

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

29 NOV. 1961
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1. Congo

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[Redacted] UN forces in Elizabethville 50X1
ville will be at extremely low strength
during rotation of units in early
December, and will be hard put to
maintain security, much less move
against Tshombé's régime.

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C. The city of Stanleyville is
in desperate condition as a result
of Gizenga's activities, the further
breakdown of Congolese army discipline,
and disastrous floods which have
virtually destroyed electric power
and water supplies.

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2. Dominican Republic

Yesterday's events led to an agreement in principle between Balaguer and the opposition to form a coalition, hold elections in January, and inaugurate a new President in February. This compromise was achieved when Balaguer met the effective general strike with a threat to turn his office over to the military. The split between the armed forces and the opposition has been widened by yesterday's actions, however, and chances for a stable solution have been damaged. General Rodriguez, the new commander of the armed forces, has been described by members of the OAS subcommittee as "another Trujillo in the making," while the more moderate opposition leaders may be losing control to extremist elements.

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3. Laos: princes' meeting negotiations again break down

After further quibbling yesterday among their representatives [redacted]

[redacted] the leader of the Xieng Khouang group suddenly broke off talks and left Vientiane, apparently against the wishes of the Soviet Ambassador. Subsequently Souvanna and Souphannouvong again proposed to Boun Oum a meeting Friday at the cease-fire line. [redacted]

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4. Touré's jailing of teachers' union leaders arouses considerable popular opposition in Guinea

The union leaders have charged Touré with failure to improve living conditions, corruption and inefficiency. They seem, however, to be motivated by personal grievances against Touré rather than by differences in political orientation. Touré is trying to restore his prestige by dramatic anti-Western measures. He has nationalized one foreign-owned bauxite firm (Guinea may have half the free world's bauxite deposits) and is dickering with the USSR for construction of a large hydro-electric plant. [redacted]

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NOTES

A. The USSR has made only the briefest mention of the President's interview with Adzhubei in any medium except Izvestia.

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B. There were two successful Soviet ICBM shots to Kamchatka

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C. Embassy Paris has been told by the French Foreign office that the De Gaulle-Macmillan talks "did not go well" and that De Gaulle stood firm against immediate negotiations with the USSR. He indicated, however, that he might change his position if Adenauer urged him.

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D. General Clay sees in Socialist newspaper comment on the train incident last week a danger that the Socialists may open a major attack on Adenauer for his close relations with the US.

E. The 1962 trade agreement between Finland and the USSR, signed two hours after release of the Kekkonen-Khrushchev communiqué, provides for a 25 percent increase in trade. It is likely to reverse the trend of the last few years toward decreasing Finnish economic dependency on the USSR.

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G. Sukarno was non-committal when asked by Ambassador Jones about the Pope case. Jones believes that US support for a formula that would "settle" the West New Guinea problem would help Pope considerably.

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