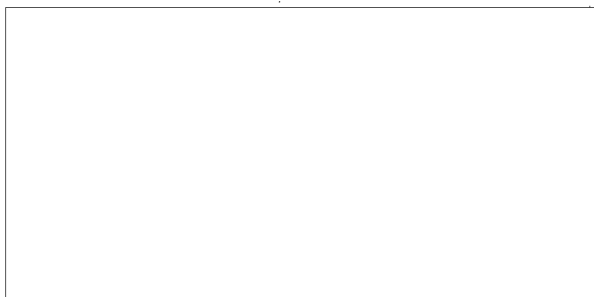


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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LATE ITEMS

1. Communist Peiping like Taipei has yet
China - France again come out four square against
"two Chinas" and in so doing has
put the French on the spot.

The relevant passage in a Ministry of Foreign Affairs statement issued today is as follows:
"According to international practice, recognition of the new government of a country naturally implies ceasing to recognize the old ruling group overthrown by the people of that country.

"Consequently, the representatives of the old ruling group can no longer be regarded as representatives of that country to be present side by side with the representatives of the new government in one and the same country or international organization.

"It was with this understanding that the Government of the People's Republic of China reached agreement with the Government of the French Republic on the establishment of diplomatic relations and the exchange of ambassadors between China and France."

2. Cyprus

Late press reports from Ankara quote Turkish Government sources as saying Turkey "is walking out" of the London Conference. This has not yet been confirmed from any official source.

1. Cyprus

a. There is still no give on either side.

b. The UK continues its efforts to line up Western support for some kind of interallied police force for Cyprus.

c. Greece has accepted the British proposal for a force of "allied troops" drawn from NATO members. Turkey was to give its answer last night.

d. Sandys is considering what pressure might be brought to bear on Makarios to persuade him to accept.

e. Makarios seemed interested, however, in an idea of Ambassador Wilkins that police officials from some other country be added to the combined Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot police force as a temporary solution.

f. London appears determined to resort to the UN if fighting breaks out before a peace-keeping formula is achieved.

2. Nationalist
China - France

a. There has so far been no reaction from either Paris or Peiping to yesterday's statement by the Chinese Nationalist Foreign Ministry. Taipei confined itself to a strong protest and a reiteration of its opposition to the two Chinas' theme "whatever the circumstances."

b. Other reactions:

USSR - Soviet propoganda, displaying sensitivity to Western press reports to the contrary, said the Soviet Union welcomed the establishment of relations between Paris and Peiping.

Ethiopia - The Emperor, who will receive Chou En-lai tomorrow or Thursday, is giving serious consideration to immediate recognition of Peiping.

Cambodia wholeheartedly approves. Ambassador Sprouse believes France's position has been strengthened in Cambodia as compared with that of the US.

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Chad - President Tombalbaye has told [redacted] that he could not afford to have a Chinese Communist diplomatic mission active in the country.

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Dahomey is expected to recognize Peiping within a few days.

3. Libya

a. Rioting continues in Tripoli, with extensive damage from fire and vandalism. The police report seventeen deaths to date.

b. Wheelus Air Base is taking special precautionary measures. Several Americans have suffered minor cuts and bruises from stoning incidents.

c. [redacted]
King Idris' ouster of Prime Minister Fikini and his use of strong-arm methods against the opposition has weakened the position of both himself and his government.

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d. Fikini is popular in Libya and could provide a focus around which opposition to the regime could unite, possibly with Egyptian support. [redacted]

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4. Arab States -
Israel

a. The Arab leaders' plan for blocking Israel's Jordan River project will take a long time to put into effect, if in fact it ever is.

b. King Husayn and Lebanese Foreign Minister Takla have said that any effort to divert the Jordan River's headwaters would not even begin until the Arab joint military command is satisfied that military preparations for meeting any Israeli retaliation are complete.

c. Their estimates of the time required to build up Arab armed forces vary from one to three years. An Arab League announcement implies that diversion work would take an additional eighteen months at a minimum.

d. The more prosperous Arab states are to assist in financing both the military build up and the headwaters diversion project, a type of cooperation at which the Arabs have not been notably successful.

e. There remains a possibility that Syria might jump the gun by sabotage or other action against the Israeli project. The Syrians were much more bellicose about Israel than anyone else at the Cairo conference.

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5. South Vietnam

a. The security situation in the northern provinces, where hard information is scarce, apparently took a sharp turn for the worse after the coup last November.

b. Our consul at Hue has reported that the Viet Cong push late in the year seriously eroded the morale of the strategic hamlet militia.

c. Many militiamen turned in their arms, and others were disarmed by local officials who considered them unreliable.

d. The Viet Cong for the most part have been using irregular platoon-sized units in intensified harassing operations without committing their regular battalions.

e. The government reports that encouraging progress is now being made in two of the eight provinces concerned, but we cannot vouch for it.

f. Another recent study, also on the pessimistic side, shows that Viet Cong ground fire against aircraft was much more effective last year than in 1962.

NOTES

- A. Panama Panamanian UN representative Boyd has told the Costa Rican representative that Panama is not insisting on any particular wording regarding revision of the treaty, wanting only some reference to the treaty. Whether any such compromise could be sold to the Panamanian public remains questionable.
- B. Indonesia-Malaysia Ambassador Jones has found Sukarno in a bad mood over press stories that the US and UK were in agreement that the independence and integrity of Malaysia must be guaranteed. Sukarno seemed to calm down after strong representations by Jones but wished to be assured that the US would accept any solution agreed to by the three nations concerned.
- C. Tanganyika Our embassy reported yesterday that Dar-es-Salaam continued calm but that the situation had not yet stabilized. Nyerere has called for an emergency meeting of the Ministers of Defense and Foreign Affairs of the members of the Organization of African Unity, which includes virtually all the Africa states.
- D. Cuba-Tanganyika Pablo Ribalta Perez, appointed first Cuban ambassador to Tanganyika in December [redacted] Ribalta, who has no known diplomatic experience, was [redacted] [redacted] involved in guerrilla warfare training when he was in charge of the San Julian Air Base. [redacted]

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E. Argentina-USSR The sale of approximately 40,000 tons of wheat to the USSR, has been announced by two firms in Buenos Aires. Negotiations for further sales are in progress. Argentina's wheat crop, which appears to be the best in ten years, could yield an exportable surplus of over 3 million tons.



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