

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Laos

a. There is a respite in the fighting. [redacted] however, [redacted] forces to attack Pathet Lao positions at Tha Thom, 35 miles southeast of Xieng Khouang town. Neutralist forces have, meanwhile, regrouped west of Xieng Khouang under instruction from Kong Le to retake the town.

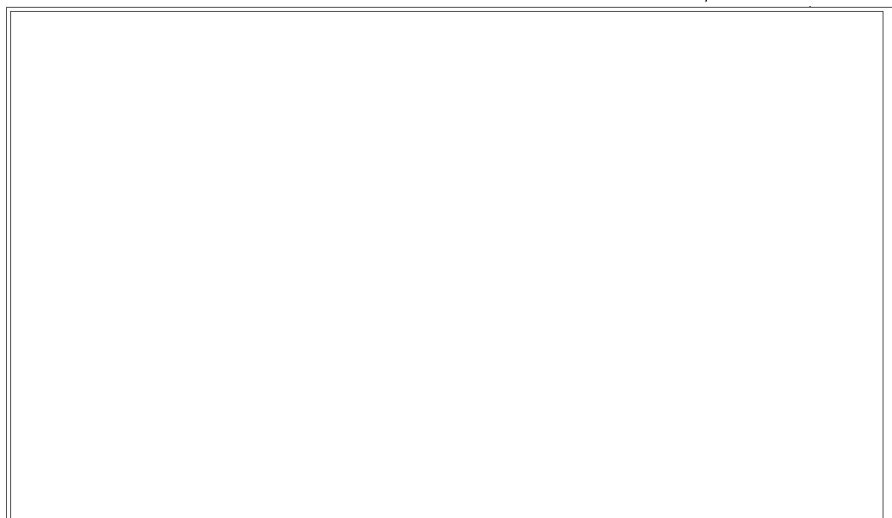
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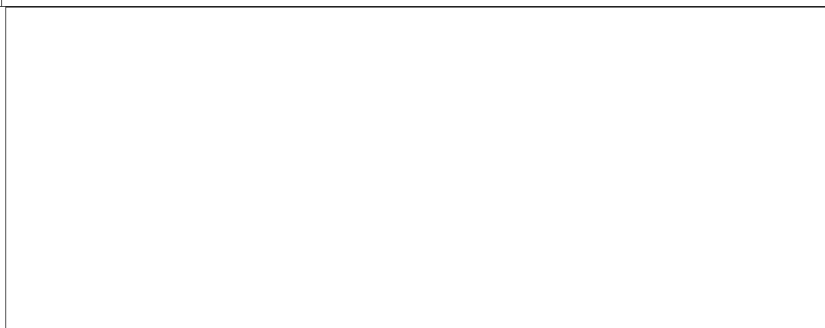
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2. USSR [redacted]

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3. Spain-US

a. Recent comments by high Spanish officials appear to be pointing toward a request for what amounts to a bilateral US-Spanish alliance or mutual defense treaty in return for renewal of the bases agreement.

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b. The latest of such signs was the Spanish Foreign Minister's remark to Ambassador Stevenson to the effect that, even if the Spanish could not enter NATO, they expected the "same status" in relation to their friends as NATO members.

c. Our Embassy in Madrid reports that the Spanish negotiating position on the bases agreement may soon begin to unfold, with Franco and his cabinet now "heavily involved" with the matter.

4. South American elections

a. It is doubtful that the elections scheduled for June in both Argentina and Peru will take place.

b. The Guido government is [redacted] considering a postponement of several months. In Peru, the military is [redacted] planning outright cancellation [redacted]

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A. Soviet space activity The Soviet instrumentation ships which deploy into the Pacific when a manned space launch is upcoming [redacted]

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[redacted] mean that a launch attempt is likely [redacted]

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B. Cuba-Brazil Cuba is strengthening its diplomatic representation in Brazil by appointing the son of its foreign minister as Ambassador. Raul Roa Kouri, who will take up a post unfilled since last October, has been ambassador to Czechoslovakia and enjoys considerable standing in his own right in Havana.

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D. Guatemala The country's governing body now has before it a decree, which may be published today, saying that it intends to prepare the way for elections "in a short period not to exceed two years."

E. Togo Followers of the late President Olympio, in exile in Guinea, are receiving weapons and training from Sekou Toure's government for a counter-coup

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