

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Argentina

a. Guido's government has fallen apart under pressure of Interior Minister Rauch's charges of corruption against four cabinet ministers.

b. All of the civilian ministers and the three service secretaries in the cabinet resigned late yesterday in a successful move to force Rauch out too.

c. We suspect the mass resignations are the result of a compromise engineered by Army Commander in Chief Ongania and other military commanders.

d. While the latter support the general line of Rauch's campaign, they apparently feel his attacks on the ministers went too far and would like to damp down political turmoil until the elections in July.

2. Haiti

a. Bosch told Ambassador Martin on Saturday that the OAS failure thus far to take strong action in Haiti had humiliated him and had given his political enemies at home additional ammunition to use against him.

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b. Bosch's political need for some sort of victory over Duvalier is almost certain to generate additional Dominican overt pressures or clandestine efforts against the Haitian dictator. Martin thinks a Dominican invasion of Haiti unlikely, however, barring any new Haitian provocation.

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d. The Dominican radio is contributing to the war of nerves by broadcasting reports that an invasion of Haiti will take place on 15 May.

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3. Iraq-Syria

a. The Iraqi cabinet was shuffled on Saturday at the same time changes were being made in Syria and for the same reason: to disarm pro-Nasirites who are making headway with charges both regimes are excessively Baathist.

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b. In the Iraqi shakeup, the chairman of the Iraqi Baathist party, Deputy Premier Ali Salih Sadi, was dropped from his government post.

c. A new cabinet, still heavily Baathist, has been formed in Iraq, but Jundi's efforts in Syria have so far failed. In both countries, however, the real power lies with the revolutionary command councils, and these are Baathist dominated.

d. Nasir's radio is blasting away at the new governments which it charges are "fake national pro-unity fronts."

4. Laos

a. Moscow has printed a number of articles in the press since Governor Harriman's departure which suggest it is moving in the direction of more blatant support for the Pathet Lao.

b. In the complicated game the Soviets are playing with the Chinese, this line probably represents both a hope that Ho Chi Minh can be persuaded not to align himself more fully with Peiping and a fear that failure to back the Pathet Lao will give the Chinese more ammunition.

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B. Iraq Today's talk between Kurdish representatives and the government in Baghdad may well be the last. The government is under strong pressure from military extremists to crush the Kurds by force. Both sides have been preparing for a resumption of fighting.

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D. Cuba The Soviet passenger ship Baltika (430 passenger capacity) arrived in Havana on Saturday. Holguin was the only Soviet encampment well covered by photography on Saturday. No change was noted there.

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F. Saudi Arabia-US Faysal seems to have changed the signals at the last minute and now apparently does not want our air unit based in Dhahran. 



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