

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Cuba

a. Havana has assigned a special officer to Paris to carry through on the program for recruiting West European technicians. [redacted]

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b. These men have been told to look for "progressives" but not necessarily card-carrying Communists.

c. [redacted]

[redacted] it appears that the objective is to fill the gap left by the emigration of Cuban specialists and, thus, to supplement rather than replace Soviet bloc technicians.

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d. The Cubans are not likely to gain a bonanza from the current high world price of sugar--10 cents a pound. Of the million tons of this year's crop released from contractual obligations by Communist China and the USSR, 800,000 tons had been sold by 11 February at prices averaging 5.5 to 6 cents. At least another 100,000 tons were delivered at 1962 prices to cover 1962 contract obligations.

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f. Thursday's aerial reconnaissance covered all five major Soviet installations. Coverage of three was good but revealed no significant change. Photography of the remaining two was of poor quality.

## 2. Haiti

a. Increased security measures were instituted along parts of the coast yesterday.

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b. Duvalier continues to maintain effective control of the country. This provides nations which have not already withdrawn recognition sufficient basis for maintaining diplomatic relations.

c. Most of the OAS Committee arrived in Port-au-Prince yesterday. Three members remained in the Dominican Republic.

d. General Constant, Haitian Armed Forces Chief of Staff, apparently got cold feet concerning the unofficial meeting he had arranged for yesterday with Colonel Batters-ton, head of the US military mission, and did not show.

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3. Laos

a. The Communist shelling of Kong Le's headquarters at Muong Phanh on Wednesday [redacted]

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General Phoumi has readied all eight of his T-6 aircraft for a "mission of war," and has asked the US for 100-pound bombs for these aircraft.

c. Meanwhile, Souvanna is still sparring unsuccessfully with Souphannouvong over the choice of a negotiation site--Luang Prabang as against Khang Khay. [redacted]

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4. Dominican Republic

a. The domestic political challenge which Bosch had hoped to head off with a resounding success against Haiti may now be taking shape.

b. Angel Miolan, president of Bosch's Dominican Revolutionary Party, is said to have demanded that Bosch replace certain "reactionary" cabinet members, including Foreign Minister Freitas.

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c. Miolan, who has ambitions to succeed Bosch, has threatened to lead sizeable elements of the party into opposition if Bosch does not give in.

## 5. Soviet Bloc

a. A meeting of the first secretaries of the Soviet bloc parties--the first to be held since mid-1962--appears scheduled for June in Moscow.

b. Problems of economic integration--particularly the Rumanian wrangel with CEMA--will probably be well up on the agenda.

c. The Polish party is attaching a great deal of importance to this meeting, which is expected "to significantly affect the Polish economy."

d. The meeting will fall between the Soviet party plenum set for 18 June and the two-sided encounter between the Soviets and the Chinese Communists which will begin on 5 July. This timing will give the Soviets a chance to put the East European ranks in step before facing the Chinese.

NOTES

A. UAR-Syria Nasir's controlled press declared bluntly yesterday that the "point of no return" has been reached in relations between Egypt and the Syrian Baath. [REDACTED]

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B. North Korea - US [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The North Koreans currently refuse to return either the helicopter or the officers, but we recall that the last US pilot to be captured--in March 1958--was released after eleven days. [REDACTED]

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C. USSR Three Soviet research vessels which have been gathering hydrographic information off the east coast from Nova Scotia to Bermuda for the past three months are en route back to the USSR. [REDACTED]

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**E. USSR Preparations at Tyuratam for the announced Pacific missile firings**

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