

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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7 OCTOBER 1963
~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Brazil

a. The bank workers in Rio and the railroad employees in Sao Paulo have weakened Goulart's case for a state of siege by ending their strikes. Goulart's floor leader in the Chamber of Deputies has apparently withdrawn his support for the measure.

b. The air is thick with reports of what Goulart will do or will have done to him if his request is denied.

c. The consensus seems to be that War Minister Jair Ribeiro is now in--or at least climbing into--the driver's seat. Despite Goulart's notable ability to meddle through, his authority may not survive this one, whichever way the vote goes.

d. [redacted]
[redacted] Tito was alarmed with the state of affairs in Brazil [redacted]

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2. Algeria

a. The clash between Ben Bella's forces and the Berbers reported in the press seems to have been an isolated incident. Both sides still would rather stick to political action.



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c. Boumedienne has left Moscow but was slated to come home via Yugoslavia. He may press for more vigorous action against the Berbers.

d. We have no details as yet of the aid agreement he signed with the Russians.

e. The Algerian and Moroccan delegations which met on Saturday have issued a favorable communique. They approved "the principle" of a meeting between King Hassan and Ben Bella but did not fix a date. We have our doubts that the two rulers will get together very soon.



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3. Honduras

a. Colonel Lopez has formed a new government with himself at the top.

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b. The new regime is larded with men who have served in previous Honduran cabinets. Lopez and Colonel Armando Escalon, chief of the air force and new Minister of Defense, are the only military officers holding high positions.

c. On Saturday Lopez said his government would stay in power about a year, but would not respect any of Villeda's social legislation.

d. Further violence can be expected from militant liberals and Communists, but Lopez appears to be winning the support of professional and business groups.

e. The new Foreign Minister, concerned with US reaction to the coup, is floating the idea of a plebiscite to approve the new government.

4. USSR

a.

[redacted] an SA-3,
surface-to-air missile site [redacted]
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b. [redacted] a small (20-foot) two-stage missile. [redacted]
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the SA-3 is intended for defense in the low-to-medium altitude range.

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c. About 70 SA-3 sites have been identified, many of them co-located with SA-2 positions which defend in the medium-to-high-altitude range.

5. Kurds

a. [redacted]
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[redacted] continued shipment of food, arms and cash to the Kurds via Iran.

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b. Iran [redacted] has
[redacted] been [redacted]
[redacted] in support of the Kurdish rebellion, which despite government successes, is still very much alive.

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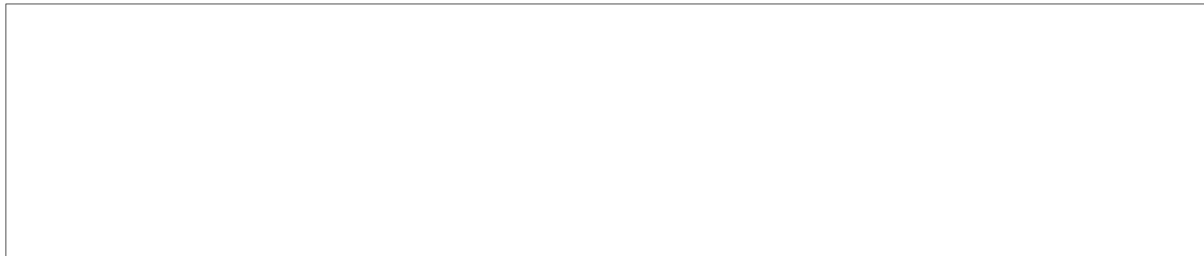
6. Israel - Arab States

a. The Israeli project to divert Jordan waters may be finished in December and actual withdrawals from Lake Tiberias on a continuing basis should begin by the middle of next year.

b. An emergency meeting of the Arab League Defense Council has been called, but our Embassy in Amman doubts that any concrete and agreed Arab military plan will come out of it.

c. However, we do not discount Syrian harassing raids against the project which could provoke a major flap.

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