

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Laos

a. On Saturday, 20 more Vietnamese "advisers" departed from Laos via the Plaine des Jarres checkpoint. This brings to 35 the number of these people to have passed out under the procedures worked out at Geneva.

b. Souvanna tells us that he has recently nudged the local North Vietnamese and Chinese Communist representatives about the continued presence of Vietnamese forces in Laos, but hardly got a positive response from either. The Chinese, in fact, suggested Souvanna's time might be better spent working for the withdrawal of Thai personnel allegedly still in the country.

c. All we have on Souphannouvong's activities since he arrived in Moscow a week ago is an uninformative Pravda statement that he met with Kozlov and Kosygin on Friday.

d. Hanoi has agreed to hold up the departure of its ambassador-designate to Vientiane, but probably not beyond next Monday.

e. Souvanna, however, told Ambassador Unger on Saturday that he will not ask for a further delay just to keep Saigon from breaking relations with his government. He broached the idea, nevertheless, that Hanoi's man might be prevailed on to go home shortly after presenting his credentials, thereby leaving the two Vietnams on an equal diplomatic footing.

f. Souvanna has also sent his ambassador back to Saigon with orders to stump for a compromise on the representation issue for as long as the Vietnamese will let him stay in town. However, he feels that bringing Diem around is largely our problem.

2. Yemen

a. The Sallal government tightened its hold on the country by a few notches over the weekend.

b. Much of the old guard leadership was eliminated by firing squad, while armor and aircraft were sent out on strikes against dissident tribesmen.

c. Hasan, who was last reported in Jidda, seems now to be swimming against the tide. However, we detect no slackening in his resolve to mount a counter-revolt.

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d. There seems to be an outside chance that Hasan's prospects will be boosted by dissension within the ranks of the new regime. We suspect there may be bad blood between Sallal and his number two, Brigadier Abdullah al-Jayfi.

e. Sallal has gone to Nasir with a request for arms, and an offer to resurrect Yemen's federal relationship with the UAR. So far, he has been promised the arms. [REDACTED]

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3. Congo

a. Our consul in Elisabethville put the question of whether Katanga was purchasing aircraft directly to Foreign Minister Kimba on Saturday. All he got in response was a jumble of words admitting only that steps had been taken to meet the threat of a Congolese attack in northern Katanga.

b. The military picture remains as murky as ever. As best as we can make out, some gunfire is, in fact, going on in north central Katanga.

c. Our people in Leopoldville, meanwhile, report that Mobutu's on-again-off-again operation in South Kasai is now on, following a cabinet decision. An airlift of troops for this purpose from Leopoldville to Luluabourg was to have started yesterday.

d. Mobutu, while being the good soldier, has his fingers crossed on this one. He feels that at best it will slow things up in Katanga, and that failure would give both him and Adoula bad black eyes.

4. Communist
China

a. Most top Chinese leaders turned out today for the big parade in Peiping marking the thirteenth anniversary of the regime. Chen Yi's speech of the day was a long harangue against "US imperialism." No identifiable Soviet officials were reported present on the receiving stand.

b. Khrushchev sent off a perfunctory message of congratulations to Mao. Soviet representation at the celebration functions in Moscow was minimal.

c. Peiping's day, however, has been brightened by kind words from Algeria promising undying friendship and support for its claim to UN membership.

NOTES

A. Turkey With the knotty problem of amnesty for imprisoned Menderists about to come up for debate in parliament again and thereby hamstringing government operations, military leaders are [redacted] thinking of taking over. [redacted]

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B. India-Pakistan The movement of a detachment of Indian troops last week into disputed territory along the India - East Pakistan border has touched off another noisy row between New Delhi and Karachi. The Indians seem to be trying to gain some sort of tactical advantage before border negotiations start up again next month.

C. USSR [redacted] Cosmos IX, launched last Thursday, was brought back to earth this morning after 63 orbits. [redacted]

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D. Bolivia On Saturday, President Paz declared a nationwide state of seige following the outbreak of what is variously reported as Communist-inspired and rightist-inspired unrest in southeastern Bolivia. Paz fears a possible coup from either right or left unless he plays his cards very carefully.

E. Ethiopia-Somalia Haile Selassie [redacted] launching [redacted] a massive propaganda attack aimed at shaking the Somali government to its foundation. [redacted] accusing the Somali premier with corruption, was cut loose [redacted].

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F. Indonesia A Soviet Sverdlov-class cruiser, rechristened the "Irian" and apparently manned by a Soviet-trained Indonesian crew, was last spotted steaming through the Indian Ocean toward Djakarta in company with two Riga-class frigates. These ships are presumably the ones the Indonesians signed up for about two years ago.

G. Saudi Arabia [redacted]

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H. France - West Germany [redacted]

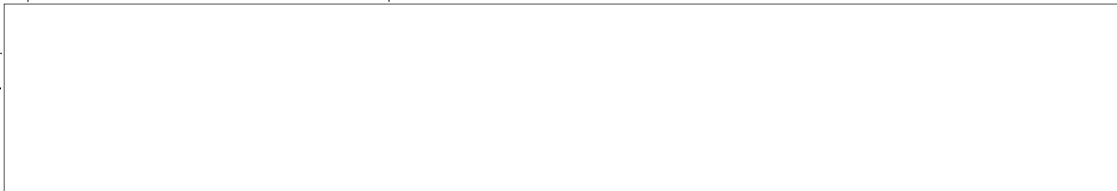
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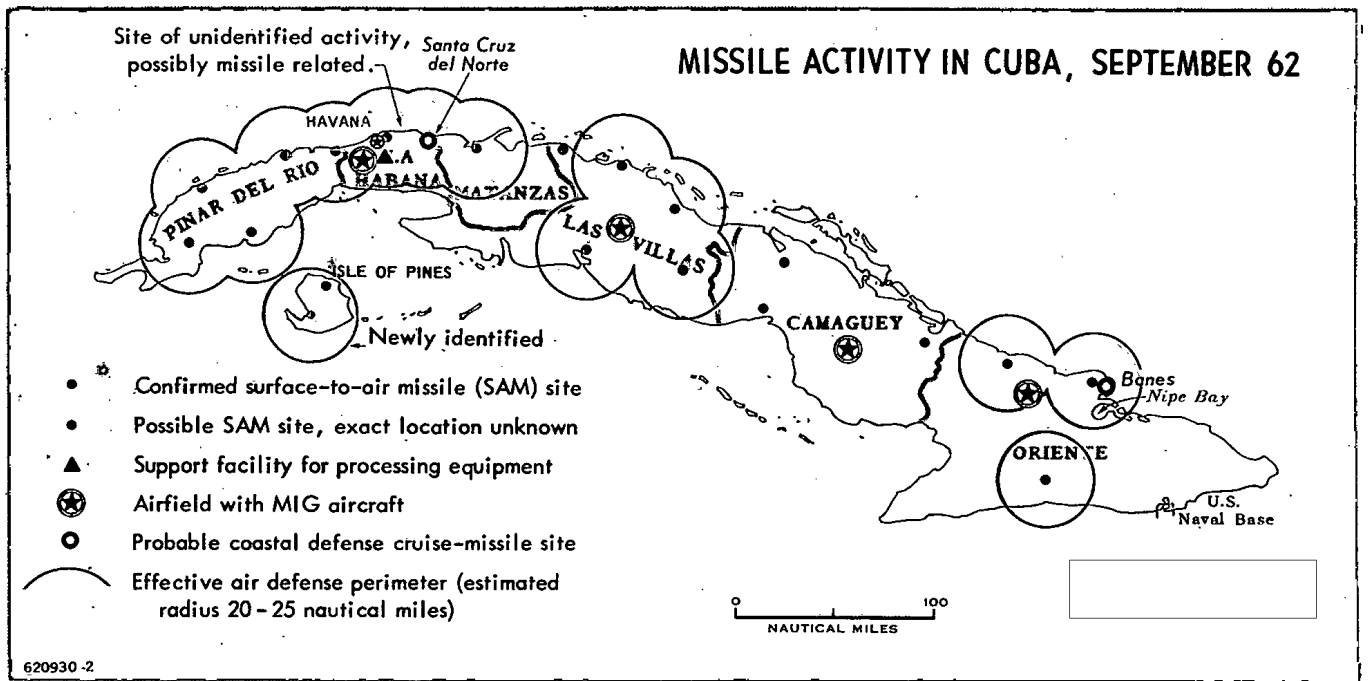
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