

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

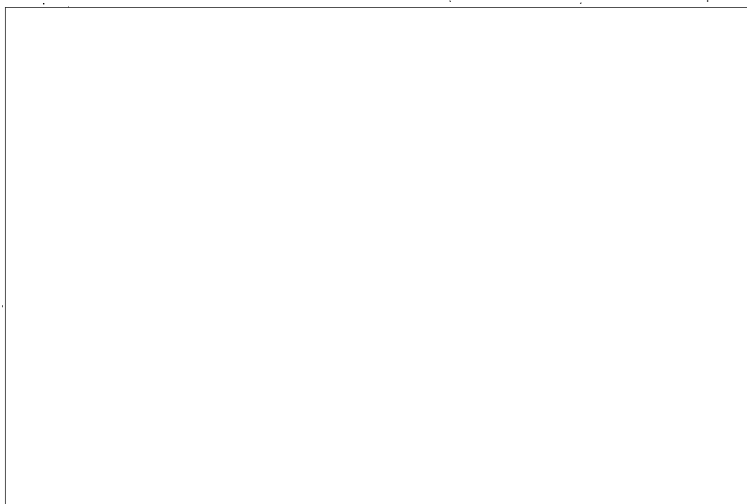
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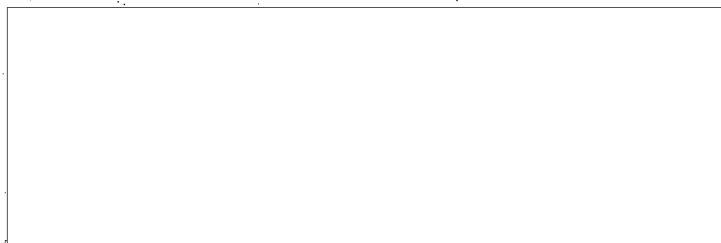
1. North Vietnam -
Communist China

a. The military situation
has changed little.



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d. On 10 August, Peiping
broadcast a Cambodian press article
entitled "Soviet Paper Tiger,"
claiming that capitulation by
Moscow had removed all restraints
on the US.



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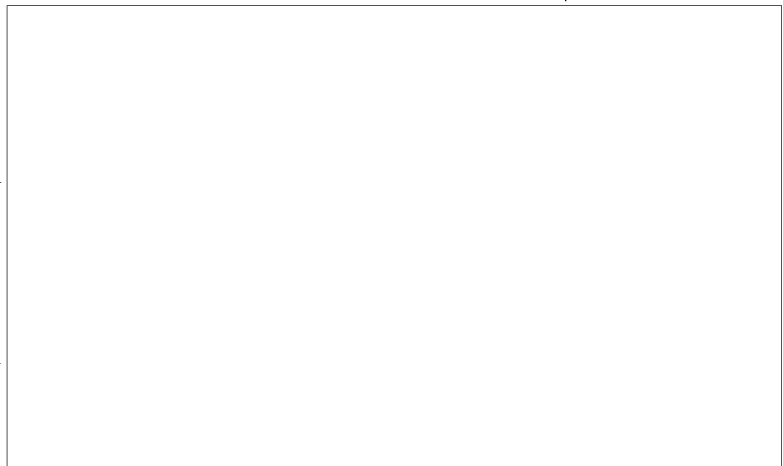
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2. Cyprus

a. After a pause for a few hours yesterday and last night, Turkish reconnaissance flights seem to have been resumed.

b. A UN official in Nicosia says one jet overflew northwestern Cyprus this morning, without firing. Yesterday's Security Council resolution asked that such flights be stopped.

c. Turkey apparently wants to see if anything is being done about withdrawing Greek Cypriot forces from the Kokkina-Mansoura area. Makarios still refuses to give up an inch.



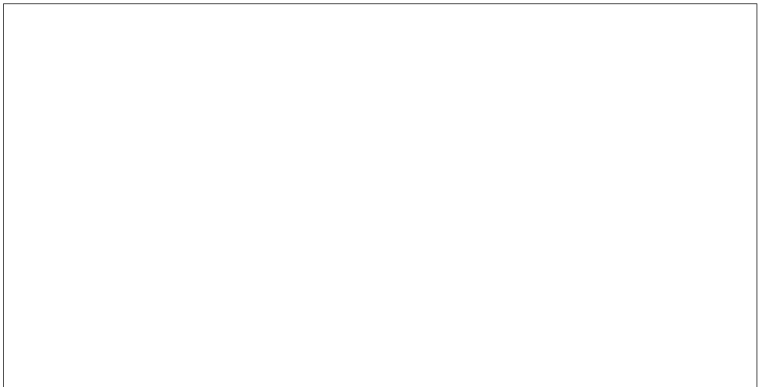
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f. The Greek Government's disenchantment with the archbishop has now become public. Athens is supposed to be looking for a way to oust him, but this will be easier said than done.



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3. Congo

a. The military situation in the eastern Congo continues to deteriorate.

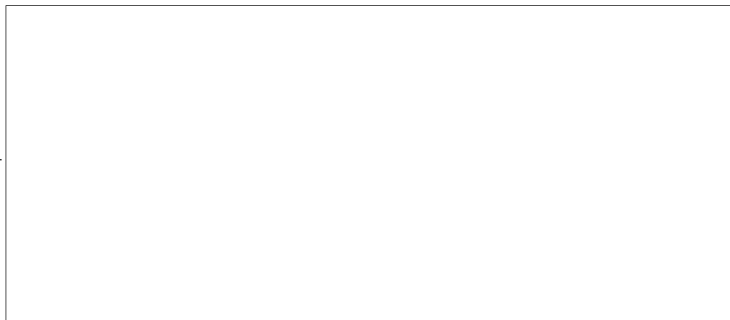
b. Rebels were reported less than 35 miles from Bukavu yesterday. Congolese Army forces [redacted] have been sent to meet them, with results as yet unknown.

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c. The UN is to fly a medical supply plane into Stanleyville tomorrow and may evacuate US consular personnel from the city.

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d. The fall of Stanleyville has generated a strong current of defeatism among government leaders, including General Mobutu. They are convinced the government has only about two more weeks to halt the rebel advances and are afraid Leopoldville will be taken over from within.



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4. South Vietnam

a. The long-expected governmental changes may be getting closer to reality.

b. 
 the premier will soon take over Minh's job as chief of state, sending the latter off as ambassador to London. Khanh will probably remain premier as well.

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c. Defense Minister Khiem and present ambassador to London Vu Van Mau would become vice premiers for military and civil affairs, respectively.

d. The reorganization, if it comes off, will probably ease Khanh's work load.

e. He could also follow up his recent emergency decrees with other changes he has been contemplating--canceling elections, writing a provisional constitution, and later creating a pliant national assembly. These moves, however, would be an invitation to serious, new opposition.

5. Laos

a. Operation Triangle's mopping up operations continue, with no signs yet of Pathet Lao preparations to counterattack.

Souphannouvong will not go to a tripartite meeting until 15 September.

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c. If true, the late date might mean Souphannouvong has something up his sleeve. A Pathet Lao military move to improve the Communist bargaining position before the meeting is a possibility.

NOTES

- A. Haiti [redacted] rebels have reached Haiti from the Dominican Republic [redacted]
- [redacted]
- B. Bolivia Another police patrol has been ambushed in eastern Bolivia by guerrillas, presumably the same band that wounded a US official on 2 August. The group appears to be composed of both Communists and rightists, mutually intent on exploiting peasant discontent over the Paz regime's handling of local land disputes
- C. Indonesia - South Vietnam The Indonesians guessed wrong on the South Vietnamese reaction to Djakarta's raising its Hanoi consulate to an embassy. The Khanh government has asked Indonesian consulate personnel to leave Saigon, and the South Vietnamese consulate in Djakarta is "closed to business."
- D. India-USSR The Indians intend to ask Moscow for [redacted] more MIG-21s [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted] The new order is intended to fill the gap until domestic production of MIGs is under way.

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E. US-Indonesia Our consulate in Medan, in northern Sumatra, was expecting trouble this morning. [redacted] a possibly violent demonstration against the US today by members of the Indonesian Communist Party. [redacted]

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G. Cuba The Castro regime appears to have taken another page from the Soviet book. Former Minister of Economy Regino Boti--recently replaced by President Dorticos--has been given a milk products plant to manage in Oriente Province.

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