

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

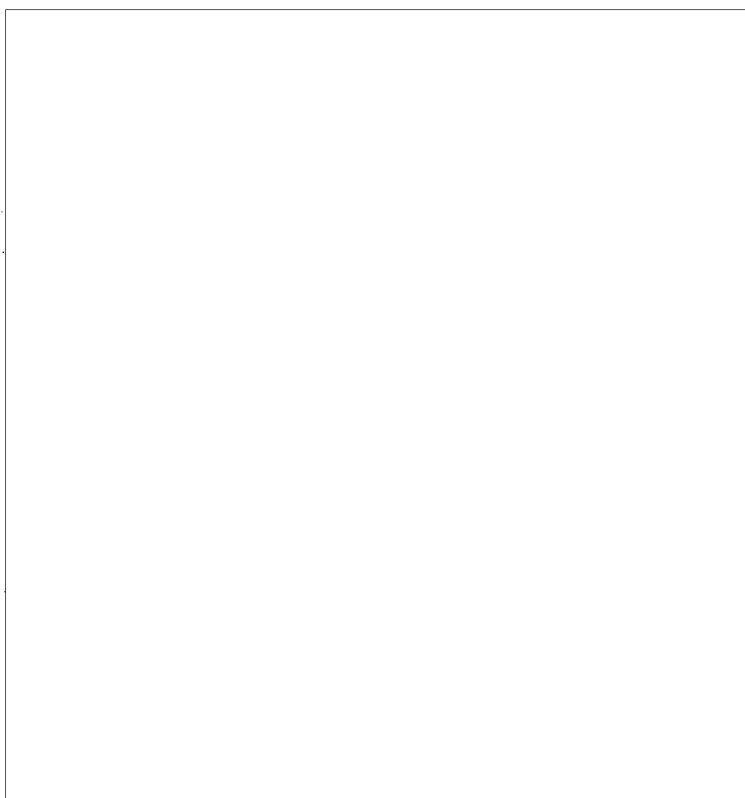
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1. Cyprus

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Ankara says that at first reading it finds U Thant's report on Cyprus "constructive." It will probably also welcome such indications as the positioning of permanent UN teams in the Kyrenia Mountains and the forceful disarming of a group of Greek Cypriots by an irate Swedish contingent.

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e. The Greeks are moving into their Easter weekend with an assurance from the government that "all necessary" measures have been taken to deal with the threat of Turkish intervention.

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2. Tanganyika

a. His initial jubilation gone, Nyerere is now worrying about his new province of Zanzibar.

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b. The basic problem in his eyes is to convince the majority of Zanzibaris that the new union serves their interest.

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The Tanganyikans expect May Day to bring large numbers of Communist representatives to the island for an all-out effort to recoup their fortunes.

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d. They are also somewhat nervous about the security implications of the fact that opponents of the union still have not been disarmed.

3. Cuba

a. Castro now proposes that the issue of US overflights be submitted to the International Court of Justice. He coupled this bid with renewed threats of action against US aircraft.

b. We doubt that the Cubans or the Soviets, who have been providing counterpoint for Castro, expect that the US will agree to submit the matter to adjudication.

c. Their aim of course is to increase the political costs of the overflights. Both appear confident that Cuba will be able to marshal a good measure of international sympathy over this.

d. In his keynote speech at the Moscow May Day parade, Malinovsky had nothing to say on this score. We expect Castro to have something to say on it later today, however.

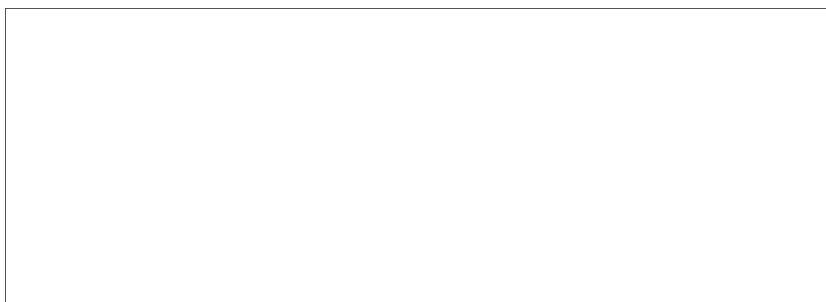
4. Laos

a. Souvanna's rickety coalition is still hanging on, and yesterday he announced yet another "last attempt" to get it into working order.

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b. He announced he had agreed to meet with Souphannouvong at the latter's Khang Khay headquarters next Tuesday. The Pathet Lao leader refused to come to Kong Le's "unsafe" headquarters.

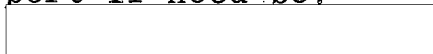
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d. In the present situation we are not even sure that the coup leaders, in physical control of Vientiane, will let Souvanna go to the scheduled meeting.

e. There is also talk of a counter coup. Ambassador Unger finds it hard to believe that Phoumi will take the reduction of his power lying down. One of his supporters has been criticizing Siho and hinting that he could muster substantial military support if need be.

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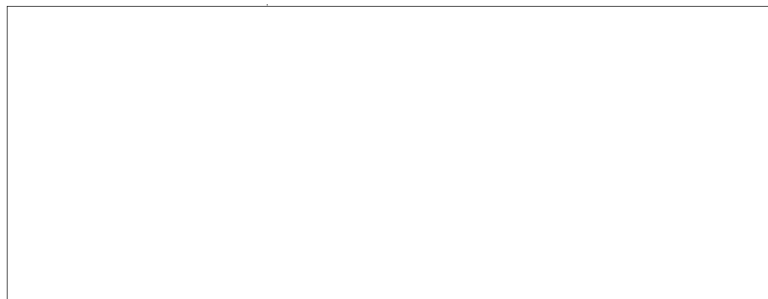


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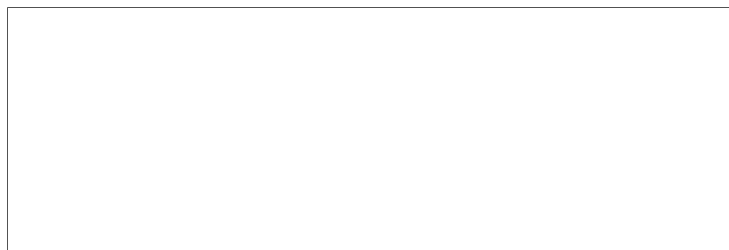
a. Sukarno has postponed indefinitely his trip to the New York World's Fair, originally set for 16 May.

b. He says he cannot come because of uncertainties over a possible Maphilindo summit meeting, but Ambassador Jones suspects the real reason is that the Indonesian leader has no stomach for the unfavorable atmosphere he would face in the US just now.

c. Jones adds that the build-up in the anti-Malaysian campaign, ordered after the Tunku's "to hell with Sukarno" stand, may also have played a part.



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f. All of this could be no more than another Indonesian effort to get up some enthusiasm for a summit meeting. Sukarno, of course, is confident of his ability to outmaneuver the Tunku in any such confrontation.

g. All Indonesians have been alerted to listen on Sunday morning for an "important command" from Sukarno in connection, so the announcement says, with "the raising of the stage of the struggle" against Malaysia.

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6. Brazil

a. [redacted] unnamed Brazilian military leaders do not like the way Castello Branco is running the country.

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b. [redacted] these leaders think the President is giving too much rein to "the politicians." They intend to remind him that his first duty is to carry out the aims of the "revolution."

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c. These military men may fear that political leaders like ex-President Kubitschek will be able to manipulate the President and regain power at their expense.

7. Italy

a. The storm clouds are beginning to gather around the Moro-Nenni government.



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some Italians believe that a new crisis is building up, and that it could lead to violence.

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c. While the challenge just now is mainly from the right, there are also indications that the Nenni socialists are feeling very uncomfortable in the government because of the lack of progress toward agreed reforms.

NOTES

A. Mexico Lopez Mateos is concerned over the inroads being made by Communist agitators among the poor peasants of northern Mexico. There have been land invasions by peasants, and Diaz Ordaz, Mateos' heir apparent, was physically assaulted while campaigning in this area. Further disturbances are entirely possible before the 5 July elections, and there are [redacted] reports of arms being smuggled in to enable the leftists to exploit the situation.

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B. Jordan Waters Major testing of the Lake Tiberias pumping system is scheduled to begin early next week, and water may flow through the entire canal system in a few weeks.

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D. Communist China [redacted] in Kwangtung Province [redacted] the regime is encountering a good deal of opposition there. [redacted]

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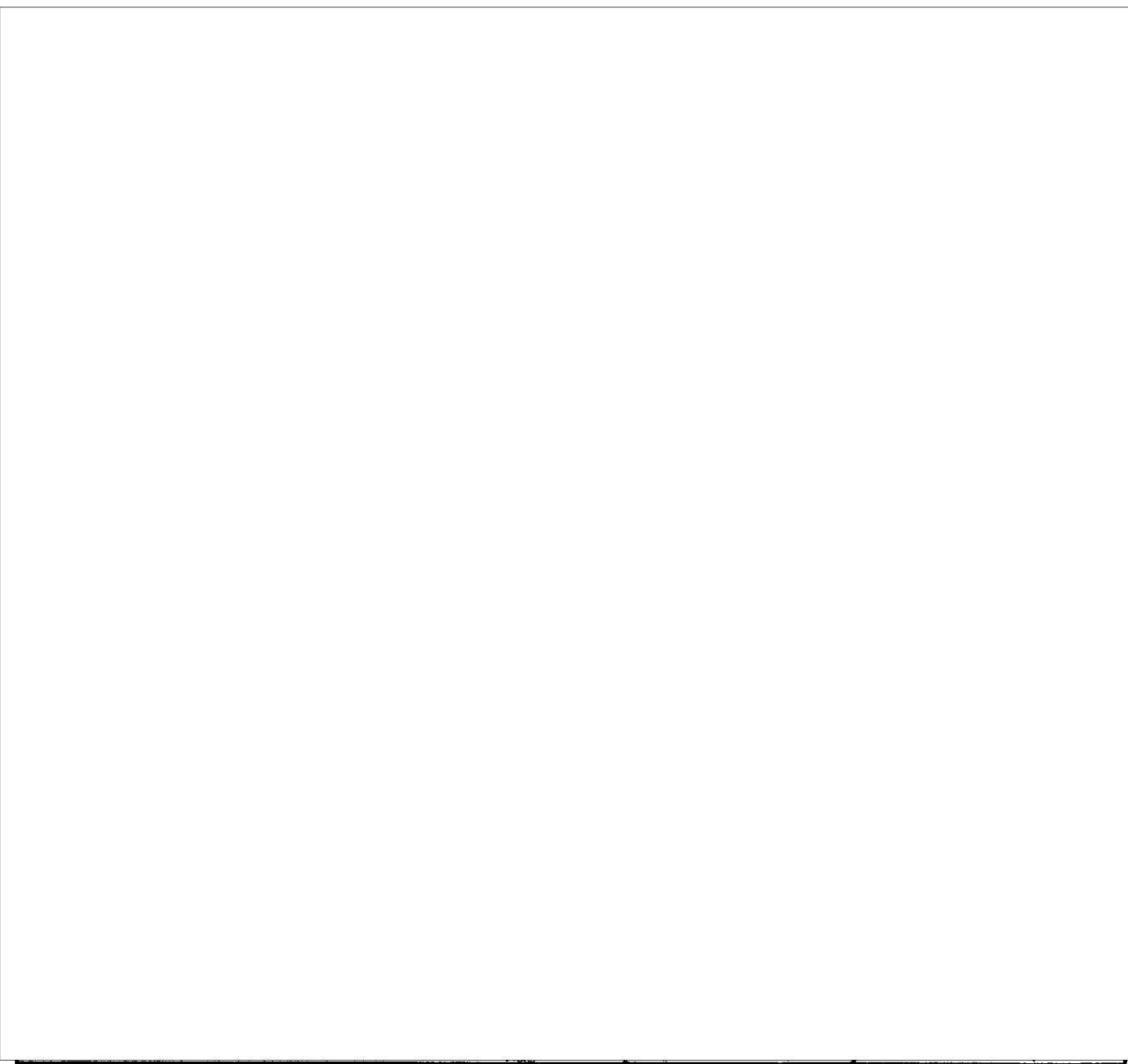
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- E. North Vietnam The North Vietnamese, worried as ever about the security of their seacoast, have been laying mines in Haiphong harbor and have instituted more patrols off the southern naval bases of Vinh and Dong Hoi.
- F. Portugal Anti-Salazar organizations are said to have plans for a "maximum effort" today. Unless we are greatly mistaken, the Salazar security forces, already alerted, should be able to cope with this easily.

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