

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE REVIEW

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1. Cyprus: The Cypriot government rejected the Turkish ultimatum this afternoon.

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A brief exchange of fire between Turkish and Greek Cypriots did take place this morning near the "green line" in Nicosia. The situation was reported calm this afternoon, however.

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Inonu was reported by Reuters in Ankara as saying earlier today that he would wait until late tonight for a favorable Greek Cypriot response to the Turkish note. If no such response comes he declared, "I will make a landing." Makarios, before flying back to Nicosia from Athens today, told a press conference that the Greek Cypriots were ready to repulse any Turkish attack.

Turkish Foreign Minister Erkin has told Ambassador Hare that the early arrival of a UN force in Cyprus would avert intervention. The Canadians are willing to send a force but are waiting for the Swedes. The Swedes, in turn, are holding off until another "neutral" state agrees to take part. Brazil and Finland are the most likely candidates, but each has problems.

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Yesterday Erkin claimed that the Turkish note was not really an ultimatum, but rather a statement of the Turkish position. Thus, despite the Greek Cypriot rejection, if Makarios restrains his compatriots, it is still possible the Turks will hold off.



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2. Sino-Soviet Dispute: [redacted] a Moscow-sponsored meeting of Communist parties are still coming in.

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The Rumanian delegation's visit to Peiping-- which was apparently intended to head off a Peiping-Moscow showdown--ended in a curt, non-committal communique. It appears now that nothing will change Soviet plan to hold the meeting, perhaps during Khrushchev's trip to Hungary late this month.

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The Chinese Communists have counterattacked already. [redacted]
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the Chinese charge the Soviets with underhanded maneuvering to split the world-wide Communist movement.

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4. Cuba: The sugar harvest now underway may not be much larger than last year's 3.8 million tons. Bad weather, labor shortages, and transportation troubles will probably offset the effect of increased acreage and the regime's other special efforts to produce more.

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5. India: Ambassador Bowles doubts that Nehru's health will allow him to continue long as a political force in India.



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Meanwhile, government business is being run by cabinet committees. L. B. Shastri, as minister without portfolio, is now dominating the government.

6. Cambodia: Wednesday's obviously staged attacks on the US and UK embassies followed claims by Sihanouk that the US was willfully blocking his efforts to get an international guarantee of Cambodia's neutrality and borders.

Even in his apology for the raids on the embassies and his offer of indemnification, he could not refrain from justifying the acts.

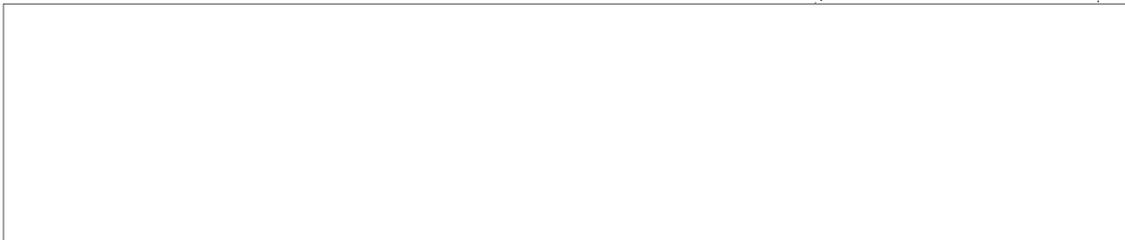
It remains to be seen if he will now follow through with threats to recognize North Vietnam, negotiate frontier agreements with the Pathet Lao and North Vietnam, and conclude a military pact with Communist China. A Cambodian military mission led by Defense Minister Lon Nol is touring China now and will subsequently go to the USSR.

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The Chinese are expected to offer Sihanouk some small-scale arms aid, but they appear chary of too close ties with the unpredictable Prince. Pei-ping's support so far has been limited to generalized statements of support for Cambodian neutrality.

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8. Congo: Congolese army troops are still unable to control the insurgency in Kwilu province.

Some of Pierre Mulele's rebels are now armed with rifles and automatic weapons, along with their bows and arrows. They are putting up stiff resistance and the area of rebellion may be enlarged. The Congolese Government has sent another battalion to reinforce the three already engaged.

9. Zanzibar: The outlook for Zanzibar is still discouraging.

British Colonial Secretary Duncan Sandys, just back from a visit to the island, told Ambassador Bruce in London that the Zanzibar Government appears almost completely incompetent to administer its own affairs.

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Chinese Communist presence on the island. [redacted]

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We may have seen the last of "Field Marshal"
Okello. President Karume has barred him from Zanzibar.

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10. Ethiopia-Somalia: Ethiopian troops are enforcing new repressive measures against Somali tribesmen in the Ogaden region. [redacted]

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When these actions become generally known in Somalia, the government will be under even more pressure to take military action in support of the Somalis in Ethiopia.

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11. France-China: [redacted]

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Cyprus: [Redacted] a large number of combat-dressed Turkish troops have been observed boarding a ship in Iskenderun harbor.

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