

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. Solution of the Cyprus problem is still very much up in the air.

b. After initially agreeing to the plan for "instant enosis," the Greeks have changed their minds. Papandreou said this was because they realized they could not impose the proposals on the Cypriots.

c. The Turks failed to budge on the sticky question of a leased versus a sovereign base on the island. They say they must hold out for a larger base than proposed and for some semblance of Turkish sovereignty.

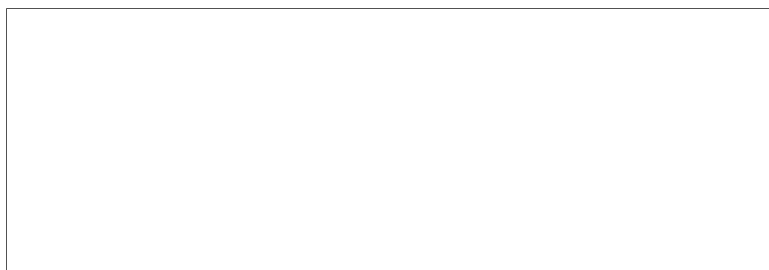
d. Cypriot Foreign Minister Kyprianou's departure for Moscow, scheduled for last Friday, has been postponed. He arrived in Athens this morning for talks with Greek officials.

e. In the past few days, however, the Soviet ambassador in Nicosia has been seeing Makarios. Preliminary negotiations for Soviet assistance may be going on there.

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f. Greek Cypriot leaders are cautioning against quick acceptance of enosis as a solution to the crisis. One spokesman called for enosis only after the Cypriots had exercised their right of self-determination. He said that any plan for union with Greece which involved granting a base to Turkey or NATO was unacceptable.

g. More trouble on the island may be in the making. Next weekend the Turks intend to rotate members of their 650-man army contingent stationed in Cyprus. Thus far Makarios has turned down Ankara's requests for permission to carry out the move.

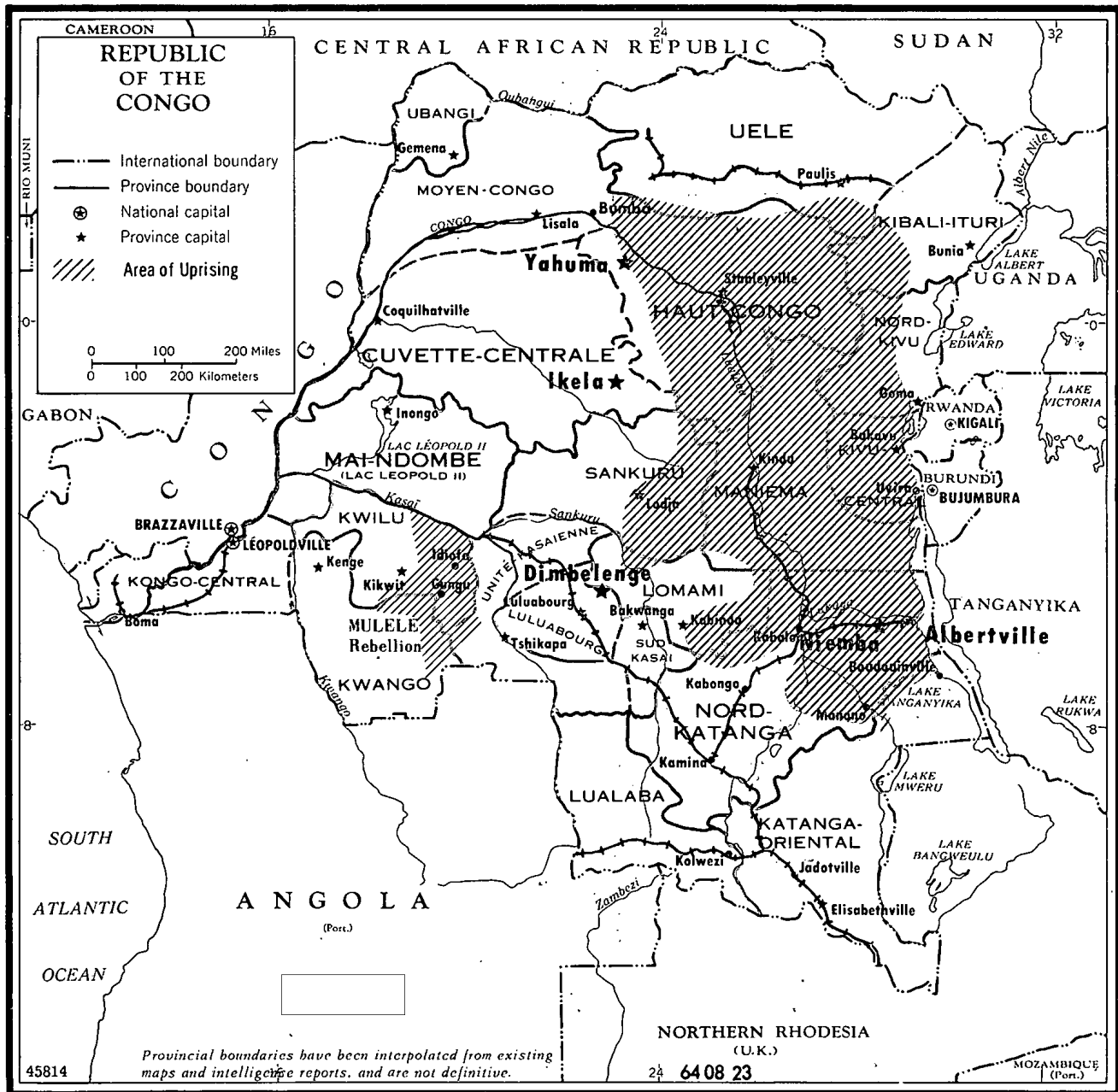


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2. Congo

a. Some 40 mercenaries-- Belgians, South Africans, Greeks, and Portuguese--arrived in Kamina yesterday and Tshombé's Belgian military advisor, Col. Van Der Walle, returns today to Leopoldville after consultations in Brussels.


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c. Rebel forces, moving down-river from Stanleyville, have panicked government troops which have abandoned Bumba and Lisala. The rebels are closing on Bumba.

d. Government forces are doing better in North Katanga.  the force moving eastward from Kabalo is only 50 miles from the rebel-held capital of Albertville.

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e. Bukavu is calm, but we have reports that rebel forces are moving toward the city from Kindu and Uvira.

f. Ill feeling between Brazzaville and Leopoldville is on the rise as Tshombé continues to expel Brazzaville and Mali nationals.

g. In Brazzaville, anti-US sentiment is mounting. Trade unionists have staged demonstrations before the US and Belgian embassies denouncing support of Tshombé and demanding that the "guilty embassies" be closed. The Brazzaville National Assembly is to convene in special session Wednesday. We expect it to issue a strong condemnation of the US and Belgian roles in Leopoldville.

h. Mali has requested a special session of the OAU Council on 10 September to discuss the Congo.

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3. North Vietnam

a. The jet fighters at Phuc Yen airfield near Hanoi have been noted active for the first time since they arrived from China early this month.

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4. USSR

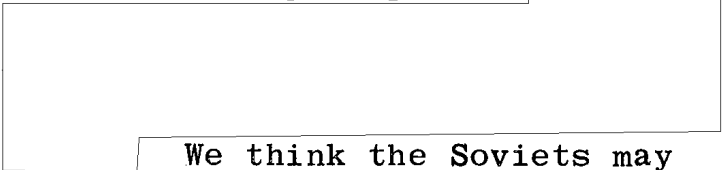
a. Soviet space scientists had a busy day last Saturday.

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b. In two separate operations they orbited three Cosmos satellites. They also recovered a Cosmos--probably a photoreconnaissance satellite--which they had orbited on 22 August.

c. One of Saturday's launchings, designated Cosmos 41, is a new type of space probe. 

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We think the Soviets may have tried this type of operation before but failed. We do not yet know what the function of the vehicle is or whether it is recoverable.

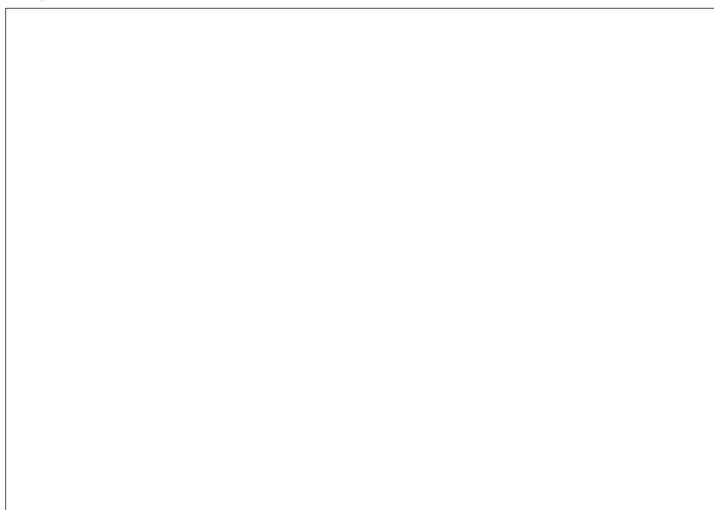
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5. South Vietnam


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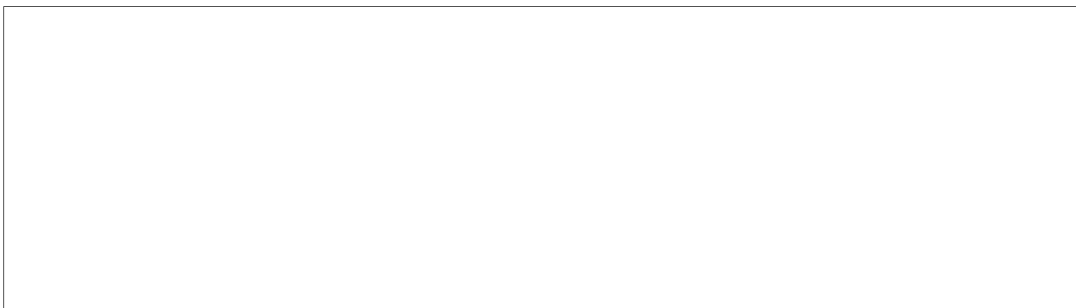
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d. During the weekend anti-government demonstrations by the Buddhists and student groups increased in violence and became more widespread.

NOTES

- A. Afghanistan Twelve Soviet SA-2 surface-to-air missiles showed up in yesterday's Independence Day parade in Kabul. We have no information on where they are to be based but they will be of little immediate use to the Afghans. Air defense will continue to depend on anti-aircraft artillery and MIG jets for some time.
- B. India The Indian Communist Party's series of "civil disobedience" demonstrations in protest against rising food prices began this morning. The party hopes that its efforts will culminate in a general strike on 7 September, the date for reopening of Parliament. The government can probably maintain control in most instances, but there are likely to be some violent clashes between police and demonstrators.



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D. Zanzibar Two planes carrying [redacted] Russians arrived in Zanzibar on Saturday. The arrivals apparently were military advisors and their dependents. [redacted]

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E. Italy-USSR The Soviets are pressing for permission to inter Communist party leader Togliatti's body in Rome's protestant cemetery, the Testaccio. Eligibility rules for burial in Testaccio are stringent and any exceptions must be approved by a governing commission of foreign representatives currently chaired by the Swedish ambassador. Our ambassador is concerned that if Togliatti is accepted it would turn the historic burial place of Keats, Shelley, and other Western notables into a Communist shrine which would be exploited for political purposes.