

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Algeria-  
Morocco

a. Government troops moved into the Berber Kabylie yesterday. Some shots were fired but fighting was light and casualties, if any, were few.

b. Ben Bella may have been encouraged to move by his success in buying off a potentially dissident former guerrilla leader, Colonel Chaabani, by making him deputy chief of staff. Chaabani's stamping ground was just to the south of the Kabylie.

c. Although there have been no further clashes along the Algerian-Moroccan border, the situation remains agitated.

[redacted] intense activity on both sides of the border.

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2. Kenya

a. Anti-Kenyatta politicians who have threatened to secede and set up a separate state do not have the strength to carry out this design.

b. They have been urging a greater measure of local autonomy in an independent Kenya than Kenyatta would like to see and than the British are likely to give.

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c. These oppositionists are quite capable of inciting their tribes to violence in order to give weight to their demands.

d. British security forces are taking steps to cope with this and local authorities feel they will be able to keep the situation in hand.

### 3. Cyprus

a. Animosities between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots, never far below the surface, threaten to boil over again.

b. The catalyst may well be an attempt by Makarios to revise the constitution by unilateral action. The Turkish minority believes the changes he is proposing will seriously damage their position on the island.

c. We know that both sides have laid in a store of arms against an outbreak of trouble. Armed forces from Greece and Turkey stationed in Nicosia could be drawn into any violence.

d. Some cautionary voices are being raised, however, and it is possible that Makarios may postpone action on the constitutional issue until after the Greek elections early next month.

4. Dominican Republic

a. The post-Bosch regime is finding it difficult to get a firm grip on the reins.

b. The failure to win US recognition and the withdrawal of US aid have shaken its confidence and given comfort to its detractors.

c. [redacted] plotting against the regime by military figures and by political elements on both the right and the left.

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d. Plans by university students to march again this week end could trigger "real trouble" in the opinion of US embassy officials.

5. Cuba

a. Castro's bloc partners have not been quick on the trigger with aid in the wake of last week's hurricane.

b. So far the only items which we have noted from the Soviets have been [redacted] food and medical supplies plus a shipload of coffee.

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c. Havana will doubtless be pressing for more once it gets a clearer idea of the extent of the damage.

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NOTES

A. USSR Though Khrushchev's movements continue to go unreported in the Soviet press, he was seen last Monday in a green convertible enroute to Yalta by a US embassy traveller.

B. USSR--Space The upcoming Soviet space spectacular may be a manned effort. [redacted]

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C. Somalia-USSR [redacted] the Somali government has decided to accept [redacted] Soviet military aid. The Somalis [redacted] hope that this action will not result in the loss of military help from the West. They are apt to be disappointed on this score [redacted]

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D. Cuba--Architects The head of the International Union of Architects has complained that last week's congress in Havana was "too political." Big groups of Communist representatives, largely student architects, were easily able with an assist from their hosts to dominate the meeting and turn it into a propaganda show.

LATE NOTE

Algeria-Berbers: Government forces are rapidly occupying the major towns in Kabylie and the the press this morning reports the capture of the onetime Berber headquarters at Michelet. The Berbers are offering no resistance and are simply fading into the hills. We do not expect the government forces to be equally successful in dislodging these veteran guerilla fighters from their mountain retreats. [REDACTED]

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