

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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~~**TOP SECRET**~~

1. South Vietnam

a. The expected purge of provincial bosses is now in full swing.

b. In Saigon, there are signs of a tendency for the leadership to divide between those favoring French methods of administration and those who are more oriented toward the American way of doing things.

c. This tendency is also reflected in differences over whether a multiplicity of parties and groups should be encouraged or whether an effort should be made to work toward a two party political system.

d. Among the casualties of the fighting in Saigon were records of the land reform office. Already lagging at least two years behind schedule, this will make it harder to get the program going again.

2. Panama-Venezuela

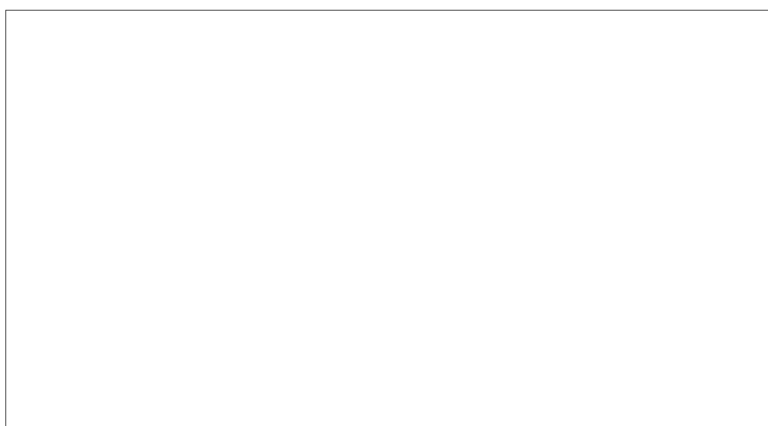
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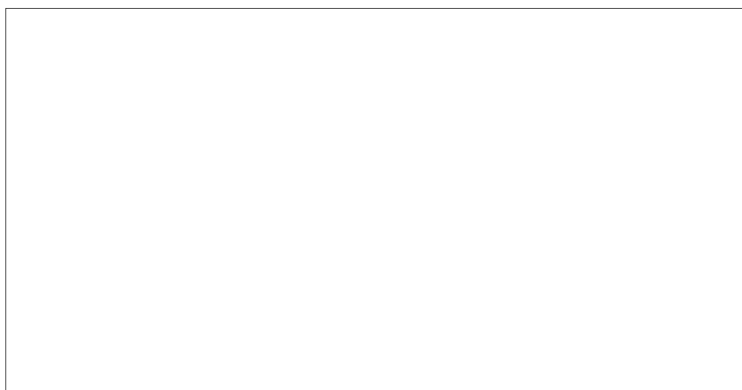
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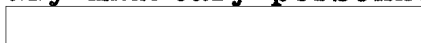
### 3. Morocco-Algeria

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c. Cease-fire commissioners now on the scene are trying to set up a demilitarized area and will probably succeed in arranging some withdrawals.

d. Even so, Morocco and, presumably, Algeria intend to hold on to what they have by assigning non-military personnel to take the place of any military personnel withdrawn.



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#### 4. Cambodia

a. Sihanouk has made another call for a neutralist government in Saigon.

b. He appears to believe that the neutralization of South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia is the only way to cope with the longer run Communist threat to his country.

c. Meanwhile, his radio continues to re-broadcast his threat of last week to dump western aid and rely entirely on Communist China unless the anti-Sihanouk clandestine transmitters in the area cease their broadcast.

d. Soviet MIG aircraft and a variety of military vehicles contracted earlier this year are now starting to arrive.

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#### 5. Mexico

a. Moderate, centrist Presidential candidate Diaz Ordaz will be coming under increasing fire from the pro-Communists and the far left who are determined to block his election.

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b. Under the circumstances, we expect he will steer clear of identification with the US in the coming months. He may well use the Colorado River problem, for instance, to prove his championship of Mexican nationalism.

NOTES

- A. Laos Souvanna told Ambassador Bowles that he got nothing from the Soviets; neither assurances of support in general nor a commitment to try to get the Polish ICC commissioner to be more constructive. Meanwhile, Kong Le apparently still thinks the USSR will aid him rather than the Pathet Lao.
- B. USSR The Soviets launched an earth satellite vehicle in the early hours this morning (Washington time). It may be another in the recoverable COSMOS series,
- C. Brazil Goulart's military are taking special measures in anticipation of strikes scheduled for tomorrow in the petroleum industry. While these measures may only be intended to ~~be~~<sup>preserve</sup> public safety and order, there is always the chance that Goulart may use such a pretext to move against his chief opponent, Lacerda.

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