

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

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~~**TOP SECRET**~~

1. Brazil

a. Goulart has withdrawn his request for congressional approval of a state of siege in the face of almost certain rejection by congress.

b. One result of all this is that Goulart will probably now have to put off any plans he might have had to use the special powers for a move against Lacerda.

c. The attitude of military leaders who had pressed for the measure for different reasons is not yet clear. They will probably do nothing, as the strike wave seems to have abated for the moment.

2. Cuba-USSR

a. [redacted] the arrival in Cuba of the KRASNOYE ZNAMIYA, which we believe delivered [redacted] major arms shipment to Cuba [redacted].

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b. Photography [redacted] indicate the ship docked and unloaded in Mariel [redacted].

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3. US

[REDACTED]

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4. USSR

a. [REDACTED] things were bad in the New Lands this year [REDACTED]

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b. [REDACTED] Kazakhstan, heart of the New Lands area, harvested less than four bushels of wheat to the acre. This is less than half of last year's average, which, itself was not too good. The US averages between 15 and 20.

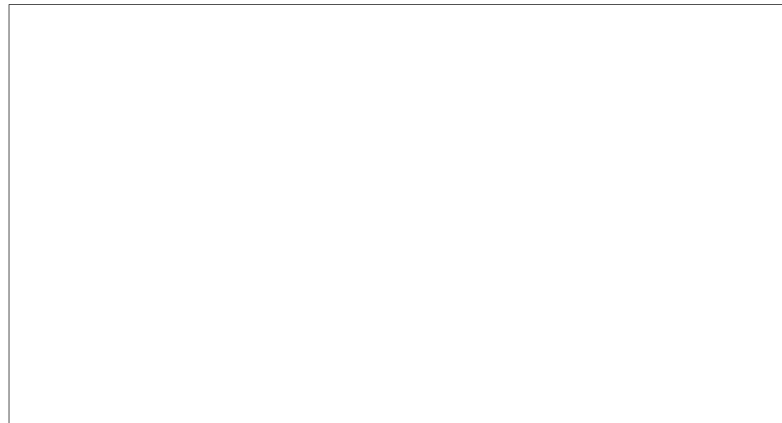
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c. In 1958, when the New Lands produced a fairly good crop, the area accounted for about one-fourth of Soviet wheat production, but diminishing soil moisture and fertility have steadily reduced the area's contribution since.

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d. We estimate the total Soviet wheat harvest will be around 44 million metric tons as against 57 million tons estimated for last year.

5. Saudi Arabia -
Yemen



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c. In Yemen, the remaking of the government is proceeding, but is being done by committee and promises to be slow.

6. Burma

a. Ne Win continues to try to suppress discontent and agitation by force.

b. In an ever widening vicious circle, however, this tactic seems to have generated more agitation requiring further and more numerous preventive arrests.

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c. Ne Win still fears a coup, and has concentrated on opposing political leaders and unreliaables among the military.

d. He has so far been cautious in handling his religious opponents, but criticism from that quarter, too, is sharpening.

e. A leading Buddhist monk told a crowd of some 10,000 in Mandalay late last month that Ne Win should be overthrown.

NOTES

- A. Dominican Republic A state of siege was declared in effect in Santo Domingo last night following a substantial flare-up between police and university students who were demonstrating against Bosch's overthrow. The university area has been closed off, but the situation is still precarious.
- B. France-EEC The French are putting out the line among their EEC partners that there is no need to hurry with preparations for "Kennedy-Round" tariff negotiations because the US administration would just as soon put them off until after the 1964 elections anyway.
- C. Mexico-Cuba [redacted] sell [redacted] Mexican wheat [redacted] to Cuba.

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