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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--1 JULY 1963

1. USSR - COMMUNIST CHINA:

A. THE CHINESE HAVE ISSUED AN ICY COMMUNIQUE SAYING THAT, NO MATTER WHAT THE SOVIETS DO, THEY WILL SHOW UP FOR THE 5 JULY TALKS IN MOSCOW.

B. THEY ADD, HOWEVER, THAT THEIR DELEGATION IS UNDER ORDERS TO "EXPOUND OUR PARTY'S VIEWS ON THE GENERAL LINE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND ON SOME RELATED QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE."

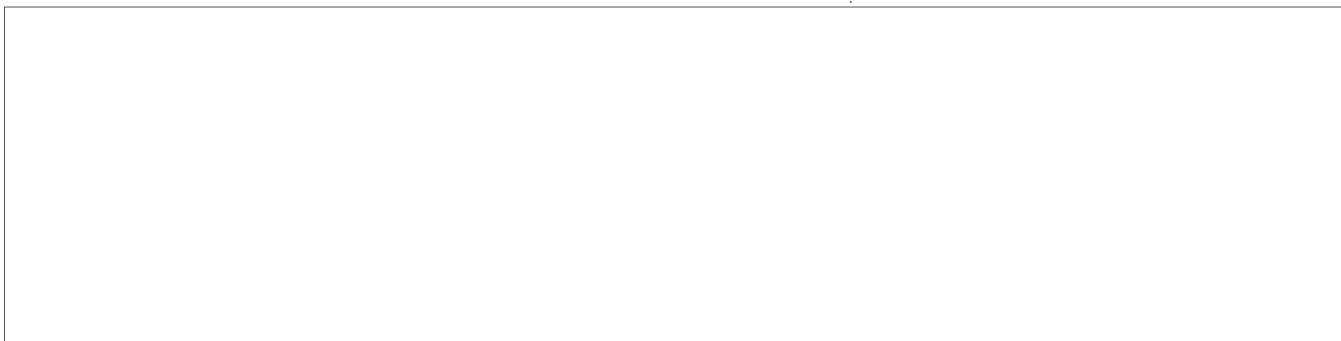


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2. UAR-YEMEN:

A. CAIRO IS AGAIN UPPING THE ANTE IN YEMEN.



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C. THE EGYPTIANS HAVE ALSO SCHEDULED FURTHER OPERATIONS USING GAS BOMBS--WHICH THEY CLAIM ARE NOT POISONOUS--SHRUGGING

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OFF PROTESTS AS "ISRAELI MACHINATIONS."

D. THE UN MISSION IN YEMEN WILL LOOK INTO THE GAS SITUATION, BUT ONLY INFORMALLY. WE DOUBT THAT THE SMALL MISSION CAN COVER ENOUGH OF THE DIFFICULT TERRAIN TO PUT THE FINGER ON THE EGYPTIANS.

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3. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. DIEM'S BROTHER NHU, BITTER OVER THE PRESIDENT'S CONCESSIONS TO THE BUDDHISTS, GIVES THE IMPRESSION HE WOULD MOVE AGAINST HIS BROTHER IF CONVINCED THE REGIME HAD BECOME "SERVILE" TO THE US.

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C. [REDACTED] MILITARY PLOTTING AGAINST DIEM [REDACTED]

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D. BUDDHIST LEADERS HAVE APPARENTLY NOW DECIDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT SHOWN SUFFICIENT GOOD FAITH, BUT WILL HOLD OFF THE NEXT PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION UNTIL WEDNESDAY.

E. THIS, HOWEVER, WILL BE ANOTHER SPECTACULAR, WITH A MONK PUBLICLY DISEMBOWELING HIMSELF.

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4. CUBA - MILITARY:

A. CUBANS HAVE STARTED FORMAL TRAINING IN THE OPERATION OF THE SOVIET SAM SYSTEMS.

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C. [REDACTED]

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5. NOTES:

A. VENEZUELA: [REDACTED] VENEZUELAN COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS ARE REPORTED ON THEIR WAY TO THE USSR FOR [REDACTED] GUERRILLA WARFARE TRAINING. [REDACTED]

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B. USSR: KHRUSHCHEV'S SPEECH TO THE RECENT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING--PUBLISHED FRIDAY--STRUCK A NOTE OF DISCOURAGEMENT ON ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE. HE REVIEWED A NUMBER OF OLD PROBLEMS, AND THEN PROPOSED OLD SOLUTIONS.

C. SYRIA: A COMPROMISE BETWEEN BAATHISTS AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF HARIRI APPEARS TO HAVE HEADED OFF A CRISIS FOR THE MOMENT. THIS COMPROMISE STILL REQUIRES SOME TICKLISH IMPLEMENTATION, HOWEVER [REDACTED]

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D. BRITISH GUIANA: THE TRADES UNION COUNCIL IS TO MEET IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION TODAY, APPARENTLY IN A MOOD TO DISCUSS SERIOUSLY TERMS FOR A RESUMPTION OF WORK.

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E. INDIA - COMMUNIST CHINA:

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F. LAOS: PREMIER SOUVANNA AND SOUPHANNOUVONG HAVE FINALLY AGREED ON THE PLAINE DES JARRES AIRFIELD AS THE SITE FOR THE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WHICH ARE TO LEAD TO NEW TALKS BETWEEN THEM. WE HAVE NO IDEA WHEN--OR IF--THEIR MEETING WILL FINALLY COME OFF.

LATE NOTE

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