

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

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~~**TOP SECRET**~~

1. Italy

a. We have little confidence that Giovanni Leone, Christian Democrat speaker of the National Assembly, can muster sufficient support to form a government.

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If Leone fails entirely, the Christian Democrats are divided on what to do next.

c. There is increasing talk of another election as the way out of the crisis. Social Democrat leader Saragat feels that calling for elections now is "the best possible way" to bring Nenni's opponents within the Socialist Party to their senses.

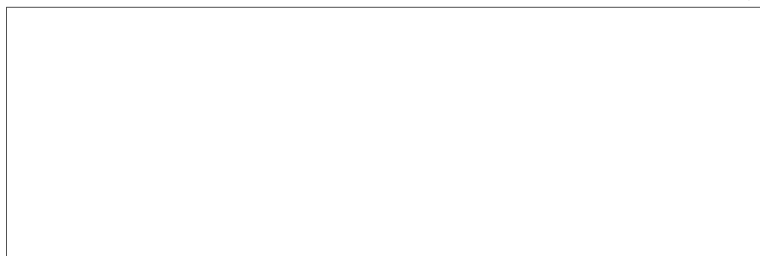
d. We fear, however, that the Communists would almost certainly stand to benefit from any elections arising from the muddle.

2. Cuba-military



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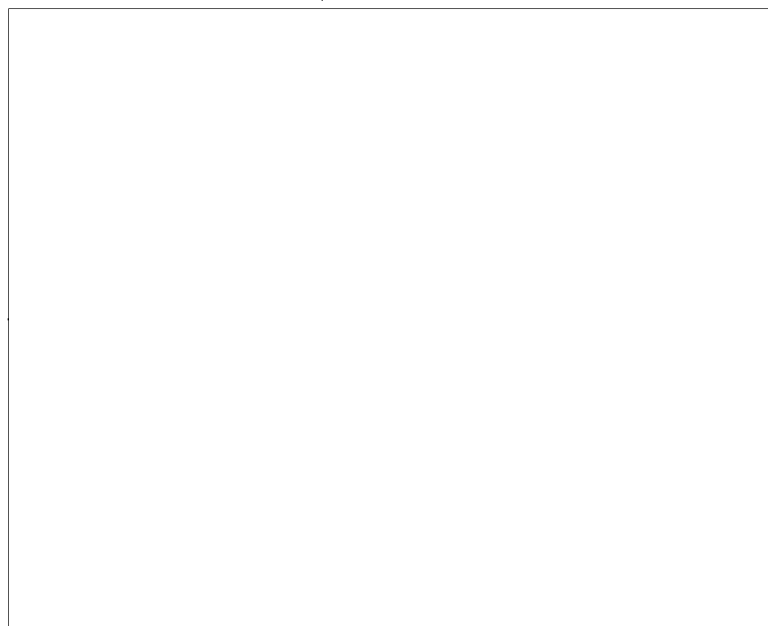
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 increasing Cuban proficiency in
operating their MIG-21's.

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3. Cuba



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b. [redacted] Western shipowners are increasingly reluctant to face US blacklisting and that Cuban ships are frequently immobilized from want of maintenance and parts.

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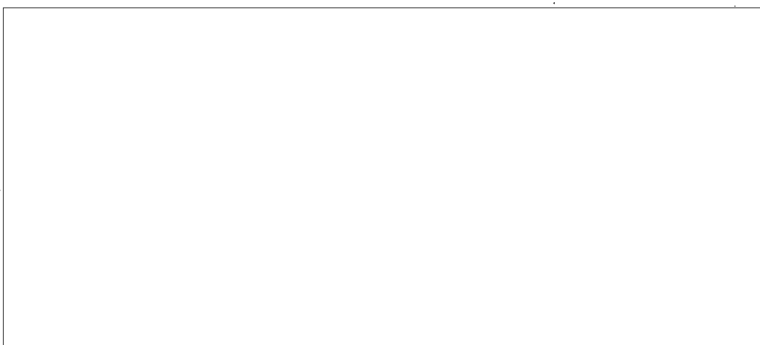
4. Yemen

a. General Von Horn, in a state of emotional upset, told one of our Embassy officers on 15 June that his UN observation mission is "doomed to failure."



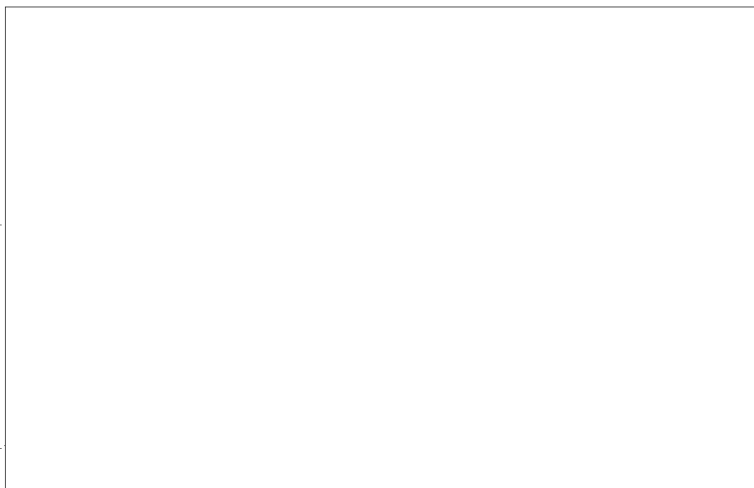
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b. Von Horn is a sensitive officer given to occasional emotional outbursts, and he may now be exaggerating his difficulties.



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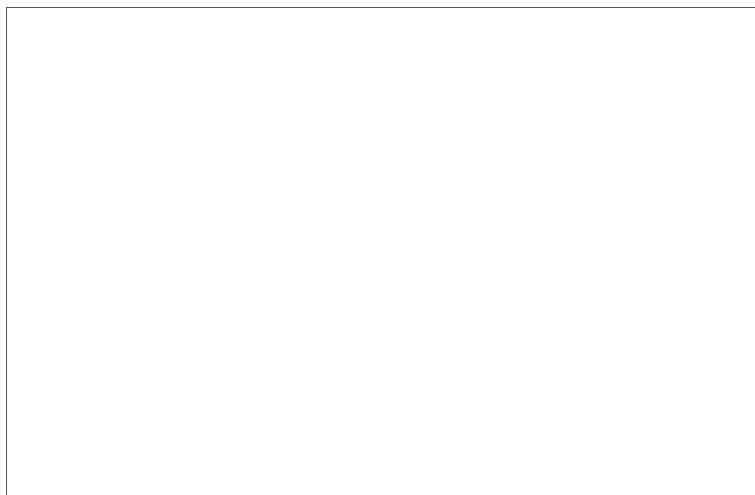


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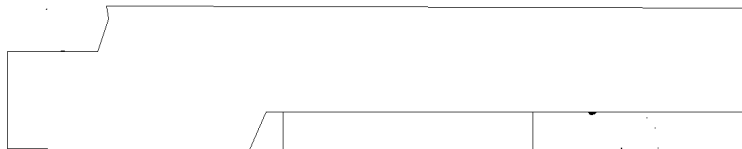
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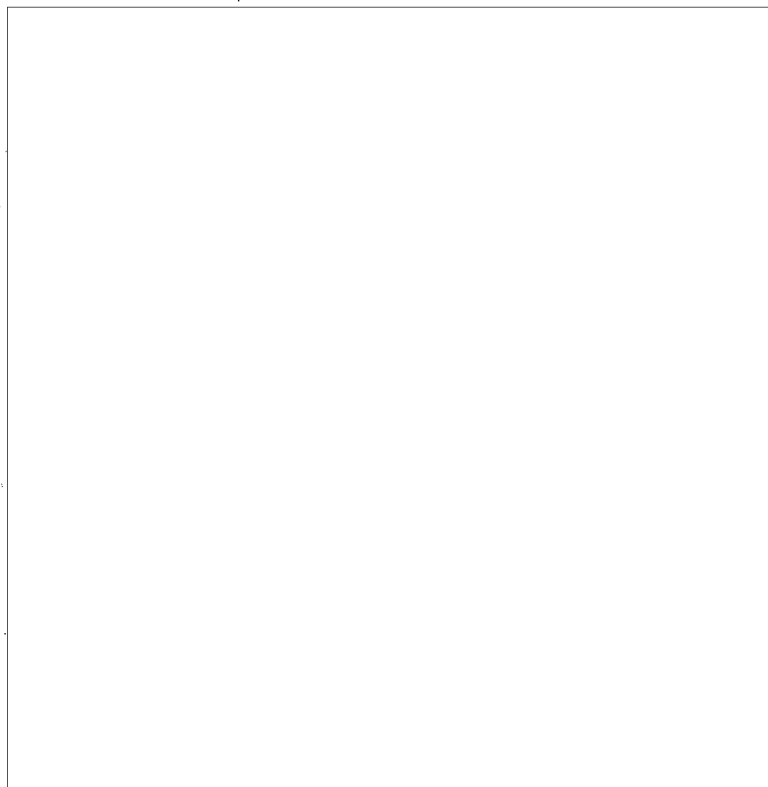
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6. South Vietnam



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NOTES

- A. **Brazil** There is talk again of a military coup.

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- B. **Haiti** Duvalier is sending an economic mission, including several of his cabinet ministers, to Western Europe before the end of June. The itinerary includes Italy, France, England, and West Germany.

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- C. **Algeria-Cuba**

[Redacted] Ben Bella is urging Castro to pay a state visit on 5 July, Algeria's independence day.

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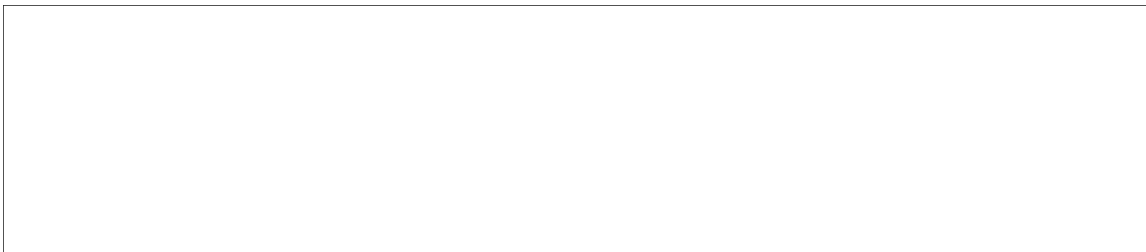
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- D. **Laos** The latest neutralist strong point to fall to the Pathet Lao is Nhommarath in south-central Laos. Phoumi is worried about the effect of this on his ability to hold Thakhek on the Mekong, the loss of which would cut the government-held area in two.

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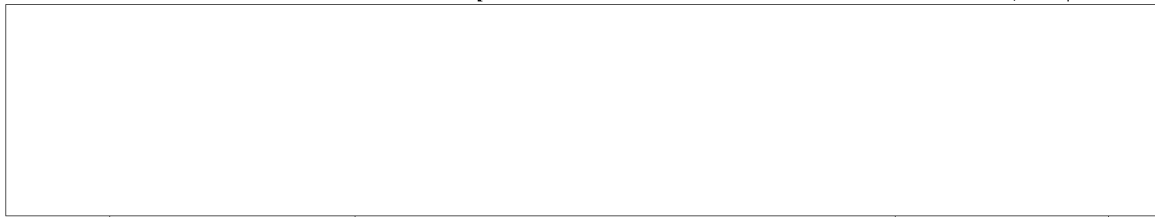
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F. Congo Stanleyville appears likely as the next site for a round of violence. Adherents of Georges Grenfell, a fanatic anti-Western Lumumbist recently elected president of the new Haut Congo province, are expected to resist efforts by Leopoldville military and security officials to unseat him.

G. USSR We have been noting signs of probable preparations for more major military exercises. We expect a large-scale air exercise involving both Soviet and Satellite forces, a naval exercise in the Norwegian Sea area, and an exercise in the northern Satellite area. 

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