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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--3 AUGUST 1963

1. UAR - YEMEN - SAUDI ARABIA:

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2. COMMUNIST CHINA - TEST BAN:

A. THE CHINESE YESTERDAY HANDED DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN PEIPING A LETTER FROM CHOU EN-LAI CALLING FOR A MEETING OF ALL CHIEFS OF STATE TO DISCUSS THE CHINESE PROPOSAL FOR A TOTAL "PROHIBITION AND DESTRUCTION" OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

B. SINCE WE WERE PASSED A COPY IN WARSAW, IT APPEARS THAT THE CHINESE ARE TRYING TO SPREAD THE LETTER AS WIDELY AS THEY CAN IN AN EFFORT TO TRUMP THE TEST BAN AGREEMENT.

C. THEY HAVE COUPLED THIS MOVE ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT WITH THE MOST OUTSPOKEN ATTACK ON THE SOVIETS YET TO SEE LIGHT IN CHINA.

D. AN ALMOST APOPLECTIC PEOPLE'S DAILY YESTERDAY DREW FOR ITS READERS A PICTURE OF SOVIET LEADERS "EMBRACING US IMPERIALISM

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IN JOYOUS ABANDON." THE PAPER ALLEGED THAT THE TEST BAN AGREEMENT IS A "US-SOVIET ALLIANCE AGAINST CHINA PURE AND SIMPLE."

E. THE PAPER ENDED BY IMPLYING THAT THE SOVIET PEOPLE WOULD SURELY REACT AGAINST THIS "BETRAYAL" BY THEIR LEADERS.

3. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. A CONSERVATIVE BUDDHIST LEADER HAS WARNED THAT CONTROL OF THE BUDDHIST PROTEST MOVEMENT MAY BE SLIPPING INTO THE HANDS OF EXTREMIST BONZES.

B. HE FEARS THAT IF THIS HAPPENS, THE MOVEMENT WILL TAKE ON A MORE FRANKLY POLITICAL CHARACTER AND BRING NEW VIOLENCE.

C. TO AVOID THIS, HE SUGGESTS THAT THE US "MEDIATE" THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CONSERVATIVE BUDDHISTS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

D. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS RENEWED ITS OFFER TO SET UP A MIXED COMMISSION WITH THE BUDDHISTS TO LOOK INTO THE DISPUTE. THE BUDDHISTS REFUSE UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT MEETS THEIR CONDITIONS.

4. CUBA:

A. WE NOW BELIEVE THAT ENOUGH CUBANS ARE BEING TRAINED TO OPERATE ALL 24 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SITES IN CUBA.

B. THE TEN-MONTH COURSE GOT UNDERWAY [REDACTED] AT 50X1 SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD.

C. COMPLETION OF THIS TRAINING WILL GIVE THE CUBANS AN ABILITY TO HANDLE MOST OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE MISSILES. [REDACTED] 50X1

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D. AT A MINIMUM SOVIET TECHNICIANS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY ON IN KEY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR BILLETS.

5. CUBA-US:

A. THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED CANADA TO APPROVE A CHARTERED FLIGHT TO CARRY "AMERICAN STUDENTS VISITING CUBA" FROM HAVANA TO MONTREAL.

B. THE US FREEZE ON CUBAN ASSETS IS PUTTING A CRIMP IN OPERATION OF CUBAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE WEST.

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6. NOTES:

A. USSR: THE SOVIET NAVY'S SS-N-5 MISSILE, WHICH CAN BE LAUNCHED FROM UNDERWATER, MAY NOW BE OPERATIONAL.

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B. USSR-GUINEA: THE SOVIETS ARE HAVING TROUBLE BREATHING LIFE INTO THEIR AID PROGRAM.

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ONE OF THE CHIEF PROBLEMS IS THE FAILURE OF GUINEAN WORKERS TO SHOW UP AT THE WORK SITES. PARTICULARLY GALLING TO THE SOVIETS IS THE RAPID PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ON THEIR MATCH FACTORY.

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C. CANADA-CHINA: UNDER THE TERMS OF A NEW LONG-TERM AGREEMENT OTTAWA WILL PROVIDE COMMUNIST CHINA WITH UP TO SIX MILLION TONS OF WHEAT BETWEEN NOW AND MID-1966. A TOTAL OF 500,000 TONS WILL BE SHIPPED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

D. BRAZIL: GOULART WAS OUT IN THE HUSTINGS OF POVERTY-STRICKEN NORTHEASTERN BRAZIL LAST WEEK TALKING DARKLY OF REBELLION IF HIS REFORM PROGRAM IS NOT ENACTED SOON. WE REGARD THIS AS AN ATTEMPT BY THE DEMAGOGIC BRAZILIAN CHIEF TO WHIP UP POPULAR PRESSURE ON THE CONGRESS.

E. LAOS: NEUTRALIST MILITARY LEADERS HAVE MADE ANOTHER PITCH FOR THE US TO FURNISH AID DIRECTLY TO THEM RATHER THAN THROUGH CHANNELS CONTROLLED BY PHOUMI. THEY SAY THAT THEY MUST ACHIEVE A MORE INDEPENDENT POSITION IF LAOS IS TO "ENDURE."

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G. IRAQ: OPERATIONS AGAINST THE KURDS GO ON AND AS A CONSEQUENCE THERE WILL BE LITTLE IF ANY GRAIN HARVESTED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY.

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