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# THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

5 JULY 1961  
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3. Hammarskjold alarmed over planned Congo coup.

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[Redacted] Mobutu and

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Bomboko, with French encouragement, are considering a military coup against the Ileo government. The attempt would allegedly take place in the next week if Kasavubu's support can be assured. The Secretary General believes that such a coup would play into Soviet hands by enhancing Gizenga's support among the neutralist African states and would destroy hopes for a moderate Congo solution.

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4. Chinese Communists put out feeler on private talks with US

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An intimation of Peiping's desire for a series of informal, private conversations with US officials came at a recent meeting between US and Chinese Ambassadors in Warsaw. The Chinese, taking an unusually affable tack, urged an extension of such contacts, but took pains to hold the Peiping line on Laos, Taiwan and the UN. In recent months, Peiping has made similar approaches through other channels, always insisting, however, that Washington must take the first step toward improved relations.

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