

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. USSR Leadership

a. The new team in the Kremlin is trying to project a business-as-usual image. Slogans for the October revolution celebrations, published yesterday, seem designed to reinforce the impression of an essential continuity of overall Soviet policy.

b. [redacted] the changeover has been accepted quietly. The reaction of the man on the street has bordered on the apathetic. Some criticism has been heard, largely of the way in which the ouster was handled.

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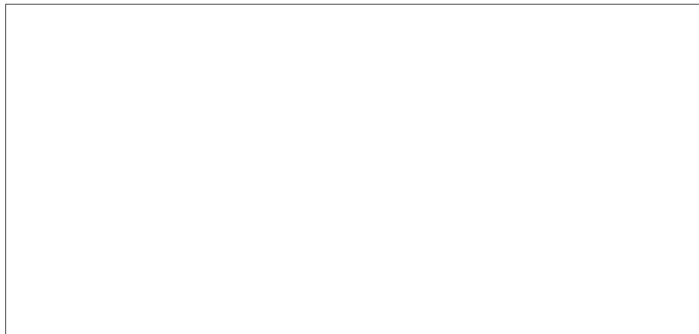
c. We doubt that the present arrangements will last for long. Other high level figures are likely to follow the leader. For example, as long as Podgorny is around, he will be a threat to the new leaders.

d. The Brezhnev-Kosygin tandem is also trying to dissuade the West from taking advantage of the turmoil. A weekend communiqué marking the Dorticos visit warned that Castro still enjoys "resolute" Soviet support.

2. East Europe

a. East European satellite leaders are worried and disturbed by the fall of Khrushchev.

b. Many of them attribute the increased breathing space they enjoy nowadays to Khrushchev, and they are watching apprehensively the first moves of the new leaders.



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d. We do not expect sweeping changes in East Europe straight away, though some satellite leaders-- Zhivkov in Bulgaria for example-- relied a good deal on Khrushchev's personal support.

3. South Vietnam

a. The rift between Khanh and Minh is wider than ever as a result of a draft constitution drawn up by the High National Council.

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b. The draft conferred wide powers on the new chief of state, very likely in the expectation that Minh would get the job.

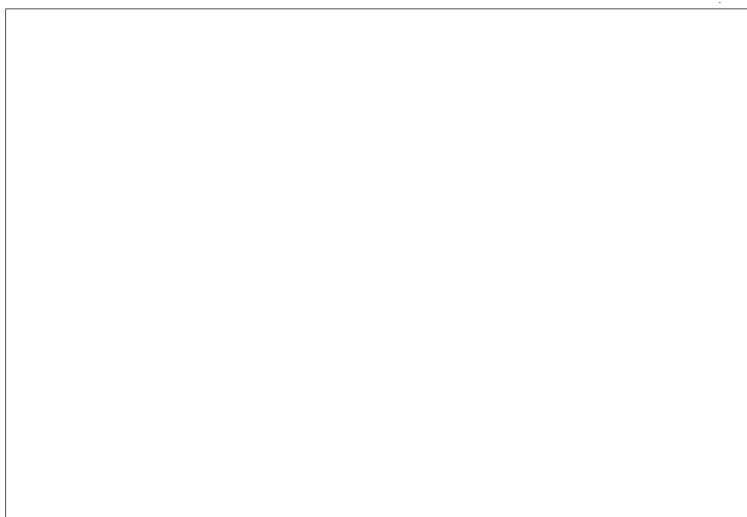
c. Khanh rejected this version, advising the council to go back to the drafting table and produce a document which provides a [redacted] place for the military [redacted]

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4. Communist China

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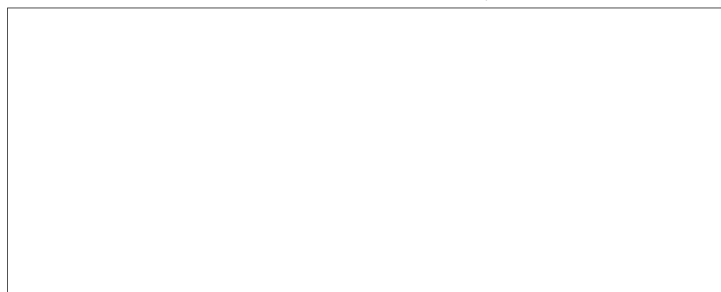


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5. Congo

a. Rebel leaders in Stanleyville are being counselled to take a more moderate course toward the Americans they hold.

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c. It is uncertain, as always, whether the leaders can control their followers.

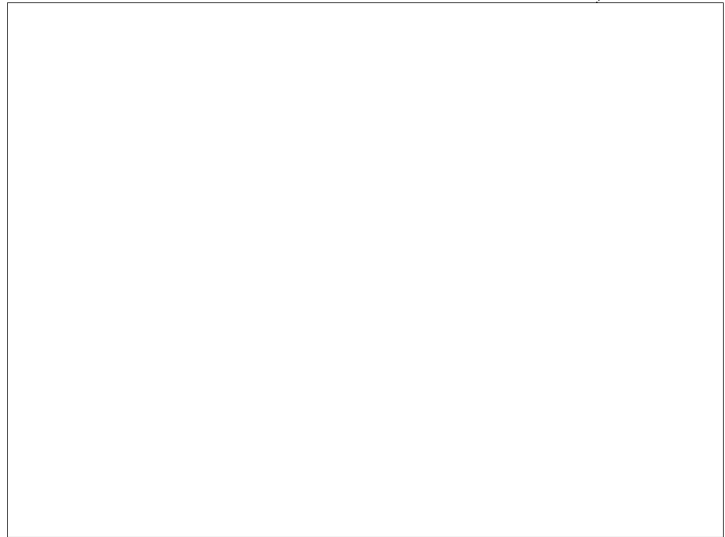
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6. Turkey

a. There are signs that the Turkish military is getting restive again.

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d. Any move against the government would need the support of senior officers to be successful. So far they seem loyal to Inonu.

7. UAR-Iraq

a. Egyptian officials in Cairo are passing off last Friday's communiqué calling for a unified political command as the "smallest commitment" they could possibly have made in the face of "Arab pressure."

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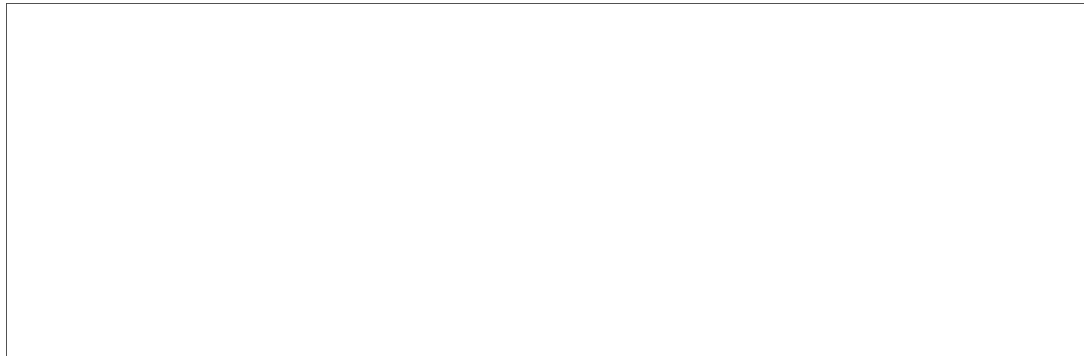
b. We agree. Nasir has long seemed considerably less than eager to get involved in the complex and seemingly insoluble internal problems of Iraq. [REDACTED]
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c. The question is whether this sop to staunchly pro-union Iraqis will be enough to sustain their local position. They have been pushing hard for close formal ties at the earliest possible date and had built up popular expectations that these were in the works.

NOTES

- A. Panama The Robles government is facing a new groundswell of public grumbling over the lack of progress in talks with the US on the Canal. This is being fed by opposition elements, including the ambitious Miquel Moreno who is blaming the US and predicting "grave disorders" if progress is not made before the 9 January anniversary of last year's disturbances.



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