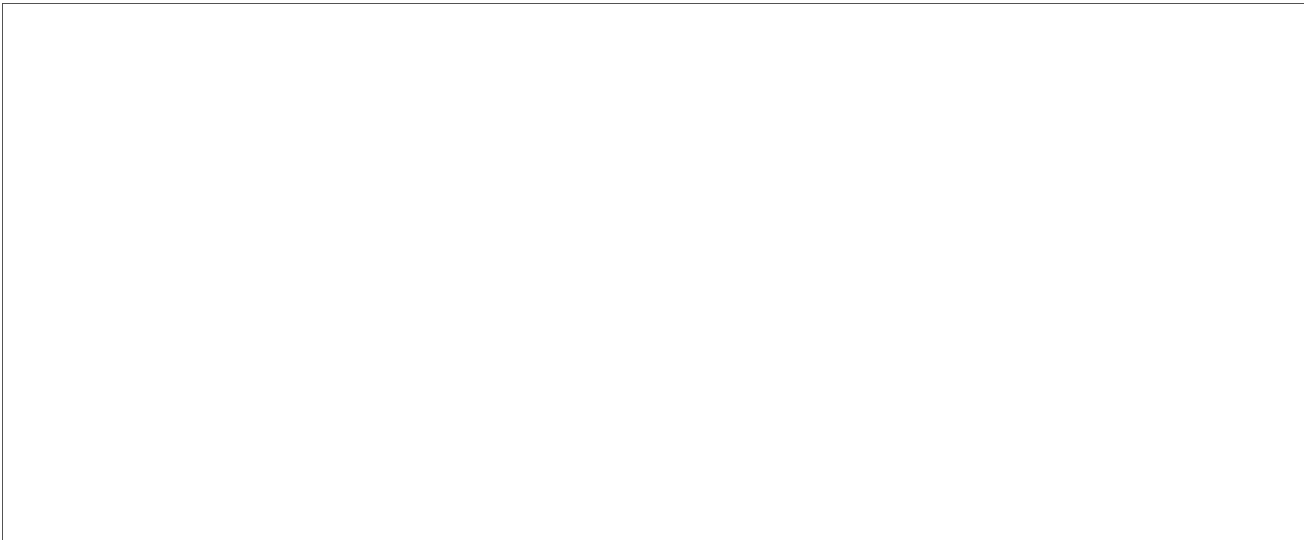


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**THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--8 DECEMBER 1962**

**1. INDIA-CHINA:**

**A. THE PICTURE ON CHINESE WITHDRAWALS APPEARS UNCHANGED:  
SOME FROM NEFA, NONE FROM LADAKH.**



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**C. INDIAN TROOPS CONTINUE TO MOVE FROM THE WEST PAKISTAN  
BORDER, WITH ONLY ONE FULL-STRENGTH DIVISION [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND TWO UNDER-STRENGTH DIVISIONS STILL DE-  
PLOYED.**

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**D. THE INDIANS STILL TALK OF "EXPLORING EVERY AVENUE"  
FOR A SETTLEMENT WITH PAKISTAN BUT NOT MUCH CONCRETE HAS YET  
EMERGED.**

**E. THEY TELL GALBRAITH THEY HOPE DUNCAN SANDYS CAN BE  
KEPT FROM DOMINATING THE SCENE SINCE HE BROUGHT OUT "ALL OF  
THE ANCIENT SUSPICIONS OF BRITISH TORY MOTIVES."**

**2. CONGO:**

**A. SPAAK YESTERDAY WAS DRAFTING A NEW MESSAGE TO TSHOMBE,  
WHICH HE HOPES WILL BE FLOWN TO ELISABETHVILLE TODAY. IN IT HE**



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INTENDED TO SAY THAT KATANGA FACED THE CHOICE EITHER OF ACCEPTING A CHANGE IN UNION MINIERE PAYMENTS OR OF FACING OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING MILITARY, WITH "DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR KATANGA."

B. ARRANGEMENTS FOR A CHANGE IN PAYMENTS WERE "HAMMERED OUT" YESTERDAY MORNING WITH UNION MINIERE.

C. SPAAK IS NOT TOO OPTIMISTIC, BUT HE THINKS THERE IS A CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

D. AMBASSADOR GULLION REPORTED YESTERDAY FROM LEOPOLDVILLE THAT, WHILE THE REPORTS OF INFORMAL BLOC OFFERS OF AID WERE NUMEROUS AND SUBSTANTIAL, HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE INTENDED SCOPE OR TIMING. THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR GAVE HIM THE IMPRESSION THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE WAITING FOR ADOULA TO FALL FIRST.



### 3. INDONESIA:

A. THE INDONESIANS ARE STILL WORKING TOWARD SHORTENING THE UN'S TEMPORARY AUTHORITY IN WEST NEW GUINEA AND REACHING A FINAL SETTLEMENT WITHOUT A PLEBISCITE. FOREIGN MINISTER SUBANDRIO SAYS IT IS A "GOOD POSSIBILITY" HE WILL GO TO NEW YORK TO "RENEGOTIATE THE INDONESIAN-DUTCH AGREEMENT"--PRESUMABLY IN MID-DECEMBER AFTER THE CEYLON CONFERENCE ON THE SINO-INDIAN CONFLICT.

B. HE THINKS IT "PROBABLE" THAT ON THE SAME OCCASION HE WOULD VISIT WASHINGTON TO TALK CREDITS AND AID.



C. A SOVIET DELEGATION IS DUE SOON IN DJAKARTA TO DISCUSS STRETCHING OUT INDONESIAN DEBT REPAYMENTS AND SUBANDRIO IS ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE US AID ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE DEALING WITH THE SOVIETS.

D. THE INDONESIANS FAILED TO GET ANY NEW HELP FROM THE JAPANESE DURING SUKARNO'S VISIT, BUT ARE SEEKING A 100 MILLION DOLLAR CREDIT FROM HONG KONG BANKS.

4. CUBA:

A. PHOTOGRAPHY TAKEN WEDNESDAY SHOWS EIGHT "MISSILE-RELATED" TRANSPORTERS AT A SOVIET CAMP AT MAYARI ARRIBA, IN THE MOUNTAINS OF ORIENTE PROVINCE ABOUT FORTY MILES FROM GUANTANAMO. NINE WERE SEEN THERE ON 19 OCTOBER BUT NONE SUBSEQUENTLY.

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B. THIS EQUIPMENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN CANVAS COVERED AND WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY IT FURTHER.

C. [REDACTED] CUBAN EXILE PLANS TO MOUNT NEW RAIDS, INCLUDING ONE ABOUT 16 DECEMBER FROM MARATHON KEY (LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN WARNED).

D. [REDACTED] RAID ON A NORTH COAST BEACH OF CENTRAL CUBA--NOW ATTRIBUTED TO ALPHA

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E. YOST REPORTS FROM NEW YORK THAT KUZNETSOV APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN GIVING SOME FOREIGN DELEGATES "FAIRLY FULL" BRIEFINGS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS. YOST EXPECTS THE STORY IN THE PAPERS SHORTLY.

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5. ISRAEL-SYRIA:

A. ANOTHER SERIOUS BORDER CLASH MAY BE BREWING.

B. ON TUESDAY, THE SYRIANS, USING TANK OR ANTI-TANK GUNS, FIRED ON ISRAELIS CULTIVATING IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE SOUTH OF LAKE TIBERIAS. IN A LESSER INCIDENT YESTERDAY AN ISRAELI FISHING BOAT ON THE LAKE WAS FIRED ON.

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C. BEN GURION INSISTS THE PARTICULAR LAND HAS BEEN CULTIVATED FOR YEARS AND THUS IS NOT IN DISPUTE.

F. OUR ARMY ATTACHE IN TEL AVIV IS KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON WHAT HE REPORTED YESTERDAY AS SOME "STILL INSIGNIFICANT" INDICATORS OF "VERY LIMITED" ISRAELI MOBILIZATION.

G. THERE HAS BEEN SOME INFORMATION THAT THE SYRIANS HAD BEEN PUTTING ADDITIONAL FORCES INTO THE AREA AND THE EPISODE APPEARS TO INDICATE A NEWLY BELLIGERENT SYRIAN ATTITUDE.

H. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THIS HAS BEEN INSPIRED OR PERMITTED FROM ABOVE IN AN EFFORT TO DIVERT SYRIAN OFFICERS FROM INTERNAL POLITICAL ACTIVITY WHICH NOW BUBBLES ANEW IN MILITARY CIRCLES.

[REDACTED]

THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT ARRESTS OF PRO-NASIR JUNIOR OFFICERS AND THE AIR FORCE CHIEF HAS BEEN SACKED AMID RUMORS HE WAS INVOLVED IN WOULD-BE RIGHTIST COUPS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE HIGH COMMAND ITSELF IS SPLIT OVER SOVIET MILITARY AID.

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6. BORNEO:

A. WE HAVE ONLY SKETCHY INFORMATION, LARGELY PRESS, ON AN OUTBREAK EARLY TODAY IN THE OIL PRODUCING BRITISH-PROTECTED SULTANATE OF BRUNEI IN NORTHERN BORNEO.

B. INSURGENT MEMBERS OF THE PRO-INDONESIAN "NORTH BORNEO NATIONAL ARMY" ARE SAID TO HAVE SEIZED REFINERIES, THE POWER STATION AND THE WATER SUPPLY IN THE OIL CENTER, SERIA.

C. THE STRONGEST OPPOSITION WITHIN NORTHERN BORNEO TO THE PROPOSED MALAYSIA FEDERATION HAS COME FROM BRUNEI AND ITS RAKYAT PARTY WHICH IN LATE NOVEMBER CALLED FOR A SEPARATE FEDERATION OF NORTH BORNEO, COMPRISING BRUNEI, SARAWAK AND THE PRESENT NORTH BORNEO.

D. LATE PRESS REPORTS CARRY THE CLAIMS OF RAKYAT LEADER AZAHARI TO HAVE SEIZED ALL THREE TERRITORIES. FROM MANILA (HE HAS BEEN ON AN EXTENDED VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES) HE HAS PROCLAIMED HIMSELF PRIME MINISTER OF AN INDEPENDENT NEW STATE COMPRISING THE THREE TERRITORIES WHICH HE SAYS WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

[REDACTED]

E. AS BEST WE CAN DETERMINE, HIS CLAIM TO COMPLETE CONTROL IS PREMATURE AT THE LEAST. LOCAL POLICE ARE BEING REINFORCED BY [REDACTED] GURKHA TROOPS FROM SINGAPORE. FURTHER, THE LATEST PRESS FROM SINGAPORE HAS BRUNEI RADIO STILL IN GOVERNMENT HANDS.

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F. BOTH INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES HAVE OPPOSED INCORPORATION OF NORTHERN BORNEO IN MALAYSIA. WE THINK BOTH ARE INVOLVED IN TODAY'S ACTION.

G. IF THE REBELS SUCCEED IN GAINING CONTROL OF ANY SUBSTANTIAL AREA, AN UGLY SITUATION WILL BE CREATED WITH "COLONIALISM" YET AGAIN PITTED AGAINST ASIAN STATES.

7. NOTE:

A. USSR: WE SEE INCREASING SIGN OF AN IMPENDING SPACE EVENT, POSSIBLY A RECOVERABLE SATELLITE. WE HAVE NO DEFINITE INDICATORS OF THE TIME OF SUCH A SHOT. THERE HAS BEEN SOME SPECULATION THAT THE SOVIETS MIGHT STAGE A SPECTACULAR AS ONE MEANS OF RUBBING OFF SOME OF THE TARNISH ACCUMULATED IN RECENT EVENTS. [REDACTED]

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B. TURKEY: PRIME IMINISTER INONU APPEARS TO BE IN FOR SOME ROUGH SLEDDING SOON. POLITICAL RIVALS HOPE TO UNSEAT HIM AT HIS PARTY'S NATIONAL CONVENTION WHICH OPENS FRIDAY; PRESIDENT GURSEL AND SENIOR MILITARY COMMANDERS ARE ALREADY DISCUSSING POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS; AND THERE MAY BE NEWLY DEVELOPING DISIDENT NUCLEI ELSEWHERE IN THE ARMED FORCES.

C. WEST GERMANY: BONN HAS DECIDED NOT TO PREVENT THE CONCLUSION OF CONTRACTS FOR THE SALE OF 200,000 TONS OF PIPE

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TO THE USSR, DESPITE LONG-TIME US EFFORTS TO GET AN EFFECTIVE NATO EMBARGO. THIS FOLLOWS CLOSE ON THE HEELS OF SIMILAR JAPANESE SALES.

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D. VENEZUELA: A NEW WAVE OF COMMUNIST VIOLENCE MAY HAVE STARTED WITH AN ATTEMPT ON THURSDAY TO FIRE A DUPONT COMPANY WAREHOUSE IN CARACAS. THE JOB WAS APPARENTLY DONE BY THE PRO-CASTRO "NATIONAL LIBERATION FORCES," A COMMUNIST PARA-MILITARY GROUP CREDITED BY RAUL CASTRO WITH THE OCTOBER SABOTAGE ON LAKE MARACAIBO.

E. SOUTH VIETNAM: ON SEVERAL RECENT OCCASIONS, GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE CAPTURED NUMBERS OF VIET CONG WEAPONS MADE IN CHINA. THIS MAY INDICATE THAT THE VIET CONG, BASICALLY ARMED WITH REMNANT FRENCH WEAPONS, HAVE HAD TO RELY INCREASINGLY ON THE PIPELINE FROM NORTH VIETNAM. MOREOVER, IN RECENT MONTHS DIEM'S FORCES HAVE CAPTURED MORE ARMS FROM THE VIET CONG THAN THEY HAVE LOST.

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