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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--19 APRIL 1962

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1. Congo

Tshombé was back in Elisabethville this morning following yesterday's seriocomic episode, which saw him sitting in an overheated plane for more than 12 hours at the Leopoldville airport while the Congo government blocked his take-off. His departure came in the early morning hours after Nigerian troops under the UN cleared obstructing fire trucks from the runway without resistance from Congolese Army forces. While this was going on, Adoula [redacted]

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[redacted] was steaming up the Congo river, having told Ambassador Gullion before leaving Leopoldville that he and Tshombé had agreed to resume talks on Saturday. However, getting the two together again will be no easy job.

2. France-Algeria

a. Faced by spreading anarchy in Algeria and indications that Moslem patience is wearing dangerously thin, Paris moved yesterday to crack down on the OAS. It named a new military commander-in-chief, Gen. Fourquet, who has been a loyal servant of De Gaulle's policy, and dispatched the Minister for Algerian Affairs, Louis Joxe, to Algeria with authority to effect on-the-spot measures in support of the cease fire.

b. Within the Provisional Algerian Government, intensified political infighting is helping to bring to the surface the always latent suspicions concerning French good faith.

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3. Argentina

Guido's Interior Minister, who has been a key figure in efforts to work out a solution short of a total ban on the Peronists, has resigned, and the press this morning is reporting heavy new pressure on Guido from the military. The compromise plan, which would oust the Peronists from provincial governorships but allow them to take their places in Congress, is still alive but is having tough sledding.

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4. Soviet nuclear test preparations

an increased tempo in Soviet activities of a type associated with staging for nuclear testing. Both the Arctic and Central Asian test sites are involved. We see some indications that further testing may be oriented more toward missiles than in the past and we think that preparations are far enough advanced so that tests could now begin with little or no specific advance warning.

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5. Laos

Souvanna's neutralist followers are increasingly worried that the political impasse and his prolonged absence will work for the aggrandizement of the Pathet Lao at his expense. Some of the Souvanna people, expecting something worse than the longstanding friction with the Pathet Lao, have sent their families to Cambodia.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--18 April 1962

On the basis of findings by its Watch Committee, the United States Intelligence Board concludes that:

No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends deliberately to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

BERLIN: The Soviets continue to avoid major harassments over access, and we see no indications that they expect early military confrontation over Berlin.

INDONESIA: Further small-scale clashes are likely, and both sides continue preparations to increase the scale of operations.

LAOS: Military activity probably will be limited to small-scale attacks by both sides; however, a buildup of materiel for Communist forces continues.

NOTES

- A. Soviet delegate Zorin has told the disarmament conference that Moscow will accept the neutrals' test ban proposals "as a basis for further negotiations"--provided there are no tests in the meantime.
- B. A Soviet ICBM was successfully launched from Tyuratam yesterday. First indications are that it was one of the Category C vehicles, which would bring the score on that type to 9 successes and at least 5 failures. [REDACTED] 50X1
- C. A flurry of extremist violence and sabotage attempts at scattered points in Venezuela are causing the government a new headache. Security forces are rated up to handling an outright revolt but are having no luck against these hit-and-run tactics.
- D. India yesterday announced that it is formally protesting a new Chinese Communist border incursion.

LATE NOTE

A Reuters dispatch just in from London says that Moscow has named a new commander for its forces in East Germany. This means that Marshal Konev, appointed to the post last August, just before General Clay was named, is being called home.

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

LATE NOTE

Subandrio has told Jones that he is ready to ask Sukarno to act on the Pope case, but hopes to have assurances from us that the release can be handled without publicity so as to avoid the appearance of a US-Indonesian deal on East New Guinea.

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