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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--6 JULY 1963

1. CUBA:

A. PHOTOGRAPHY OF 4 JULY SHOWS THAT THE SAM EQUIPMENT MOVED FROM SANTA LUCIA TO SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD HAS NOW BEEN SET UP IN AN OPERATIONAL CONFIGURATION NEXT TO THE EXISTING SAM SITE.

B. THIS STRONGLY SUPPORTS OUR BELIEF THAT SAN JULIAN IS TO BE THE CENTER FOR TRAINING CUBANS IN SAM OPERATIONS.

C. ON 3 JULY, HAVANA RADIO, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL WEEKS, ATTACKED US PRESENCE AT GUANTANAMO, CALLING THE BASE A CENTER FOR SABOTEURS AND COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES.

2. PORTUGAL-US-CONGO:

A. PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER NOGUEIRA TOLD AMBASSADOR ELBRICK THURSDAY THAT HE HAD RELIABLE INFORMATION THE US WAS BEHIND ADOULA'S DECISION TO RECOGNIZE THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE.

B. AFTER SOME TYPICAL INTEMPERATE LANGUAGE, NOGUEIRA THREATENED TO TAKE UNSPECIFIED RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST LEOPOLDVILLE.

C. ALTHOUGH NOGUEIRA'S BARK IS WORSE THAN HIS BITE, A BREAK IN PORTUGUESE-CONGOLESE RELATIONS SEEMS QUITE LIKELY. THE PORTUGUESE SIT ON TOP OF THE CONGO'S ACCESS TO THE SEA, BUT WE THINK USE OF THIS WEAPON LESS LIKELY.

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D. ALL MAJOR EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN POSTS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO COUNTERACT PORTUGUESE ACCUSATIONS AND TO ASSIST IN KEEPING TEMPER DOWN.

3. BRITISH GUIANA:

A. LOCAL POLICE HAVE NOW BEEN ORDERED TO SHOOT IF UNRULY CROWDS GET OUT OF HAND.

B. [REDACTED] THE LABOR UNIONS WOULD GO BACK TO WORK IF JAGAN WOULD PROMISE NOT TO REINTRODUCE THE LABOR BILL. 50X1

C. THREE-QUARTERS OF THE SUGAR CANE WORKERS ARE READY TO RETURN--IT IS ALMOST HARVEST TIME--BUT THE CIVIL SERVANTS ARE STILL STUBBORN.

D. RADIO HAVANA IS PLAYING UP JAGAN'S ACCUSATIONS THAT THE US HAS IMPOSED AN ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AND THAT IT IS FINANCING THE STRIKE.

4. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO POINT TO ANY SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENT, WE ARE MORE UNEASY THAN EVER ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SAIGON.

B. THE VARIOUS OPPOSITION GROUPS ARE SHARPENING THEIR KNIVES, BUT SEEM NOT YET TO HAVE THE UNITY AND DETERMINATION TO ACT AGAINST DIEM AND THE NHU'S.

C. ALL ELEMENTS SEEM TO BE WAITING FOR SOMETHING. IN SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE, A MINOR INCIDENT COULD CAUSE THE OPPOSITION TO COALESCE OVERNIGHT.

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D. DIEM IS PROBABLY TRYING TO OUTWAIT HIS FOES. THE GREATEST THREAT TO THIS TACTIC WOULD BE A RESUMPTION OF BUDDHIST DEMONSTRATIONS. THE BUDDHISTS TOO ARE REPORTED "WAITING."

E. REPORTING ON VICE-PRESIDENT THO'S INTENTIONS IS CONFUSED. WE SAID THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION, BUT LATER INFORMATION SUGGESTS HE HAS NOT YET DONE SO BUT IS "UNCERTAIN AS TO TIMING." SINCE THO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE DEALING WITH THE BUDDHISTS, DIEM'S ACCEPTANCE OF HIS RESIGNATION WOULD BE TAKEN AS GOVERNMENTAL REPUDIATION OF THE 16 JUNE AGREEMENT.

F. A GROUP OF OUR HELICOPTERS RAN INTO UNUSUALLY HEAVY GROUND FIRE YESTERDAY. ELEVEN WERE HIT, OF WHICH TWO WERE BADLY DAMAGED. FIVE US PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED.

5. NOTES:

A. BOLIVIA: THE GOVERNMENT'S 4 JULY DECISION TO SHUT DOWN THE CATAVI TIN MINE, BOLIVIA'S LARGEST, RATHER THAN PAY HIGHER WAGES TO THE MINERS, MAY SPARK AN EXPLOSION BY COMMUNIST-DOMINATED LABOR UNIONS.

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B. INDONESIA-MALAYSIA:

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C. US-USSR: AT THE RECEPTION ON THURSDAY, AMBASSADOR KOHLER WAS UNABLE TO EXTRACT FROM MIKOYAN ANY CLARIFICATION OF KHRUSHCHEV'S TEST-BAN STATEMENT.

D. FRANCE-WEST GERMANY: WE HAVE NO USEFUL INFORMATION YET ON THE DE GAULLE - ADENAUER TALKS. AMBASSADOR MCGHEE DESCRIBES THE ATMOSPHERE AS LOW-KEY, WITH DE GAULLE "SUBDUED IN STYLE."

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