

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus



c. The Turks believe their threat of intervention last Friday deterred the Greek Cypriots and is largely responsible for the relative quiet that has prevailed since, but they are also acutely aware that this threat is now so worn as to be of little further value.

d. They probably feel they will have no alternative but to move in if the UN force cannot keep the peace. We believe they will remain ready to do so.

e. Arrangements for the UN force are nearing completion, though its terms of reference are still being hammered out.

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f. The Canadian advance party is on the scene, and the remainder of the 1,150-man Canadian contingent will arrive this week. Swedish, Finnish, and Irish troops will not be ready for several weeks. British troops are being issued UN insignia.

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h. The UN commander, General Gyani, is temporarily absent. The three-month mandate of the force will begin from time he returns to command it.

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2. Communist China -
Laos

a. The Chinese Communists [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] will be conducting aerial surveys of the China-Laos frontier for the next several weeks.

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c. The Chinese have a long-range mapping and demarcation program under way, and we believe in this case they will be doing pretty much what they say they intend to do. However, they will be overflying areas

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of Laos where northern Yao tribesmen have been harassing Chinese road building and maintenance crews.

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3. Cambodia-Vietnam

a. Khanh is already laying plans to crack down on Cambodia's Mekong River shipping.

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4. Cambodia

a. Cambodia is closing its embassy here, giving as an excuse a desire to avoid further "incidents" such as occurred last Friday (when it was picketed briefly by eight students).

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b. In Phnom Penh, the government has set up a public fund to reimburse us for the damage done to our property there.

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5. Maphilindo
Talks

a. Sukarno, still angling for a three-way summit meeting, has told the Filipinos he would be willing to withdraw all guerrillas in Malaysian territory by the time a summit meeting is convened after the Malaysian elections.

b. Thai and Philippine efforts to get ministerial talks back on the track are hung up, basically because Sukarno is holding out for a summit meeting and Rahman is electioneering.

c. The dispatch of Thai cease-fire observers is also hung up, partly because it is not decided whether they would "observe" or "supervise" the cease-fire.

d. Attention is now turning to the possibility of setting up a Maphilindo ambassadors group under Thai aegis in Bangkok where, perhaps, some of the snarl can be untangled.

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A. USSR [redacted] 50X1X1

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B. Sino-Soviet Dispute [redacted] 50X1K1

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C. South Vietnam This weekend saw a major government sweep of Viet Cong in Kien Phong Province along the Cambodian border. Some 300 Viet Cong were reported captured. The weekend also brought the loss of six US airmen downed by Viet Cong groundfire.

D. Ethiopia-Somalia New clashes are breaking out in Ogaden as Ethiopian troops begin to exercise their new authority to deal harshly with Somali tribesmen in the "forbidden zone" along the border. The situation promises to snowball.