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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--13 JULY 1963

1. SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE:

A. THE CHINESE, WITH A GREAT SHOW MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER, MADE CLEAR IN TODAY'S PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL THAT THE TALKS IN MOSCOW HAVE REACHED A COMPLETE IMPASSE AND WILL PROBABLY END SOON. THEY ACCUSED THE SOVIETS OF SABOTAGING THE NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE THEY STARTED BY "CATEGORICALLY REJECTING" THE VIEWS IN THE CHINESE 14 JUNE LETTER.

B. WE DO NOT RULE OUT AN AGREEMENT TO MEET AGAIN, BUT PEIPING'S REMARK THAT IF DIFFERENCES CANNOT BE RESOLVED THIS YEAR "THEY CAN WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR" SHOWS THE CHINESE ARE IN NO HURRY. THEY APPEAR TO BELIEVE THEIR POSITION SO STRONG THAT THE SOVIETS WILL EVENTUALLY BE FORCED TO COME AROUND.

C. THE NEGOTIATORS IN MOSCOW HAD NOT APPEARED AGAIN TODAY WHEN WE WENT TO PRESS.

2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. THE SITUATION IN SAIGON HAS TAKEN AN UGLY TURN.

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B. [REDACTED]

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C. OUR BEST GUESS IS THAT NHU IS CONVINCED THE ARMY IS ABOUT TO MOVE AND KNOWS A SINKING SHIP WHEN HE SEES ONE. HE HAS BEEN MAKING NOISES OF LATE WHICH SUGGEST HE HAS COME TO SEE HIMSELF AS THE SAVIOUR OF HIS COUNTRY. IT IS STILL POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, THAT HE IS ACTING FOR HIS BROTHER TO SMOKE OUT THE ARMY'S MOOD.

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E. [REDACTED] A MOVE AGAINST

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[REDACTED] THE ODDS ARE SOMEWHAT BETTER THAN EVEN, HOWEVER, THAT SOMETHING WILL BE TRIED. NHU'S SENSE OF URGENCY, AND THE EFFECT THAT HIS PITCH WILL HAVE ON THE SENIOR OFFICERS, LEAD US TO THINK IT WILL COME SOON IF IT COMES.

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3. EGYPT:

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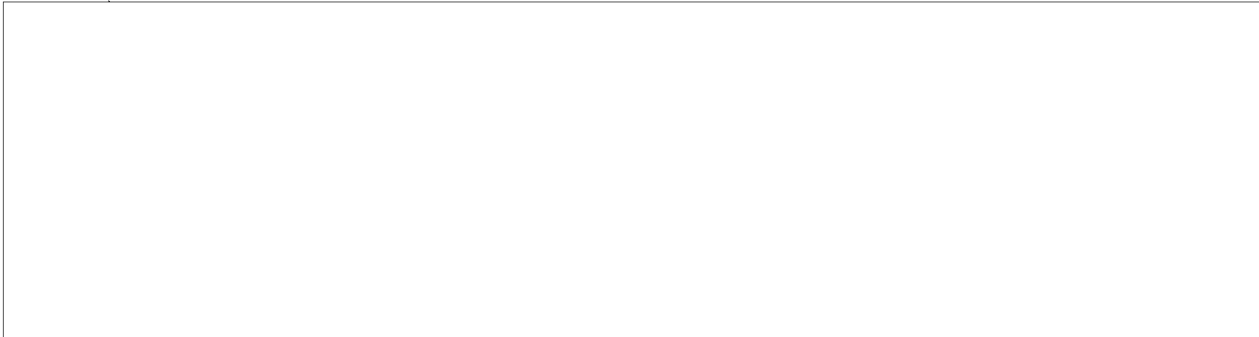
4. NOTES:

A. ECUADOR: [REDACTED] THE SITUATION IS QUIET WITH THE JUNTA IN FULL CONTROL.

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B. SOUTH KOREA: KIM HYONG-UK HAS REPLACED KIM CHAE-CHUN AS DIRECTOR OF SOUTH KOREA'S CIA. AS KIM HYONG-UK IS ONE OF THE EXILED STRONGMAN KIM CHONG-PIL'S STRONGEST SUPPORTERS, THIS IS A SETBACK FOR THE MODERATES IN THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE FOR POWER.

C. US - USSR - NORTH KOREA: AN OFFICIAL OF THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN RESPONSE TO YESTERDAY'S QUERY BY THE US CHARGE ABOUT OUR REQUEST FOR AID IN RELEASING THE TWO HELICOPTER PILOTS HELD BY NORTH KOREA, SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY INFORMED PYONGYANG OF THE US INQUIRY AND STATED "THIS CONSTITUTES THE FULL RESPONSE." WE SUSPECT THAT MOSCOW'S INFLUENCE WITH PYONGYANG HAS ABOUT DISAPPEARED.



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E. WEST GERMANY - US: THE GERMANS WANT TO DISCUSS WITH SECRETARY McNAMARA POSSIBLE DELIVERY OF NUCLEAR FUEL ELEMENTS FOR A RESEARCH REACTOR FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

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G. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: BOSCH MAY BE GRABBING A TIGER BY THE TAIL IN SUBMITTING A BILL IN THE SENATE TO CURB THE ALMOST UNLIMITED POWERS OF THE POLICE. THE BILL STRIKES AT THE POLITICAL STRENGTH OF BOSCH'S ENEMIES ON THE RIGHT, A NOT PARTICULARLY SAVORY GROUP AROUND ANTONIO IMBERT, WHO MAY NOT TAKE IT LYING DOWN.

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