

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

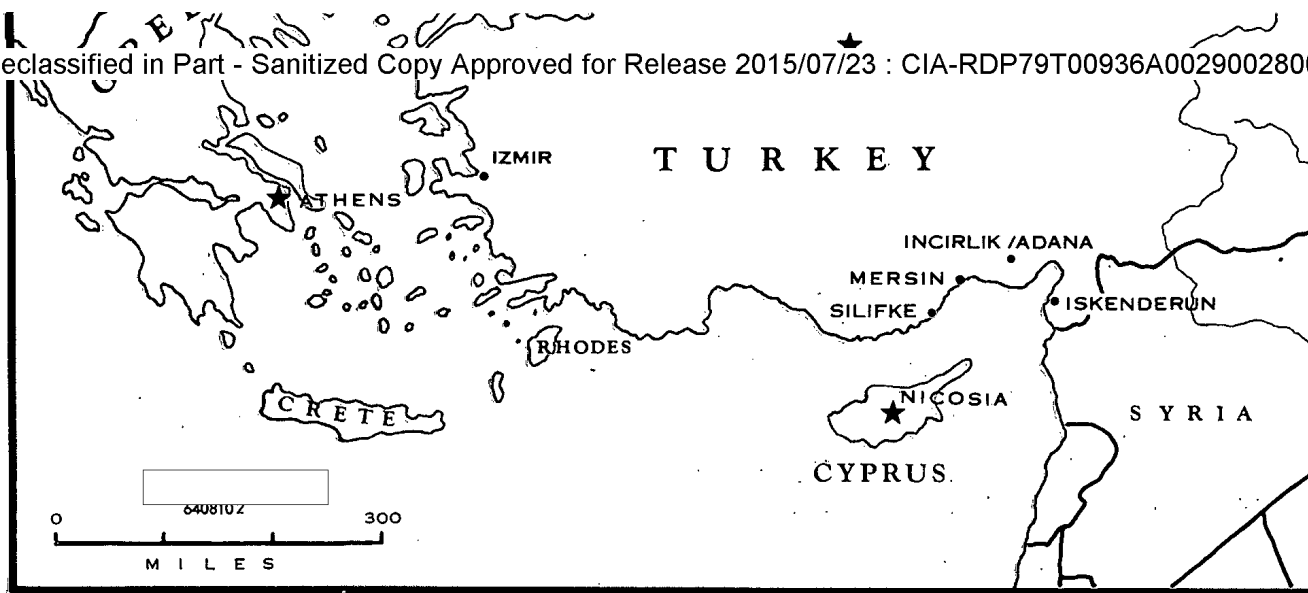
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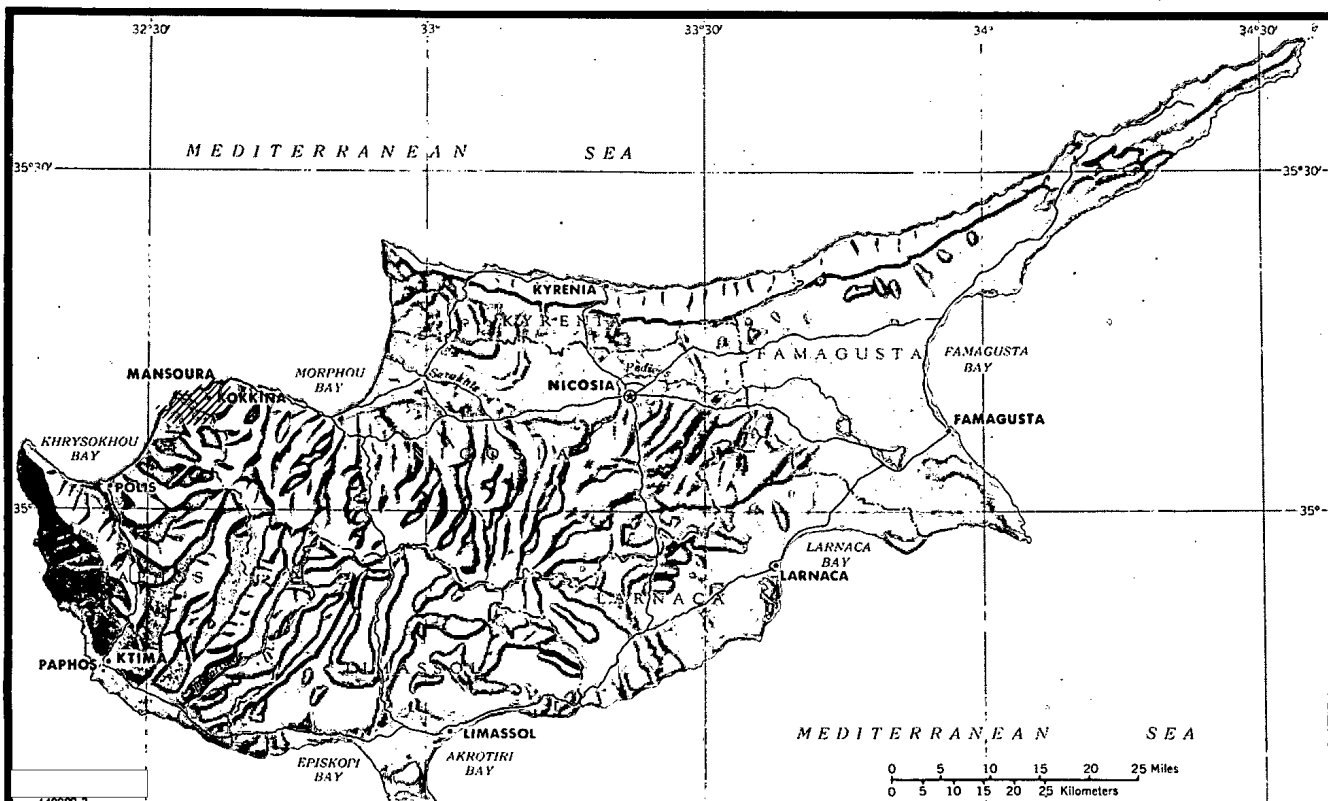
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1. Cyprus

a. Both Turkey and Cyprus have accepted the UN cease-fire resolution and the island is generally quiet. A breakdown in the truce could occur, however, over differences in interpretation of terms.



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c. The Turks insist that the planes they sent over Polis yesterday were on reconnaissance missions only, but UN forces have confirmed that they actually fired on the village.

d. Turkey, in accepting the UN resolution, said it would maintain "continued vigilance."

e. Ankara has also conditioned its acceptance on the withdrawal of Greek Cypriot forces to positions they held before their attacks in the vicinity of Kokkina last week. The Greek Cypriots have indicated that withdrawal from Turkish Cypriot villages in the area is out of the question.

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2. North Vietnam -
Communist China

a. Further study of [redacted] photography [redacted] now establishes that 36 MIG 15/17 jet fighters--a full regiment--are at Phuc Yen airfield near Hanoi. Many are camouflaged.

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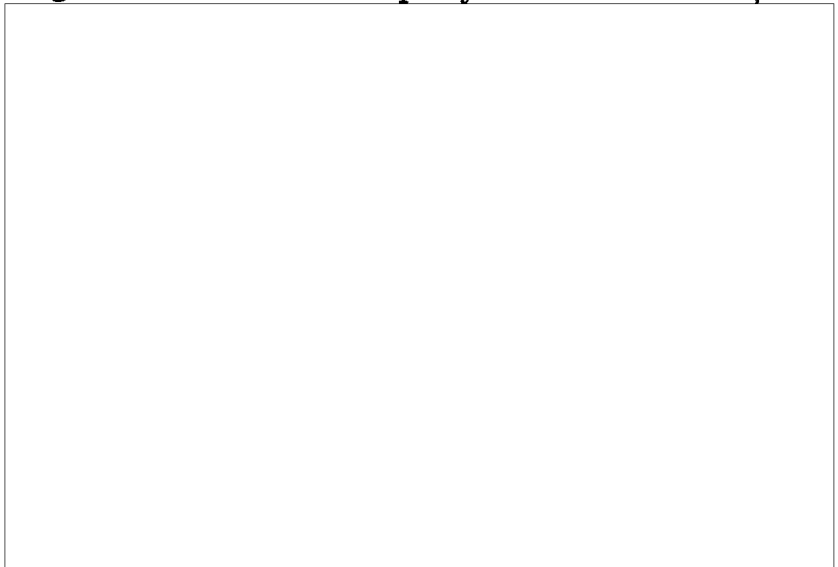
b. [redacted] these planes came from China's Mengtzu airfield near the Vietnamese border. Air transport flights between Mengtzu and Hanoi are continuing.

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c. We have seen no indications of major air force redeployments inside China, but there are signs that fighters may be moved from East China into Nanning. If this occurs, it will be the first air augmentation in South China since the start of the crisis.

d. We have seen no major ground force redeployment in China,



f. Staged demonstrations of support for North Vietnam are now being held in all major cities in China. Peiping claims that over 6.5 million people are taking part.

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g. Soviet propaganda on the Tonkin Gulf episode is down to a trickle. In his speech last weekend, Khrushchev asserted only that the Soviets would defend Socialist states if the imperialists forced them into war. Our Moscow embassy suggests that these remarks, coming after the heat of crisis was past, were made for the record and in confidence they would not be tested.

3. South Vietnam

a. Public exuberance over the US air strike may soon evaporate and manifestations of dissatisfaction with the Khanh regime resume.

b. The US action prompted many Vietnamese to think that the war burden was removed from their shoulders. Khanh's "state of emergency" decrees, if continued, will soon disillusion these people.

c. Other Vietnamese are already becoming fearful of harsh retaliation by the Communists.

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d. Some highly placed people fear that, if the campaign against the Viet Cong is not pushed effectively, Khanh may feel compelled to resort to distractions. Some sort of action against Cambodia is a possibility.

4. USSR - Communist
China

a. The Soviet leaders have moved to break the stalemate over the convening of a world Communist conference to discuss differences.

b. Moscow has asked the 25 parties which helped it prepare the conference of 1960 to get together in December to arrange another meeting for mid-1965. The Chinese, one of the invitees, recently said they would not participate in any preparatory meeting set up by Moscow this year.

c. The Russians have indicated that the refusal of any party to participate in December should not prevent the meeting. They are clearly trying to show that they are supported by the majority of world parties.

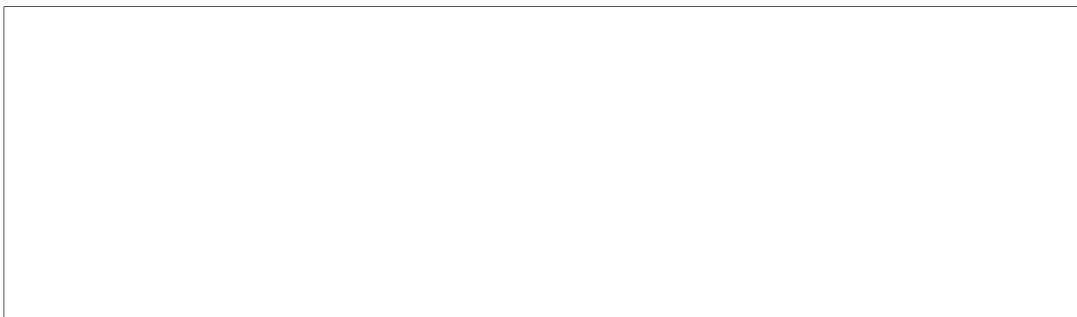
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d. Some of the other parties among the 25 invited may refuse, but we are certain Moscow has enough support to muster a substantial majority.

e. We now look for the Chinese to step up their efforts to persuade undecided parties that a meeting in December will only worsen matters.

f. Peiping announced yesterday that it was putting on sale the first volume of a collection of past statements by Khrushchev which prove he is a "revisionist."

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B. Congo The rebels have cleared Stanleyville completely of National Army forces and the US consul there thinks that only a large and well-organized force can retake the city. The "popular army" in Stanleyville is apparently now preparing for action in the northeastern provinces of Uele and Kibali-Ituri, where government forces are few and unreliable. Nigeria, in response to a request from Tshombé for help, may provide some troops.



C. Cuba



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 we think that recruit training in Cuba may have lagged and veterans are being held in service pending the return of trained personnel from the USSR. 

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