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PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--20 APRIL 1962

1. ARGENTINE MILITARY MOVES TO SUPPRESS PERONISM:

LAST NIGHT'S ACTION APPEARS TO MARK A CROSSING OF THE RUBICON AND A SHOWDOWN MAY COME TODAY WHEN MILITARY LEADERS CALL ON GUIDO TO DEMAND SUSPENSION OF THE CONGRESS AND NEW ELECTIONS WITHIN 90 DAYS.

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SOME INFLUENTIAL ELEMENTS IN THE MILITARY ARE STILL OPPOSED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OUTRIGHT DICTATORSHIP, AND PREFER TO RETAIN A FACADE OF CONSTITUTIONALITY IN DEALING WITH PERONISM. THE CHANCES OF GUIDO STAYING IN OFFICE--IF NO MORE THAN A FIGUREHEAD--ARE THEREFORE NOT HOPELESS. SO FAR THERE IS NO CLEAR INDICATION OF HOW THE PERONISTS AND THE PRO-FRONDIZI GROUPS WILL REACT.

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2. SUKARNO ASKS FOR MORE AMERICAN AID:

HE WANTS MORE RICE TO HELP ALLEVIATE HIS ANNUALLY WORSENING FOOD PROBLEM. (INDONESIA'S SHORTFALL FOR THIS YEAR IS ESTIMATED AT 1.1 MILLION TONS OF WHICH ONLY 800,000 TONS WILL BE OBTAINED FROM NORMAL SUPPLIERS; WE ARE EITHER OBLIGATED OR NEGOTIATING TO MAKE AVAILABLE AN ADDITIONAL 120,000.) SUKARNO ALSO WANTS US TO TRANSFORM THE DJAKARTA AIRPORT INTO A "LITTLE IDLEWILD," EXPAND LANDING FACILITIES ON BALI (TO ATTRACT MORE TOURISTS), AND TO HELP FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT--INCLUDING SOME NEW BOEING B-720 JETS.

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3. GREATER VIOLENCE EXPECTED IN ALGERIA:

IT MAY TAKE THE FORM OF COMMANDO RAIDS BY UNITS OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT IN ALGIERS AND ORAN IN RETALIATION FOR OAS ATROCITIES, OR IT MAY RESULT FROM OAS ATTEMPTS TO LIQUIDATE NATIONALIST LEADERS WHO WILL BE EMERGING INTO PUBLIC VIEW IN EVER INCREASING NUMBERS.

4. CONGO:

TSHOMBE--BASKING IN THE WARMTH OF THE HERO'S WELCOME RECEIVED ON RETURNING TO KATANGA--HAS HAD ONLY UNKIND WORDS FOR THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, BUT ASSERTS HE WILL SOON RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH ADOULA. NERVOUS UN CIRCLES IN ELISABETHVILLE, HOWEVER, ARE NOT SO SURE, AND FEAR THAT EVEN IF TALKS DO GET GOING AGAIN, TSHOMBE WILL ADOPT THE UNHELPFUL ATTITUDE THAT HE IS NEGOTIATING FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH. IN LEOPOLDVILLE, FINGERS ARE CROSSED IN HOPES THAT THE AIRPORT INCIDENT WILL BLOW OVER AND THAT AT LEAST "LONG-RANGE" TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE.

5. SYRIA:

UNEASINESS REIGNS IN SYRIA WHERE THERE IS APPREHENSION OF A NEW OUTBREAK OF PRO-NASIRISM AND UNCERTAINTY AS TO THE COURSE OF THE ENDLESS PLOTTING AMONG MILITARY FACTIONS.

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6. NOTES:

A. ACTIVITY AT KAPUSTIN YAR SUGGESTS THAT THE LAUNCHING OF ANOTHER EARTH SATELLITE IS IMMINENT.

B. THE SOVIET NAVY HAS BEEN TESTING SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES, POSSIBLY FROM SUBMARINES, AT RANGES UP TO 650 N.M.--ALMOST DOUBLE THE RANGE OF THE BEST PREVIOUS NAVAL SHOTS.

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C. GROMYKO'S VISIT TO BELGRADE HAS SO FAR BEEN STRICTLY ROUTINE. HIS TALKS WITH TITO AND OTHER TOP YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN LARGELY CONFINED TO BROADBRUSH DISCUSSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

D. KHRUSHCHEV'S MESSAGE TO CASTRO ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF LAST YEAR'S INVASION OF CUBA MAY BE SIGNIFICANT FOR WHAT IT DIDN'T SAY--THERE WERE NO ACCOLADES OF THE "SOCIALIST" NATURE OF THE HAVANA REGIME AND NO SPECIFIC ATTACKS ON THE US. THE MOSCOW PRESS, HOWEVER, CARRIED SEVERAL ARTICLES CHARGING THAT "A NEW AGGRESSION IS BEING PREPARED."

E. DEMONSTRATIONS IN JAPAN SEEM INEVITABLE WHEN US NUCLEAR TESTS BEGIN. ATTACKS ON OUR DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS COULD FOLLOW, ESPECIALLY ON MAY DAY.

F. RURAL VIOLENCE, COLOMBIA'S RUNNING SORE, RESULTED IN 52 CASUALTIES TO THE SECURITY FORCES IN MARCH, THE HIGHEST FIGURE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

G. AN UNAUTHORIZED POLITICAL RALLY IN ATHENS, CALLED BY THE LARGEST GREEK OPPOSITION PARTY FOR THIS EVENING, COULD FLARE INTO VIOLENCE WHICH THE POLICE MAY FIND HARD TO HANDLE.

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