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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--4 AUGUST 1962

1. NETHERLANDS-INDONESIA

A. SUKARNO HAS PUT HIS OK ON THE MIDDLEBURG AGREEMENT. IN PASSING THE WORD TO JONES IN DJAKARTA YESTERDAY, SUBANDRIO WAS SPILLING OVER WITH ELATION AND HIGH PRAISE FOR EVERYONE CONCERNED. HE LABELED THE OUTCOME AN OUTSTANDING DIPLOMATIC VICTORY FOR THE US AS WELL AS FOR INDONESIA, WITH MUCH CREDIT ALSO DUE BUNKER AND THE UN FOR THEIR ROLES. WHEN EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S SUPPORT, HE OBSERVED JOCULARLY THAT IN ALL HIS CAREER HE HAD ONLY BEEN "THREATENED" TWICE, ONCE BY MAO AND CHOU EN LAI IN PEIPING, ONCE BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN WASHINGTON.

B. DUTCH ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT IS ALL BUT ASSURED. VAN ROIJEN WAS SCHEDULED TO REPORT TO THE CABINET IN THE HAGUE YESTERDAY, AND CABINET MEMBERS WERE IN TURN TO GO BEFORE THE RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF THE DUTCH PARLIAMENT TODAY. A MEETING OF THE FULL PARLIAMENT WOULD THEN PROBABLY FOLLOW.

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2. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

THE BRITISH AT GENEVA YESTERDAY REGISTERED DEEP CHAGRIN AT WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THE NEW US POSITION ON A TEST BAN, AND DELEGATE GODBER WAS GETTING READY TO FLY TO LONDON FOR A TRY AT PERSUADING MACMILLAN TO INTERCEDE WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY. THEY UNDERSTAND FROM WHAT THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE HAS TOLD THEM THAT THE US WANTS A MINIMUM OF ONE FOREIGNER PER 8-HOUR SHIFT AT CONTROL POSTS IN THE USSR, WHICH WOULD, THEY CONTEND, VITIATE THE POLITICAL VALUE OF THE WEST'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE "NATIONAL STATIONS" CONCEPT.

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3. VIETNAM

THERE IS GATHERING EVIDENCE THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE ELEMENTS ARE MOVING INTO SOUTH VIETNAM BY WAY OF LAOS AND CAMBODIA AT AN INCREASING RATE. WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF REPORTS ON THE SIGHTING OF WELL-EQUIPPED COMMUNIST UNITS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM - LAOS BORDER--REPORTS WHICH LOOK FAIRLY GOOD AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF SIMILAR INDICATIONS

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IN ADDITION, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE HAVE A VIET CONG CAPTIVE, TAKEN LAST MONTH, WHO SAYS HE ENTERED VIA LAOS AND EASTERN CAMBODIA.

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4. LAOS

A. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS TOUCHED OFF AN HOUR-LONG DIPLOMATIC FRACAS IN VIENTIANE YESTERDAY BY TRYING TO OUTFACE THE NATIONALIST AMBASSADOR AT AIRPORT CEREMONIES FOR THE RETURNING SOUVANNA PHOUMA. JUST AS SOUVANNA REACHED THE ALREADY-ACCREDITED NATIONALIST ENVOY IN THE RECEIVING LINE, TWO CHINESE COMMUNIST REPRESENTATIVES BROKE THROUGH THE LINE, GRABBED SOUVANNA'S HAND, AND DECLARED THAT THEY STOOD FOR BOTH THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA AND THE THOUSANDS OF CHINESE IN LAOS. BOTH SOUVANNA AND THE NATIONALIST STAYED UNRUFFLED AND PICKED UP THE PROTOCOL THREAD FROM THERE. THERE WAS MORE FUSS AFTER THE CEREMONY WHEN A ROYAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL HELD UP THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS FOR TWO HOURS ARGUING OVER WHETHER THEY HAD A RIGHT TO HAVE NATIONAL FLAGS ON THEIR AUTOMOBILES.

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B. THE SOUVANNA GOVERNMENT STILL INTENDS TO SERVE THE PRINCIPLE OF NEUTRALITY BY RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNISTS AS WELL AS THE NATIONALISTS, AND THERE IS NO TELLING NOW WHETHER EITHER WILL BE ABLE TO SWALLOW THE "TWO-CHINA'S" PILL.

5. WEST GERMANY

DEFENSE MINISTER STRAUSS HAS TOLD OUR CHARGE IN BONN (AND ADENAUER HAS ECHOED MUCH THE SAME SENTIMENTS TO GENERAL EISENHOWER) THAT HE IS SATISFIED THAT WHAT GENERAL TAYLOR WROTE IN HIS BOOK DOES NOT IMPLY ANY UNWILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE US TO USE THE NATO DETERRENT IN CASE OF ATTACK AGAINST ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES. HE IS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT MOSCOW MAY GET THE IDEA THAT THE US IS REDUCING ITS RELIANCE ON THE NUCLEAR DETERRENT, THUS WEAKENING ITS CREDIBILITY.

6. NOTES

A. THERE ARE FURTHER HINTS FROM MOSCOW THAT KHRUSHCHEV INTENDS TO BE ON HAND FOR THIS FALL'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION.

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B. HELSINKI HAS ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT KEKKONEN WILL VISIT THE SOVIET UNION THIS COMING OCTOBER. THE FINNS ARE GIVING THE NEWS A MATTER-OF-FACT TREATMENT BY WAY OF CONTRAST WITH THE CRISIS ATMOSPHERE WHICH SURROUNDED KEKKONEN'S JOURNEY LAST NOVEMBER.

C. REPORTS HAVE BEEN REACHING US OFFICIALS IN HAITI THAT A MILITARY COUP AGAINST PRESIDENT DUVALIER IS CLOSE AT HAND.

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OUR EMBASSY, WITHOUT NECESSARILY GIVING THESE PARTICULAR RE-
PORTS FULL VALUE, THINKS THAT SUCH A MOVE COULD COME "WITH
LITTLE OR NO NOTICE" WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

D. ELEVEN SOVIET MERCHANT SHIPS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO
HAVANA AND WE STRONGLY SUSPECT THEY ARE CARRYING ARMS. SUCH
A DELIVERY WOULD NOT BE FAR SHORT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
ARMS DELIVERED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1962.

E. ALL COLOMBIAN ARMY UNITS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON ALERT
BECAUSE OF APPREHENSION THAT EXTREMISTS ARE AIMING TO USHER
IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION (THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION
TAKES PLACE NEXT TUESDAY) WITH AN OUTBURST OF TERROR.

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F. BRUSSELS SAYS THAT IT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET RWANDA'S
AGREEMENT FOR A PIECEMEAL WITHDRAWAL OF BELGIAN TROOPS. WITH-
DRAWAL HAS BEGUN AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY 31 AUGUST. IF BEL-
GIAN CIVILIANS FOLLOW CLOSE BEHIND, AS MOST HAVE SAID THEY
WILL, RWANDA WILL FACE ANYTHING FROM ADMINISTRATIVE CONFUSION
TO CHAOS.

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