

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. South Vietnam

a. Former junta leader General Doung Van Minh is still unreconciled to General Khanh's seizure of power.

b. He told a US observer that Khanh is making the same mistakes as Diem and that Khanh's government lacks the support of the military and the people.

c. He says he regrets launching the 1 November coup, which only exchanged one dictator for another. He also claims that the generals from his regime who are now under detention have a considerable following in the military.

d. Minh's remarks, although no doubt colored by bitterness over his own loss of power, probably also reflect his genuine concern. As a widely popular officer, he could conceivably become a focal point for discontented military elements.

e. Khanh, of course, is aware of the potential for disaffection among the military and continues to take steps to further consolidate and safeguard his position.

2. Zanzibar

a. All US representatives may soon be expelled from the island.

b. On Thursday a Zanzibar delegation told Tanganyikan leaders that Zanzibar proposed to break relations with the US and order the immediate closure of the US Embassy.

c. The Tanganyikans say they believe that they dissuaded the Zanzibar leaders for the moment.

d. That same day some 3,500 Zanzibaris led by government officials demonstrated before the US Embassy. Their posters called for closure of the embassy and stated "the Americans are our greatest enemies."

e. President Karume, in addressing the crowd, guaranteed that the NASA space tracking station would be expelled within 17 days; he had previously assured our charge that a 60-day time limit set earlier in the week for the station's removal still held.



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3. Yemen-Egypt-UK

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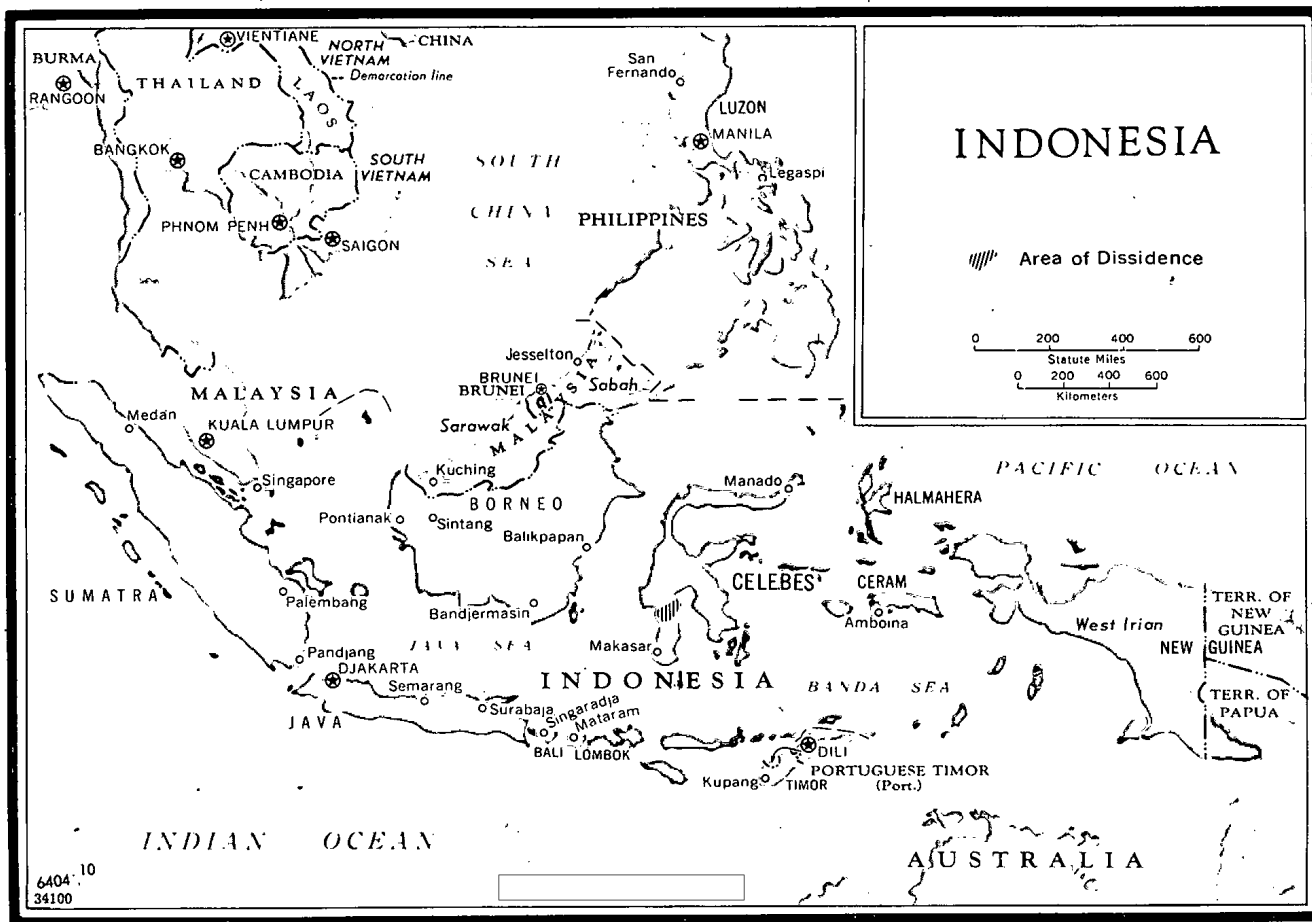


b. Nasir now has more troops in Yemen than ever before, yet the rebels have not been unusually active lately.

c. It is possible that some of the Egyptians will be rotated out after transport is freed from its current preoccupation with ferrying pilgrims to Mecca.

d. On the other hand, Nasir conceivably may have in mind some additional deployment to forestall any assistance reaching Yemen from the federation.

e. He may further reason that the additional insurance is necessary to guard against any British-sponsored harassment that might be triggered by his own stepped up terrorist activity in Aden.



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4. Indonesia

a. The government is trying to crack down on chronic dissidence in the South Celebes, an area traditionally hostile to Djakarta's rule.

b. Irritated by a recent ambush of a regional commander's party, and by the fact that Sukarno was forced to cancel a trip there earlier this month, Djakarta has ordered troops and planes into the area.

c. This particular dissident movement--part bandit and part separatist--has been active since 1950. It resumed its activities in the fall of 1962 after a year's peace with the government.

d. At that time, it was thought to number about 800 adherents most of whom were Moslems.

e. The government claims the group now totals about 2,000 troops and has charged that the British have had a hand in their resurgence.

5. North Vietnam

a. [redacted] the drive to unify Vietnam dominates all other policy considerations in Hanoi.

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[redacted] the North Vietnamese party is divided into pro-Chinese and pro-Soviet wings.

c. [redacted]

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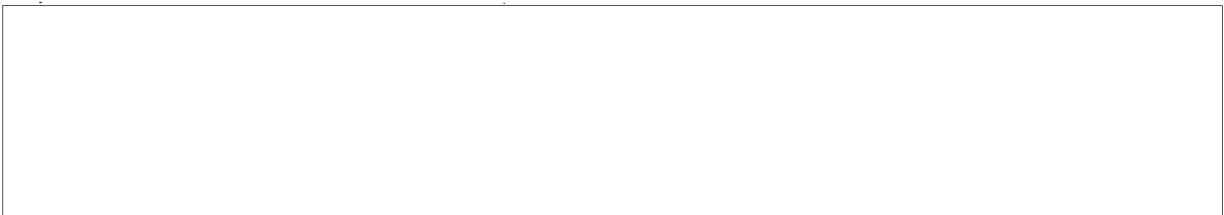
the influence of the Soviets can only decline if they withhold support for North Vietnam's policy toward South Vietnam.

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NOTES

- A. Brazil Congress will vote for the new president this afternoon. Castello Branco appears almost certain of election. Ambassador Gordon reports that in Branco's character and convictions rests the greatest hope for the avoidance of undemocratic excesses.
- B. Cyprus UN-sponsored negotiations for opening the Turkish-held Kyrenia road have not succeeded and UN officials on the spot are described as "genuinely pessimistic." The Turkish Cypriots say it is impossible for them to consider opening the road and allowing Greek Cypriot forces to patrol the area. They fear the Greek Cypriots would arrest the Turkish Cypriot police.
- C. USSR-China Radio Moscow has announced that beginning today it will increase its broadcasts in Mandarin to China. Seven new programs are being added, presumably to give the Chinese people more on the Soviet side of the argument. Last October, Radio Peiping increased the number of its broadcasts to Moscow. Peiping now puts out 63 hours of propaganda in Russian a week while, with the new increments, Moscow should be beaming 66 1/2 hours in Mandarin.
- D. India Left-wing leaders walked out of the Indian Communist Party meeting Thursday, thus paving the way for an open split. They left after an unsuccessful attempt to unseat party chairman S. A. Dange as the first order of business. Their efforts were shouted down in a stormy scene ending with Dange's demand that the "splitters and dogmatists" should leave the meeting. They did.

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F. Colombia Embassy Bogota reports Thursday's terrorist incidents there were probably planned to take advantage of the anniversary of the massive disturbances that occurred in 1948 on the occasion of the second Inter-American conference.



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G. Sino-Soviet Dispute Khrushchev has scheduled a TV broadcast for tomorrow following his return from Hungary. In it we would not be at all surprised if he came down harder than ever on the Chinese. He does not have much alternative.

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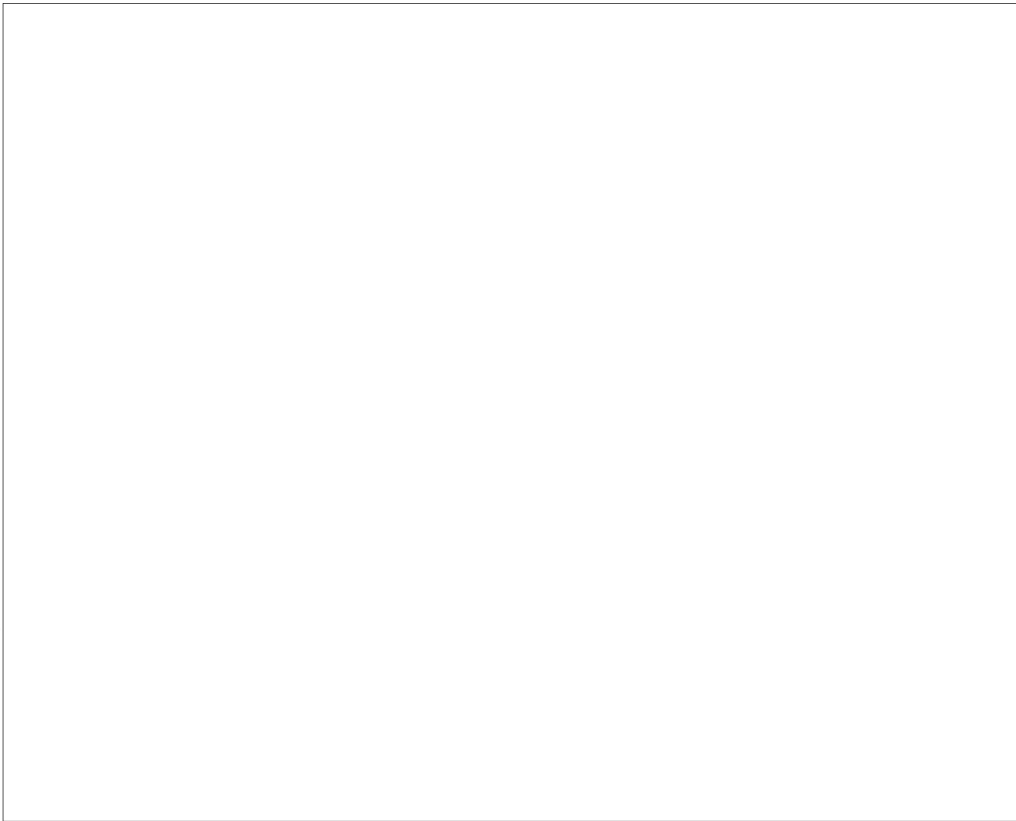
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