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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--30 MAY 1964


1. LAOS:

A. THERE WERE NO BIG DEVELOPMENTS ON THE GROUND YESTERDAY.

B. KONG LE'S NEUTRALIST FORCES, ALONG WITH THE MEO GUERRILLAS, STILL HOLD THE HILLS TO THE WEST AND NORTH OF THE PLAINE DES JARRES. AS YET THE PATHET LAO HAVE MADE NO SERIOUS EFFORT TO DISLODGE THEM.



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D. SOME 200 PATHET LAO HAVE REMAINED IN THIS AREA, 

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E. T-28 AIR STRIKES AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN HELD DOWN THE LAST TWO DAYS BY POOR WEATHER.

F. WHILE PRINCES SOUVANNA PHOUMA AND SOUPHANNOUVONG TRADED BRICKBATS, HANOI AND PEIPING WERE ACTING VERY MUCH AS IF THEY THOUGHT SOUVANNA HAD BEEN IRRETRIEVABLY LOST TO THEM. HANOI PULLED ITS AMBASSADOR OUT OF VIENTIANE AND JOINED THE CHINESE IN BRANDING SOUVANNA A "RIGHTIST STOOGES" AND NO PRIME MINISTER AT ALL.

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G. WORD THAT THESE ASIAN COMMUNISTS ARE TOYING WITH
SETTING UP A TAME GOVERNMENT IN LAOS

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[REDACTED] IS NOW CIRCULATING IN
PEIPING.

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H. THERE WAS LITTLE MOVEMENT ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT
YESTERDAY. THE FRENCH HAVE NOW OFFICIALLY INFORMED US THEY
WILL NOT TAKE PART IN THE PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS IN VIENTIANE.
FOR THEIR PART THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS STATE THAT THEY WILL
ONLY BE SATISFIED WITH A 14-NATION CONFERENCE IN PHNOM PENH.

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2. CONGO:

A. THE PERFORMANCE TO DATE OF THE SO-CALLED ELITE
CONGOLESE ARMY UNITS RECENTLY RUSHED INTO KIVU WILL DO LITTLE
TO BOLSTER SAGGING GOVERNMENT FORTUNES THERE.

B. ONE SUCH COMPANY, SENT TOWARD REBEL-INFESTED COUNTRY,
TURNED AND FLED YESTERDAY WHEN AN INSIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF
REBELS HOVE INTO SIGHT. JUST TO THE SOUTH OF THIS ACTION
ANOTHER INSURGENT BAND EASILY OVERCAME A GOVERNMENT GARRISON.

C. [REDACTED]

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D. THE NEWS FROM NORTH KATANGA IS BETTER. GOVERNMENT TROOPS LANDED AT ALBERTVILLE YESTERDAY, AND AT LAST REPORT HAD RE-ESTABLISHED CONTROL--AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT.

E. UNLESS THE CONGOLESE ARMY DOES BETTER BEFORE THE DEPARTURE OF ALL UN FORCES BY THE END OF JUNE, THE ANTI-ADOULA INFECTION IS BOUND TO SPREAD. REPORTS FROM STANLEYVILLE, FOR EXAMPLE, STATE THAT ADOULA'S ENEMIES ARE ALREADY ACTIVE AGAIN THERE.

F. MOBUTU HAS STILL NOT SHOWED UP IN THE CONGO TO RALLY HIS DISPIRITED CHARGES.

G. TSHOMBE, HOWEVER, MAY BE LESS RELUCTANT. HE LET IT DROP THIS WEEK THAT HE DOES NOT INTEND TO STAY IN SPAIN "INDEFINITELY." NOW, WE HEAR, HE IS ABOUT TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL EMISSARY FROM SPAAK.

3. RUMANIA:

A. THE ROUND OF ANTI-KHRUSHCHEV, ANTI-SOVIET RALLIES IS HAVING AN EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT ON THE RUMANIAN MAN IN THE STREET.

B. ACCORDING TO WHAT THE US LEGATION HEARS, THE RUMANIANS HAVE REACTED WITH "ELATION, INCREDULITY AND ADMIRATION" FOR THE WAY THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPRESSING ITS INDEPENDENCE.

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C. GRATIFYING AS THIS MUST BE, THE GOVERNMENT IS STILL A BIT DISTURBED SINCE THE RESPONSE IN SOME CASES HAS BEEN STRONGER THAN WAS DESIRED.

D. THE LEGATION FEELS THAT THIS COULD LEAD THE AUTHORITIES TO BEAT A TACTICAL RETREAT TO TAKE SOME OF THE EDGE OFF. WE WOULD NOT EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WILL GO SO FAR AS TO ABANDON THEIR PROUD NEW INDEPENDENT COURSE.

E. THAT COURSE IS ALREADY HAVING AN IMPACT IN OTHER EAST EUROPEAN STATES. WE HEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT VOICES ARE BEING RAISED IN HIGH CZECH CIRCLES IN FAVOR OF SOME PUBLIC SHOW OF INDEPENDENCE FROM THE USSR.

4. CYPRUS:

A. HAVING BEEN HANDED A LIVE ISSUE WITH THE CAPTURE OF THE ERRANT AIRMAN, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE STIRRED UP AN ANTI-BRITISH CAMPAIGN.

B. IT HAS INCLUDED "GET OUT OF CYPRUS" DEMONSTRATIONS IN ALL MAJOR CITIES AND THE HARASSMENT OF BRITISH TRAFFIC AT CHECKPOINTS ALL ABOUT THE ISLAND. UN OFFICIALS ARE FEARFUL THAT THIS WILL LEAD TO EVEN MORE SERIOUS TROUBLE.

C. SO FAR THE US HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE AGITATION AGAINST THE BRITISH THOUGH THIS HAS HAPPENED IN PREVIOUS CASES.

D. THERE IS MOUNTING CONCERN IN ANKARA OVER THE IMPLICATIONS FOR TURKISH SECURITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF MORE WEAPONS BY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS.

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E. AS MATTERS NOW STAND, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE ENOUGH SMALL ARMS FOR A FORCE OF 35,000. RECENT ACQUISITIONS INCLUDE LIGHT TANKS AND LIGHT AIRCRAFT. ARTILLERY IS EXPECTED FROM CAIRO MOMENTARILY.

F. IN CONTRAST TO THIS THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, THOUGH RECEIVING SOME ARMS AND MEN, PROBABLY CAN EQUIP NO MORE THAN 10,000 AT THIS TIME.

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5. NOTES:

A. USSR: THREE, POSSIBLY FOUR, ICBM'S WERE FIRED FROM TYURATAM LAUNCH PADS [REDACTED] FIRST REPORTS INDICATE THAT ONE OF THESE FIRINGS WAS A SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT TEST OF THE NEW SS-9. ANOTHER MAY HAVE BEEN THE OTHER NEW ROCKET VEHICLE THAT HAS BEEN UNDER TEST RECENTLY. THREE TYURATAM FIRINGS [REDACTED] --THE RANGE MAY HAVE BEEN PUTTING ON A DEMONSTRATION FOR VISITING FIREMEN.

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B. SOUTH VIETNAM: THE MEETING AT DALAT HAS BROKEN UP AND KHANH HAS TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE NAGGING PROBLEM OF THE FOUR GENERALS HAS BEEN SOLVED. HE DID NOT SAY, [REDACTED]

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HOW THIS WAS DONE.

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C. PANAMA: ROBLES WAS OFFICIALLY DECLARED PRESIDENT-ELECT YESTERDAY. ARIAS AND HIS FOLLOWERS ARE CRYING "FRAUD," AND THREATENING TO TAKE STEPS. SO FAR THE NATIONAL GUARD HAS EASILY HANDLED THE SITUATION.

D. INDIA: NO ACTION WAS TAKEN YESTERDAY TO FIX ON NEHRU'S SUCCESSOR. DESPITE INTENSE MANEUVERING, ESPECIALLY BY RIGHT-WING SUPPORTERS OF MORARJI DESAI, SHASTRI'S SELECTION, POSSIBLY TODAY, APPEARS LIKELY.

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