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PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST - 9 DECEMBER 1961

1. CONGO:

A. AFTER "GOING SLOWLY" YESTERDAY WHILE FURTHER REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED, UN TROOPS RESUMED THEIR ATTACKS ON TSHOMBE'S STRONG POINTS IN ELIZABETHVILLE THIS MORNING. THERE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN NO SOFTENING OF KATANGAN RESISTANCE, AND THE UN IS APPARENTLY BEHIND THE SCHEDULE IT SET ITSELF FOR CLEARING THE CITY. WITH THE FORCE NOW AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, WE THINK THE UN CAN PROBABLY TAKE ELIZABETHVILLE, BUT WHETHER IT CAN GO ON TO ESTABLISH CONTROL OVER THE WHOLE PROVINCE SEEMS DOUBTFUL UNLESS TSHOMBE'S GOVERNMENT COLLAPSES.

B. TSHOMBE HAS ASKED "ALL" CONSULS IN ELIZABETHVILLE TO MEET HIM THIS MORNING. HOFFACKER REPORTS THEY WILL NOT COMPLY IF HE IS NOT RECEIVED BY TSHOMBE. HOFFACKER HAS SUCCESSFULLY EVACUATED CONSULATE DEPENDENTS AND A GROUP OF MISSIONARIES TO RHODESIA.

2. LAOS:

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TO HANOI WEDNESDAY. [Redacted]

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3. **INDONESIAN PUSH FOR WEST NEW GUINEA:**

NO IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED

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THE INDONESIAN AIR FORCE, WHICH IS MORE

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PRO-SUKARNO AND MORE DEEPLY ENTANGLED WITH THE SOVIETS THAN THE OTHER SERVICES, APPEARS TO BE GETTING IN POSITION FOR AN ATTACK ON WEST NEW GUINEA, AND THERE IS SOME DANGER THAT IT MIGHT EVEN MOVE UNILATERALLY IF THE OTHER SERVICES DON'T.

4. **DOMINICAN NEGOTIATORS GOING FORWARD, ALBEIT SLOWLY:**

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5. BERLIN:

A. IN AN INTERVIEW ON WEDNESDAY, TAPED BY CBS FOR SHOWING ON TELEVISION HERE IN JANUARY, ULBRICHT SAID THAT CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY INTO EAST BERLIN WOULD "SOON" BE "NORMALIZED" TO REQUIRE PASSPORTS WITH VISAS AT THE SECTOR BORDER, WHICH HE CALLED EAST GERMANY'S "STATE FRONTIER." HE WAS EVASIVE, HOWEVER, ON THE SUBJECT OF ALLIED MILITARY ENTRY TO EAST BERLIN.

B. EARLY THIS MONTH

KHRUSHCHEV DELAYED SIGNING A GERMAN PEACE TREATY BECAUSE THERE WERE POSSIBILITIES OF NEGOTIATING OTHER PROBLEMS CONCERNING CENTRAL EUROPE AND SUCCESSFULLY EXPLOITING DISAGREEMENTS WITHIN THE CAPITALIST CAMP.

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6. PARTY CONGRESS AFTERMATH:

THOMPSON CONCLUDES THAT KHRUSHCHEV'S ANTI-STALIN REVELATIONS HAVE FURTHER ERODED PUBLIC FAITH IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THAT WIDE PUBLIC DISCUSSION IS RAISING PROBLEMS FOR THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP. AS WITH EARLIER "RELAXATION" STEPS IN THE SOVIET UNION, THOMPSON THINKS KHRUSHCHEV PROBABLY WILL FIND IT NECESSARY TO DEFINE ACCEPTABLE LIMITS OF POPULAR CRITICISM.

7. UNREST IN DEPRESSED BRAZILIAN NORTHEAST:

A BILL BEFORE PARLIAMENT WOULD CRIPPLE THE \$ 900 MILLION PLAN FOR REHABILITATION OF THE AREA. PROTESTS AGAINST THE BILL HAVE BEEN GENERAL AND ACCOMPANIED BY SOME VIOLENCE, WITH THE EXTREME LEFT MAKING POLITICAL HAY.

8. GOA:

THE INDIAN CAMPAIGN TO BUILD TENSION HAS ACQUIRED A GOOD DEAL OF MOMENTUM, AND AMBASSADOR GALBRAITH NOTES THAT NEHRU IS UNDER STRONG OFFICIAL AND POPULAR PRESSURE TO TAKE MILITARY ACTION, NOTABLY FROM KRISHNA MENON. THE LATEST PRONOUNCEMENTS BY BOTH SIDES, HOWEVER, APPEAR DESIGNED TO COOL THINGS OFF A LITTLE.

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9. NOTES:

A. THERE WERE FURTHER DISORDERS IN CARACAS YESTERDAY, BUT WE HAVE NO IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT.

B. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE PRINTED THE FULL TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTERVIEW WITH ADZHUBEI, ALONG WITH A BITTER ATTACK ON THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS. OUR CONSULATE IN HONG KONG SUGGESTS THE CHINESE ARE AFRAID THE INTERVIEW MIGHT SIGNIFY A SOFTER SOVIET POLICY TOWARD THE US.

C. AFTER A LONG SILENCE, THE CHINESE PRESS AND RADIO HAVE FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS BEEN ATTACKING INDIA ON THE BORDER QUESTION IN THE MOST VITRIOLIC TERMS. THE CHINESE HAVE FOR THE FIRST TIME AIMED AT NEHRU PERSONALLY, AND ALSO FOR THE FIRST TIME HAVE DENOUNCED THE INDIAN COMMUNIST PARTY FOR SUPPORTING HIS STAND.

D. PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE ELECTIONS ON 17 DECEMBER.

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E. SERIOUS RIOTING IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA THIS WEEK BY AFRICANS PROTESTING THE NEW CONSTITUTION IS UNDER CONTROL FOR THE MOMENT.

F. THE POLITICAL DISMISSALS OF LIBYAN ARMY OFFICERS LAST WEEK HAVE STRENGTHENED EGYPTIAN INFLUENCE ON THE KING AND WEAKENED HIS TRIBAL SUPPORT.

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I. IN THE WAKE OF THE KEKKONEN-KHRUSHCHEV AFFAIR FINNISH INDUSTRIALISTS ARE SUBSIDIZING AN EFFORT TO INCREASE THE VOTE OF THE CENTER AND RIGHT IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

LATE ITEMS

1. KHRUSHCHEV SPEECH TO WFTU---

A. IN A CONFIDENT, SABER-RATTLING MOOD, KHRUSHCHEV TOLD THE WFTU CONGRESS THAT THE USSR HAS BOMBS STRONGER THAN 100 MEGATONS WHICH WILL HANG OVER THE HEADS OF THE IMPERIALISTS LIKE THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES AND THAT "WE WOULD BE SLOBBERING IDIOTS" NOT TO HAVE RESUMED NUCLEAR TESTING. IN ALLUDING TO AN INTERNATIONAL CORRIDOR TO WEST BERLIN, KHRUSHCHEV COMMENTED: "STRANGE PEOPLE! THEY STILL THINK OF THE SOVIET UNION AS IT USED TO BE. THEY DON'T REALIZE WE HAVE CHANGED OUR SHORTS FOR LONG PANTS."

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2. BROWN REPORTS PHOUMI HAS FINALLY STATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO
ACCEPT SOUVANNA'S TERMS FOR A MEETING IN VIENTIANE.

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