

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Laos

a. The pause in the Communist pressures was brief. Communist forces have occupied Phou Kout, a key neutralist hill position on the eastern approaches to Muong Soui.

b. At present writing, the neutralists are trying to organize a counterattack to retake the hill.

c. Kong Le's forces at Muong Kheung reported yesterday that the airfield there was not safe. The neutralists still hold the town, but most of their armor is deployed to the west.

d. In this situation rightist and neutralist forces are planning a big move north from Vang Vieng into an area which has been under Pathet Lao control since before the Geneva accords. If this comes off, it could well trigger another sharp Communist countermove.

e. Rightist troops are also advancing north from Paksane, as the Pathet Lao have apparently pulled back toward Tha Thom.

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f. Peiping's call yesterday for a meeting in Phnom Penh of the 1962 Geneva signatories seems aimed largely at the US. The Chinese stipulated that the talks would "first" discuss Laos, and, presumably, then go on to deal with Cambodia and South Vietnam.

g. Peiping is also trying hard to show that most of the countries concerned are for talks and that the US is the chief obstacle. Even the USSR, the Chinese point out, has "seconded" the French proposals for a meeting.

h. So far Hanoi has not spoken out on the subject, but we expect it to line up with the Chinese on this.

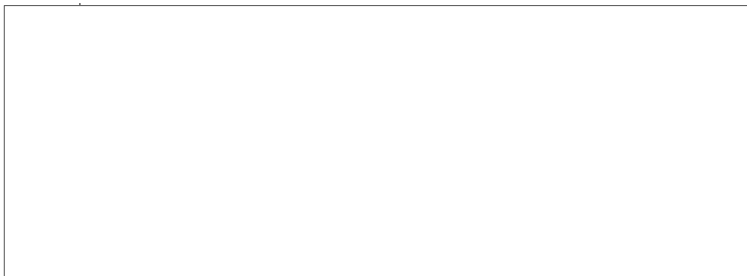


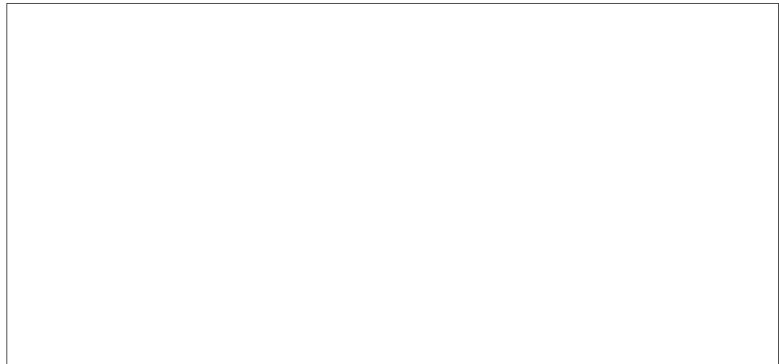
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2. USSR-Cuba

a. Major withdrawals of Soviet personnel again seem about to get under way.

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3. India

a. We expect that Lal Bahadur Shastri will succeed Nehru, dead today at 74 after his second stroke in six months.

b. Formal action to this end will probably be taken by the ruling Congress Party group in Parliament, perhaps after a brief period of mourning.

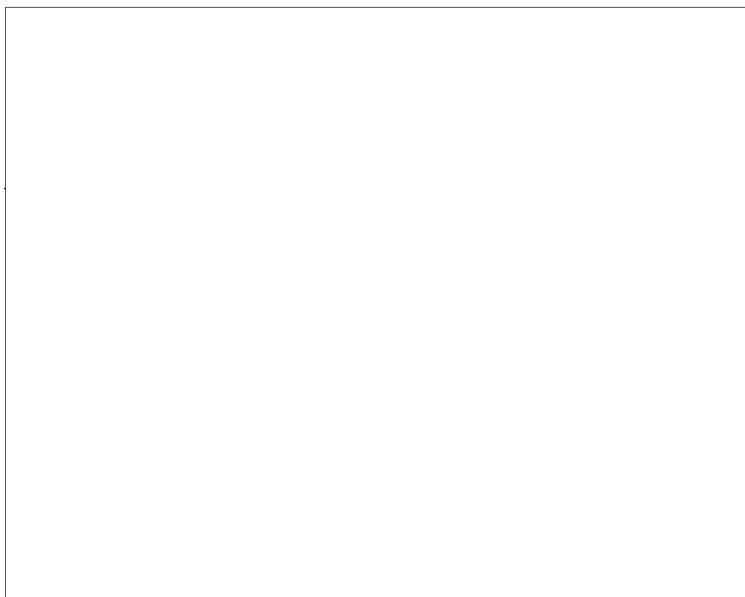
c. In the meantime, Home Minister Nanda, not a serious candidate for Nehru's mantle, is presiding as temporary Prime Minister.

4. Congo

a. An annoyed Adoula has started to lash back at some of his tormentors who operate from neighboring countries.

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b. Yesterday he closed the border between Leopoldville and Brazzaville and ordered the power station in Kivu Province to stop transmitting power to Bujumbura, the capital of Burundi.



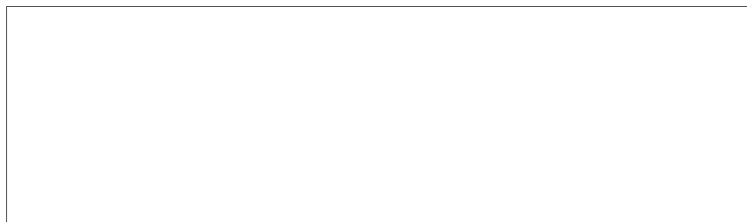
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5. Cyprus

a. Serious differences are developing for the first time among the Greek Cypriot leaders over the terms of a pending bill to conscript a 25,000-man national guard.

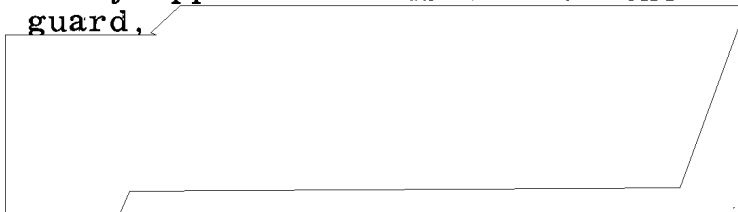
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b. Makarios has insisted that the bill authorize individuals to raise and maintain their own private armies. This would permit people like left-leaning Vasos Lyssarides to go right on maintaining their own forces.



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d. Makarios' bill is vigorously opposed by Interior Minister Georkatzis, by Karagiannis, the newly appointed commander of the guard,



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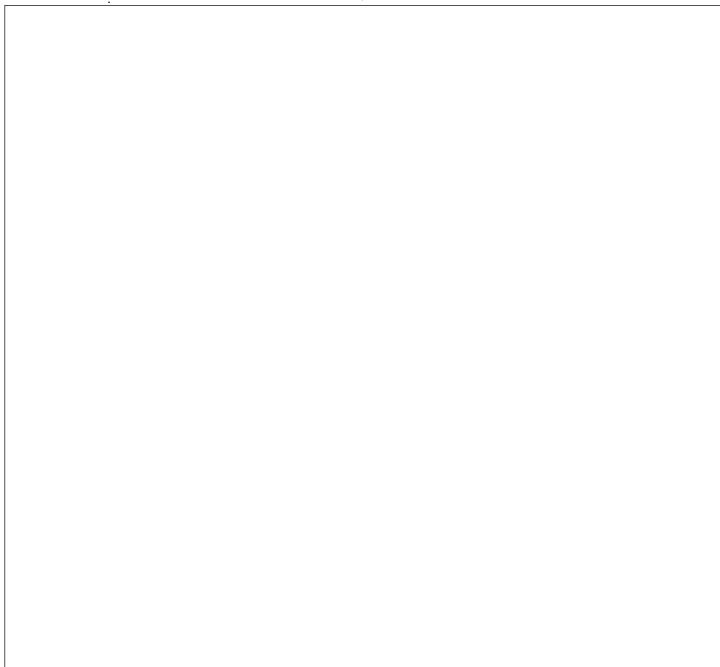
e. Both communities, meanwhile, have been inactive while they build up their stocks of weapons. Gyani and Galo Plaza feel that unless they can cut off this arms traffic, the UN position will be "well-nigh hopeless."

6. South Korea

a. The instigators of the student demonstrations in Seoul plan to keep the students in the streets in the hope of building up to a major effort this weekend.

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b. They believe that they can provoke excessive police brutality which would rally the general public.



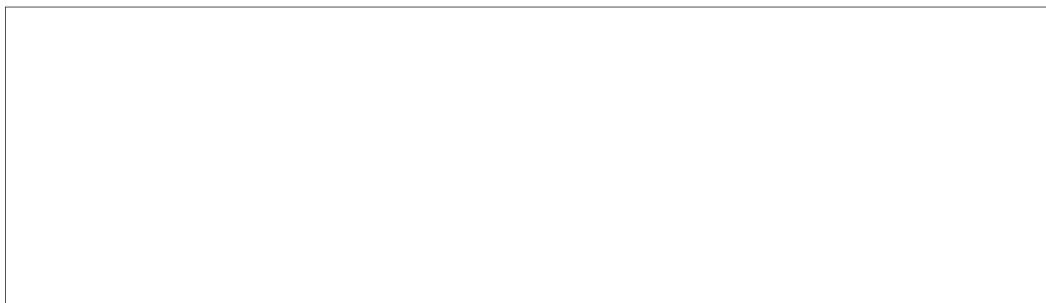


NOTES

- A. South Vietnam A Viet Cong lieutenant infiltrated into South Vietnam via Laos early this year is the first native North Vietnamese taken by the South Vietnamese. Prior to his capture all known infiltrators had been drawn from an estimated 90,000 southerners who went north after the 1954 Geneva Accords. Buddha's birthday yesterday has come and gone without the major disturbances that had been suggested by some reports.
- B. Communist China There are tentative signs that the Chinese are preparing for a test firing of a surface-to-surface missile at the Shuangchengtzu missile test center. Such a test at this time would probably involve a version of a Soviet surface-to-surface ballistic missile--possibly the SS-3 (700 mile) or SS-4 (1,000 mile).

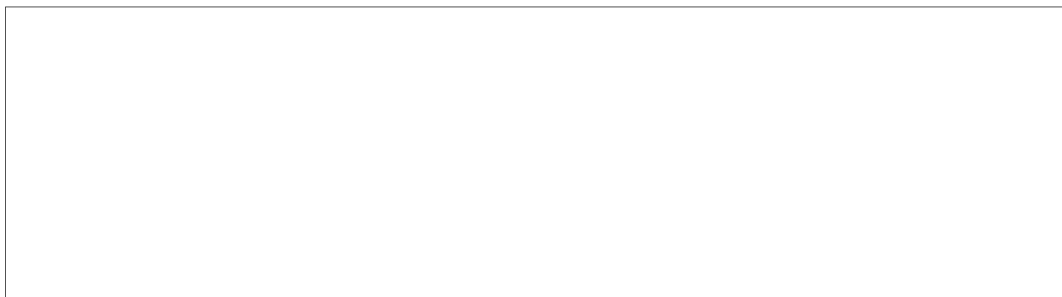
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D. British Guiana British forces have managed to keep the lid on racial violence in Georgetown and its environs, but Negro mobs were out of control most of Monday night in several important settlements upriver. The local police made no effort to intervene and the British had to be called in.



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F. UK-Czechoslovakia [redacted] the British have agreed to build a \$10 million chemical fertilizer plant for the Czechs and have extended a 10-year credit to close the deal.

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