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# THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

24 JUNE 1961  
TOP SECRET

1. Laotian Princes schedule new meeting

After seeing Sihanouk in Geneva yesterday they agreed to meet again today to go over the question of ICC powers. The Namone talks are still bogged down over the latter issue. Military activity remains restricted to scattered minor skirmishes.

2. South Korean Draconian laws just issued

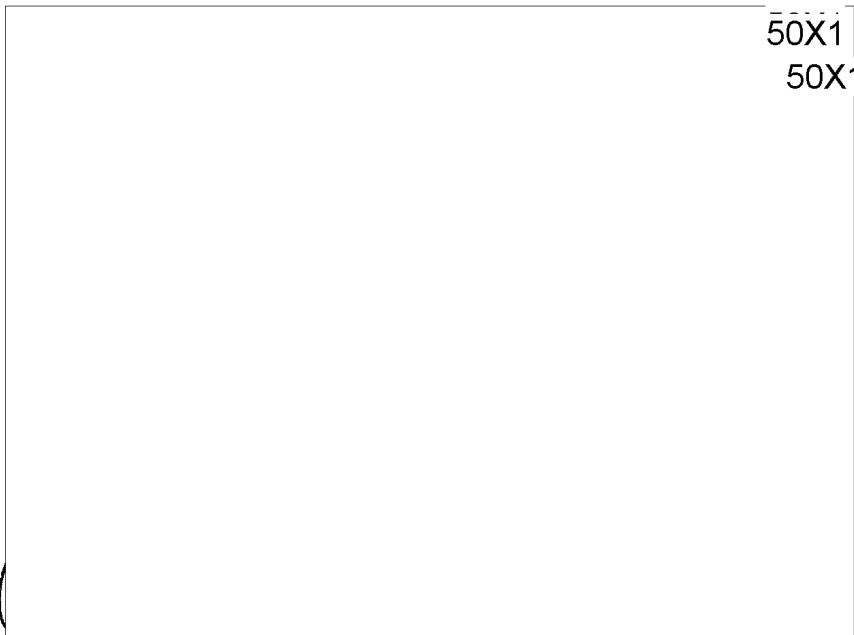
They include a capital punishment penalty retroactive three and a half years. The measures appear so broadly drawn that virtually all civilian and military officials who served the Rhee and Chang Myon governments could be accused of some act making them liable to the death penalty. Also would tend to discourage junta factionalism.

3. Thai military and security forces on alert

The US Embassy and the service attachés in Bangkok consider the alert, called yesterday, to be "purely precautionary in connection with the attendance of the King, Prime Minister Sarit, and most of the cabinet at a ceremony today in northwest Thailand. alleged Communists arrested in Southern and North-eastern Thailand assert that a "revolution" is planned to coincide with the King's trip.

LATE ITEM

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**Korea**



NOTES

- A. Khrushchev, speaking in Alma Ata early today, reiterated his German peace treaty position, but devoted himself mainly to pledges of a higher living standard.
- B. Ghana says it "has no objection in principle to the Peace Corps being invited," "Especially Science teachers, Engineers, of all grades and university teachers."

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SPECIAL ITEM

[redacted] When Khrushchev was in Vienna to meet  
President Kennedy, and up until the moment he left Vienna [redacted] 50X1

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[redacted] Khrushchev was evidently engaged in an act of personal diplomacy of such significance to himself that he had no desire to take any but his topmost colleagues in the Soviet hierarchy into his confidence.

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