

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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1. Soviet Northern
Fleet missile
test

The Soviet Northern Fleet Missile Test Range, recently extended to 2,000 nautical miles, was again active on 30 May. This was the fourth valid launch from the Kola Inlet area in the past six weeks. We cannot establish that this missile, which we believe to have been ballistic, was launched from a submarine, but at least two of the earlier missiles apparently were. As in the earlier instances,

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[redacted] suggests that a 2,000-nautical-mile flight was intended. We do not know the degree of success achieved.

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3. Bloc leaders' conference

We expect the meeting of Soviet Bloc leaders which opens in Moscow on Wednesday to produce a strong statement in the name of the Warsaw Pact warning that time for solving the Berlin question is fast running out. In the economic field, we expect a blast at the Common Market and a renewal of Khrushchev's recent call for an international trade conference. Other issues will be discussed, particularly relations with Yugoslavia, and statements on nuclear testing, disarmament, and Laos may well be issued.

4. Venezuelan revolt

Both sides suffered heavy casualties in this week end's uprising at Puerto Cabello. The revolt, which we believe to have been part of a large-scale Communist plot to overthrow the government, was apparently triggered prematurely by government arrests of leftists suspected of planning just such a move. The government claims to have the situation at Puerto Cabello under control, but press reports indicate that fighting is still going on. We are not sanguine--
[redacted] that the
quelling of this revolt will give [redacted]
much of a breathing spell from further
violence in other parts of the country.

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5. Soviets protest
US high altitude
tests

The Soviet Foreign Office went out of its way yesterday to call the attention of our Embassy in Moscow to yesterday's strong public statement against our scheduled high altitude nuclear test. Moscow hoped by such a statement to capitalize on world-wide fears of the effects of such a test. By accusing the US of being the first to extend "war preparation" to outer space, Moscow is also laying the groundwork for justifying possible high-altitude tests of its own.

NOTES

- A. In Laos, matters remain in a state of suspended animation pending the outcome of Souvanna's visit to the King today and the three princes' meeting still scheduled for June 8.
- B. The OAS has declared that the unofficial truce of the past few days will end tonight in view of the provisional Algerian government's failure to respond to overtures from the European community.
- C. Polish Foreign Minister Rapacki apparently will go through with plans to visit Cuba. He intimated as much to Ambassador Cabot this week end, and the Polish press has now announced he will leave on 9 June.
- D. Soviet monitoring of our Pacific tests involves not only the two research ships and two trawlers now near the test area

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