

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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25 APRIL 1963
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1. Cuba-USSR

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c. Analysis of photography of 23 April and a preliminary scan of that of 24 April shows no significant activity by Soviet forces in Cuba. Photography of 23 April shows all equipment returned to its previous positions at the Santa Cruz del Norte cruise missile site which had been observed in the initial stages of apparent evacuation on 16 April.

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i. The Argentine press reports that Che Guevara's mother was arrested yesterday trying to enter Argentina from Uruguay with a quantity of Communist and pro-Castro propaganda. She is an Argentine

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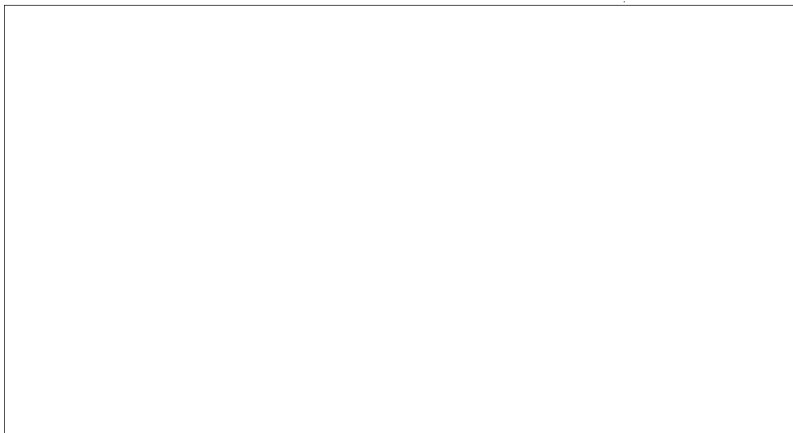
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2. USSR-Cuba

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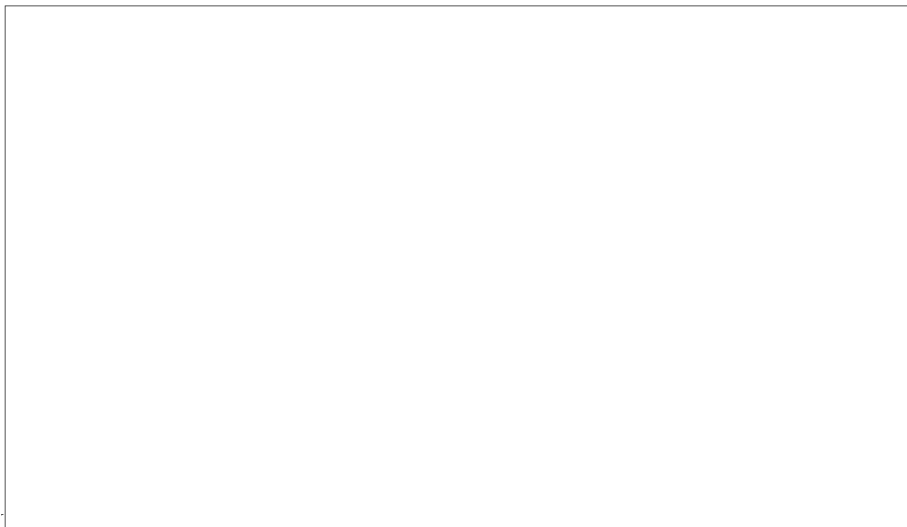


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3. Haiti

a. President Duvalier has cashiered some 60 regular officers of the armed forces, virtually eliminating the last effective obstacle to his continuation in power and the last pro-US element in his regime.



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4. Laos

a. Sporadic mortar and artillery fire continues, principally along the road west of Xieng Khouang town.

b. An ICC team is back in Vientiane after a visit of less than one day to neutralist headquarters at Muong Phanh. The Pathet Lao, welching on Souvannouvong's word, yesterday insisted they would not agree to the permanent stationing of an ICC team in the Plaine des Jarres.

c. We are responding to Soviet publication of false charges against us by pressing Souvanna to set the record straight in a public disavowal of the charges.

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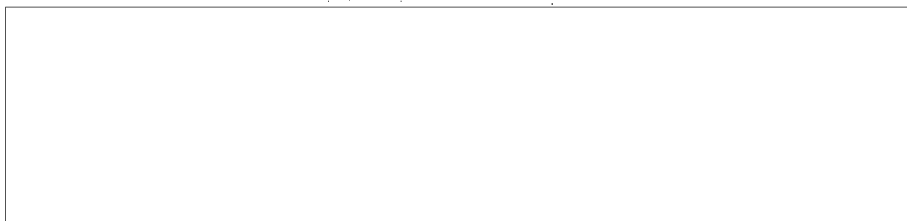
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5. USSR

a. The Soviets are pushing rapidly ahead with their anti-ballistic missile development program.

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6. Arab federation

a. Moves toward federation of the UAR, Syria and Iraq have, if anything, intensified the struggle between the Baathist and Nasirites for control of Syria.

b. Anti-Nasir elements in the Syrian forces have been planning a coup,

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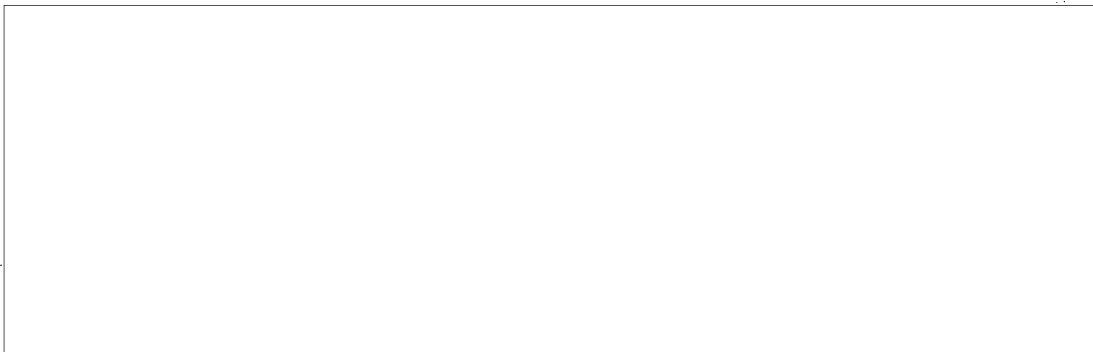
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- B. Czechoslovakia [redacted]
the Czech forces have received at least some SS-1 (SCUD) missiles. This is a 150 nautical-mile ballistic missile mounted on a tank chassis.

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- C. Poland Polish officials have become worried that labor unrest and dissatisfaction, on the rise everywhere, may grow into violence among crowds gathered for May Day celebrations. The attitude of the people has become ugly; it reminds some Polish observers of Poznan just before the outbreak in 1956.

- D. Bolivia [redacted] the Cuban embassy there has been providing funds for

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propaganda to the militantly leftist youth group in the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement. This is President Paz's party, but the youth group is a much more extremist faction. Members of the youth organization were very much in evidence at the Cuban embassy's reception commemorating the Bay of Pig's invasion, boasting of having plastered the capital with pro-Cuban posters.

- E. Argentina The Guido government now believes its timetable for national elections will be generally adhered to. This calls for the parties to name their candidates by early next month and elections on 23 June. It has abandoned efforts to generate an electoral front and will let the parties go ahead and put up candidates of their own, but it is still trying to persuade the Peronist Popular Union party not to put up candidates for president, vice president, and certain governorships.

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