

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Berlin air corridors

a. Yesterday's incident in the southern air corridor, when two Soviet fighters buzzed and fired on a privately-owned British plane flying into Berlin, seems to be another case of Soviet sensitivity to what Moscow claims is a "misuse" of Allied corridor rights.

b. Increased Soviet aerial surveillance of the air corridors and West Berlin airfields has been in effect since 25 March, when Soviet aircraft reacted to the round-robin flights of a US C-130. That aircraft [redacted]

[redacted] has been at Templehof since the incident, and the Soviets are apparently waiting for it to take off on its outbound flight.

c. The Soviet representative in the Berlin Air Safety Center had protested the British plane's flight when notified that it was scheduled to take place.

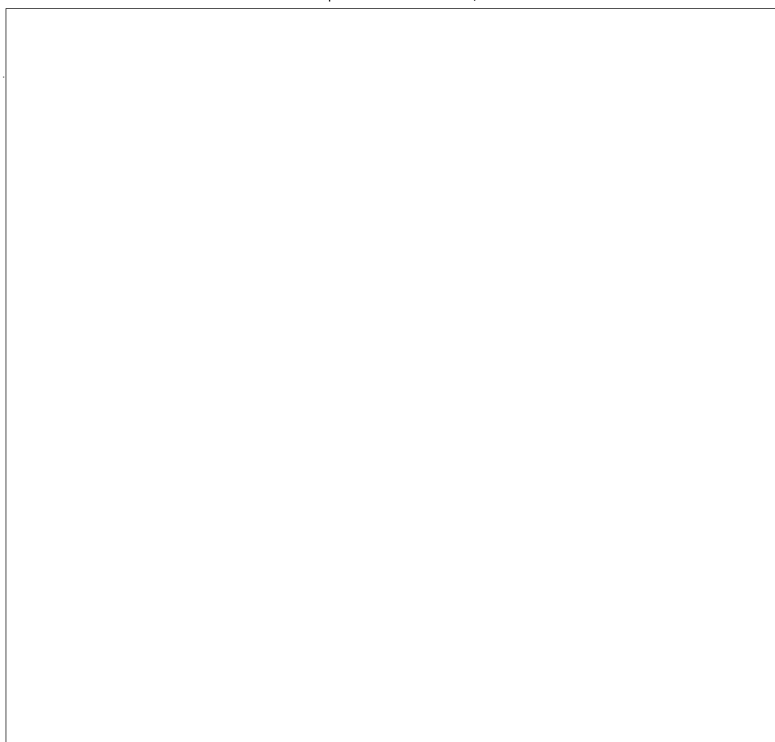
d. The aircraft, piloted by a British television personality flying into Berlin to do a show for the RAF, disregarded orders to land and put down safely in Berlin. [redacted]

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2. Jordan

a. Husayn's newly appointed prime minister is setting out to bring his country closer to the mainstream of Arab nationalism.



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3. Guatemala

a. The new government seems intent on giving itself an image of moderation in order to gain domestic approval and hasten international recognition.

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b. There is a conspicuous lack of far-rightists and representatives of discredited old-line parties among the civilians named to the cabinet.

c. The country's nearest neighbors, Honduras and El Salvador, are consulting on whether to recognize.

d. Ydigoras is quoted as saying he plans to leave Nicaragua for the US on Saturday.

4. Laos

a. Except for a knee-jerk reaction from the Pathet Lao, who blame the "imperialists," there is quiet caution all around over the assassination of Quinim.

b. The bodyguard who did the shooting is in government custody but is so far insisting that he acted entirely on his own. A bland government communique says little more than that Quinim was shot but the government does not know why.

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5. Cuba



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6. Argentina

a. Government forces are in full control of Buenos Aires.

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b. Rebel elements, mainly Navy Marine units, have retreated to a number of naval bases south of the capital. Late press reports this morning state that the rebels, under government pressure, have been forced to abandon some of these positions.

c. The bulk of the Argentine Army and Air Force are standing behind President Guido, who has given the rebels an ultimatum threatening bombing attacks unless they surrender forthwith.

7. Communist China

a. A Chinese Nationalist aerial reconnaissance mission, flown on 28 March, has detected a second Chinese Communist missile test range.

b. The range is about 335 miles northwest of Peiping. The preliminary conclusion is that the installation is a cruise missile test site.

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NOTES

- A. Soviet lunar probe The moon probe launched yesterday is believed to have one of two possible objectives, either the soft landing of an instrumented package or the orbiting of a vehicle for reconnaissance over the edge of the shadow of the lunar surface. The probe, if successful, will reach the vicinity of the moon about noon EST, Friday.

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- C. Indonesia-Communist China The Chinese are trying to keep alive the notion that they are potential buyers of Indonesian oil.

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- D. Portuguese Guinea Guerrillas--some of them operating from Guinea and Senegal--are stepping up their operations. Portuguese authorities are reporting with increasing frequency ambushes carried out against their military forces.

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- E. Warsaw Pact Preparations now under way point to the beginning of a combined exercise in the near future.

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- F. Bunker-Nasir talks . Ambassador Bunker had a long second session on Yemen with Nasir yesterday. Nasir's position was that he would withdraw at least one battalion from Yemen within 15 days after the Saudis agree to disengage, with full withdrawal to follow over a longer, as yet undetermined, period. A third session is scheduled for today.

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