

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. Shooting broke out across the green line in Nicosia this morning, killing at least one civilian and wounding several others. Sporadic gunfire continues throughout the capital, clearing the streets.

b. Meanwhile, fighting at the Kyrenia pass has let up temporarily as Greek Cypriots gather strength either for an assault or a battle of attrition. The battle lines are not yet altered.

c. The outnumbered Turkish Cypriots remain firmly entrenched on the heights. The UN is reinforcing its troops in the area.

d. At the conclusion of his talks with Makarios yesterday, Papandreou issued a statement supporting Makarios' abrogation of the Treaty of Alliance. The move, he said, simply confirmed the actual situation anyway, as the treaty had proved to be inapplicable.

e. The only solution, Papandreou said, was complete independence and self-determination for the Cypriot people. The UN, he suggested, could guarantee minority rights.

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f. There was no mention of union with Greece or the role, if any, envisaged for Grivas. Papandreou has privately told Ambassador Labouisse that he preferred to keep Grivas out of the act as he was a divisive factor. Union with Greece, Papandreou believes, will follow as a matter of course after "full independence" is achieved, and there is no point in unnecessarily provoking the Turks by raising the subject now.

2. Brazil

a. Castello Branco's inauguration is set for 1500 on Wednesday in Brasilia.

b. There is no word yet on new cabinet appointments, but there are reports that Leitao da Cunha will be kept on as foreign minister.

c. Castello Branco has indicated to the press that he feels priority attention must be given to curbing inflation, solving the external debt problem, and establishing an authentic trade union movement.

d. Strong pressure is being brought on Castello Branco to break relations with Cuba, and he is likely to do so eventually, but not until he has looked into the matter carefully himself.

3. Laos

a. The three factions of Souvanna's humpty-dumpty government are scheduled to meet this Thursday in the Plaine des Jarres to discuss a whole range of national unification problems.

b. It has taken four months to get this much agreed upon. About the only thing that one can reasonably expect from the talks is a possible agreement henceforward to hold cabinet meetings in the apolitical royal capital at Luang Prabang. There has been talk of this for eight months.

c. Souvanna himself is scheduled to visit France and Britain, beginning next week-- which would suggest that he, too, does not anticipate much real progress at this session at least.

d. He has just returned from Hanoi and Peiping where he seems to have been impressed by assurances of respect for Laotian neutrality and territorial integrity.

e. These "assurances," he assumes, mean North Korean troops will be pulled out and will no longer use Laos as a corridor to South Vietnam. He admits, however, the matter was discussed only in general terms in the context of "separating" the Laotian problem from the Vietnamese and other Southeast Asia issues.

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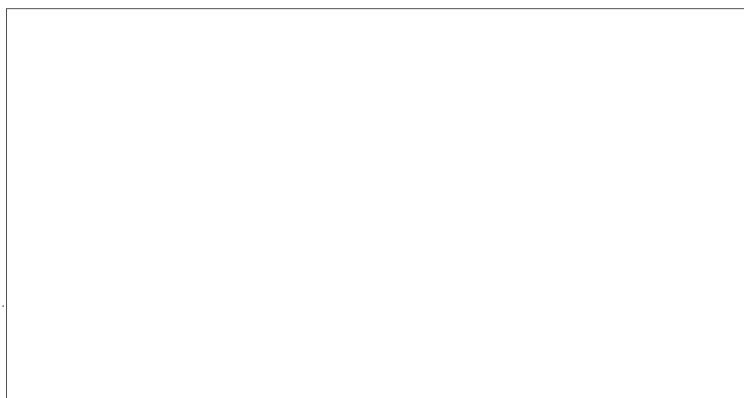
f. Souvanna seems now persuaded that the Pathet Lao will allow his government full access and control throughout the country, and until their real intentions are again made clear, Souvanna will probably again be inclined to see the rightists, Phoumi, and ourselves as the villains.

g. So far, at least, the upshot has been to strengthen his opposition to any close collaboration between Phoumi and South Vietnamese forces.

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4. Cuba

a. An unusual military build-up has been under way this past week on the Isle of Pines.



c. Photography shows the presence of two FROG launchers and a FROG transporter at the SAM site on the island.

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[Redacted] Plans may be afoot for using the island for live firing exercises. [Redacted]

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5. Vietnam-ICC

a. The Sino-Soviet dispute has repercussions on the ICC in Vietnam [Redacted]

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[Redacted] the Poles are not pushing matters in the ICC raised by the North Vietnamese, and relations between them are described as distinctly cool.

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c. Observations by the [Redacted] US Embassy officers tend to corroborate these views.

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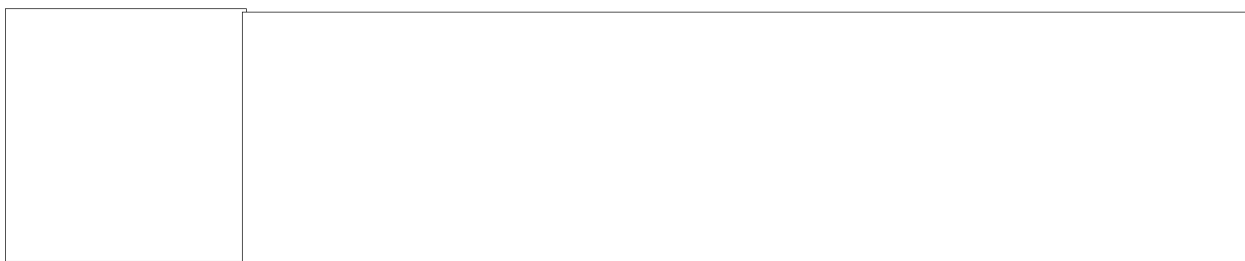
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- B. South Korea President Pak is making scapegoats of six economic ministers to take some of the steam out of criticism of his regime's poor economic showing. Restless students have been making invidious comparisons lately with North Korea's rapid progress and have been talking of reunification as the answer to the country's ills.
- C. British Guiana-UK The British Labor Party is studying the question of policy for British Guiana. No final decisions have been made yet, but opinion seems to be shaping up in favor of granting early independence to the Jagan government without first holding elections based on proportional representation.
- D. Southern Rhodesia With the relatively moderate Prime Minister Field now out, the right-wing militant whites in his party have control. With Ian Smith as prime minister, they will press harder for full independence. Britain has been unwilling to grant this until the country's 3.7 million Africans have better political prospects.

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