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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Hanson Baldwin's fifteen columns since July 1 deal with military matters, mainly new U.S. weapons and tactics (July 4, 8, 11, 28, August 11); and various aspects of the Iraq-Lebanon crisis (July 16, 18, 21, 24, 27, 31, August 1, 5, 6). There is also a discussion (July 13) of difficulties being encountered at the scientific disarmament conference in Geneva.
3. The military discussions concern missiles seen at the Army's White Sands July 1-2 demonstration, of which Baldwin was somewhat critical (July 4); the development of the Tactical Air Command at Langley Field (July 8); joint U.S.-Canadian air defense plans (July 11); new, powerful radar stations being built in Greenland and the Aleutians (July 28); launching of the Triton, biggest and fastest atomic submarine, whose capabilities are described in some detail (August 11).
4. Baldwin is critical of the Lebanon landings on such grounds as:  
(a) the U.S. military system did not demonstrate as much speed and efficiency as is needed for this type of military maneuver (e.g., July 27); (b) under the circumstances it was not possible to see how the action taken could end the crisis or when the crisis might end (e.g., July 16); (c) the President undertook the commitment without broad enough consultation with his military advisers (e.g., July 24); (d) the move probably strengthened rather than weakened Nasser (e.g., July 16). On the other hand, Baldwin seems to feel that the Lebanon action, by demonstrating that "peace at any price is not our policy," may have had a good effect in encouraging our allies in the Middle East, particularly Turkey and Pakistan (e.g., July 31).

5. The only reference to "intelligence" in these columns appears on July 16: "Outside intervention, which intelligence officers in Washington and the United Nations believe was never 'massive' in a physical sense, could now -- after the Iraq coup -- become so."

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