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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--26 DECEMBER 1963

1. CYPRUS:

A. GREEK, TURKISH AND BRITISH FORCES IN CYPRUS HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER UNIFIED BRITISH COMMAND.

B. SCATTERED SHOOTING HAS BEEN REPORTED SINCE LAST NIGHT'S CEASE-FIRE WENT INTO EFFECT, AND THE SITUATION REMAINS EXPLOSIVE.

C. HOWEVER, WITH THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT AND A UNIFIED COMMAND TO ENFORCE IT, THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN EXPANSION OF THE FIGHTING HAS DIMINISHED.

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F. THERE WERE A FEW BRITISH, BUT NO AMERICAN CASUALTIES. CASUALTIES AMONG THE TURKS AND GREEKS MAY NUMBER SEVERAL HUNDRED.

2. GREECE: WITH PAPANDREOU'S RESIGNATION ON TUESDAY, THE CHANCES ARE GOOD THAT NEW NATIONAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD, POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS JANUARY. IF THE CRISIS IN CYPRUS CONTINUES, HOWEVER, KING PAUL MAY CALL ON THE NON-COMMUNIST PARTIES TO FORM A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION AT ONCE.

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3. **TURKEY:** INONU, YESTERDAY, MANAGED TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT MADE UP OF HIS PARTY AND INDEPENDENTS. WE ARE NOT YET SURE WHAT HIS MARGIN IS IN THE ASSEMBLY, BUT IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE VERY SLIM.

4. **SOUTH VIETNAM - CAMBODIA - US:** CAMBODIA HAS MOVED QUICKLY TO FOLLOW UP SOUTH VIETNAM'S GOODWILL MISSION OF LAST WEEK. A CAMBODIAN GOODWILL MISSION HEADED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVED IN SAIGON ON TUESDAY. SIHANOUK, MEANWHILE, HAS ACCEPTED PHILIPPINE MEDIATION OF HIS DISAGREEMENTS WITH US.

5. **ALGERIA-EGYPT**

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6. **INDONESIA-US:** SUKARNO IS BEING CAREFUL THAT DEMONSTRATIONS HE IS STAGING AGAINST US DO NOT GET OUT OF HAND. HIS POLICE BROKE UP THE ONE IN FRONT OF OUR EMBASSY ON TUESDAY, BUT PROPAGANDA BUILT AROUND THE INDIAN OCEAN TASK FORCE CONTINUES AND THERE MAY YET BE MORE SERIOUS TROUBLE.

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