

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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1. Congo

a. Union Minière has acceded with unseemly haste to Tshombé's pitch for advance payment on account. We are not sure how much foreign exchange he has suddenly got his hands on, but he will be in a stronger position to withstand pressure to come to terms with Adoula.

b. We note, meanwhile, [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] Tshombé may shortly call 150X1
for further meetings with Adoula, this time outside the Congo. He is also thinking of asking for outside mediation. Either move would be intended to demonstrate his reasonableness and forestall any action by the UN or others to bring him to heel. [redacted] 50X1

c. Conservative groups in Belgium are up in arms over reports of the government's association with our plan for national reconciliation; we expect them to exert telling pressure on the government.

2. West Germany

Our embassy in Bonn feels it would be bad business on our part to press too hard for payment for the disaster relief we provided during the Hamburg flood last spring. No one, it seems, was expecting a bill for what had been widely advertised at the time as a great humanitarian gesture; further, we will shortly be engaging the same West German officials in talks on financing future military costs where the stakes are much higher.

NOTES

- A. U Thant wants Ambassador Bunker to be UN administrator in West New Guinea, but has not been able to talk him into it even by promising an able Asian assistant to do the footwork. Former Malayan representative at the UN, Dato Nik Kamil, is Thant's second choice.
 - B. A dangerous crowd is milling about in front of government buildings in Algiers, making plain its disappointment with the promised dole. The greenhorn government is trying desperately to get the economy started again, but things will probably get worse before they get better.
 - C. Soviet Ambassador Smirnov returned to Bonn yesterday amid speculation he will seek an early appointment with Adenauer in hopes of renewing bilateral talks.
 - D. Ambassador McCloskey has succeeded in persuading Ireland to shelve the idea of granting rights at Shannon to Czech aircraft en route to Cuba.
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- F. Jordan's forbearance is being worn thin by continued Israeli probes into sensitive areas in Jerusalem; we would not be surprised to see a repetition of the shooting events of last June and early July.

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