

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. No large-scale action has yet developed in the Nicosia-Kyrenia area, but sporadic shooting is keeping the situation "electric."

b. UN peacekeeping forces were brought under fire twice this morning by unidentified Cypriot partisans. In both cases the UN soldiers returned the fire.

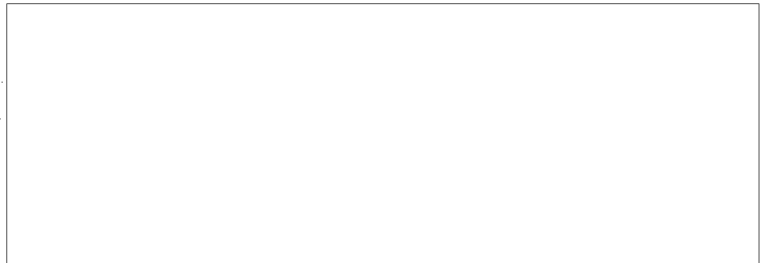
c. Yesterday the Turkish contingent was subjected for the first time to Greek Cypriot gunfire. We would put this down as another probing action by the Greek Cypriots to see how far they can go without provoking a Turkish reaction.

d. There was none in this case, although the movement of the Turkish fleet out of Iskenderun yesterday on an "exercise" could be related. This invasion scare gambit has worn a bit thin through constant use, however.

e. Ankara is going ahead with its program of selected pressures on the Greeks. It cancelled the papers of two high aides of Patriarch Athenogoras and is threatening to deport them. The Patriarch is said to fear that the Turkish aim is to emasculate his organization.

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Athens has protested Turkey's restrictions on the Greek community in Istanbul and says it will soon carry the matter to the UN. Athens has doubtless reminded Ankara that 100,000 ethnic Turks live in Greece.



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2. USSR



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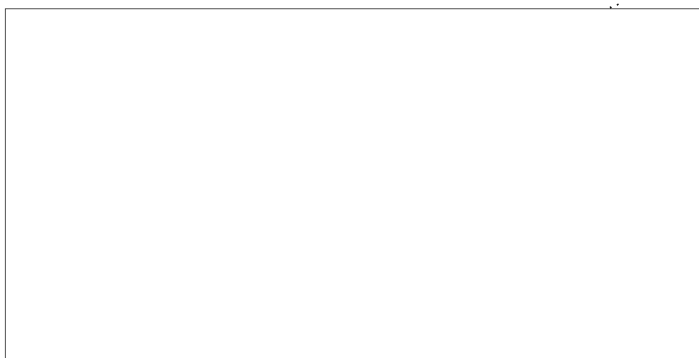
b. One was an ICBM launched from an as yet unidentified operational site. This was the second recorded missile launch from a Soviet operational complex. The first was from Plesetsk, north of Moscow, last October.



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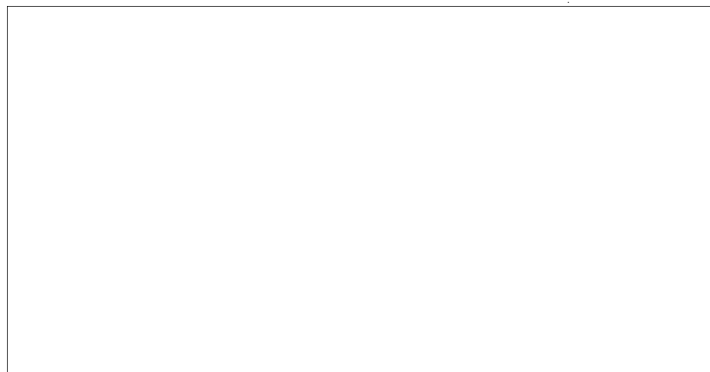
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3. USSR-Cuba

a. We expect that the next three months will see another significant reduction in the number of Soviet forces in Cuba.

b. This will coincide with the transfer to the Cubans of the SAM air defense system, the last significant operational component still in Soviet hands.

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d. All of this is right in line with the information we have [redacted] that substantial numbers of Soviets will be pulling out during May and June.

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e. If the USSR sticks to the schedule indicated, only one or two thousand Soviets would be in Cuba by the end of July, largely in training and advisory roles.

4. North Vietnam -
Laos

a. Hanoi has handed Souvanna a note charging that on 4 April a 150-man commando team of Laotian rightists attacked a village inside the North Vietnamese border. The note asserts the attackers were resupplied by aircraft from Laos and were still in the area two days later.

b. Linking this action with alleged plans hatched by Phoumi and Khanh, Hanoi asks for compensation and the return of prisoners. Hanoi also warns that the rightists will have to bear "the extremely grave consequences" should they persist in this sort of thing.

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c. We are inclined to accept the fact that an attack of some type probably did take place in this general area, although we cannot say for certain just who was involved. We are checking.

d. Hanoi's objectives in publicizing the affair are to strain, even further, relations between Souvanna and Phoumi, and to make the premier more amenable to Pathet Lao pressure in the upcoming three-party talks.

e. The Communists may also mean to build up apprehensions, especially in Asia, over the explosive situation that will develop if these activities continue.

5. Zanzibar

a. Anti-American demonstrations have slackened, but Charge Carlucci feels that a new wave will come when the Concord Squadron steams into the area.

b. The leftists are already working on this, and the government has asked its UN representative to work on the Afro-Asian delegates to get the squadron's movements before the Security Council as a threat to the peace.

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c. The Tanganyikan Government has offered us the assistance of its police detachment on Zanzibar, such as it is, should we need it.

d. Karume on Tuesday again denied that all Americans and British citizens would be given the bum's rush. There was no desire to break off relations either, he said. We still have little confidence that he means to try to make this stick.

e. Meanwhile, there are signs, uncertain as yet, that Zanzibar is beginning to emerge as the prime point of contact between Southern African refugees and the bloc, a role previously filled by Dar-es-Salaam.

f. In recent weeks a number of such Africans visited Zanzibar for talks with the Chinese Communists or other bloc representatives.

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"guerrilla" courses on Zanzibar have been offered to groups from Southern Rhodesia and Mozambique.

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B. Communist China - France The two countries are set to exchange ambassadors, probably by the end of the month. Peiping has selected Huang Chen, former ambassador to Indonesia and now a vice foreign minister, for the Paris post, which it quite clearly intends to use as the major center for its activities in Western Europe.

C. Kenya - Communist China The Chinese are training Kenyans in guerrilla warfare [Redacted] We suspect that the trainees are associates of Kenya's ambitious Home Minister Oginga Odinga. [Redacted]

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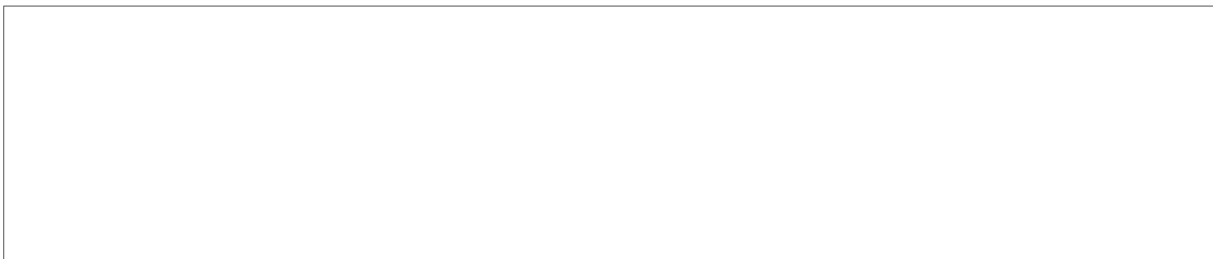
D. USSR-Somalia The second major shipment of Soviet arms arrived at a Somali port [Redacted]

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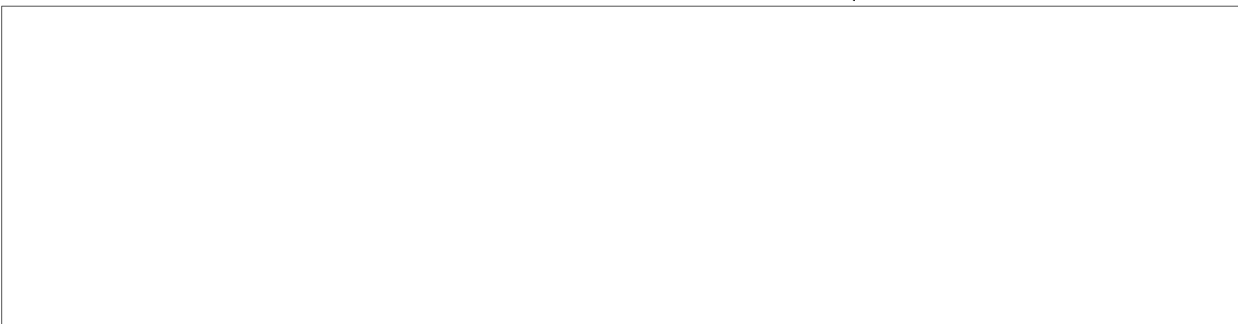
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E. East African Federation The three East African leaders, who met in Nairobi this weekend, left the vexed problem of an East African Federation right on dead center where they found it. Nyerere was eager to federate, Kenyatta was willing but vacillating, Obote demurred. The question of Karume's association did not apparently arise, although he had a representative in attendance.



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G. Bolivia We may be in for a round of serious peasant violence following the killing of two prominent peasant leaders in a downtown La Paz gunfight. The two had been feuding for some time and one version of the incident is that they killed each other. Both had followers who will be quite willing to keep the feud going.



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