

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Cuba

a. Havana is all decked out for today's anniversary celebration which will culminate in a mass rally in Revolutionary Plaza.

b. At least 200 Latin Americans apparently have been invited to attend the celebrations. For a variety of reasons, however, including Jamaica's refusal to allow transit, scheduling difficulties (probably at least partly deliberate) out of Mexico City, and a delayed Cubana flight from Europe, the number of actual arrivals has been considerably reduced.

c. Following an earlier suspension of the flight, a Cubana airlines IL-18 arrived in Rio de Janeiro on Tuesday and returned to Havana yesterday with a load of Latin American delegates to attend the celebrations. [REDACTED]

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2. USSR-Cuba

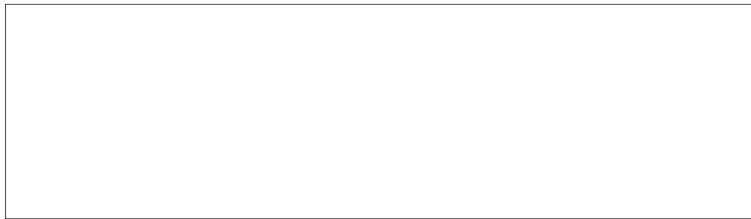
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3. South Vietnam

a. Nhu continues to meet with army generals. His purpose, he has told them, is to surface and "deflate" some of the problems that may be troubling them.

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b. With these   tactics he may well have succeeded in his evident real purpose which is to smoke out and disarm those who have harbored thoughts of a coup.

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c.  a lull in Buddhist demonstrations has coincided with a more conciliatory attitude on the part of Diem and his ministers.

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d. This has led some, including Ambassador Nolting, to express the thought that perhaps the regime can weather the crisis after all.

4. Indonesia

a. Sukarno, already angered by British expulsion of his consuls in Jesselton, professes to be outraged by receipt of a formal Malayan invitation to send a delegate to the Malaysian inaugural ceremonies on 31 August.

b. Now he says he will not attend the summit talks set for next Tuesday in Manila. Evidently to show that he means it, the Indonesians have cancelled their hotel reservations in Manila.

c. Ambassador Jones is doing what he can to repair the damage before Sukarno addresses a mass rally tomorrow.

NOTES

A. UAR A wave of arrests has hit civilian and military personnel alike in Cairo and Alexandria (where Nasir is due to speak today). [REDACTED]

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B. Laos The Chinese Communists apparently now consider "neutralist" General Khamouane, strong man in Laos' northernmost Phong Saly province, a safe bet. Both Peiping and Hanoi have been buttering him up with supplies from time to time [REDACTED]

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C. Czechoslovakia Czech party boss Novotny, a Stalinist from way back who is in bad odor with Khrushchev, has been unable with threats and warnings to stifle the demand for liberalization among intellectuals inside the party and out. He has refrained so far from using the repressive measures he knows best, possibly because he no longer can. The boldness of his critics suggests they have found important support in high places.

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D. France-NATO [REDACTED]

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E. Panama-US President Chiari responded favorably to Ambassador Farland's suggestion of possible "special assistance", and Farland therefore plans to deliver the President's letter to Chiari on Monday.