

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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LATE ITEM

Panama

a. With 256 precincts out of 1140 reporting, Arnulfo Arias leads with 28,846 as against Robles with 27,859. As expected, Galindo is running a poor third with 10,859.

b. Arias had built up an early lead but this seems to be dissipating as the tally progresses and the rural returns begin to filter in.

c. It will probably be several days before the tally is completed, but we should have a fairly good fix on the outcome by nightfall.

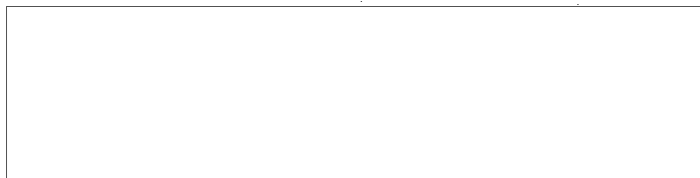
1. Cambodia -
South Vietnam



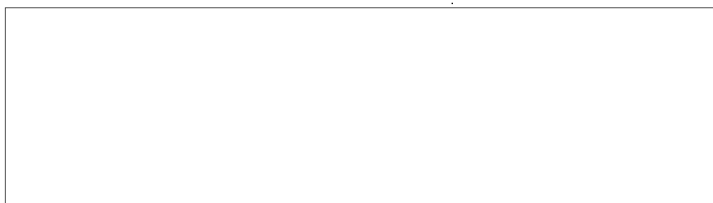
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2. Laos

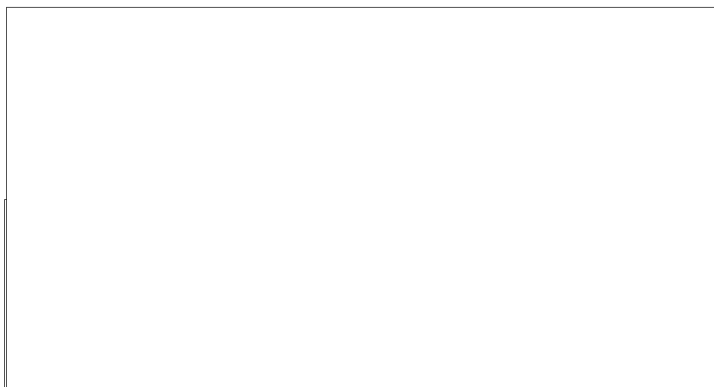
a. Souvanna's infirm government faces trouble from yet another quarter when the rightist-dominated National Assembly meets today.

b. Some rightists have been urging a sweeping cabinet reorganization on Souvanna, but so far the cautious premier has been able to fend them off.

c. All he intends to do at this time is to replace one dead and two absent neutralist ministers. He says he will not make other changes until he has cleared them with foreign representatives in Vientiane and with the Pathet Lao.

d. He is planning another trip to the Plaine des Jarres for more talks with Souphannouvong.

3. Cuba-USSR

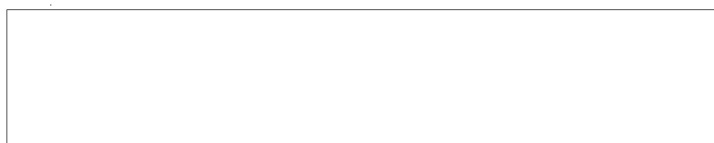


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4. South Korea

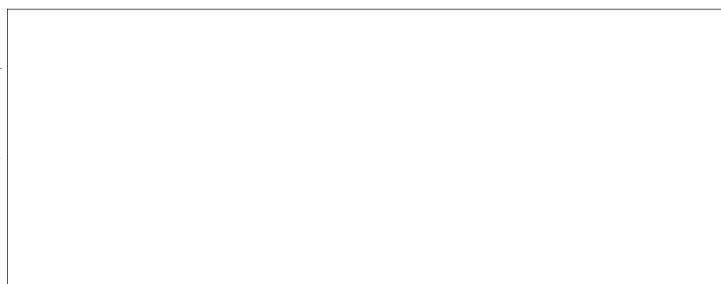
a. The Pak regime may have succeeded in buying at least a brief period of political quiet with a new cabinet under Chong Il-kwon.

b. Chong, one-time ambassador to the US and foreign minister in the outgoing cabinet, is a popular figure in both political and military circles. He is no friend of Kim Chong-pil, and his appointment may mollify for a time Kim's many opponents.

c. The new prime minister is astute and energetic. Ambassador Berger feels he will be a definite improvement over his ineffectual predecessor.

d. If Chong can infuse his ministers with some of this spirit, the new cabinet could be more effective in dealing with the many problems confronting the Koreans.

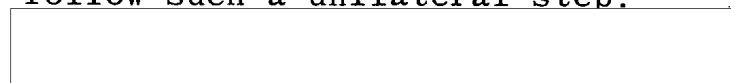
5. Southern Rhodesia



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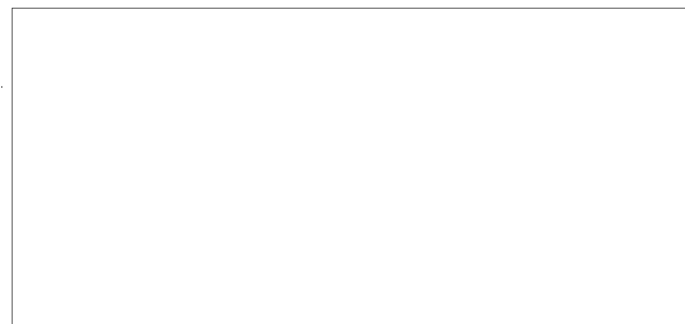
b. These elements have long been deaf to warnings that economic and political disaster would follow such a unilateral step.

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Nyasaland is due to get full independence in early July.

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NOTES

A. Cyprus The island was quiet over the weekend. General Gyani, who was getting a little unstrung, was able to take a day off Saturday for the first time in the forty days he has been on the island. There is little confidence anywhere, however, that the calm can last.

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B. Yemen-Aden

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C. Czechoslovakia President Novotny's position, shaky for some time now, may be eroded even further if the changes in the governmental setup now being contemplated are put into effect.

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[Redacted] proposals have been advanced to replace the presidency with an executive council which would have Novotny as one of its members.

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D. Zanzibar Karume, who last week declared that Western loans and investment were not welcome on his island, was in Dar-es-Salaam yesterday where he might get together with Nyerere for the first time since the stormy cabinet session last Monday.

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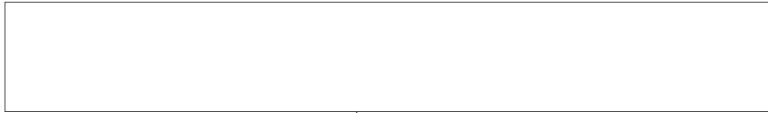
E. West Germany Chancellor Erhard has
put aside any idea of a mission to Moscow for
the time being. He is, however, toying with
the idea of sending a Bundestag delegation there
this summer.

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F. France-Vietnam

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