

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. South Vietnam

a. General Minh has taken the first step toward forming a provisional civilian government by 1 November, but there are still several hurdles to be topped.

b. A new 17-man Supreme National Council met yesterday. Its members are so divergent, however, that their ability to work together effectively is doubtful.

c. Ambassador Taylor, noting the recently accelerated deterioration of the processes of government, questions whether the Khanh regime can finish the task.

d. He points out that Khanh has been hanging on by making concessions to every pressure group, a situation that cannot last indefinitely.

e. Meanwhile, Khanh has flown to Ban Me Thuot to try to get a settlement with rebellious Rhade paramilitary forces in Darlac and Duang Duc provinces. [REDACTED]

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f. Taking advantage of the situation, the Communist National Liberation Front has broadcast an appeal for all highland tribesmen to revolt.



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2. Congo

a. Kenyatta has ordered his minister of state Murumbi to proceed to Washington as his "personal representative," not as head of an OAU delegation.

b. The situation may become sticky, however, if other delegation members from the UAR, Guinea, and Ghana also arrive here.

c. Tshombé, meanwhile, is still touring his home province of Katanga.



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e. The security situation in the northwest has deteriorated somewhat in recent days, but the government is sending help.

3. India-Pakistan

a. Incidents along the cease-fire line are becoming virtually continuous, according to the chief UN observer.

b. The UN official told our embassy in Karachi on Wednesday that the situation had reached the state of an "undeclared war" and could escalate into open conflict.

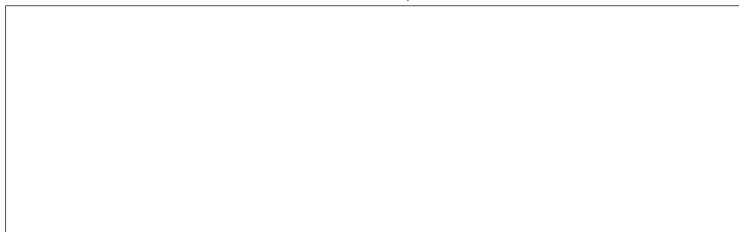
c. The official claims that the Indians in particular have become bolder. He attributes this to the increased military aid they have been receiving. He says hundreds of thousands of rounds of machine gun and mortar ammunition have been fired recently.

4. Cyprus

a. Soviet-Cypriot aid discussions are still hanging fire,

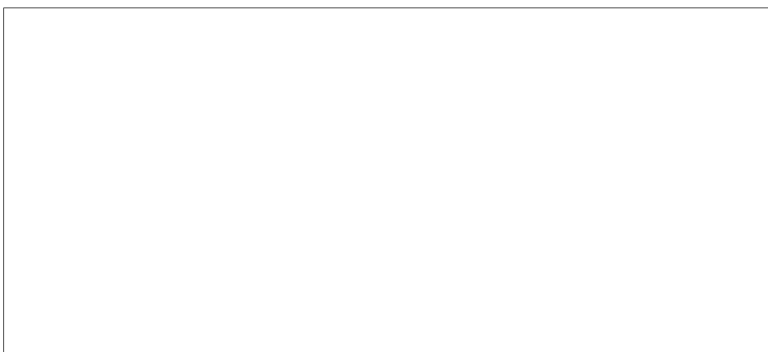


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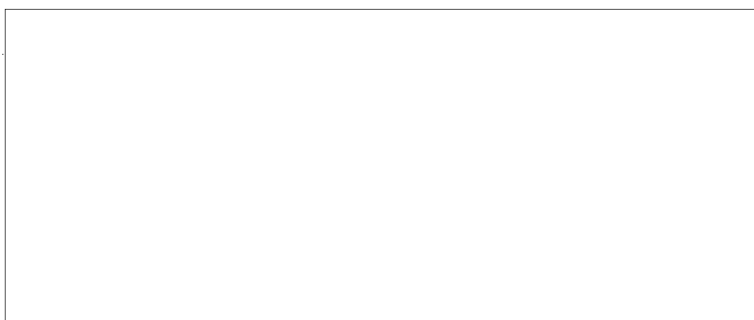
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c. Meanwhile, the Security Council will probably extend the UN's mandate in Cyprus along previous lines. Both Turkey and the Greek Cypriots, for different reasons, oppose any important increase in UN authority.



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5. USSR



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NOTES

- A. USSR Soviet naval and air exercise activity, at a high level in the European area for the past several weeks, is being extended to the Soviet Far East and possibly the Arctic.



- B. Laos General Phoumi was scheduled to leave Vientiane for Paris yesterday and then proceed to Washington on the 28th. Ambassador Unger believes that Phoumi, who wishes to talk with US State Department and Defense officials, including Admiral Sharp in Hawaii, is preparing for what he foresees as eventual Laotian alignment with the US. Phoumi apparently feels that events are moving Laos away from neutralism, and he has hopes of being in charge if a more overt and extensive US-Laotian military relationship is established.

- C. France



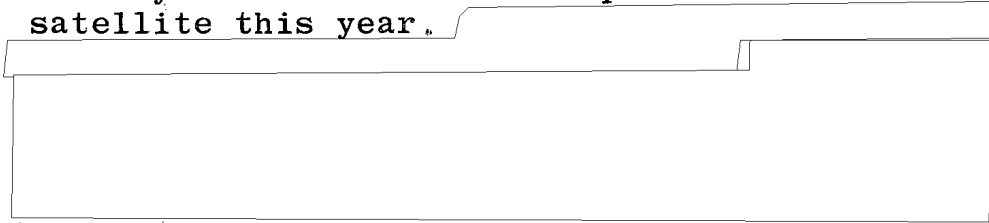
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D. USSR The satellite launched Thursday morning from Tyuratam was the tenth photoreconnaissance satellite this year.



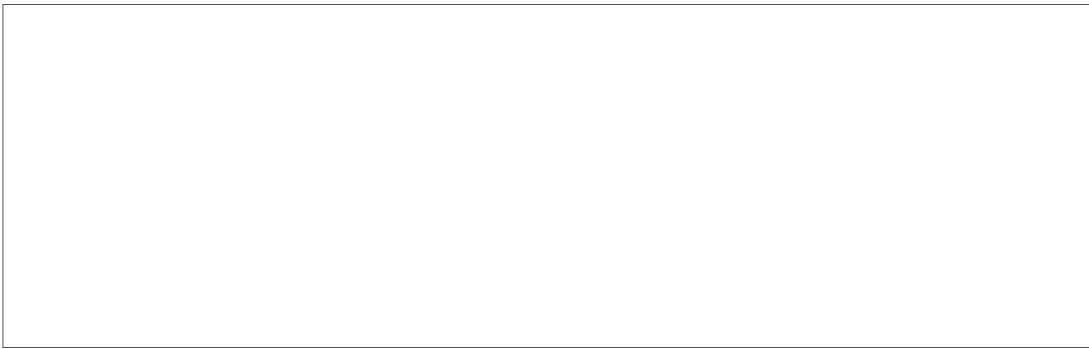
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E. Haiti



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F. East Germany - Yugoslavia The Yugoslavs apparently gave Ulbricht very frosty treatment during the German's brief visit last week. His arrival time and place were not announced, and he was not allowed to speak publicly. The Yugoslavs also "accidentally" hung many East German flags upside down.



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a. A preliminary study of the first package from [redacted] Mission [redacted] reveals significant new information of a Soviet large-missile program and the Chinese Communist nuclear program.

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b. On 18 September the mission photographed a large missile in a horizontal position on one of the newer launch pads at Tyuratam. The missile is tentatively measured as 130 feet long [redacted]

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[redacted] The SS-6, previously the largest known Soviet missile, is estimated to be about 100 feet long.

c. It is not yet possible to say whether this new missile is intended for space operations, ICBMs, or both. It is clear, however, that it is part of a new system which, if successful in its flight tests, will give considerably increased payload capabilities.

d. The mission also gives further evidence that major construction at the Chinese Communists' probable nuclear test site at Lop Nor is closer to completion. Many of the tents previously noted around the tower at Lop Nor have been removed and a security fence appears to have been erected.

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