

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. UAR-Yemen

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[redacted] several items including armored cars and MI-6 assault-type helicopters. [redacted]

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b. [redacted] could be used for raids into Saudi territory from Yemen.

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the Egyptians are improving the coastal road between Hudaydah and Harad, on the Saudi border--building reinforced concrete bridges capable of taking vehicles as heavy as the T-54 tank.

c. UAR bomb runs continue. [redacted]

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[redacted] Mecca Radio, reporting this raid, claims no damage was done and that the Saudis shot down one Egyptian aircraft.

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d. On the ground, UAR and Yemeni Republican forces have made some further gains against royalist tribesmen.

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2. UAR-Iraq

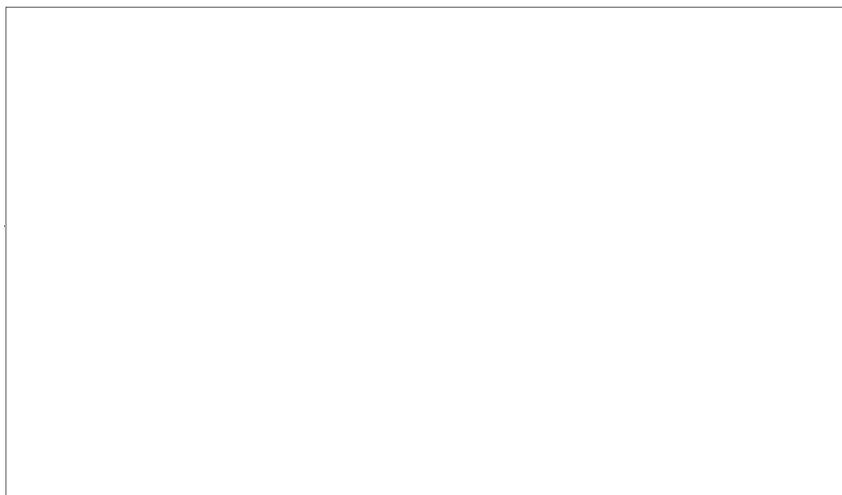
a. Cairo and Baghdad are moving warily toward limited cooperation.



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f. [redacted]

[redacted] Khrushchev
protest over Cairo's support for the
Iraqi regime and its "butchery" of
Iraqi Communists; [redacted]

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3. Cuba

a. The Soviet passenger ship
Mikhail Kalinin left Havana yesterday.
[redacted] she was
crowded with Russians--at least 500
on deck; they were unable to determine
whether these were military or civilians.
Her "normal" capacity is about 340 pas-
sengers.

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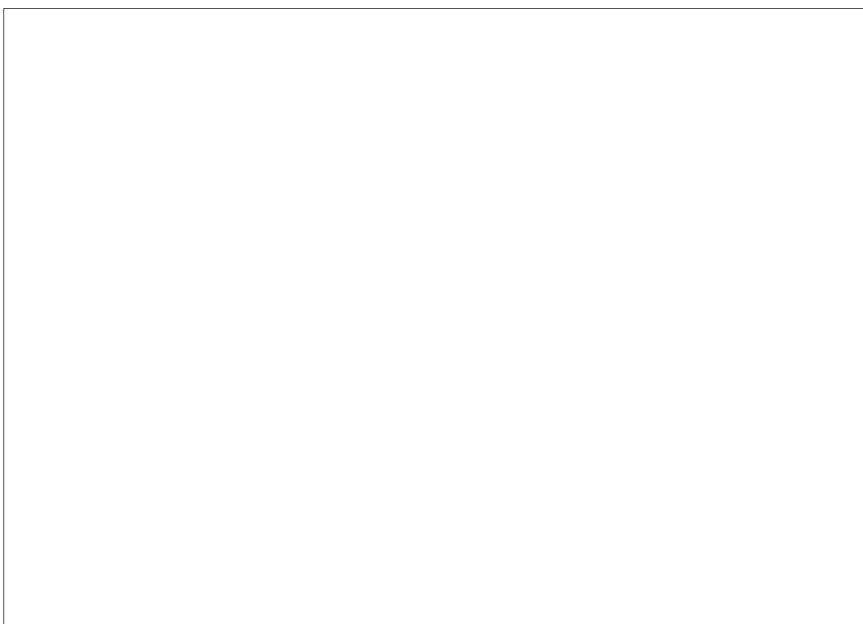
b. Preliminary analysis [redacted]

[redacted] shows
the Khirurg Vishnevsky--suspect arms
carrier--at Bahia Honda unloading
"probable crates" 8 by 10 feet. Also
seen were trucks, smaller vehicles, and
several cranes. The size of the crates
so far unloaded would rule out strate-
gic missiles or aircraft of any kind.

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C. Syria An army power play may be imminent. [Redacted] army officer faction plans to confront President Qudsi [Redacted] with demands for the ouster of Prime Minister Azm and for federation with Iraq; this could precipitate a counter-move by conservative or by pro-Nasir elements.

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D. Turkey-Greece Tempers are flaring over several issues: local government on Cyprus; Turkey's intention to extend territorial waters; and alleged Turkish pressure on the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Istanbul. Should all this continue, their cooperation in NATO might be jeopardized. Within Turkey, Inonu's coalition is troubled by opposition calls for amnesty for ex-followers of Menderes.

E. Algeria-USSR Forty-eight Algerian Army officers left Thursday for training in the USSR--the first sizable contingent to go to the bloc since independence.

F. Pakistan Karachi police fired on striking workers yesterday, killing four and wounding others; opposition leaders may exploit this by provoking additional incidents. Fear of unrest in East Pakistan, where the National Assembly is to meet next Friday, has already led to stiffened controls there. The Karachi incident may lead Ayub to a further crackdown; he may even be edging toward a reimposition of martial law-- a move which might restore his standing with the army.

G. Brazil-Cuba [redacted] should Brazil have to choose between breaking relations with Cuba and withdrawing from the OAS, it would probably choose the latter. This diverges from what President Goulart told Ambassador Gordon in mid-February; Goulart then said Brazil would reluctantly join in OAS diplomatic sanctions against Cuba. [redacted]

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H. Peru Police are bracing against an expected resumption of terrorist activities by various extremist groups, including Communists, this coming week; targets are said to include police garrisons, banks, petroleum facilities and US-owned properties.

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