



29 SEPTEMBER 1961 CHECKLIST (COPY)

1. SYRIA BREAKS AWAY FROM THE UAR.

A. THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND IN DAMASCUS APPEARS TO HAVE CONSOLIDATED ITS COUP. SEVERAL KEY MILITARY COMMANDS HAVE PLEDGED SUPPORT.

B. NASIR, WHO HAS SHOWN NO INCLINATION TO COMPROMISE WITH THE REBELS, ATTEMPTED TO LAND EGYPTIAN PARATROOPS NEAR THE PORT OF LATAKIA, WHERE HE THOUGHT FORCES WERE LOYAL TO HIM. THEY WERE NOT, AND THE ATTACK FAILED. NASIR MAY FEEL COMPELLED TO TRY AGAIN, HOWEVER, IF HE CAN OVERCOME THE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN GETTING EGYPTIAN TROOPS INTO SYRIA.



WE HAVE NO

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INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF PRO-NASIR ELEMENTS IN SYRIA



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C. THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS HEADED BY MAMUN KUZBARI, A POLITICIAN WHO SERVED IN TWO PRE MERGER CABINETS AND WHO AT THAT TIME SEEMED TO HOLD MODERATE TO CONSERVATIVE VIEWS. THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, HOWEVER, IS ONE ADNAN QUWATLI. THERE ARE MANY QUWATLI'S IN SYRIA.



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D. THESE EVENTS WILL, AT THE LEAST, GIVE THE USSR AN INCREASED OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERFERENCE IN ARAB AFFAIRS, WHICH HAVE PROBABLY ENTERED ANOTHER PROTRACTED PERIOD OF INSTABILITY. JORDAN HAS RECOGNIZED THE NEW GOVERNMENT;



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THE OTHER ARAB STATES HAVE NOT BEEN

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HEARD FROM. ISRAEL, FOR WHICH THE DEVELOPMENTS IN SYRIA WOULD APPEAR TO BE GOOD NEWS, IS PLAYING IT COOL. BLOC PROPAGANDA HAS SO FAR CONFINED ITSELF TO FACTUAL REPORTING.



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2. NKRUMAH MOVES TO THE LEFT.



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HE HAS DISMISSED FROM HIS GOVERNMENT THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT OPPONENTS OF HIS INCREASING ALIGNMENT WITH THE BLOC. THEIR OUSTER PROBABLY ENDS ANY IMMEDIATE THREAT TO HIS REGIME. [REDACTED] 50X1

3. SOVIET CROP PROSPECTS. THIS YEAR WILL BE CONSIDERABLY BETTER THAN LAST, BUT FAR BELOW REQUIREMENTS OF THE SEVEN-YEAR PLAN. THE HARVEST IN THE "NEW LANDS," WHICH PROVIDE A THIRD OF THE CROP, IS THE WORST SINCE 1957. [REDACTED] 50X1

4. YUGOSLAVS ATTACK SOVIET PARTY PROGRAM. THEY HAD HELD OFF FOR TWO MONTHS, APPARENTLY HOPING THEIR PERFORMANCE AT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE WOULD INDUCE THE SOVIETS TO TONE DOWN THE PROGRAM'S CRITICISM OF YUGOSLAV DOCTRINES. [REDACTED] 50X1

5. NOTES

A. MENDE HAS WITHDRAWN HIS DEMAND THAT ADENAUER RESIGN AS THE PRINCE FOR A COALITION WITH HIS FREE DEMOCRATS.

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6. LATE NOTE.

NASIR IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE A SPEECH AT 1000 THIS MORNING (WASHINGTON TIME).