THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Laos	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		50)
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		the Royal army force withdrawing from Nam Tha was still under some enemy pressure. This makes the government's contention that an orderly, pre-planned regroupment is under way	50
		sound overly-optimistic. d. There is, meanwhile, new evidence of a swelling Chinese Communist presence nearby. the Chinese	5
		are now working on a railroad in Yunan province in the direction of the Burmese border and toward a possible link-up with the road they have been building into northern Laos	50×

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· :		The broadcast to Japan, which is the basis of this morning's press stories, appears to have been one made over the weekend in which the Soviets merely restated their contention that they cannot stand idly by in the face of our tests.
. =	k XVI linked ar flight study	Data on the most recent space vehicle—the one launched on April 26 and recovered 3 days later—in—dicate that it is part of a new phase in the Soviet space program which aims at extending the duration of manned flights in near—earth orbits as a step toward manned lunar explora—tion. In size and other characteristics

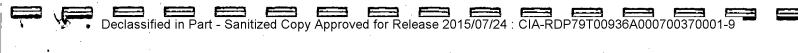
4. Syria	-	a. The escape from prison
		yesterday of one-time strong-arm
		security chief Abdul Sarraj, a UAR
		vice president under Nasir, intro-
		duces another element of instability
		into the volatile mixture. There
·		is a suspicion in Damascus, however
		that the government, although it has
		expressed a proper chagrin, had no
		enthusiasm for bringing to trial a
		leading symbol of Nasirite socialism b. The notion that the US is
<u> </u>		backing Nasir in Syria has gained
		widespread credence there, to the
		extent that our Embassy people are
		much embarrassed.
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