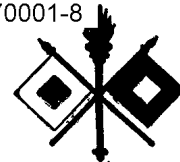


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TOP SECRET**THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--28 JULY 1962****1. BERLIN/EAST GERMANY/USSR**

A. OUR MISSION IN BERLIN EXPECTS THE SOVIETS AND THEIR EAST GERMAN MINIONS TO TRY A VARIETY OF PROBES AND CAUTIOUS HARASSMENTS IN THE COMING WEEKS. AMONG THESE, THE INSINUATION OF EAST GERMAN OFFICIALS INTO OPERATIONS AT CONTROL POINTS ALONG ALLIED ACCESS ROUTES TO WEST BERLIN COULD PROVE MOST TROUBLESOME. THE MISSION NOTES THAT THE EAST GERMANS HAVE ALREADY REORGANIZED AND CENTRALIZED BORDER CONTROLS, STAFFING ALL CHECK POINTS GOVERNING NON-ALLIED TRAFFIC TO AND FROM WEST BERLIN WITH TESTED SECURITY (INSTEAD OF CUSTOMS) PERSONNEL. THIS WOULD BE A LOGICAL FIRST STEP TO GRADUALLY SUBSTITUTING GERMAN FOR SOVIET CONTROLLERS AT ALLIED CHECK POINTS. THE MISSION BELIEVES THE START OF ANNUAL FALL MANEUVERS IN SEPTEMBER WOULD BE A LIKELY TIME TO COMMENCE THIS KIND OF HARASSMENT.

B. AMBASSADOR THOMPSON AND HIS BRITISH COLLEAGUE ARE AGREED THAT IF THERE IS NO MOVEMENT ON BERLIN BY THE END OF AUGUST, KHRUSHCHEV WILL PROBABLY GO AHEAD WITH HIS TREATY PLAN. THE SOVIET LEADER IS ALREADY LETTING IT BE KNOWN HE WILL MAKE AN "IMPORTANT TRIP" THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST AND FIRST FEW DAYS OF SEPTEMBER. OUR INFORMATION IS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE CURRENTLY BUSY TRYING TO LINE UP AS MANY NEUTRALS AS POSSIBLE BEHIND THE SEPARATE PEACE TREATY IDEA, WITH YUGOSLAVIA SO FAR THE ONLY ONE THAT IS SURE TO GO ALONG.

C. WORK CONTINUES ON STRENGTHENING THE INTERSECTOR BORDER IN BERLIN BUT IT IS GOING BEYOND WHAT WOULD BE NEEDED MERELY TO DISCOURAGE FIRE FIGHTS BETWEEN POLICE; IT IS BEGINNING TO LOOK MORE AS IF THE COMMUNISTS WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY COULD CONTAIN ANY BREAKOUT ATTEMPT BY THE EAST GERMAN POPULATION IN THE EVENT OF A CRISIS.

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D. [REDACTED] STEP-UP IN SOVIET DELIVERY OF
ADVANCED FIGHTER AIRCRAFT TO THE EAST GERMAN AIR FORCE. [REDACTED]

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2. ALGERIA

A. WHILE HIS TROOPS MANEUVER ABOUT TO BRING PRESSURE ON HIS OPPONENTS, BEN BELLA HAS HIS EMISSARIES WORKING TO MAKE HIS TAKE OVER LOOK AS LEGAL AS POSSIBLE. LATEST REPORTS THIS MORNING STILL GIVE NO CLEAR WORD ON THE AGREEMENT, IF ANY, REACHED IN ALGIERS BETWEEN THE FACTIONS. SPOKESMEN, NOT ALWAYS WELL INFORMED, ARE MAKING THE FAMILIAR OPTIMISTIC NOISES.

B. VICE-PREMIER BELKACEM KRIM INCREASINGLY ISOLATED AND REPORTEDLY SORE BECAUSE BEN BELLA LEFT HIM OUT OF HIS CABINET, RETURNED FROM ALGIERS YESTERDAY TO HIS BERBER STRONGHOLD STILL SHOUTING DEFIANCE ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO TROOPS POSITIONED TO OPPOSE BEN BELLA'S ENTRY INTO THE CITY. [REDACTED]

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C. THE FRENCH ARE MAINTAINING STRICT NEUTRALITY BETWEEN THE FACTIONS [REDACTED]

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3. CONGO

A. UNION MINIÈRE IS URGING TSHOMBÉ TO GET BACK TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE SOONEST TO AVOID CATASTROPHE--MEANING, PRESUMABLY, DESTRUCTION OF UNION MINIÈRE PROPERTY. TSHOMBÉ, APPARENTLY UNIMPRESSED, INDICATED ONLY THAT HE WILL RETURN PROMPTLY WHEN ADOULA COMES UP WITH A "SUITABLE" FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

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B. OUR PROPOSAL FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IS HAVING TOUGH SLEDDING AT THE UN WHERE MANY MEMBERS OF THE CONGO ADVISORY COMMITTEE ARE AFRAID THAT ADOULA'S PUBLIC POSITION IS ALREADY SO WEAK THAT HE COULD NOT SURVIVE ANY FURTHER CONCESSIONS TO TSHOMBÉ.

C. U THANT HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION, SHARED BY THE CONGO ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THAT THE PRESENT MANDATE IS ADEQUATE TO COVER UN OPERATIONS, AND HE WILL NOT NOW SEEK FURTHER SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION.

D. PORTUGAL, MEANWHILE, IS WORKING TO KEEP KATANGA SEPARATE, BELIEVING THIS TO BE ESSENTIAL TO MAINTENANCE OF PORTUGUESE CONTROL IN ANGOLA.

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4. USSR

THE USSR SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED FROM TYURATAM AN EARTH SATELLITE VEHICLE EARLY THIS MORNING (0518 EDT), ~~BUT HAS AS YET MADE NO ANNOUNCEMENT.~~ THE ORBIT IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF COSMOS IV WHICH WAS RECOVERED AFTER THREE DAYS. WE DO NOT KNOW YET WHETHER IT IS MANNED.

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*Tass announced the launching of what was described as COSMOS VII containing scientific instruments for space research.
(above added at WH on basis late Tass press report)*

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NOTES

A. TENSION IS INCREASING BETWEEN PHOUMI'S FORCES AND PATHET LAO-KONG LE DETACHMENTS; SERIOUS INCIDENTS COULD OCCUR IN VIENTINE AND LUANG PRABANG AS PHOUMI CRACKS DOWN ON THE ACTIVITIES OF OPPOSING FORCES IN RETALIATION FOR BEING DENIED ACCESS TO THE PLAINE DES JARRES.

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B. TO GET SUKARNO OFF THE HOOK, THE INDONESIANS NOW HOPE THEY CAN SELL THE IDEA THAT ALL THE UN HAS TO DO IS "BEGIN" TO TRANSFER ADMINISTRATION OF WEST NEW GUINEA ON 1 JANUARY.

C. EVIDENTLY THE 26 JULY ANNIVERSARY AFFAIR IN CUBA WAS JUST ABOUT AS DULL AS THE MAY DAY AFFAIR. CASTRO'S SPEECH CONTAINED NO SURPRISES; AS EXPECTED, GUANTANAMO CAME IN FOR HEAVY PLAY.

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