

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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LATE ITEM

We have just learned that a Chinat F-101 returning from a shallow (mission believed scheduled for 35 minutes) reconnaissance penetration over S.E. China was downed early this morning by Chicom ground fire. Indications are that it fell on or near HAITAN ISLAND, which lies close to the China coast between the Matsus and Quemoy.

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1. French-Algerian relations

The suspension of negotiations at Evian last week by the rebels was predicated solely on the Sahara issue.

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the French government could not include the Sahara in its offer of Algerian independence at this time because it might trigger an armed uprising of European settlers in Algeria, the French army, and right wing elements in France. De Gaulle told Stevenson that sovereignty was not the issue but that France would have to stay in the Sahara to develop it economically.

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2. Congo developments

a) Kasavubu has nominated Adoula as formateur of a new government. If the Gizenga bloc can be satisfied on vice premiership and key ministerial assignments, it probably will not oppose Adoula as premier.

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b) The number of planned cargo flights from Cairo to Stanleyville--under contract with Air Jordan--has been increased from one a week for ten weeks to 80 during the next twelve months. Cargoes would be made up by the UAR army and would ostensibly be food, clothing and medicines. Gizenga clearly intends to build up his Stanleyville stronghold regardless of the outcome of political negotiations.

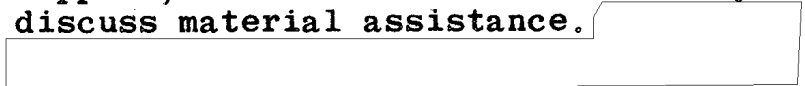
c) Moscow has publicly dismissed Katangan Interior Minister Munongo's scheme to seek support from the USSR as a "dirty strategem."

3. Tunisia trying to
line up international
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High level government officials are visiting Latin American, African and Asian capitals as well as Moscow. In addition to trying to elicit diplomatic support, some of these officials may discuss material assistance.



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4. MIG's in Cuba



We have firm evidence that Cuba has assembled at least 12 Soviet MIG-15 jet fighters and two later model supersonic MIG-19's and more MIG-types are being assembled. Iraq and the UAR are the only other non-bloc countries which have received MIG-19's.



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A. Ecuador has been asked to represent Venezuelan interests in Cuba suggesting that a breach in Venezuelan-Cuban relations may be upcoming. [redacted] 50X1

B. Portugal is trying to procure 10,000 grenades from South Africa for use in Angola and is interested in even greater quantities. [redacted] 50X1

C. Touring Ghanaian President Nkrumah has recently visited the USSR and four European Satellite capitals. His itinerary calls for a three-day stay in Peiping following which he will return to Europe and visit the other three Satellites before going to Belgrade to participate in the conference of non-aligned countries. [redacted] 50X1
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D. The UAR has ordered its Washington embassy to forward to Cairo periodicals and books dealing with guided missiles and rockets. [redacted] 50X1

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

I. US Mission Berlin reviews East German situation and sums up: We agree that there is wide-spread serious discontent among the Sovzone population, but we believe that there is only small outside possibility of outbreak of large-scale 1953-style political unrest. We continue to recommend that measures be taken to increase Soviet awareness of their total lack of mass support in East Germany (as elsewhere in satellite area) for their aggressive move against West Berlin, with all that this implies for the Soviet military position in time of war. We should certainly do what we can to weaken confidence of Soviet in their ability to keep Sovzone population in check. We should also do whatever is possible to weaken Soviet support for SED as executive instrument of Soviet's German policy. We should take what steps we can, by both open and gray propaganda, to induce Soviets to make Ulbricht and present SED leadership scapegoats for any reversal of policy which Soviets might possibly decide upon as result of unity and determination of NATO powers to maintain our position in West Berlin. Notwithstanding all of foregoing, however, our analysis of East German political and economic situation leads us to conclusion that there is not at present any strong likelihood of repetition of June 1953 events or similar uprising.



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