

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. South Vietnam

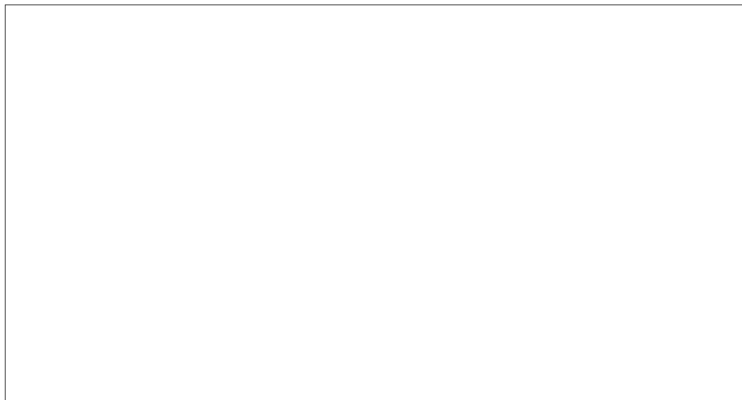
a. Buddhist demonstrations are becoming larger, and more clearly antigovernment.

b. A Buddhist official recently said that agitation would continue for several months. He also said that monks and nuns are now receiving political guidance in the belief that Diem's regime can be overthrown.

c. Buddhists are being urged to organize a boycott of the national assembly elections, scheduled for the last of this month.

d. The Viet Cong also plans to disrupt these elections, and can do so in many hamlets and remote areas.

2. Cuba-US



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3. Egypt-Yemen

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b. Reports from UN observers,

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[Redacted] have led New York to believe Cairo has effected a net reduction of up to 4,750 troops.

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c. The Saudis, meanwhile, are deeply concerned over lack of progress toward disengagement. Faysal is under considerable pressure to renew Saudi support for the Royalists.

d. Egyptian officials still claim Saudi support never ceased, but yesterday did admit to our embassy that recent bombings of Saudi territory were pilot "mistakes," although this would not be stated "officially."

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4. West Germany -
Israel

a. Adenauer is considering the diplomatic recognition of Israel.

b. He would like to bring this off as one of the crowning steps of his career. His hope is that it can be handled in such a way that "the Arabs would scream for only a few days and then subside."

c. Foreign Minister Schroeder is opposed, fearing Arab recognition of East Germany as retaliation. [] his fears are probably well-founded, at least as concerns Egypt, Syria, and Iraq.

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5. Algeria

a. Former Algerian nationalist leaders, ousted by Ben Bella last summer, are planning an uprising in Algeria late this year.

b. Belkacem Krim, once a vice-premier of the pre-independence provisional government, is on a tour of Arab capitals seeking arms and ammunition.

c. Both President Bourguiba and King Hassan cordially distrust Ben Bella and might give Krim some support.

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6. Congo

a. Adoula is concerned lest the recent trouble in Brazzaville be contagious in Leopoldville's climate of unemployment, rising prices, and growing shortages.

b. "It can be done here" is said to be a favorite slogan in the native quarters of the city, where Youlou's corrupt government is openly likened to Adoula's.

c. The most immediate danger is a strike of government employees threatened for next week, which could easily get out of hand.

d. The discontented Congolese army, which tends to identify itself with the masses, probably would not be very rough with a crowd bent on ousting the government.

NOTES

- A. USSR Khrushchev was in the air this morning en route to Yugoslavia for a two-weeks working vacation.
- B. Syria-Israel We have no evidence to support the Syrian claim of Israeli troop concentrations along the border. The killing of two Israeli workers this morning by a Syrian patrol will create strong pressure on the Israeli government to take some retaliatory action.
- C. Haiti [redacted] continuing rebel guerrilla attacks in the north-east. [redacted] Duvalier's goons have slaughtered 500 peasants as a reprisal for support given the rebels. [redacted]
- D. [redacted]
- E. US-USSR Officers of the Soviet military attache office in Mexico City were "effervescent" Sunday in attempting to impress their American opposite numbers that a genuine era of Soviet-US friendship has begun. One Soviet colonel carried his efforts to the point of getting drunk and doing the twist.

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