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LATE ITEM

SOUTHEAST ASIA:

A. TWO T-28S WITH FOUR AMERICAN FLYERS HAVE BEEN MISSING SINCE YESTERDAY SOMEWHERE IN SOUTH-CENTRAL LAOS. SEARCH OPERATIONS ARE UNDERWAY.

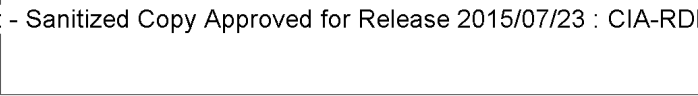
B. THESE PLANES WERE APPARENTLY NOT INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTDOWN ON WEDNESDAY, SOME 28 HOURS EARLIER. HANOI AND PEIPING HAVE BEEN CLAIMING THAT THREE AIRCRAFT WERE DOWNED IN THIS INCIDENT OVER NORTH VIETNAM.



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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--20 NOVEMBER 1964

1. CONGO:

A: THE VAN DER WALLE COLUMN MOVED OUT OF KINDU YESTERDAY. IT WAS SCHEDULED TO REACH PUNIA, SOME 100 MILES TOWARD STANLEYVILLE, BY NIGHTFALL.

B. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF REBEL RESISTANCE, AND WE DO NOT EXPECT MUCH.

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C. GBENYE IS TALKING ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS OVER HIS US PRISONERS OF WAR, BUT NEITHER HE NOR HIS FOREIGN MINISTER HAS BEEN SPECIFIC ABOUT TIME AND PLACE.

D. ON WEDNESDAY GBENYE BROADCAST AN ULTIMATUM TO THE "FORCES OF IMPERIALISM" TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS WITHIN 48 HOURS. OTHERWISE, HE SAID, HE COULD NOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LIVES OF AMERICANS AND BELGIANS IN HIS TERRITORY.

2. COMMUNIST CHINA - NORTH VIETNAM:

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B. PHOTOGRAPHY TAKEN SATURDAY SHOWS MORE THAN 300 VEHICLES, INCLUDING HEAVY EARTH-MOVING EQUIPMENT, HARD AT WORK ON THE SITE. BY PRESENT INDICATIONS THE RUNWAY WILL EXCEED 9,000 FEET.



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E. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BORDER, NORTH VIETNAM IS ALSO
ADDING TO ITS AIR AND NAVAL STRENGTH.

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3. COMMUNIST CHINA - UN:

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4. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. THE BUDDHISTS DO SEEM TO FAVOR PREMIER HUONG'S REMOVAL,
BUT ARE DIVIDED AS TO HOW THIS SHOULD BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED.

B. TAM CHAU, HEAD BUDDHIST IN THE SAIGON AREA, IS TRY-
ING TO DRUM UP STUDENT AND OTHER PRESSURES AGAINST HUONG.

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C. TRI QUANG, THE LEADER IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCES, ARGUES THAT THE HUONG REGIME WILL SOON FALL OF ITS OWN WEIGHT AND THAT BUDDHIST PLANNING OUGHT TO BE FOCUSSED ON THE POST-HUONG SETUP.

D. MEANWHILE, VIET CONG ACTIVITY DECLINED FOR THE FOURTH WEEK STRAIGHT TO THE LOWEST LEVELS SINCE THE JULY SPURT. THIS MAY BE DUE IN PART TO THE FLOODS, AND THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE PREPARING A MOVE IN THE SOUTH-CENTRAL AREA.

5. NOTES:

A. BOLIVIA: THE BARRIENTOS JUNTA IS STILL HAVING ITS TROUBLES, PARTICULARLY WITH THE ALWAYS QUARRELSOME TIN MINERS. LAST WEEK, THE MINERS FORCED BARRIENTOS TO CANCEL A VISIT TO A MINING AREA. ALSO, ALONG WITH THE COMMUNISTS, THEY ARE REFUSING TO GIVE UP THEIR ARMS.

B. USSR-MLF:

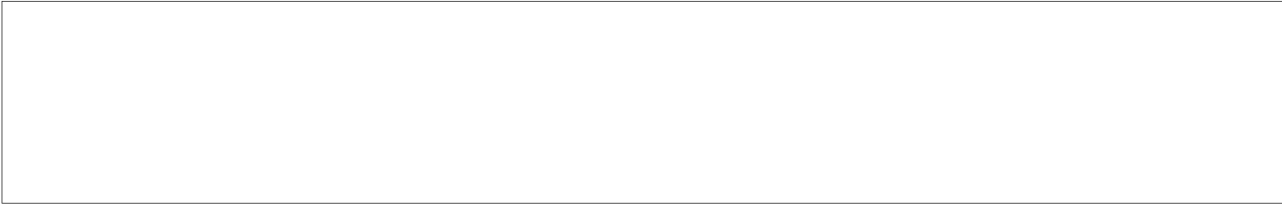
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C. CYPRUS: THE TURKISH MILITARY IS ONCE AGAIN WARNING THAT WAR WITH GREECE IS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY IF ANKARA'S DEMANDS ARE NOT MET. THOUGH APPARENTLY EMBOLDENED BY SOVIET SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITION ON CYPRUS, WE DOUBT THAT THE INONU GOVERNMENT WOULD AUTHORIZE AN ATTACK AGAINST GREECE IN THE ABSENCE OF SOME NEW ONSLAUGHT ON THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS OR A SUDDEN MOVE TO EFFECT ENOSIS.

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D. UAR: AS HAS BEEN APPARENT FOR SOME TIME, NASIR IS IN DEEP FINANCIAL TROUBLES. THESE MAY BE GETTING WORSE.



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E. CUBA-VENEZUELA: CASTRO'S PROPAGANDA MACHINE HAS MOVED INTO HIGH GEAR IN SUPPORT OF FALN ACTIVITIES. IT IS NOW OPERATING AT LEVELS APPROACHING THOSE REACHED LAST FALL DURING THE VENEZUELAN TERRORISTS ALL-OUT EFFORT AGAINST BETANCOURT.



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