

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Italy

a. It will probably be several days before we can tell whether Italy is in for prolonged difficulties.

b. Moro will stay on in a caretaker status. Much will depend on the outcome of the Christian Democratic Party Congress, scheduled to start 1 July. One key indicator will be whether the congress is held at all.

c. If the congress is postponed, Segni might replace Moro with another Christian Democrat, perhaps Treasury Minister Colombo, who shares Segni's hostility to the center-left coalition. The idea would be to make a deal with the Liberals to form a right-wing government, less the Socialists.

d. At the moment, a minority Christian Democrat cabinet seems more likely.

e. This, however, could only be a stopgap pending another try at a center-left grouping. If that failed, new elections would be the last recourse. This would risk probable Communist gains at the polls.

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f. Yesterday's crisis seems to have resulted from a sudden hardening of attitudes on all sides on the reform issue. Key groups in the main coalition parties pressed for and won decisions to have a showdown.

g. Depending on how badly feelings are getting bruised, there may yet be a chance that Moro can work out something that would reassure a majority in his party, and that Nenni and Saragat could still live with.

2. Cambodia -
South Vietnam

a. Sihanouk is now willing to let the UN set up control posts on Cambodia's border with South Vietnam, provided somebody else pays the bills.

b. Sihanouk made known his change of heart in an interview in Nice with the UN team going out to the area for the Security Council. This team is now in Phnom Penh for an 11-day stay.

c. The reasons for Sihanouk's switch on this question are not clear, but he apparently wants to bring pressure on the Geneva signatories either to hold another conference, in which Cambodia's problems would be dealt with, or to strengthen ICC surveillance of the border area.

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d. The UN mission has attracted the wrath of Peiping and Hanoi. Hanoi has complained to the ICC by letter that the UN mission is illegal under the Geneva accords.

e. The political front organization for the Viet Cong has announced it would not "guarantee" the safety of UN personnel in "liberated territory" in South Vietnam. This suggests to us that the Communists are genuinely concerned about what the UN mission may find out and report to the Security Council.

NOTES

- A. North Vietnam A special party conference on air defense has been called for 29-30 June. This seems to be another step in the preparedness campaign among the military and the civilian population that has been going on since last February. [redacted] 50X1
- B. Syria-Lebanon The Syrian Army has been ordered to capture any Lebanese troops that stray across the border and to destroy their transport. [redacted] 50X1
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- C. India [redacted] 50X1
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- D. France Civil aviation unions have served notice of intent to strike on 30 June. Air traffic controllers at the Paris airports are already out. A main issue is whether public service workers have the right to strike. Other walkouts in nationalized industries may ensue.

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E. Zanzibar The Tanganyikans have reduced the status of all embassies on the island to that of consulates. An accredited External Affairs Ministry official is now using ex-Zanzibari "foreign minister" Babu's old office. The Soviet and East German representatives are very upset about all this. [redacted]

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F. Greece [redacted]

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G. Congo Chief Kalonji, former boss of South Kasai Province exiled to Spain in 1962, has joined the procession of returnees to Leopoldville. He says he wants to help find a solution to the Congo crisis. [redacted]

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