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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--15 DECEMBER 1962

1. NORTH KOREA - USSR:

A. THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO WOO THE NORTH KOREANS AWAY FROM THE CHINESE BY A NUMBER OF DEVICES. EVEN THOUGH THE NORTH KOREANS AT THE CZECH PARTY CONGRESS SUPPORTED THE CHINESE THERE (AT LEAST PASSIVELY), WE SUSPECT THE KOREAN DELEGATION, WHICH WAS IN MOSCOW LATE IN NOVEMBER, STRUCK SOME SORT OF BARGAIN.



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2. SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE:

A. PEIPING HAS RESPONDED TO KHRUSHCHEV BY PUBLISHING A STATEMENT IT SUBMITTED TO A CLOSED SESSION OF THE CZECH PARTY CONGRESS LAST WEEK.

B. THE STATEMENT PROTESTED ATTACKS BY CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS ON THE CHINESE AND ALBANIAN PARTIES AND WARNED THAT THEIR

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CONTINUATION COULD LEAD TO A SINO-SOVIET "SPLIT." THE CHINESE BLAMED THE SOVIETS FOR THE PRESENT DISARRAY IN THE BLOC AND THE "EVEN MORE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WHICH MAY FOLLOW." THEY ASKED FOR ANOTHER CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES SUCH AS WAS HELD IN 1957 AND 1960 TO COMPOSE DIFFERENCES.

C. MOSCOW, WE ARE SURE, WOULD OPPOSE THIS. THERE IS NO REASON TO THINK CHINA WOULD BE ANY MORE WILLING THEN THAN NOW TO SUBMIT TO THE VIEWS OF THE MAJORITY.

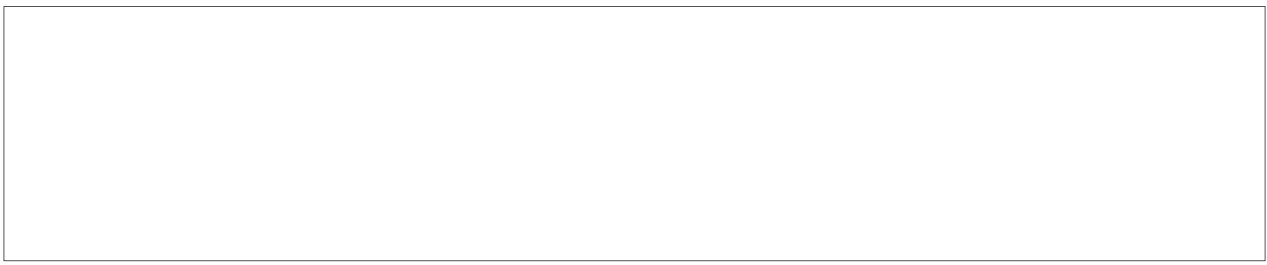
D. THE SOVIETS AND EAST EUROPEANS WILL, HOWEVER, PROBABLY FEEL CALLED UPON TO REPLY EVEN MORE EXPLICITLY.

3. CONGO:

A. WE DO NOT YET KNOW THE REACTION IN LEOPOLDVILLE TO TSHOMBE'S INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO HAVE UNION MINIERE'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE PAID TO THE UN MONETARY COUNCIL.

C. THE 5,700-MAN INDIAN BRIGADE IS DUE TO GO HOME IN FEBRUARY, AND INDIA HAS NOTIFIED THE UN THAT IT WILL NOT BE REPLACED. THE FORCE MAKES UP ABOUT HALF THE UN CONTINGENT IN KATANGA AND ABOUT ONE THIRD OF THE ENTIRE UN CONGO FORCE.

D. THE ONLY NEW FORCE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN THE CONGO (1,800 INDONESIANS) WILL BEGIN ARRIVING IN KATANGA EARLY NEXT WEEK.



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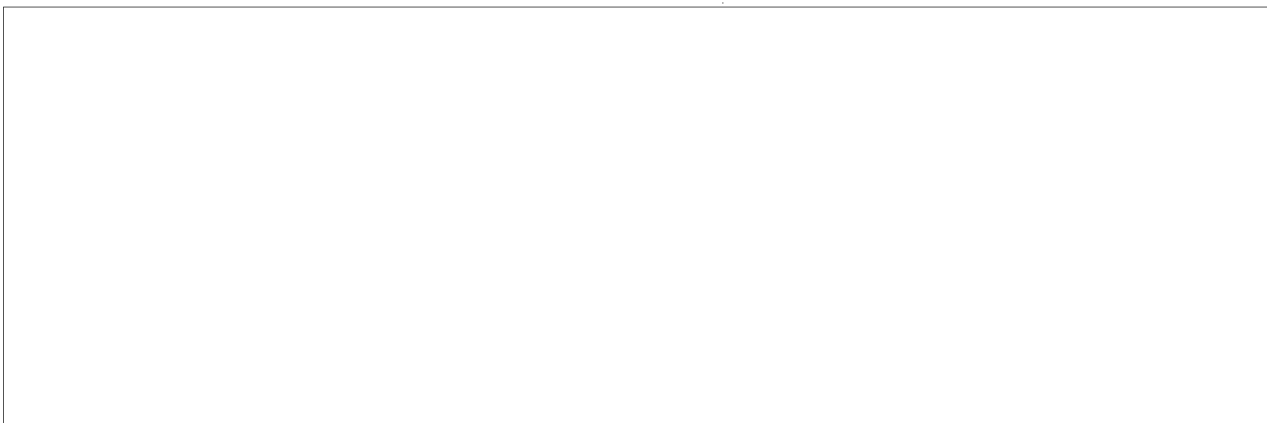
4. BELGIUM:

A. THE BELGIUM PUBLIC, NEVER OBJECTIVE ON THE SUBJECT, IS WORKING ITSELF INTO A LATHER OVER KATANGA, AND AMBASSADOR MACARTHUR FEELS THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THE LEFEVRE GOVERNMENT WILL FALL IF HOSTILITIES BREAK OUT IN KATANGA.

B. SPAAK HIMSELF IS IN A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT POSITION BECAUSE OF HIS COURAGEOUS CONGO POLICY.

5. CUBA-USSR:

A. WE HAVE THE FIRST RUMBLINGS OF AN UPHEAVAL IN CASTRO'S GOVERNMENT. 50X1



D. THE ARRIVAL IN CUBA OF TWO ADDITIONAL SOVIET FISHING TRAWLERS EXPANDS THEIR FISHING FLEET (BASED IN HAVANA) TO TEN VESSELS, INCLUDING TWO LARGE FISH FACTORY TRAWLERS.

E. SOME OF THESE HAVE CONDUCTED THE FIRST SOVIET FISHING OPERATIONS EVER CARRIED OUT IN THE GULF OF MEXICO.

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6. IRAQ:

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B. A YEMENI DELEGATION HEADED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY REGIME'S MINISTER OF DEFENSE HAS BEEN MAKING THE ROUNDS OF VARIOUS ARAB CAPITALS, TRYING TO BROADEN SUPPORT.

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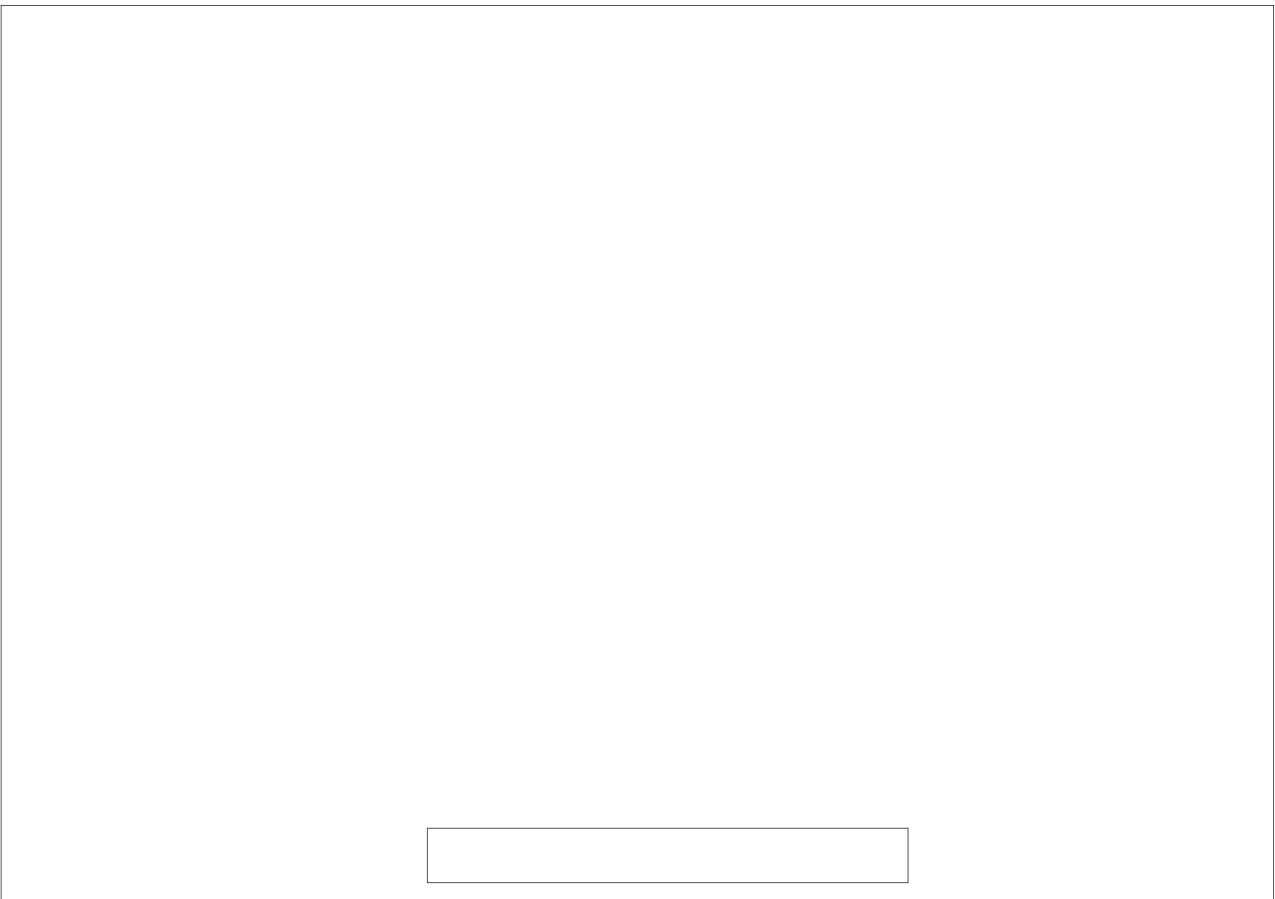
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7. UK - COMMON MARKET:

A. LATEST GALLUP POLLS SHOW THAT BRITISH SENTIMENT FAVORING COMMON MARKET MEMBERSHIP IS RECOVERING FROM LAST JUNE'S LOW OF 36 PERCENT. IT NOW NEARS 50 PERCENT, WITH ABOUT HALF THE REMAINDER UNDECIDED.

B. HOWEVER, THE NOVEMBER BY-ELECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO OTHER POLL QUESTIONS SHOW THE COMMON MARKET STILL NOT A DOMINANT FACTOR IN DETERMINING BRITISH VOTING PATTERNS. TWO THIRDS OF THOSE POLLED SAID THEY WOULD VOTE FOR THEIR PARTY REGARDLESS OF ITS STAND ON THE ISSUE.

C. NEVERTHELESS, PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS WILL PROBABLY PROVE TO BE A LIABILITY TO THE CONSERVATIVES.



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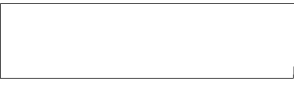


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9. NOTES:

A. USSR: TSARAPKIN, AT GENEVA, SAYS THE USSR PLANS TO DECLARE ANOTHER UNILATERAL MORATORIUM ON SOVIET NUCLEAR TESTING, TO GO INTO EFFECT AT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

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THERE WERE 3,000 NORTH VIETNAMESE NEAR MUONG PHINE WHO INTENDED TO INFILTRATE INTO SOUTH VIETNAM. THE MUONG PHINE AREA IS A CONVENIENT STOPOVER FOR NORTH VIETNAMESE ON THEIR WAY TO JOIN THE VIET CONG, BUT WE THINK THE 3,000 FIGURE IN THIS CASE IS AN EXAGGERATION.

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D. MOSCOW HAS ACCUSED THREE MORE US OFFICIALS OF ESPIONAGE IN THE PENKOVSKY CASE. THEY ARE CAPT. ALEXIS H. DAVISON, AN ASSISTANT AIR FORCE ATTACHE AND ALSO THE EMBASSY'S DOCTOR; SECOND SECRETARY ROBERT K. GERMAN; AND HUGH MONTGOMERY, A SECURITY OFFICER.

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