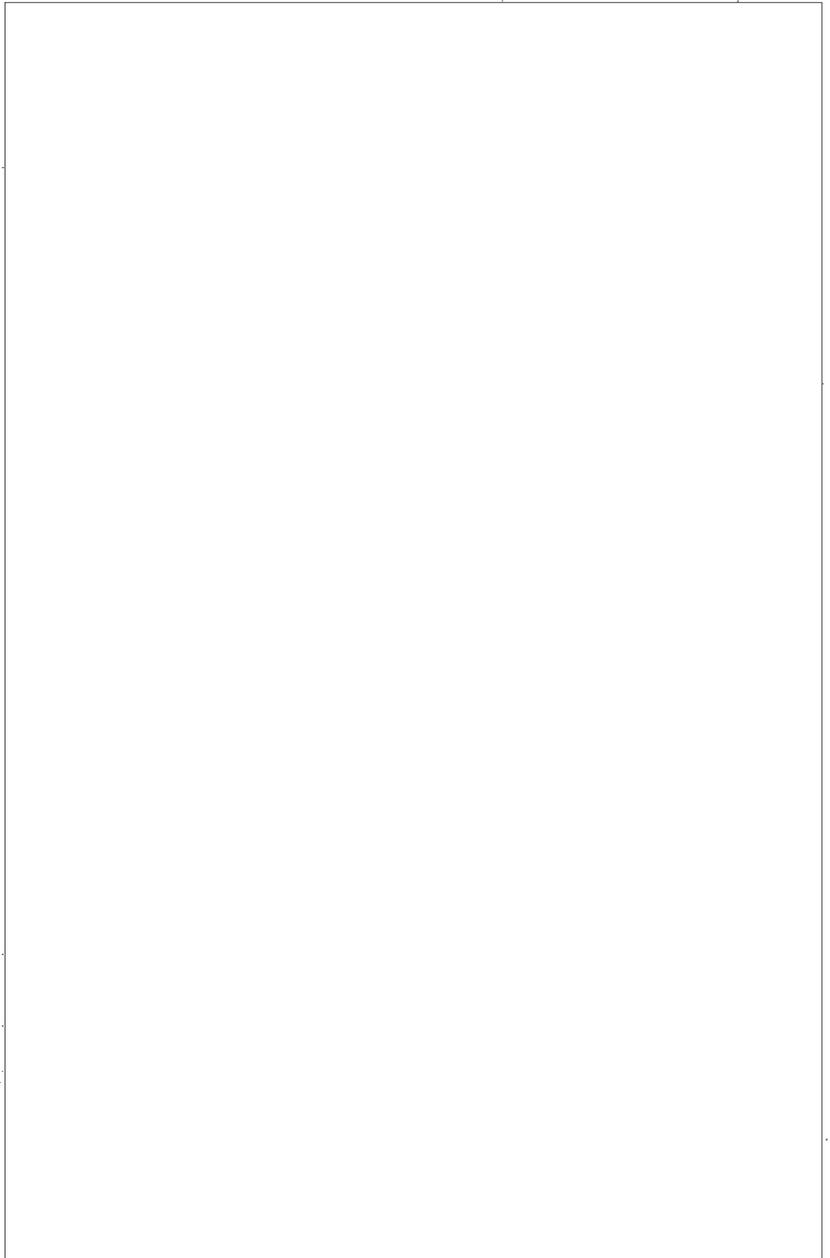
h. According to the press, a Cyprus Government spokesman (unidentified) has said his government would reject the Turkish note as "unacceptable" both for its content and wording. The press also reports that the Greek fleet has been ordered to maneuver again between Crete and the Dodecanese Islands.

i. The Turkish ultimatum has of course spurred efforts to get a UN force on the island as soon as possible. The question of financing has been largely resolved, but Thant at last report was still having difficulty getting the necessary troop commitments.

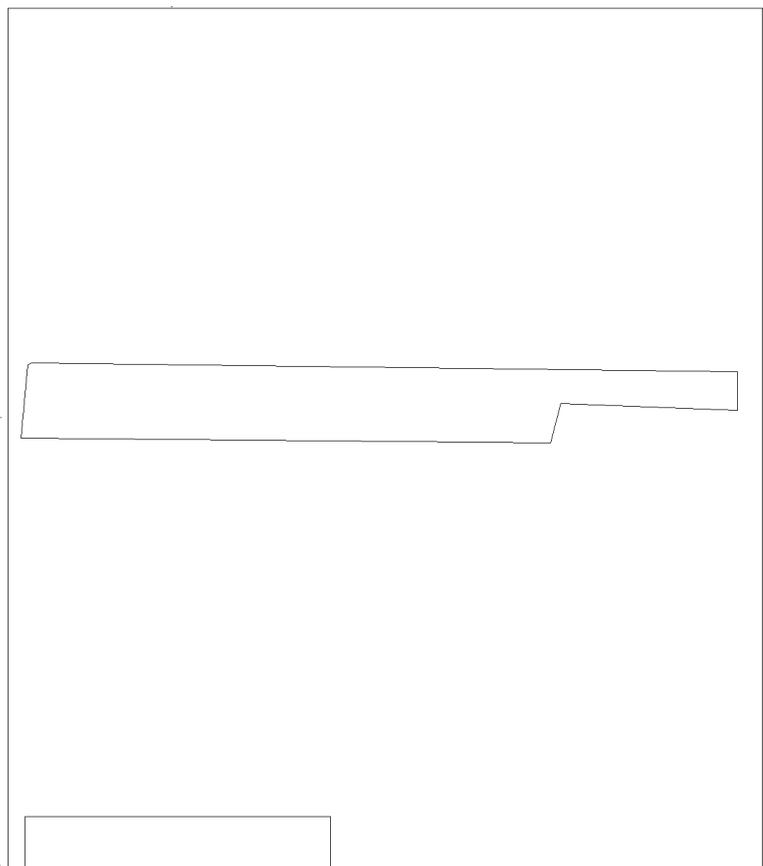
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2. France



3. RB-66 Incident



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4. Cambodia

a. The earlier report that representatives of Cambodian Defense Minister Lon Nol were seeking the support of Laotian Prince Boun Oum for a coup against Sihanouk may have had a germ of truth in it.

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e. It is conceivable that anti-Communist Lon Nol has finally had enough, but it is also possible that Sihanouk is baiting a hook.

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LATE ITEM

Cyprus

a. The Greeks have told our ambassador that they hope the Turkish note to Makarios is primarily designed for internal consumption in Turkey.

b. They see no developments in the past few days that would call for Turkish intervention and have reiterated that no Greek Government could stand idly by while such an action took place.

c. Erkin for his part has reiterated that the Turkish note is not an ultimatum but rather a statement of the Turkish position. He said again that the Turks would not intervene if there were no more attacks and the UN force was put on the island immediately.

d. We interpret this as meaning that there is more time available than the 24 hours expiring at 1700 today.

e. If Makarios can be persuaded to restrain his compatriots, and if he in fact has the power to do so, it is possible that the Turks can be held off long enough for the UN to act, but it will be a close-run thing.

f. Late press from Nicosia reports a new outbreak in the city today. We have no information on who started it.

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NOTES

- A. South Vietnam The level of Viet Cong military activity is rising again after a lull. In the past week, the Communists have made four attacks of company size, mostly in the delta. Preliminary reports of another Viet Cong attack in the delta on Wednesday indicate that a battalion was involved.
- B. India-Pakistan The latest incident near the Kashmir cease-fire line, south of Jammu city, is the most serious in the past few months. India and Pakistan each claim the other has been attacking with artillery and heavy mortars. UN observers on the scene expect that the action will remain localized.
- C. Nationalist China Chiang Ching-kuo has been named deputy minister of national defense, an appointment which moves him one step closer to open designation as his father's eventual successor.
- D. Brazil Goulart is scheduled to address a big leftist-sponsored rally today. Rumors of inflammatory things he might say have stirred up his opposition. Special security measures are being taken to contain any outbreak of violence amid reports that rightists may try to disrupt the show.
- E. Latin American Youth Congress The Cuban-sponsored Latin American Youth Congress in Santiago Chile has been something of a flop. Sessions so far have been poorly attended. The Chilean Government has been trying to obstruct the congress and most of the press has been attacking it. There is also friction among the delegations.

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F. Bolivia Paz got a pretty good turnout at his rally Wednesday. The banners of the marchers carried slogans supporting the President, castigating Lechin, and a few attacking Communism, but the parade was mainly a Paz show of strength.

G. Zanzibar [redacted] a sizeable Chinese Communist presence on the island [redacted]

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