

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

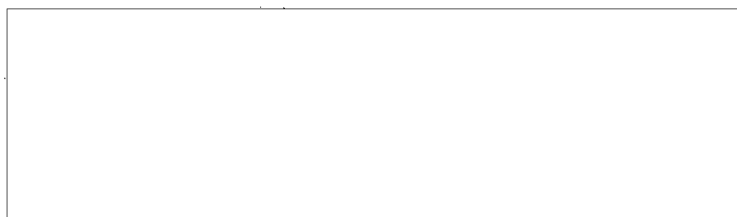
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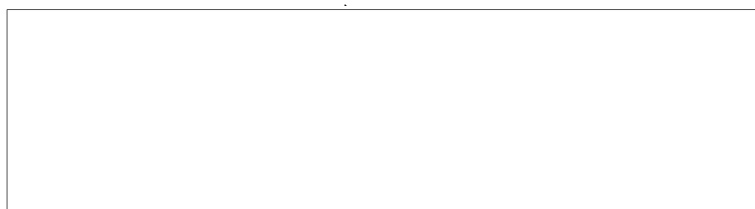
1. Cuba



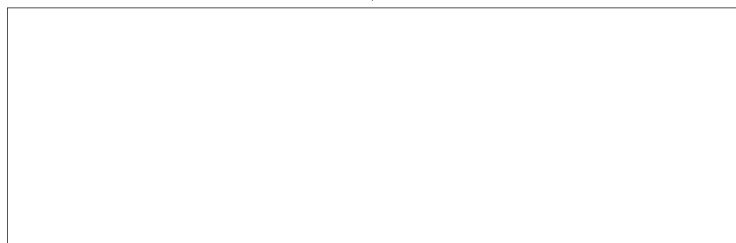
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2. British Guiana

a. Four charges of dynamite were exploded Sunday evening in the vicinity of the pier where the Soviet ship Michurinsk had tied up a few hours earlier.

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c. The incident apparently grew out of continuing labor unrest caused in part by the refusal of some government-controlled organizations to rehire workers who had been on strike.

3. Sino-Soviet Relations

a. A hero's welcome greeted the Chinese delegates on their return Sunday from the Moscow talks. Mao himself was on hand--a rarity these days.

b. There are signs the Chinese, armed now with voluminous testimony from the discussion, will redouble their campaign against the Soviets among world Communist parties.

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c. [redacted]

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pects the Chinese of sabotaging a
Soviet airliner which exploded in
mid-air while en route from Peiping
to Moscow on 13 July and crashed
near Irkutsk. This despite the fact
that the passenger list included the
family of the Albanian ambassador
in Peiping.

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4. Chinese Com-
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5. Pakistan

a. Foreign Minister Bhutto has given Ambassador McConaughy unqualified assurances that Pakistan has no secret defense agreement of any kind with Peiping.

b. Interestingly, Peiping seems to have been surprised by Bhutto's reference last week to a possible defense pact. In reporting on the speech, Chinese media have omitted those portions which raised this question.

c. Bhutto, of course, insists we misunderstood him.

6. Syria-UAR

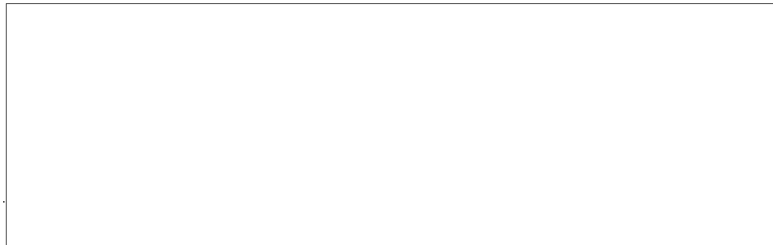
a. As expected, Nasir in his speech last night, tore the skin off the backs of the Syrian Baathists and slammed the door against any further thoughts of "unity" so long as they remain in control in Damascus.

b. He was gentler on Iraq.

c. In Damascus, meanwhile, summary executions continue. Official statements put the total at twenty-eight. More are expected.

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e. By the severity of the crackdown (in no case since Syrian independence in 1945, have unsuccessful coup plotters been put to death) the Syrian Baathists, like their brethren in Iraq, hope to discourage any further attempts against them.

f. The executions also show a Baathist willingness to carry out a bare-knuckles campaign against Nasir.



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NOTES

A. Israel-UAR The Israel Defense ministry announced an aerial engagement this morning involving two UAR Mig-17's allegedly over Israeli territory. One UAR plane was said to have been hit, but both apparently returned to UAR territory. The UAR says it shot down an Israeli intruder. The Israelis have been engaged in maneuvers in the border area, and we suspect the Egyptians might have been trying to get a close look at them.

B. Security Council meeting on Colonialism The Soviets are losing no time climbing on the bandwagon at the Security Council meeting on Portuguese colonialism. Ambassador Fedorenko has scheduled himself to speak today without waiting for the four African delegates to finish presenting their case.

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C. Indonesia-Malaysia

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Djakarta announced yesterday that its armed forces will hold "joint maneuvers" in adjacent areas of the South China Sea and Strait of Malacca.

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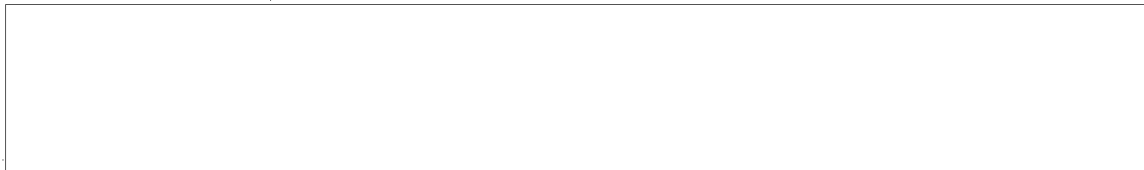
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E. Central American Foreign Ministers' Meeting Nicaraguan President Schick has suggested to the Costa Ricans another meeting of Central American Foreign Ministers in early August to consider the menace of Cuban Communism. They last met at Managua in late June.

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F. South Korea The junta leadership is now rather clumsily hinting to Ambassador Berger that unless the US increases its food deliveries, elections will have to be postponed.

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