

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

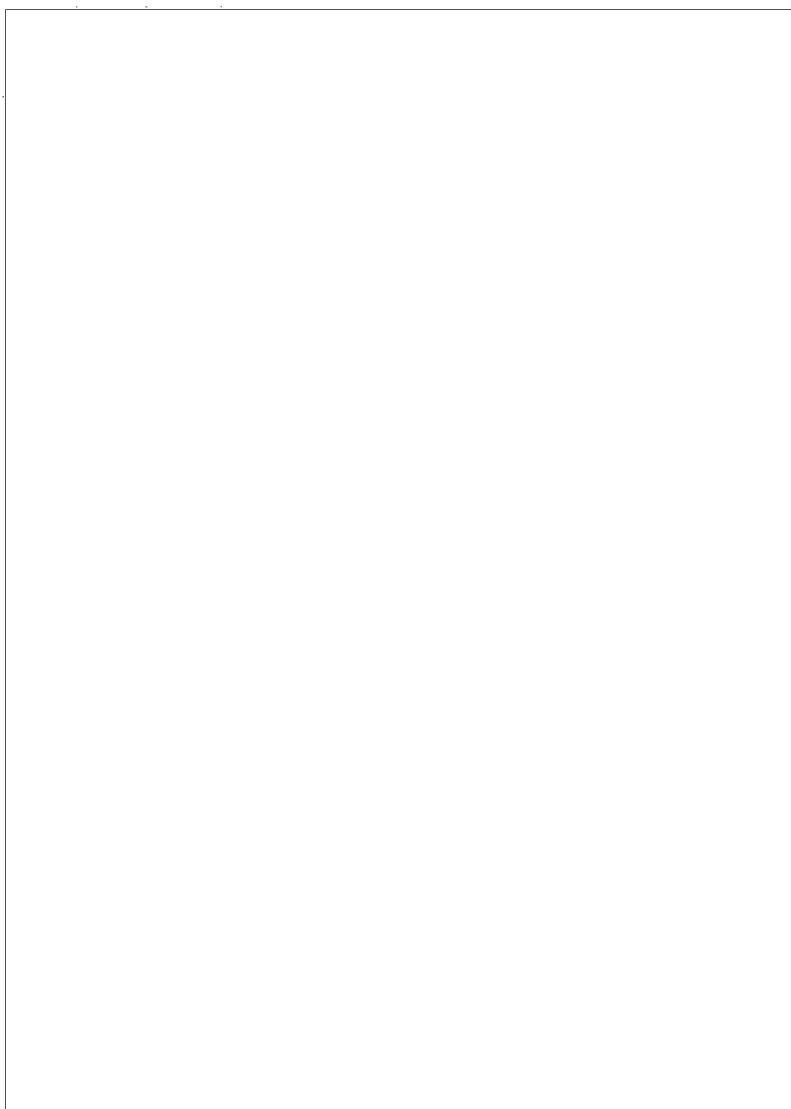
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USSR - Communist China



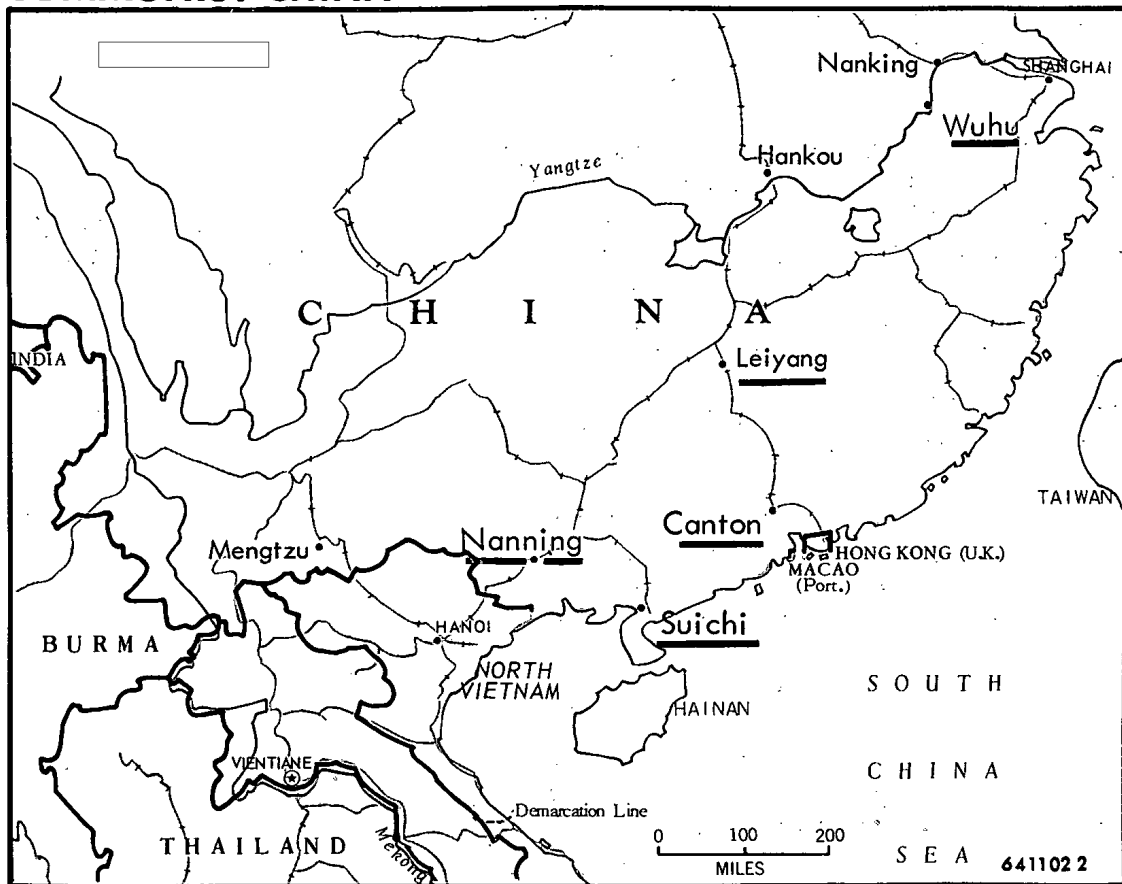
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COMMUNIST CHINA



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1. South Vietnam

a. Hanoi is having a propaganda field day over the shelling of Bien Hoa airfield.

b. Yesterday a North Vietnamese radiobroadcast, gloating over the destruction of the B-57s, warned that many other "brilliant victories" will follow.

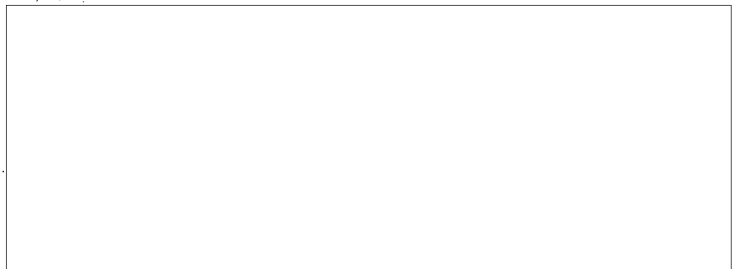
c. No significant new Viet Cong military activity has been reported in the last 24 hours, however.

d. Government forces searched the areas north and east of Bien Hoa after the shelling, but made no contact with the enemy.

2. Communist China-South Vietnam

a. The Chinese Communists may be sending more jet fighters to the Vietnam border area, some of them possibly high-performance types.

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3. Cuba

a. The Kremlin shakeup has "seriously upset" Castro, or so the Cubans appear to want us to believe.

b. The Cuban ambassador in Paris says Castro now feels he cannot depend on the USSR and will do "everything possible" to reach an accommodation with the US.

c. According to the ambassador, Castro intends to show his distrust of Moscow by purging all of Cuba's "old-guard" Communists from his regime.

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d. All this seems intended for our ears. It may be that Castro hopes such a ploy will encourage the US to ease its economic squeeze on Cuba.

4. France-MLF

a. De Gaulle may soon decide on his precise tactics in opposing MLF.

b. A sensitive source of the US Embassy in Paris says the decision will emerge from a highly secret meeting of key cabinet ministers which De Gaulle has called for 20 November.

c. The question is, according to the source, whether France will try to scuttle the MLF by a major gesture, such as withdrawing from NATO, or by minor harassments, such as nonparticipation in certain NATO exercises.

d. A sensitive source, presumably different from the above, has also told the embassy that De Gaulle denies that the success of the MLF would be a defeat for France.

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e. According to this version, De Gaulle thinks that an MLF agreement, excluding France, would allow France to follow an independent policy of purely national interest. He is, therefore, looking forward to the confrontation.

5. USSR

a. The US military attachés and other Western observers report that large missiles, shrouded in canvas, are being pulled through the streets of Moscow as the Soviets prepare for Saturday's parade.

b. Based on the descriptions of size and shape--one missile is reported to be about ninety feet long--we think the Soviets might be planning to show one of their ICBMs for the first time.

c. This could be the SS-8, a long-range missile the Soviets probably are phasing out of their operational inventory within the next year or so.

d. They may also show the 2,000-mile range SS-5 IRBM.

6. Bolivia

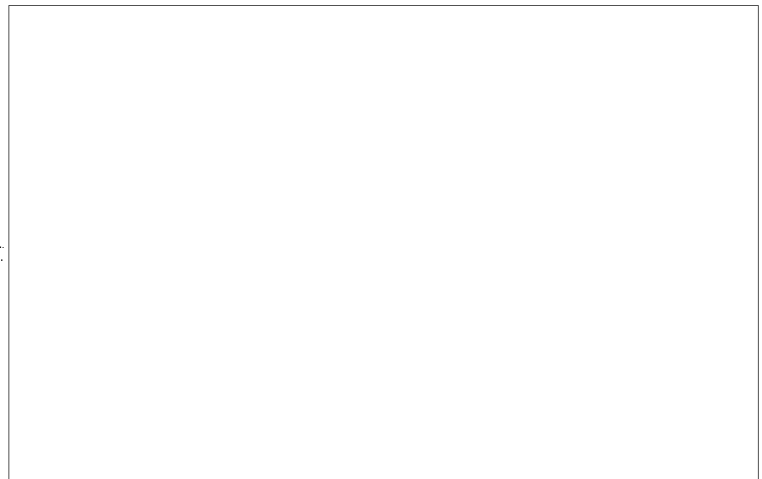
a. The pro-Barrientos military revolt may have started.

b. President Paz called our embassy this morning to say that the regiment guarding the General Staff Headquarters in La Paz had rebelled. The rebels were holding Armed Forces Commander Ovando and Army Commander Suarez prisoner, according to Paz.

c. Paz said, however, that other units were holding firm.

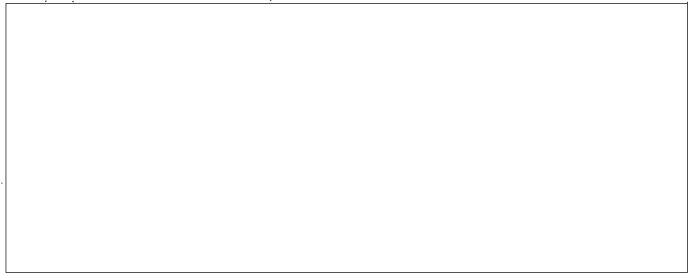
d. We have no other information as of 0830.

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NOTES

A. Cyprus-USSR [redacted] the Cypriots have ordered [redacted] motor torpedo boats from the USSR [redacted]

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B. West Germany - Egypt Bonn is trying to meet [redacted] demands that [redacted] German scientists and technicians employed in Egypt's missile program be pulled out. [redacted]

[redacted] Bonn is pressuring West German firms to offer the experts tempting jobs at home. [redacted]

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- C. Yemen - UAR - Saudi Arabia Yemeni royalist and republican delegations are now meeting in the Sudan, along with Saudi and Egyptian observers. They apparently hope to arrange a ceasefire and make plans for holding a conference to determine the nature of a new Yemeni government. [redacted] the Egyptians want to reduce their commitment in Yemen as quickly as possible because [redacted] it is the major cause of Egypt's current economic difficulties.
- D. India The government has moved against the dissident "Chinese" wing of the Communist party. On the eve of the dissidents' first independent party congress in Calcutta, some 26 leaders of the ultra-left West Bengal party-- which had been expected to run the show--were summarily imprisoned. Presumably this leaves the field to pro-Moscow voices.
- E. Panama Wednesday is Panama's national flag day, and the Communists, as expected, are planning an incident. [redacted]
[redacted] Local security forces probably know of the plan, however, and should be able to handle it.

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