

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

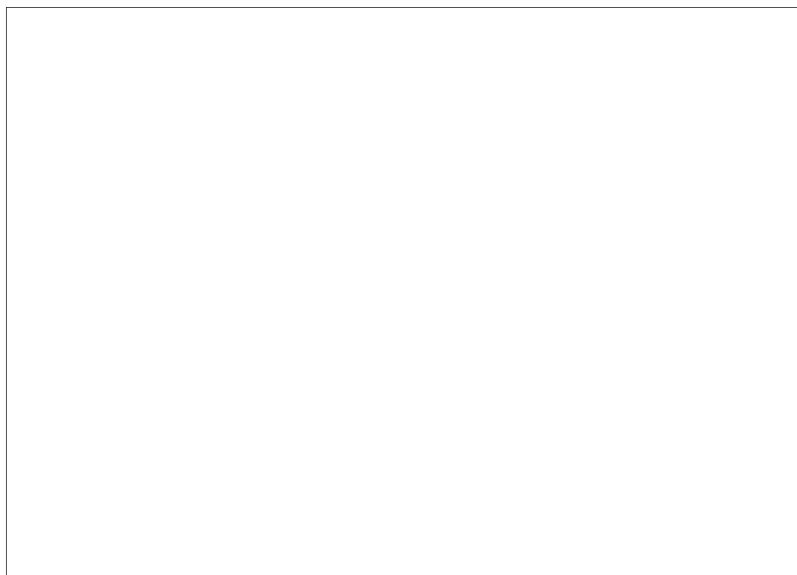
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1. Cuba

a. Castro seems to us to have embarked on a campaign to pressure the US into withdrawing from Guantanamo.

b. There is little doubt that he deliberately sent the fishing boats into US waters, and a good chance that this was done to provide him with a pretext for cutting off Guantanamo's water.

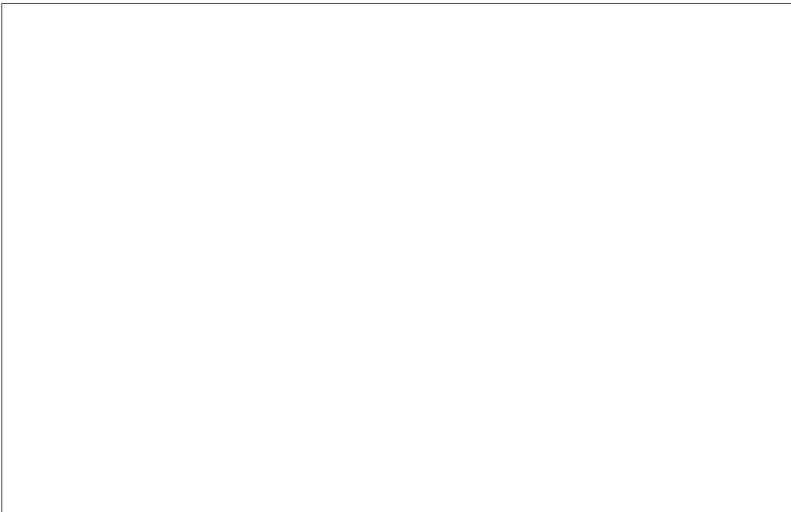


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e. On Sunday, before the boats were taken to Key West, Havana radio launched a new program series, "Cuba and the Guantanamo Base." The first broadcast declared developments in Panama had raised again the question of US rights to the base.

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f. The alacrity with which Moscow has picked up the issue suggests to us the possibility of foreknowledge.



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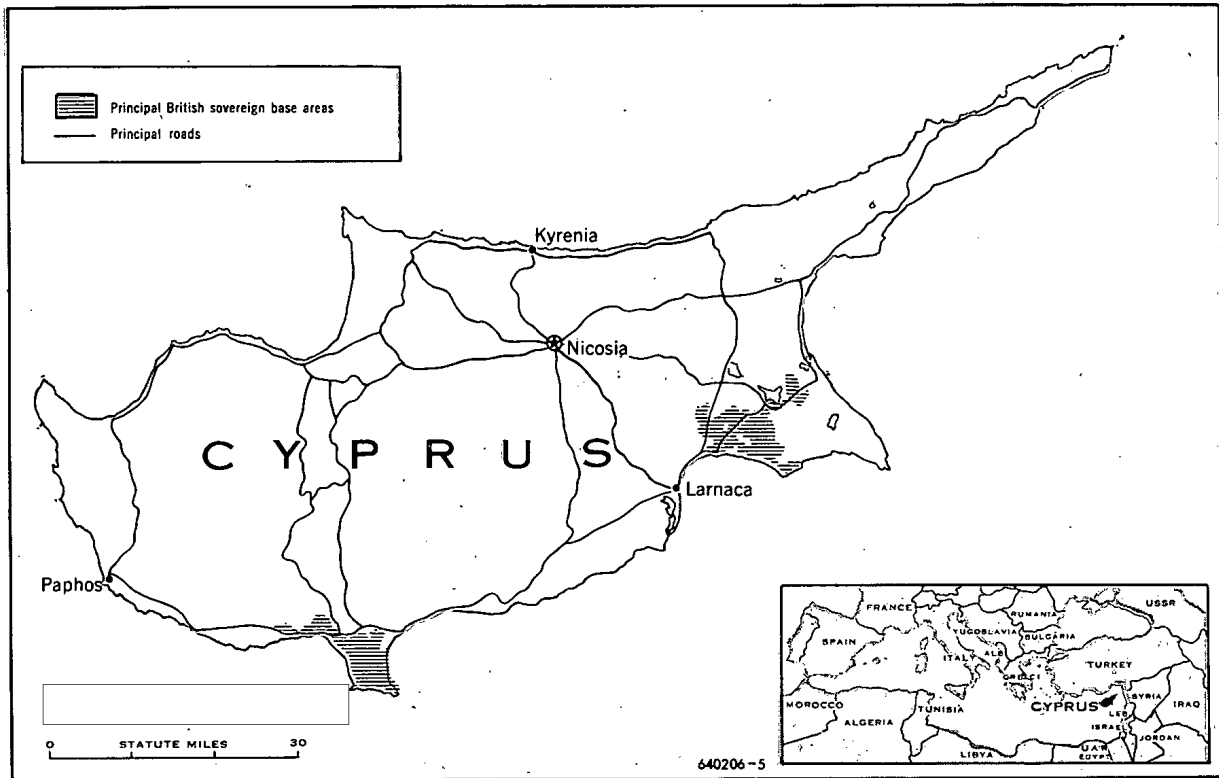
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2. Cyprus

a. The Greek and Turkish Cypriots are at each other's throat again.

b. Greek Cypriot police burned a village southeast of Nicosia yesterday, in retaliation, they say, for an earlier ambush of a police car. The Turkish Cypriots responded to this "massacre" by ambushing a party of Greek Cypriots this morning near Kyrenia.

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c. Shops were closed early in Nicosia yesterday as armed irregulars began appearing on the city streets. Americans were advised to stay indoors.



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e. Meantime, the search for a mutually acceptable formula on a force goes on. The problem is to go as far as possible to meet Makarios' demands without losing the Turks.

f. Makarios, with some support from the Greeks, is sticking to his demand for Security Council approval. The Turks are telling us in so many words that they will make no further concessions.

g. Inonu, however, is said to believe that the time for Turkish military intervention is past. We are convinced that this view is not accepted throughout the Turkish armed forces, nor could it be sustained by the government if the Turkish Cypriots begin to get the worst of it.

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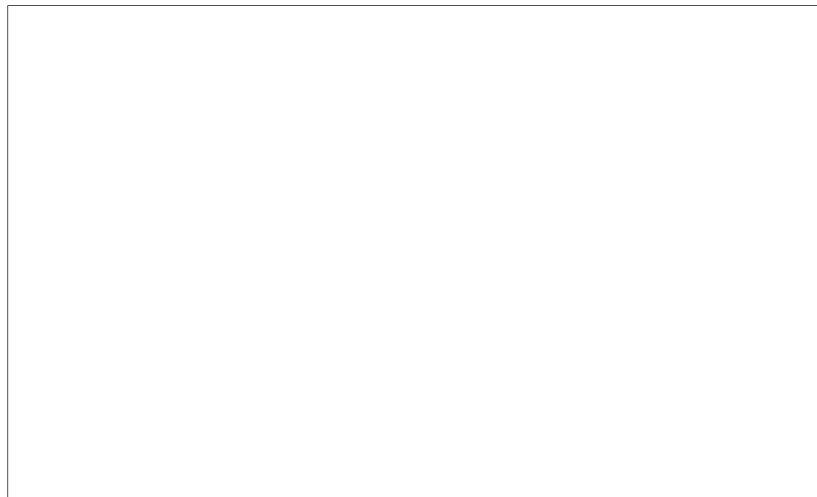
h. Before these latest incidents, Ambassador Wilkins had expressed his concern over the charged, anti-American atmosphere among the Greek Cypriots and again recommended against putting US troops ashore.

3. Greece

a. With the national elections coming up a week from Sunday, coup talk is again being heard in Greek military circles.

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b. This sort of thing accompanies nearly every election campaign, but is more urgent just now since this is the first election in more than a decade which the military's long-standing political partner, the right-of-center National Radical Union, is not expected to win.

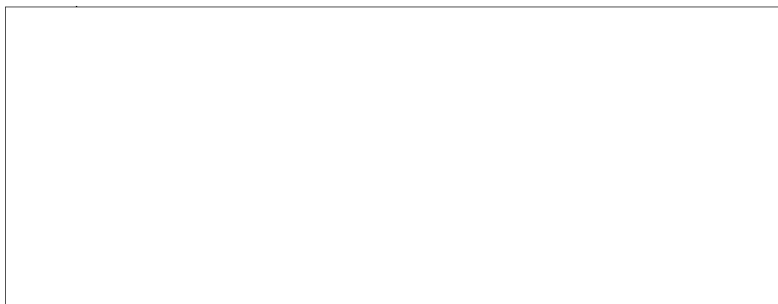


4. Panama

a. The upcoming carnival week end could bring a renewal of anti-American violence.

b. The main student leaders have scheduled a mass meeting Sunday in Panama City to pay tribute to last month's "martyrs" and "defeat the Yankees." Many radio stations and newspapers are pumping out inflammatory material.

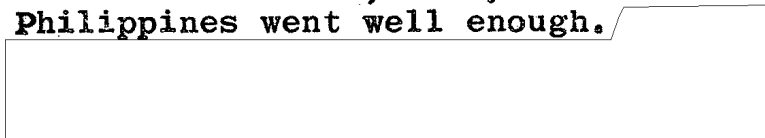
c. Agitators should find rich pickings amongst the crowds of idlers which will be larger than usual since the government banned a number of traditional carnival events.



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5. Indonesia-
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a. The first day of substantive talks among the foreign ministers of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines went well enough.



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c. The thorny issues, however, lie ahead. One of these will be the Malaysian demand that Indonesian "volunteers" be withdrawn from Malaysian Borneo.

d. Subandrio has declined so far to give any assurances to the Malaysians along these lines, and we doubt that he has the authority to do so.

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6. Ghana

a. Nkrumah's pathological concern for his safety has, it seems, led him once again to seek Soviet help in shoring up security arrangements.

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b. Up to 40 Soviets, whose presence has not been accounted for, were brought into Accra on the two latest weekly Aeroflot flights. [redacted]

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[redacted] the palace where Nkrumah has been holed up since last month's attempt on his life.

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d. Nkrumah, apparently convinced by his leftist advisors that the US is out to get him, has said, "these Americans are devils, and I am going to put them in their place."

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7. Congo

a. Congolese security forces still hold the main towns in the Kwilu area, but have done little to root out the Mulele terrorist bands or cut off their sources of supply and money.

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b. Efforts in this direction are being hampered by the usual bickering among Leopoldville politicians elbowing each other for advantage.

c. Adoula's problem is that, if the Mulele movement can keep its momentum, it will probably be able to attract support from among divers anti-Adoula elements and perhaps from the Congolese Army itself.

NOTES

A. USSR-Cyprus Gromyko this morning handed Ambassador Kohler a letter from Khrushchev to the President. It calls for western restraint toward Cyprus, opposes NATO "occupation" and suggests the Security Council as a proper forum in which to debate the issue. Similar messages have been sent to British, French, Turkish, and Greek heads of government.

B. Spain-USSR [redacted] Spain and the USSR will resume diplomatic relations by 1 April.

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C. UAR - Yemen - Saudi Arabia Nasir continues to send troops to Yemen. [redacted]

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D. Cuba-USSR Cuban trainees, now active at all SAM sites on the island [redacted]

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[redacted] These are further indications of a Soviet intent to transfer the system to Cuban control, possibly as early as April. [redacted]

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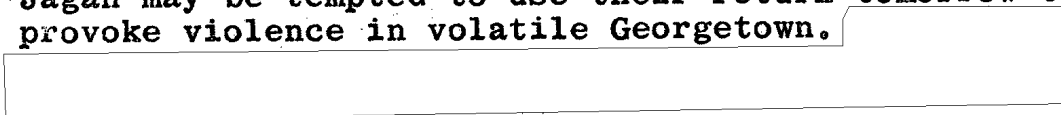
E. USSR-India Moscow has told the Indians it is willing to sell them the equipment for 14 additional SAM sites. This will boost Indian SAM purchases to 22 sites. Some equipment has arrived, and the first training site will be set up within three months; the first operational site has been delayed until late in the year.



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G. British Guiana The week-long trek through the Guiana hinterland by a tiny band of youthful supporters failed to drum up much enthusiasm for Jagan's cause. Jagan may be tempted to use their return tomorrow to provoke violence in volatile Georgetown.



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