

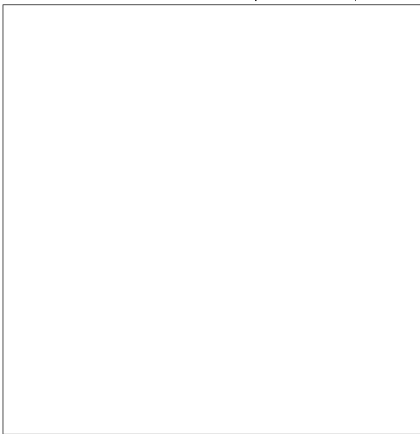


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

**ISSUED BY THE
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

**6 DECEMBER 1962
~~TOP SECRET~~**

1. Argentina




a. The Guido government is again maneuvering desperately to head off the threat of a military coup which gained impetus following the firing of Economics Minister Alsogaray.


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b. Guido called in the service heads yesterday and presented them with a 24-hour ultimatum: either he stays on as President, and elections take place as scheduled, or the military take the reins. This flat statement of alternatives--described by one military man as "putting on of pants"--evidently came as a surprise to the gathering, which was probably expecting Guido to temporize.

c. Guido's firmness, plus the continued strong support of the legalist wing of the military--which controls the crucial Campo de Mayo forces outside Buenos Aires--has improved Guido's chances of survival.

d. It is not certain yet, however, whether the crisis has been averted or merely delayed. 

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 any alternative is preferable to Argentina's prolonged haplessness.

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2. India-China

[redacted] Peiping contends that withdrawal is in progress along the entire length of the line [redacted]

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3. Congo

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a. Key members of Adoula's inner circle [redacted]

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the dismissal of parliament.

b. These people, including Adoula confidant Albert Ndele and sureté chief Victor Nendaka, [redacted] think they can persuade army chief Mobutu and President Kasavubu to go along with such a move.

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c. [redacted] Adoula [redacted]

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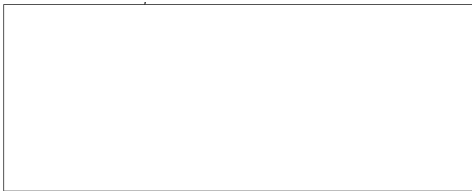
When the idea was last broached to him, he rejected it.

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4. Cuba



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another batch of IL-28s on the deck of the Soviet freighter KASIMOV yesterday. There were four canvas-covered fuselages and 11 crates



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b. Ten crates and five uncrated fuselages were spotted

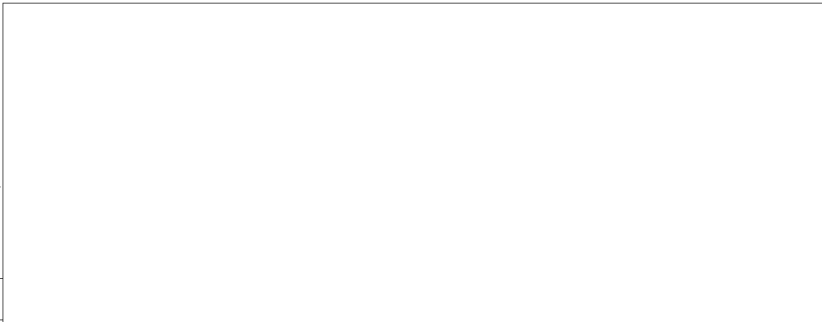


standing at dockside at Mariel yesterday.



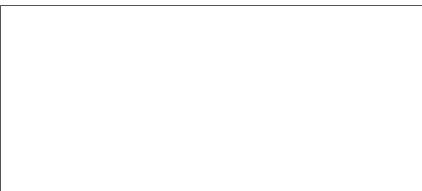
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5. France-Algeria



a. The French say they were favorably impressed by the responsible seriousness of the Algerian negotiating team which concluded five days of talks in Paris earlier this week.

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b. Few practical results emerged apart from a French pledge of financial help to get the Algerian government

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through the end of the year. Paris thinks some good groundwork has been laid for later negotiations.

c. At about the time the Paris talks were ending, Ben Bella was telling our Ambassador in Algeria, with an air of embarrassment over his Cuban stance, that "we may at times be clumsy because we are not very experienced in such matters, but we are sincere."

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6. Yemen

a. Ambassador Hart's cable setting forth his reasons for thinking that the prospects of the Yemeni royalists are on the upgrade reached us last evening.


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b. His main points are these: the royalists have a mounting capability to penetrate territory which we had considered firmly held by the republicans; Prince Faysal is now thoroughly convinced that he has drawn blood from Nasir and the longer the struggle goes on the worse for Nasir's prestige; the fighting is likely to be protracted and could conceivably result in Imam Badr's establishing control over a large part of Yemen.

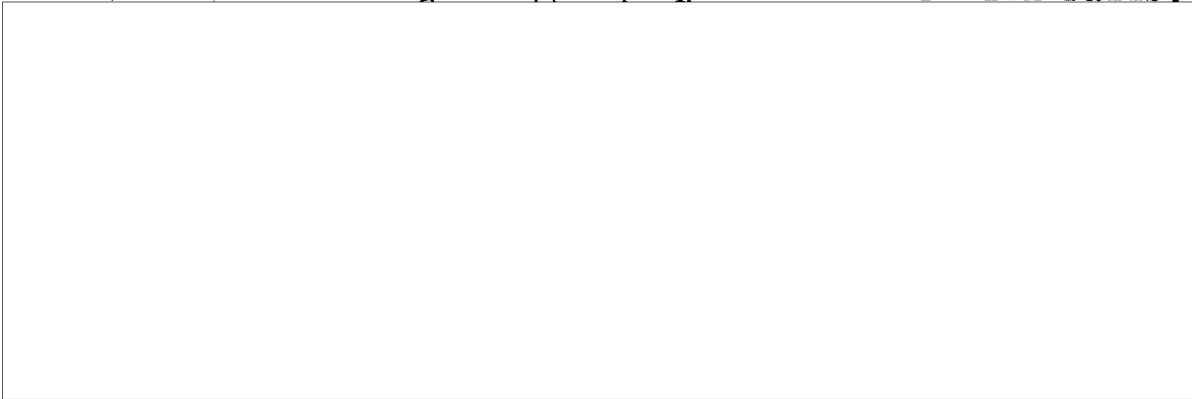
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A. Venezuela The Communist party's paramilitary arm is laying plans for a renewed burst of violence starting about the middle of this month. Rafael Martinez, a Communist paramilitary leader, has recently returned from visits to Cuba and Europe in quest of aid. 

B. Brazil-Bloc Brazil has just concluded with Poland the first industrial agreement of any size with a bloc country. It entails a \$26 million credit with which the Poles will construct a thermoelectric power station in Rio Grande do Sul, and an additional \$7.5 million credit for the purchase of Polish rails.



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