

# THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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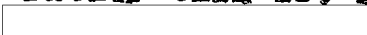
1. Katanga situation



- a) The position of the UN forces remains precarious. The movement of 50X1 3,000 Katangan troops from Jadotville to Elisabethville may be in the offing, while the UN has still not succeeded in getting reinforcements of troops and planes through;
- b) Tshombe met with UN representative Khiari in Northern Rhodesia yesterday and another meeting is scheduled for today. We have received no information on the talks but the likelihood of successful negotiations is not strong. UN officials are highly skeptical of Tshombe's willingness or ability to curb Katangan forces;
- c) in Leopoldville, meanwhile, Adoula is faced with mounting pressure for direct military intervention.

2. Harriman-Souvanna meeting



The Rangoon talks were more satisfactory on the whole than Ambassador Harriman had expected, with one important exception: Souvanna is still<sup>50X1</sup> insisting on drawing entirely from his own followers, rather than including several moderates from Vientiane, in making up the center group in a coalition. However, Souvanna indicated that he is determined to beat the Pathet Lao "at all costs" in elections. If the elections are lost he said he would fight rather than let Laos go Communist.  50X1

3. Khrushchev's condemnation of Mongi Slim

His diatribe against Slim came before a group of African Ambassadors in Moscow, including the Tunisian envoy, in the midst of the Bizerte crisis. His charge that Slim has not served the best interests of Africa in the UN will probably reappear in Soviet argumentation against him.

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NOTES

A. Karamanlis' resignation yesterday, was designed to get new elections at a favorable juncture--probably late next month--in order to give him a firmer mandate. The King has been asked to appoint an interim government. [redacted]

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B. Results of [redacted] investigation of West German jet incident:  
a) the lead pilot's gyro compass was defective and both planes had been given a wrong heading; b) cloud cover precluded visual observation; c) the incident was a genuine mistake. [redacted]

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D. There are no signs of a break in the Afghan-Pakistan impasse. Both sides are continuing military preparations--apparently defensive--along the border. [redacted]

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E. The latest assessment of the situation in the Dominican Republic is that those favoring violent action are in the ascendancy among the opposition. [redacted]

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