

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



31 JAN. 1962
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1. Punta del Este sidelights

a. We expect Communist and pro-Castro elements in various Latin countries to try to start riots and demonstrations protesting the OAS vote excluding Cuba.

b. Venezuela is taking precautions against a Communist uprising reportedly timed for the meeting's end. We believe Betancourt will maintain control.

c. With Haiti voting the right way on Cuba, Guatemalan President Ydigoras now wants to improve diplomatic relations.

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2. Laos

a. As of 0830 we have noted no significant military developments. The International Control Commission is now moving and has requested the three parties' cooperation in inspecting alleged cease-fire violation sites. They have Phoumi's ok and go to Souvanna's headquarters today.

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c. Thompson was told in Moscow that the Laos trouble is Boun Oum's fault and received no response to his remarks on the Viet Minh buildup.

d. Boun Oum appears anxious to get his 3 sons from Laos to Saigon quickly.

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3. Congo

a. "Captive" Gizenga is becoming a potential rallying point for anti-Adoula elements. His man in Cairo, Mulele, reportedly plans terrorism in Leopoldville and lobbying at Afro-Asian conferences on his behalf. Adoula's own Interior Minister, nationalist leader Gbenye, is drumming up criticism of Gizenga's detention and is advocating that the size of Western missions be reduced. Adoula leaves for New York with no clear course charted against either of his opponents.

b. Ambassador Gullion is uneasy, noting that with 70,000 unemployed in Leopoldville out of a labor force of 120,000 and with looting and homicide on the increase there is ample opportunity for the Communists and Adoula's opponents to stir up trouble.

c. The international Communist propaganda apparatus is in high gear supporting Gizenga and the Belgian Communist Party reportedly has retained lawyers for his defense.

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d. UN forces plan joint operations with Lundula's troops against mutinous soldiers in the interior. They are also making contingency plans for operations against Tshombé's Kipushi stronghold outside Elizabethville should the current "honeymoon" prove illusory.

4. Algeria

Press reports that a settlement is imminent, which we believe have basis in fact, puts the next move up to OAS extremists.

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NOTES

- A. Chinese Communist and Soviet spokesmen in Europe are becoming more open in admitting the dispute and non-bloc Communist parties are passing the word openly. Even Soviet astronaut Titov plays the game; he failed to make an "official" visit to Peiping, merely "stopping over" for an hour in Canton.
- B. Although still pressing, on Karachi's orders, for UN Kashmir action, Pakistan [redacted] believes little will come of it. They feel international support so far is inadequate and they would face certain defeat in the General Assembly. 50X1
- C. Syria's arms pipeline to the Bloc is again open. A previously stalled Czech deal is in process after Soviet intervention [redacted] 50X1
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- D. Traffic is now moving smoothly from Pakistan into Afghanistan. The Iran-Afghanistan transit agreement has also been initialed.
- E. While the Arabs and Israelis have given Johnson's forthcoming Arab refugee mission the green light, they want to restrict his terms of reference. Lebanon is already seeking Arab agreement to refuse any discussion on settling refugees in host countries or linking the problem with economic development proposals. 50X1
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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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- II. 50X1
- III. 50X1

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