

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE REVIEW

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1. Cyprus: Things are not much better on the island. Though the fighting over the Kyrenia pass has let up temporarily, there was shooting across the green line in Nicosia on 14 April and the streets were cleared once more by sporadic fighting.

In Athens, after three days of talks between Papandreou and Makarios the former issued a policy statement on Cyprus. The key passage said the only solution was full and unrestricted independence allowing the Cypriots to determine their own destiny.

In this manner the two leaders glossed over the possibility of union with Greece.

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Meanwhile, it is still not clear whether General Grivas will be returning to Cyprus with Makarios' blessing.

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The Turks, for their part, seem to be growing more unhappy every day about the Cyprus situation and to be blaming us for their frustration. They continue to take measures aimed at bringing pressure on Athens, although without much success. Further deterioration of the Turkish Cypriot position could eventually lead to a no-confidence vote against the government in Ankara.

2. Zanzibar: Demonstrations against our embassy, encouraged and organized by the regime, continued over the weekend. Though Karume told our chargé that his government had nothing against Americans and did not want them to leave, we do not put much faith in his statement. It has become quite clear that he does not speak for Zanzibar.

In another disquieting development Babu has been quoted by a journalist as saying off the record that Zanzibar absolutely would not join an East African federation. East African leaders had hoped this device could be used to turn Zanzibar back toward the West.

3. Brazil: Castello Branco's inauguration is set for Wednesday afternoon. There is no word yet on new cabinet appointments, but there are reports that Leitao da Cunha will be kept on as foreign minister.

Branco has told the press that priority attention must be given to curbing inflation, solving the external debt problem, and establishing an authentic trade union movement.

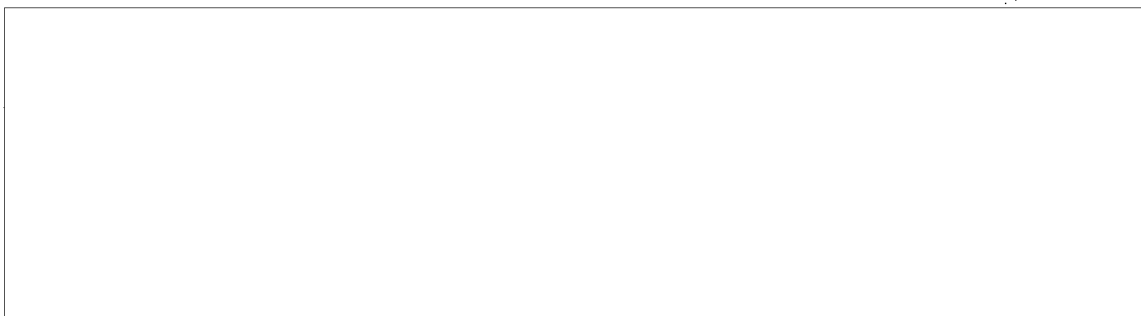
He is under strong pressure to break relations with Cuba but is still reserving judgment.

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4. USSR:

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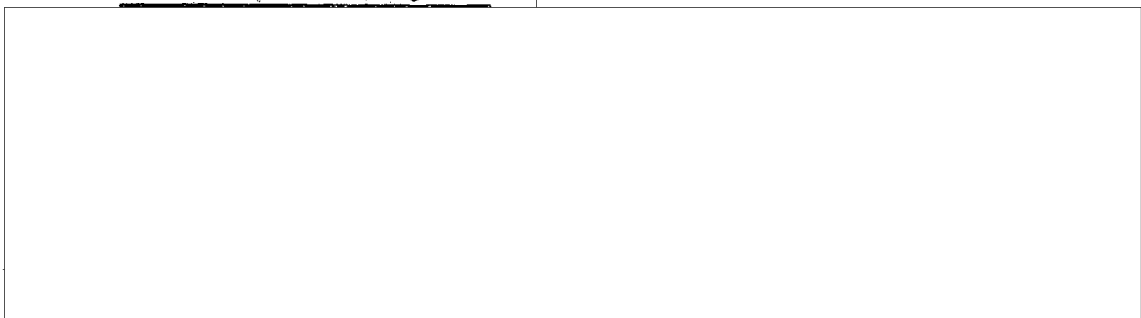
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5. Sino-Soviet Dispute: Khrushchev is still urgently trying to line up support for his plan to hold another conference of world Communist parties for a showdown with the Chinese.

After a ten-day stay in Hungary, he has returned to Moscow for talks with a delegation from Poland headed by Gomulka. Both countries though sharing wholeheartedly Khrushchev's views about the Chinese have to date been somewhat less than enthusiastic for his confrontation tactics.

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6. Indonesia-Malaysia:



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In Indonesia, Sukarno is trying to crack down on chronic dissidence in the South Celebes, an area traditionally hostile to Djakarta's rule.

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7. Laos: After four months of wrangling over preliminaries, the three factions of Souvanna's government are scheduled to meet this Thursday in the Plaine des Jarres to discuss a whole range of unification problems.

Souvanna has only just returned from Hanoi and Peiping where he claims to have been impressed by assurances of respect for Laotian neutrality and territorial integrity.

He is also expressing optimism that the Pathet Lao will allow his government full access and control throughout the country. Until the Communists' real intentions are made clear, Souvanna will probably again be inclined to see the rightists--and ourselves--as the main villains in the piece.

This, in turn, will strengthen his opposition to any close collaboration between Phoumi's and Khanh's forces.

8. Kashmir: India, which only recently freed the popular Kashmiri leader, Sheik Abdullah, in the hope of calming communal tension, is now probably sorry it did. The Sheik lost no time making his views on self-determination known.

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Nehru's heir, Shastri, told Parliament on Saturday that "there can be no freedom for preaching some kind of independence or for Kashmir going out of India." Should New Delhi lock up Abdullah again the fat would really be in the fire.

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UK-Egypt-Yemen:

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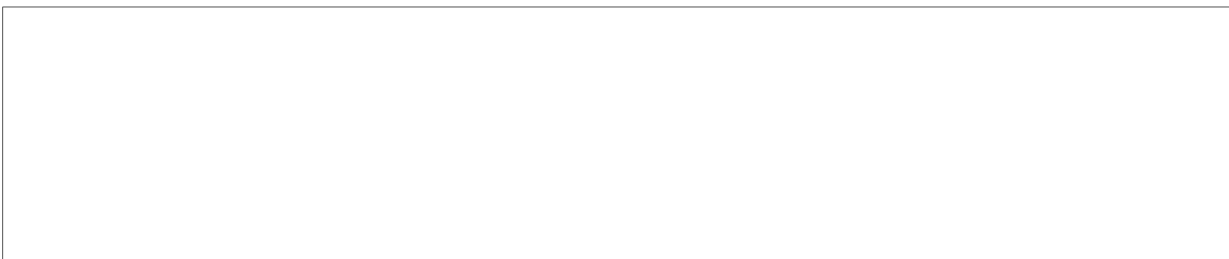
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Egypt: Nasir, at least for the time being, is carrying out his promise to halt anti-US propaganda. In the past several days the Cairo press has made no comment on the US air base in Libya, nor has it exploited our abstention on the UN resolution deploring the British air attack on Yemen.

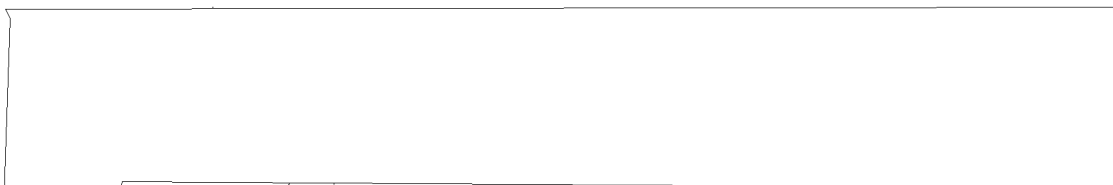
Cairo also has not yet mentioned reports carried by other Arab newspapers on the possible sale of US tanks to Israel.



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12. South Korea: To take some of the steam out of criticism of his regime's poor economic showing, President Pak has ousted six economic ministers. Restless students, lured by the siren sound of North Korea's claims for economic progress, have been talking up reunification as the answer to their country's problems.

13. Cuba: The strength of Soviet military personnel in Cuba is still estimated to be around 7,000. The last substantial reduction took place last fall. Since that time we believe Soviet military personnel leaving Cuba have probably been replaced for the most part by new arrivals.



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by the end of July, we expect that the Soviet military presence in Cuba will have been reduced to a training and advisory group of perhaps 1,000-2,000.



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14. British Guiana - UK: The British Labor Party is currently studying the question of how to handle British Guiana. [redacted]

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[redacted] advice from a number of quarters to grant early independence to the Jagan government without first holding elections based on proportional representation. [redacted]

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15. Haiti: Duvalier seems at last to be having some success in his long effort to get arms for his civil militia upon which he relies to stay in power. [redacted]

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The dictator, meanwhile, is calling himself "chief of revolution" rather than "president for life." Our embassy thinks he may be reserving this distinction until he is ready to make some sweeping changes in the government's structure.