

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

**28 JANUARY 1963**  
~~**TOP SECRET**~~

1. South Korea

a. With the government party voting to reject his resignation, Kim Chong-pil is well on his way to supremacy as the country's undisputed strongman.

b. In the last few hours, opposition to him in the ruling Supreme Council has crumbled. [redacted]

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c. Some Council members have resigned; the rest have thrown in their lot with Kim. All are thoroughly cowed.

d. The likelihood of armed clashes is decreasing as the situation stabilizes in Kim's favor, but there remains the possibility, always a real one in Korean politics, that someone will try to assassinate him.

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2. Cuba

a. [redacted]

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the possibility of insurgent attacks today--the birthday of Cuban independence hero Jose Marti.

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3. Common Market

a. A senior Quai official told Ambassador Bohlen Saturday that Couve goes to today's meeting in Brussels with very clear and definite instructions to bring negotiations to a substantive halt. He claimed De Gaulle is determined to permit no arrangement which would continue serious negotiations, even if it means isolation of France.

b. We understand the French plan to submit a draft plan for Britain's association as an alternative to full membership. This, of course, is designed to make it look as though Britain is pulling out rather than being thrown out.

c. The weekend's maneuvering seems to leave the positions of the other parties at today's meeting as follows: Germany and Italy still strongly in favor of UK accession but inhibited by the danger of breaking up the Six; Belgium and the Netherlands somewhat more willing to take this risk; Luxembourg stalling, but not likely to oppose the French.

4. Sino-Soviet  
Dispute

a. Peiping has recognized Khrushchev's speech in Berlin for what it was--a maneuver to force the Chinese to make the first overt move toward a break.

b. A long editorial in People's Daily on Saturday, since distributed all over the country by pamphlet, in effect, calls Khrushchev a hypocrite for asking a truce while at the same time directing a chorus of boos and catcalls against the Chinese delegate at the East German congress.

c. The crisis, says Peiping, has reached the "brink of the precipice," but the Chinese seem prepared to risk further deterioration anyway. Bloc unity on terms other than those China sets, the editorial implies, is unthinkable.

5. Laos

a. Souvanna has given the go-ahead for formal recognition of East Germany. He says he "couldn't care less" what West Germany did about it.

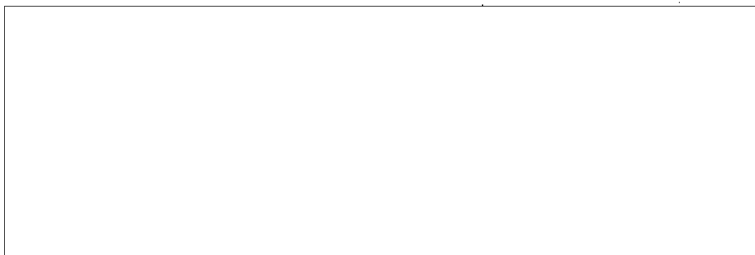
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**6. Borneo-UK**

a. Britain yesterday placed several units of its army strategic reserve on 72-hour alert and has moved another battalion of its Far East Command to Brunei.

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b. This was done on the strength of word from Malayan Prime Minister Rahman that Indonesia will this week infiltrate guerrillas into Brunei to reignite the revolt.



NOTES

- A. Iran The Shah made a last-minute decision to spite his hide-bound religious opposition by allowing women to vote for the first time. This occasioned no small confusion, compounded by Minister of Interior Azizi's airy remark that, of course, women's ballots would not be counted.
- B. Cambodia Cambodia has accepted a Soviet grant offer of at least six MIG aircraft and is preparing to dispatch pilots to the USSR for training:
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