

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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1. Berlin air corridors

Yesterday's Soviet announcement in the Berlin Air Safety Center postponing "indefinitely" further corridor "reservations" probably reflects a desire to stop short of risking a show-down test of stamina on air access. Their immediate aims in this manipulated crisis were to point up the vulnerability of the air access routes and emphasize the USSR's stated refusal to maintain the status quo for a prolonged period. The Berlin press and population have reacted calmly to the flap and appear to be taking it in stride.

2. Laos

a) Souphannouvong again rejected a truce at Nam Tha [redacted]

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[redacted] He insists political agreement comes first and removing the pressure in the northwest would only release Phoumi's forces for action elsewhere.

b) Phoumi last Sunday informed his military commanders "I still affirm to you that the government can no longer accept a Souvanna administration. Therefore, I must have every measure taken to meet all eventualities, enemy attacks, or cessation of American aid." [redacted]

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[redacted]

3. Latin American developments

a) Violent anti-Jagan rioting broke out yesterday in the British Guiana capital with mobs attacking government headquarters and looting and firing the business district. British troops, hard pressed to hold them, have landed reinforcements. We have no further information as of this morning.

b) The Dominican Council of State, alarmed at Thursday's Communist-inspired anti-American demonstrations and fearing more to come, has been planning the arrest and deportation of key leftists and Communists. [redacted]

c) We expect a rise of several degrees in Brazil's political temperature when Quadros returns next month. His supporters are busily charting a comeback course for him. [redacted]

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e) The rest of Cuba's OAS delegation here expect to head for home today. Havana has already been requested to stop their pay checks. [redacted]

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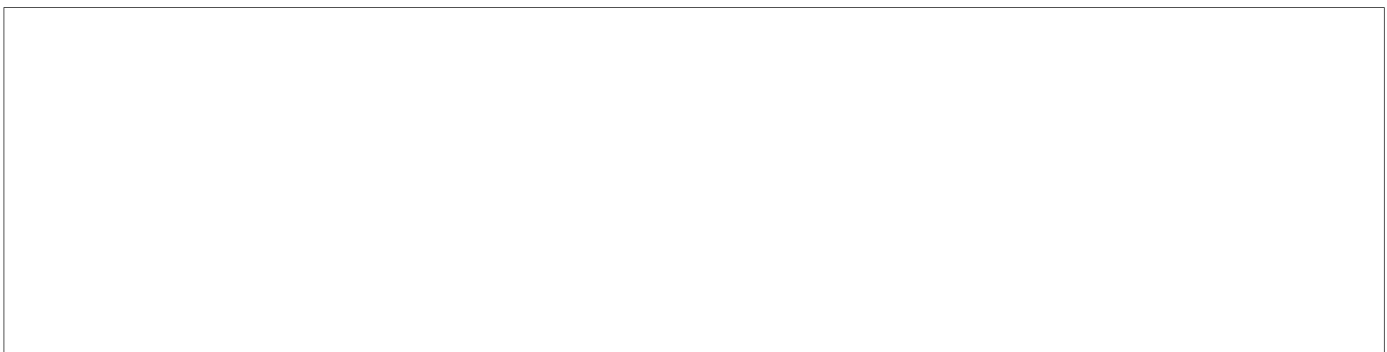
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B.



Peiping might consider raising its London mission to Embassy status. Ambassador Bruce believes the British would respond enthusiastically to such an offer.

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D. Our consul in Surabaya reported simultaneous attacks last night by unknown Indonesian groups on our USIS office, consul and vice consul residences and against the Japanese consulate. He notes some damage from stones and paint but no injuries. Police response was immediate. We would judge that the West New Guinea issue was behind these attacks which were totally unrelated to the Attorney General's visit. He was in Bandung yesterday.

DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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