

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

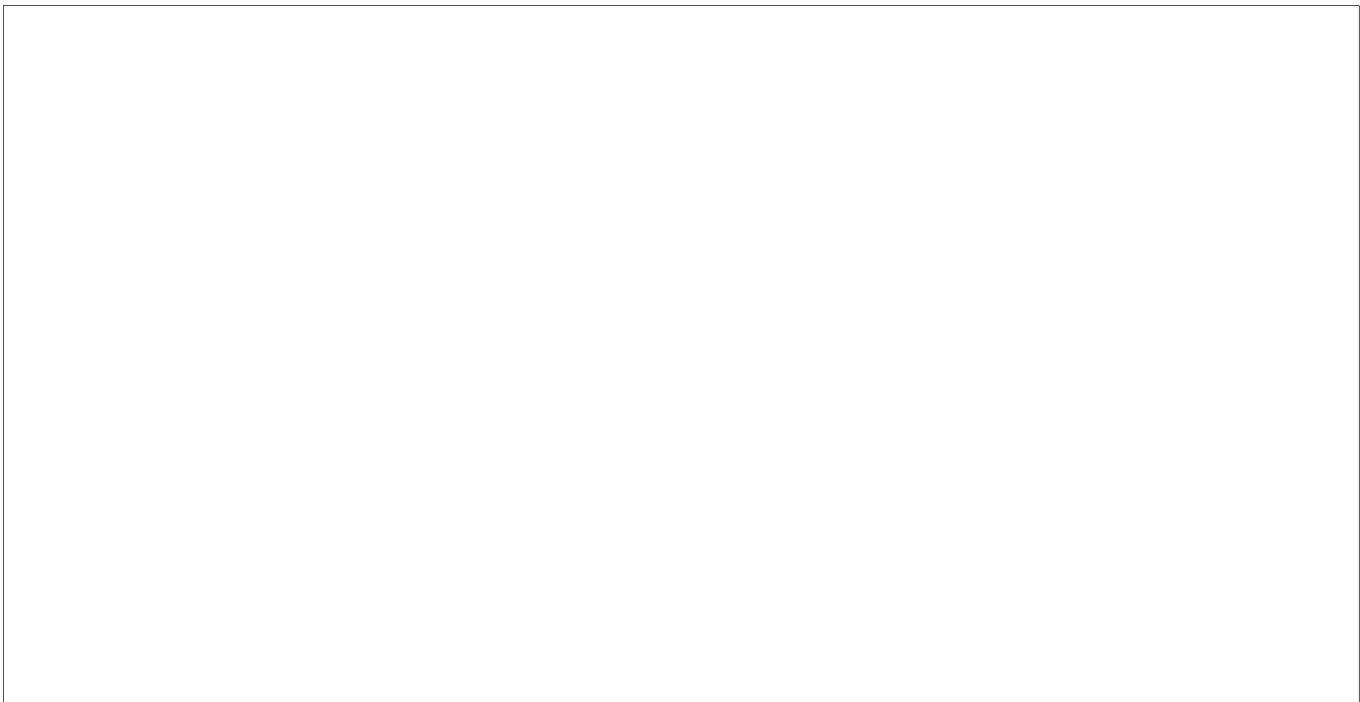
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1. Cuba

(A roundup of world-wide reaction to the President's statement is enclosed separately.)

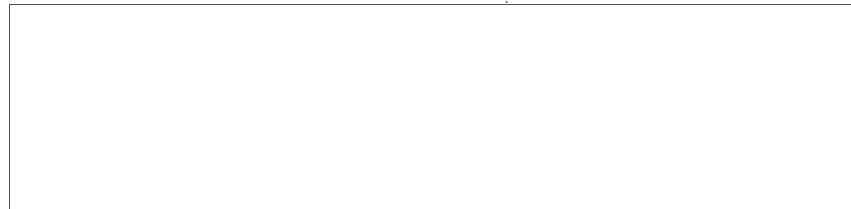
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I. The reaction within Cuba

a. Fidel Castro is scheduled to go on the air later today, at a time still unannounced.

b. Cuban ground, air and naval units have moved into the alert status decreed yesterday even before the President's broadcast.

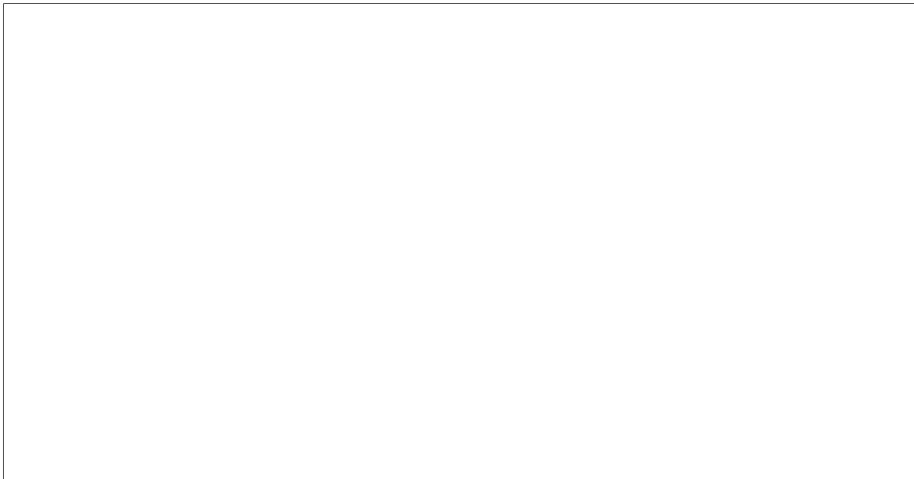
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d. The most recent analysis of photography (from a mission flown on 20 October) does not alter our count on missile sites, but does raise the total of identified missiles and launchers. We can now account for 33 missiles and 23 launchers.

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2. India-China

a. New Delhi charges that Indian border troops are under Chinese attack in a third sector of the frontier. [redacted]

[redacted] the Chinese have thrown tanks into the action in the Ladakh area in the west.

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b. Nehru went on the air yesterday to say that the country's economy was being shifted to an emergency footing to face "the greatest menace to our freedom."

c. New Delhi estimates that it suffered casualties of more than 50 percent of those engaged in the first day's fighting alone in the northeast frontier area.

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e. Moscow is still not saying publicly where it stands on the fighting.

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cow offered to mediate, but indicated that in a showdown it would side with the Chinese.

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3. Congo

a. Adoula has not backed away from his disavowal of the military stand-fast agreement worked out with the Katangans, but there are signs that the sharp edge has worn off his anger toward UN authorities in the Congo.

b. Ralph Bunche's meeting with Adoula should produce a better reading on the prospects for getting ahead with the UN's reintegration plan. Bunche arrived in Leopoldville yesterday.

c. The skirmishing in North Katanga between central government and Katangan elements seems, in the meantime, to have trailed off.

d. Tshombé who has kept his peace in public on Adoula's temperamental outburst, has rather deftly notified the UN that if Adoula wants to renegotiate the cease-fire agreement then it would be suitable to review other parts of the negotiations.

4. Yemen

a. Although we can only speculate as to how far they might germinate, there are seeds of discord within the republican regime between the Cairo-oriented group and those who want a Yemen for the Yemenites.

b. Bonn, mainly interested in keeping the East Germans out of the field, is on the verge of recognizing the republican government.

5. Cambodia

a. Sihanouk says that he is about ready to lay his proposal on guarantees for Cambodia's neutrality before the great powers concerned. One of his confidants has informed us that it will call for a Laos-type settlement, including the withdrawal of both the French and US military missions.

b. Our ambassador in Phnom Penh thinks, however, that Sihanouk may mean to put this scheme forward as only one of a number of alternatives.

c. In the same typical style, blending deadly earnestness with an equal part of whimsy, the Prince told an audience late last week that he would accept Bloc military aid and give up US aid if his country's leftists (nos rouges) could come up with a formal commitment from the Bloc to give such aid.

NOTES

- A. Brazil Candidates backed by President Goulart are running ahead in six of the ten gubernatorial contests on which there is a fairly full count from the 7 October elections. Among them is pro-Communist Miguel Arraes in Pernambuco state whose capital is Recife.
- B. British Guiana The independence conference which opened in London yesterday is facing an early collapse. The Jagan political forces and their opponents went into the meeting still poles apart over the electoral procedures to be incorporated in a constitution and there is scant chance that the gap can be closed.