

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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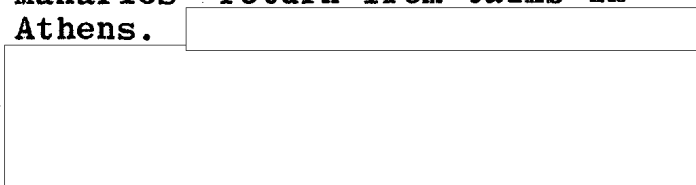
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1. Cyprus

a. The island was generally quiet again yesterday following Makarios' return from talks in Athens.



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c. There is no letup in the Turkish war of nerves, however. Yesterday the authorities in Istanbul were ostentatiously taking a census in areas where Greeks live, letting it be known that this is a necessary preliminary to expulsion.

d. While this goes on, the Turks are drawing a bow at the US and other NATO countries. The US is being depicted as unable or unwilling to help the Turks. One paper yesterday called into question US base rights in Turkey.

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e. A foreign office man, following Inonu's lead, told the press that if NATO continues "to tread on our feet, we could, of course, withdraw."

f. We do not think that the Turks mean to follow through on any of this, but there is a strong emotional feeling that Turkey has been left in the lurch on the Cyprus matter.

2. South Vietnam

a. Vietnamese Communist authorities, proceeding from the premise that it is best to strike while the Khanh regime is still unstable, recently sent a new set of instructions to operatives in the field.

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b. These instructions,

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mark no sharp departure from past practice. Rather they seem designed to bring new vigor to current operations.

c. The orders call for an all-out effort in the countryside to hamper large-scale government operations, to harass government hamlets and set up Viet Cong "combat hamlets," and to build up Communist administration at the village level.

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d. The effort in the cities is to be directed to promoting support for the neutralization of South Vietnam and to offering help to coup plotters.

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e. Viet Cong military action has indeed been stepped up in the past few weeks. The five-day fight this week in the southern delta was the largest single engagement of the war so far. Over 200 Communists were killed, by the latest count.

f. Following this, the Viet Cong has thrown itself into another large-scale action near the Cambodian border and stepped up its activity in one delta area southeast of Saigon.

3. Libya

a. King Idris, has ordered Premier Muntassir to agree in the forthcoming negotiation over US and UK bases that the bases can stay for a long time, not just for three or four years.

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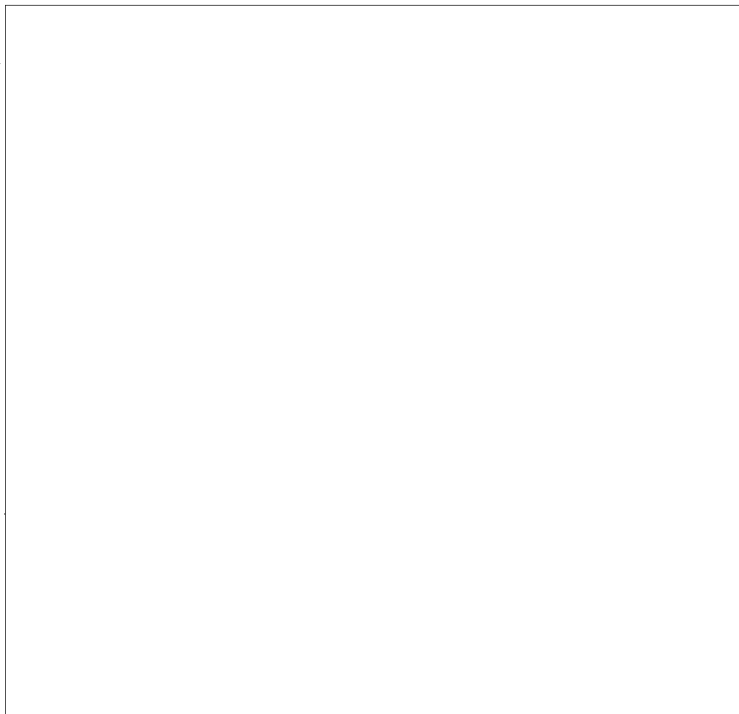
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b. The King has assured Muntassir that the Libyan parliament will accept such an agreement. To make certain of this, the King plans to install a new, more pliant parliament.

c. We think the King is over-optimistic. Nationalist sentiment on this score is strong, and the current lull in antibase agitation, both in Libya and Cairo, could come to an abrupt end if the King follows the indicated line.

4. USSR



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5. Brazil

a. Though the clean-up of Communists and fellow travelers goes on, it seems to us that the pace has slackened and that the authorities are beginning to pay increased attention to the more pedestrian business of forming a working government.

b. Foreign Minister Leitao da Cunha gave Ambassador Gordon to understand yesterday that a break with Cuba is in the cards and all that remains to be decided are the timing and pretext.



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c. The foreign minister has also suggested that, in view of the open border between Uruguay and Brazil, it would be a good idea to persuade Montevideo to get rid of Goulart. He wondered if we could plant this idea where it would do the most good.

6. Zanzibar

a. Rumors are going about in Dar-es-Salaam and elsewhere that the leaders of the Zanzibar Government may be about to part ways.

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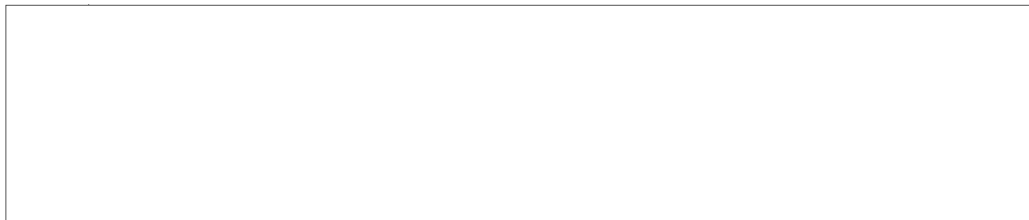
b. One interesting version,
[redacted] has
Babu about to be eased out of the
picture by Hanga, who [redacted]
[redacted] would be
preferable as a leader. The story
is that Babu, like Okello, will
not be permitted to re-enter
Zanzibar when his present Southeast
Asian trip is over.

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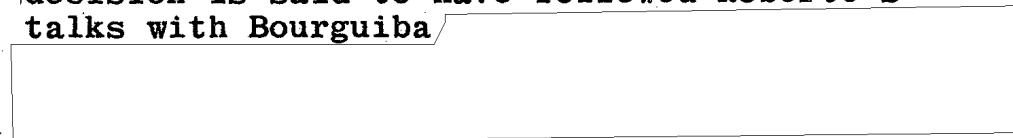
B. North Sea Oil As expected, trouble over the rights to explore for gas and oil in North Sea waters has not been long developing.



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C. UN General Assembly U Thant is thinking of a 10 November opening day for this year's General Assembly, rather than the usual September date. The delay is occasioned by the US elections and the "nonaligned" conference now set for October.

D. Angola - Communist China Holden Roberto has now postponed "indefinitely" plans to go to Peiping to discuss arms and other aid. This decision is said to have followed Roberto's talks with Bourguiba



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- E. Canada - Communist China Peiping's insistence that any newsmen it sets up in Canada have the right to distribute "information" is holding up an agreement between the two countries to exchange resident correspondents.
- F. Khrushchev's Birthday The ceremonies are over, and the East European leaders who danced attendance are leaving Moscow for their respective capitals. Albania marked the day by stripping the Soviet Premier of the honorary Tirana citizenship conferred on him in 1959.



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