

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. With the Cyprus issue about to go before the Security Council, the situation has eased a bit for the moment.

b. There were scattered skirmishes yesterday and this morning, but no major clashes. Nevertheless, British forces on the island are battenning down for further trouble. Added reinforcements have been brought in and some 1,200 dependents are being evacuated.

c. At least three Turkish villages are encircled by menacing Greeks. This morning a British force was reported en route to aid one of these.

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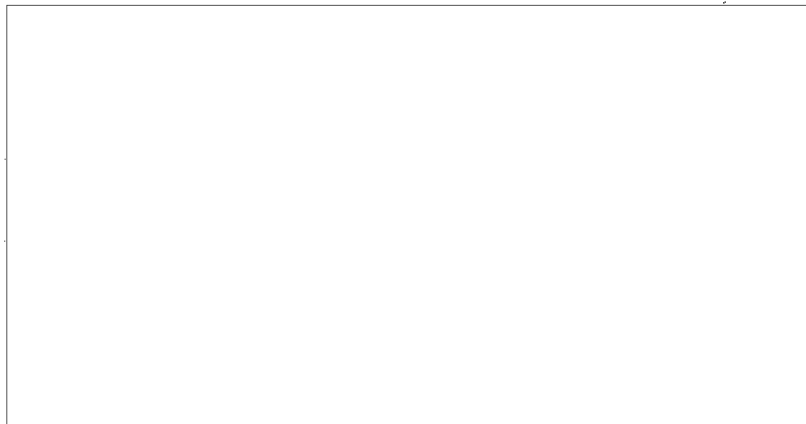
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h. Inonu was personally concerned, but he reiterated his pledge that Turkey will not intervene while Cyprus is being discussed at the Security Council, always provided that no new massacres take place.

i. The next act will be performed before the Security Council today. The Greek Cypriots, who felt that the British appeal to the UN on Saturday was not sporting, say they will go to the General Assembly if they get no satisfaction from the Council.

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2. Greece-Cyprus

a. Virtually complete returns give Papandreou's Center Union Party a substantial 52.7% of the vote and a thumping majority of 174 seats in a 300-seat parliament. Both right and left lost ground.

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b. This should give Greece a more stable government than it has had and one which can deal with greater confidence with the Cyprus problem.

c. We are not sure how Papandreou will play this issue. While he will support Makarios' position at the UN this week, he may be more of a restraining factor on Greek Cypriot extremism than his immediate predecessor.

3. Zanzibar

a. The Karume government, divided and fearful, has never really grasped the nettle and tried to restore law and order on the island.

b. As a result, a new round of violence remains a distinct possibility. Large quantities of weapons are still on the loose and at least six different groups of armed men are at large.

c. These range from the Tanganyikan police, apathetic in their barracks, through a potentially dangerous band of "security police" just organized by a leading Communist, to the gun-brandishing followers of "Field Marshal" Okello.

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d. Few of these are responsive to government control and even Karume's leftist ministers are getting worried.

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4. Somalia-Ethiopia

a. The cease-fire has not yet taken effect in the remote Ogaden region.

b. Both Addis Ababa and Mogadiscio had agreed that firing would stop along the frontier at noon yesterday.

c. The word does not seem to have reached troops on the line, and there were exchanges of fire yesterday afternoon.

d. We note, however, that it was several days before the cease-fire between Algeria and Morocco was fully effective.

5. USSR-US

a. In contrast to their usual low-key treatment of defections, the Soviets have presented us with a formal governmental protest on the Nosenko case and are hinting that it could lead to their withdrawal from the Geneva disarmament talks.

b. We see no other signs that they plan such a step and are inclined to doubt they would find the Nosenko affair a prudent or credible pretext for breaking off.

6. East Europe

a. Old Stalinist Ulbricht, who has been unhappy with Czechoslovakia's liberalizing tendencies for many months, has now taken the almost unprecedented step of publicly and officially criticizing a "fraternal" East European party.

b. This sort of thing has generally been reserved for the heretic Chinese.

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[redacted] denounced the infection which is "reaching us from Prague." [redacted]

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deplore the actions of three East European regimes in signing trade agreements with Bonn, which, in effect, accept West Berlin's inclusion in West Germany.

e. Implicit in these complaints is criticism of the USSR for letting this sort of degeneration go on.

7. Cambodia

a. We now have the text of Sihanouk's latest ultimata.

b. He says that if the "US and its friends" refuse to call a neutrality conference by the end of April, he will recognize Hanoi as the government of "all Vietnam." If we still refuse at the end of May, he will personally go to Hanoi and Peiping to sign mutual defense pacts.

c. Meantime, he will build two new jet air bases "with Chinese help," and buy new jet aircraft from the USSR and France.

e. Thus, the prince says, if the US does not give Cambodia "the elementary satisfaction we ask... the balance of forces in Southeast Asia will be completely upset."

8. South Vietnam

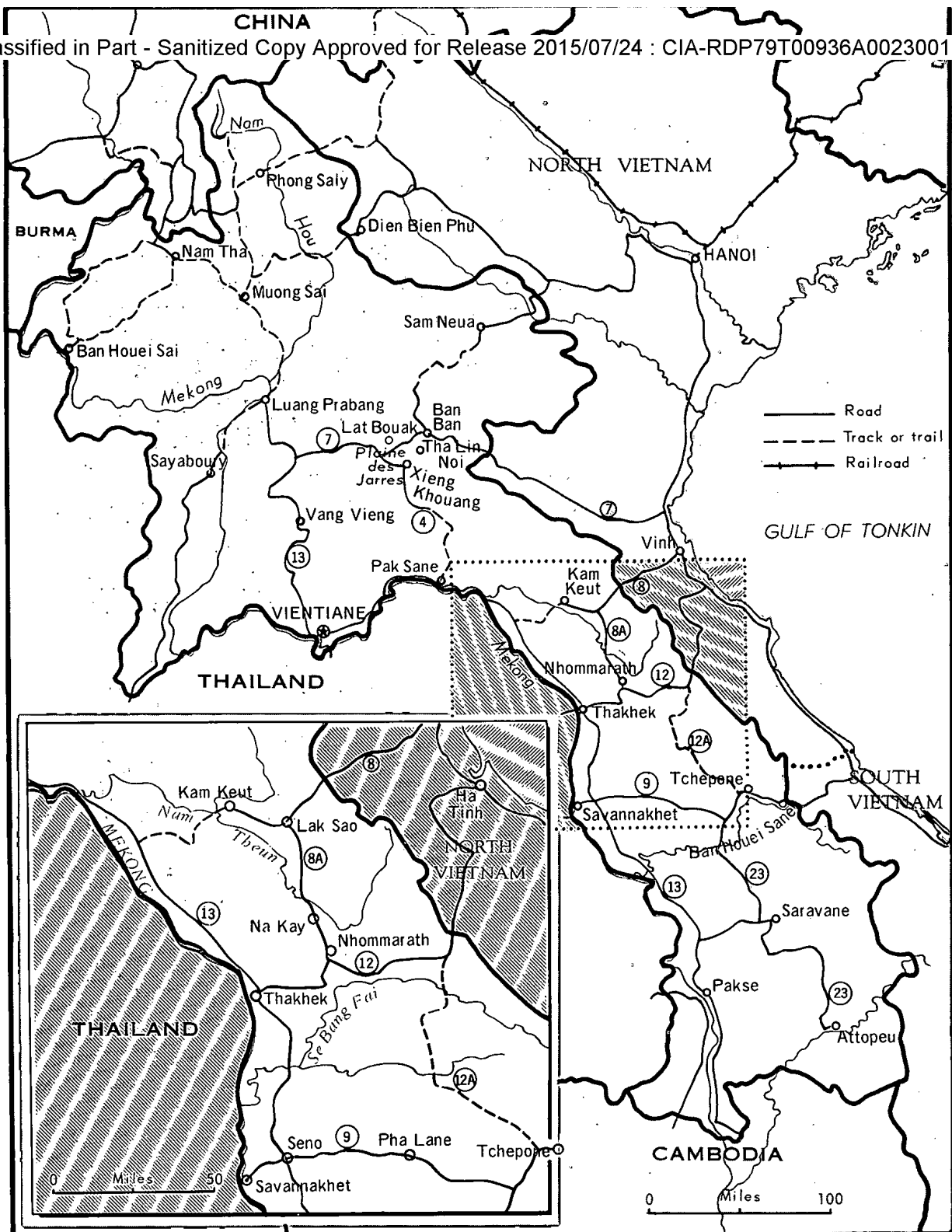
a. General Khanh is considering several moves to make his regime more attractive and effective at the local level.

b. One of these is a scheme to increase rural participation in the central government. Another is a broad new training program for rural administrators.

c. The week-long cease-fire which the Communists proclaimed for New Year's expires tonight.

d. Ambassador Lodge this morning registered with Khanh our serious concern over the rising rate of Viet Cong terrorism against Americans. Khanh promised to bring every security asset he has to bear on the problem.

e. Lodge cautions, however, that we must expect further incidents and casualties.



NOTES

- A. USSR Nothing startling emerged from the central committee plenum which closed on Saturday. Nevertheless, there could have been a closed session on the last day, dealing with such issues as top-level personnel changes and China.
- B. Belgium-Congo Brussels has agreed to send 100 additional Belgian officers to help train the Congolese Army. The Belgians are quite prepared to permit their officers to take part in training activity at the line battalion level so long as the units are not engaged in combat or "pacification" missions.
- C. Thailand-Laos Bangkok has put its forces along the Laotian frontier on the alert and sent reinforcements to the area opposite Thakhek. The Thais are nervous about the slow seepage of the Pathet Lao toward the Mekong valley [redacted] [redacted] We doubt that the Communists see any need to attack major Mekong valley centers at present.
- D. Berlin Passes West Germany and West Berlin have rejected East German proposals for new pass arrangements to cover Easter and Whitsun. The East Germans are keeping the door open, hoping to exploit differences in attitude between Brandt and his supporters and the Erhard government.
- E. USSR-Cuba [redacted] Cuba [redacted] [redacted] will be getting [redacted] Soviet submarines [redacted] [redacted].

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