

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

7 MAR. 1962
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1. Berlin

a. The Soviets scheduled the highest number of flights yet in the Berlin corridors for this morning. Five outbound flights have already been completed, and five inbound flights--one coinciding in time and altitude with a scheduled Panam flight--are due to take place at 20-minute intervals, ending at 1005 Washington time. This latest variation, affecting both the northern and southern corridors, is a step in the direction of flooding tactics.

b. The East Germans were busy yesterday shifting barriers around at the Friedrichstrasse crossing point into East Berlin (the only one open to non-Germans) to make room around the sheds they set up there last December. The present lay-out could easily be turned into a passport- and visa-checking station.

2. Congo

a. Tshombe has publicly announced that he is satisfied with UN security guarantees and that he plans to go to Leopoldville on March 15, but Hoffacker reports mounting resistance to the idea among Katanga extremists.

b. There has been no repetition of Monday's skirmishing between Katangan and UN elements near Kamina, but the incident has put a scare into top UN people in both New York and Leopoldville, and they are now looking on an Adoula-Tshombe meeting as an urgent necessity.

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c. A number of the radical nationalists in Leopoldville are deeply disgruntled over their place in the Adoula government and are eyeing Stanleyville as a base for another separatist effort with a Lumumbist slant.

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3. Indonesia

a. The cabinet reorganization carried out by Sukarno yesterday in the name of tighter administration, marks a clear gain for the moderately-inclined military in their tug-of-war with the extreme left for influence. General Nasution stays on as both Minister of National Security and Army Chief of Staff and seems to have succeeded also in engineering the demotion of several cabinet members unpalatable to the military.

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c. Sukarno is slated to give a major address tomorrow in which, besides New Guinea, he will probably go into the matter of the domestic economic tangle.

4. Anti-Chinese theme showing through at Soviet party meeting

Embassy Moscow, which now has the text of Khrushchev's opening speech to the Central Committee meeting as published in the Soviet press, notes a distinct USSR-first motif and believes that many of its arguments are directed tacitly but blatantly against Peiping. Among the jabs are references to "our opponents" who are likened to early Christians and ascetics and to "vulgar theories" which aim at an equalization of poverty. However, by not naming names, Khrushchev has, in effect, put the ball back in Peiping's court.

5. Laos

Phoumi is scheduled to return to Vientiane today, but there is no word yet as to whether he has yet left Bangkok or as to what effect the latest US representations to him may have had.

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6. German sidelights

a. A check in Bonn on what Ambassador Kroll actually said at the meeting with journalists--the meeting which touched off West German press charges against him--points to considerable exaggeration in the allegations. One account indicates that some of the positions attributed to him were lifted from his outline of what he thinks are the Soviet goals vis-à-vis Germany. He apparently did say, however, that the Oder-Neisse line could be recognized if something in return were obtained and that Moscow might be interested in a West German loan.

b. There are indications that the Soviets may make a pitch for having both West and East German representatives on hand for the Geneva meeting.

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- A. [redacted] Algiers and Oran are moving decisively toward anarchy. [redacted]
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- B. Moscow transferred nearly \$3.8 million in US dollars to Cuba's account late last month as part of their sugar deal. The amounts of money and sugar involved in this particular transaction, taken together with other evidence, makes us think that Havana is getting as much as \$50 million annually in convertible US currency under a special provision of its sugar agreements with the USSR. [redacted] 50X1
- C. Embassy Buenos Aires believes that Frondizi has regained his momentum through intensive politicking over the last two weeks.
- D. [redacted] 50X1
- E. The Ecuadorian military, still disturbed at what they consider to be Arosemena's persistent leftward drift but so far unable to get together on countermeasures, may have their mettle tested when the President tries to remove the chief of the general staff [redacted]. 50X1
- F. The EEC subcommittee working on a political statute for the community has wound up with a document which counterposes the French position on major questions to that of the other 5 members. The job of bridging the gap is being bucked up to the foreign ministers' meeting scheduled for later this month.

DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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