

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cuba--Political

a.

the Cuban-Soviet

1963 trade
and credit agreement was finally
signed yesterday after three months
of talks.

b. We may soon see results
of this "direction." Che Guevara,
in an article in the regime's theo-
retical journal, notes that the re-
gime's administration was first
marked by administrative "guerril-
laism"; the effort to counter this
resulted in wasteful "bureaucracy"
which adversely affected the "whole
institutional life of the nation."

c. He issues the slogan:
"War on bureaucracy, limbering up
of the state apparatus, production
without obstruction, and responsi-
bility for production!"

d. The Chinese Communists,
who could use the Soviet Moscow-to-
Havana direct flight, made fruit-
less efforts all during January to
arrange a commercial charter flight
to Cuba for a plane-
load of Chinese.

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e. The press story that two ships loaded with arms left Mariel recently for British Guiana so far appears to be false.

f. Veteran Cuban Communist Blas Roca, in a live broadcast Thursday, held up the Cuban revolution as a shining example for Spain; the "triumph of the Spanish people" would help Cuba, particularly if they would oust the US, the "most inhuman imperialism in history."

2. Cuba--Military

Preliminary readout of yesterday's high-altitude photos of the KHIMIK ZELENSKY shows considerable gear being unloaded and convoyed away: trucks, smaller vehicles, crates of various sizes--none so far of disturbing dimensions. Unloading was still under way at dusk.

3. Spain-France

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4. USSR

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5. Iraq

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b. Baghdad Radio claimed at 0535 EST this morning that Qasim had been executed by a firing squad.

c. This was six hours after

reporting continued assaults on the barricaded Ministry of Defense. We have no more recent reports of fighting, but skirmishes may continue.

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d. The new regime's inflammatory calls for reprisals against Communists may bring the latter into the streets, in which case there may be more serious fighting.

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f. The Kuwaitis were among the first in line to recognize the rebels in Iraq, but nonetheless have declared a four-day alert.

6. Dominican Republic

a. Venezuelan

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President Betancourt and Dominican President-elect Bosch.

b. Betancourt and other Latin American presidents are scheduled to attend Bosch's inauguration on 27 February. Security--and all other--arrangements for this occasion are at present rudimentary.

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NOTES

A. Congo Tshombé flew off to Paris yesterday. The press last night was quoting an unnamed "Tshombé aide" in Angola as saying his tripping is to drum up support for a government-in-exile. However, today in Paris, Tshombé himself declared he was there only for treatment of his ailing eyes and that he would never set up such a government.

B. Togo The atmosphere in and around Togo continues most uneasy.

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D. Argentina Concern over anticipated extensive Peronist participation in the June general elections has led to new plotting for a coup attempt by civilian "commandos" and a group of retired military officers--

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The Guido government knows that something is up.

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H. India The split in the Communist Party should open wider with the resignation of its general secretary, which will probably be announced next week. The "right-wing" faction, which advocates supporting Nehru against the Chinese, will probably provide his successor.

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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