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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--2 SEPTEMBER 1963

1. SUMMARY:

IN A GENERALLY QUIET WEEKEND, SOUTH VIETNAM SHOWED SIGNS OF EDGING SLOWLY BACK TO AT LEAST SURFACE NORMALCY.

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THE UN

SURVEY TEAM WITH INDONESIAN AND PHILIPPINE OBSERVERS ABOARD BEGAN THE SECOND AND FINAL WEEK OF ITS OPINION SAMPLING IN NORTHERN BORNEO.

2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. THERE WERE ADDITIONAL SIGNS OVER THE WEEKEND THAT SAIGON IS EDGING SLOWLY BACK TOWARD AT LEAST SURFACE NORMALCY.

B. THE CURFEW WAS CUT BACK TO FOUR HOURS FOR MUCH OF THE CITY, THE PAGODAS WERE REOPENED, AND ALL STUDENTS WHO WERE ARRESTED A WEEK AGO WERE RELEASED.

C. US OFFICIALS IN HUE REPORT THAT CITY APPEARS NORMAL EXCEPT FOR THE STILL OBVIOUS PRESENCE OF THE MILITARY. THE POPULATION GENERALLY IS BITTER TOWARD THE REGIME, BUT COWED. FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS ARE NOT CONSIDERED LIKELY.

D. [REDACTED] THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES ARE ORGANIZING A SERIES OF STUDY SESSIONS FOR GOVERNMENT WORKERS AND OTHERS DESIGNED TO IMPRESS ON THEM THE

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**WISDOM AND RATIONALE OF THE REGIME'S ACTIONS.**

**E. MEANTIME, VIET CONG MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINS AT A LOW LEVEL.**

**F. SAIGON IS TAKING THE POSITION THAT VIETNAM WILL CONTINUE NORMAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA UNLESS SOME FURTHER SIHANOUK MOVE, LIKE THE RECOGNITION OF HANOI, FORCES A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE.**

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**3. IRAQ:**

**A. THE IRAQI REGIME LAST WEEK DISMISSED [REDACTED] ARMY OFFICERS, INCLUDING SEVERAL OF HIGH RANK.**

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**B. WE ARE INCLINED TO CONNECT THIS ACTION WITH [REDACTED]**

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[REDACTED] **MANEUVERING BY PRO-NASIR NATIONALIST GROUPS AGAINST THE IRAQI BAATHISTS. ALL OF THE DISMISSED OFFICERS WERE REPORTEDLY ANTI-BAATH NATIONALISTS.**

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**4. HAITI:**

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**A. [REDACTED] DU-VALIER'S STRONG-ARM BOYS PLAN TO PROVOKE DISORDERS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.**

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B. THE OBJECT OF THIS EXERCISE, [REDACTED]  
IS TO SMOKE OUT OPPOSITIONISTS, BUT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A MORE LIKELY REASON IS TO PERSUADE LOCAL BUSINESSMEN  
TO MAKE LARGER CONTRIBUTIONS TO DUVALIER'S "DEFENSE FUND."

C. ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THIS FUND IS TO PAY FOR THE  
ARMS WHICH DUVALIER AGENTS ARE ENDEAVORING TO BUY [REDACTED]

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5. MALAYSIA:

A. WITH INDONESIAN AND PHILIPPINE OBSERVERS ON THE SCENE  
FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE UN SURVEY TEAM HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE  
LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO CANCEL TODAY'S VISIT TO THE SOUTHWESTERN  
PART OF SARAWAK FOR FEAR OF VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS.

B. US OFFICIALS ON THE SPOT REPORT THAT THE UN TEAM,  
AFTER A FIRST WEEK OF OPINION SAMPLING, IS APPARENTLY SATIS-  
FIED THAT MALAYSIA WAS A MAJOR ISSUE IN THE RECENT SARAWAK  
ELECTIONS.

C. THIS POINTS TO A REPORT FAVORABLE TO MALAYSIA UNLESS  
TEAM MEMBERS CHANGE THEIR MINDS BEFORE THEY LEAVE AT THE END  
OF THE WEEK.

6. NOTES:

A. CUBA/MILITARY: THE CUBAN AIR FORCE HAS MOVED A NUM-  
BER OF HELICOPTERS TO OPERATIONAL BASES AND APPARENTLY IN-  
TENDS TO USE SOME OF THEM IN ANTI-INSURGENT OPERATIONS IN THE  
MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL CUBA AND ALONG THE NORTHERN COAST.

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C. FRANCE-VIETNAM: AN OFFICIAL AT THE FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE DOUBTS THAT THE OLYMPIAN DE GAULLE STATEMENT ON VIETNAM PORTENDS ANY SENSATIONAL NEW DEPARTURE IN FRENCH POLICY. HE CAUTIONS, HOWEVER, THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE CANNOT PRETEND ALWAYS TO KNOW JUST WHAT DE GAULLE MAY HAVE IN MIND. AMBASSADOR LYON SEES NO ADVANTAGE TO FRANCE IN ITS BECOMING MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED JUST NOW IN THE COMPLEX VIETNAM ISSUE.

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**1. Cuba-USSR**

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b. The Soviets   
appear to be readying more military  
equipment for return to the USSR.

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c. Recent photography shows  
over 30 vans in a spot used as a  
staging area before similar equip-  
ment was shipped back last June.

d. Meanwhile, the backlog of  
would-be passengers from Cuba to the  
USSR continues to tax Soviet shipping.

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**2. Sino-Soviet  
Dispute**

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### 3. Laos

a. Souvanna himself, in contrast to what his political adviser told us last week, appears optimistic that the Pathet Lao are "coming around" and will participate actively in the government.

b. He told Ambassador Unger on Sunday that he has agreed to the formation of a tripartite police force in Vientiane--one of Souphannouvong's conditions for the return of the Pathet Lao leaders.

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c. However, General Phoumi, who controls the city, is unlikely to agree to anything more than a token integration.

d. We doubt that Souvanna can really restore stability before he leaves on Monday for an extended trip abroad.

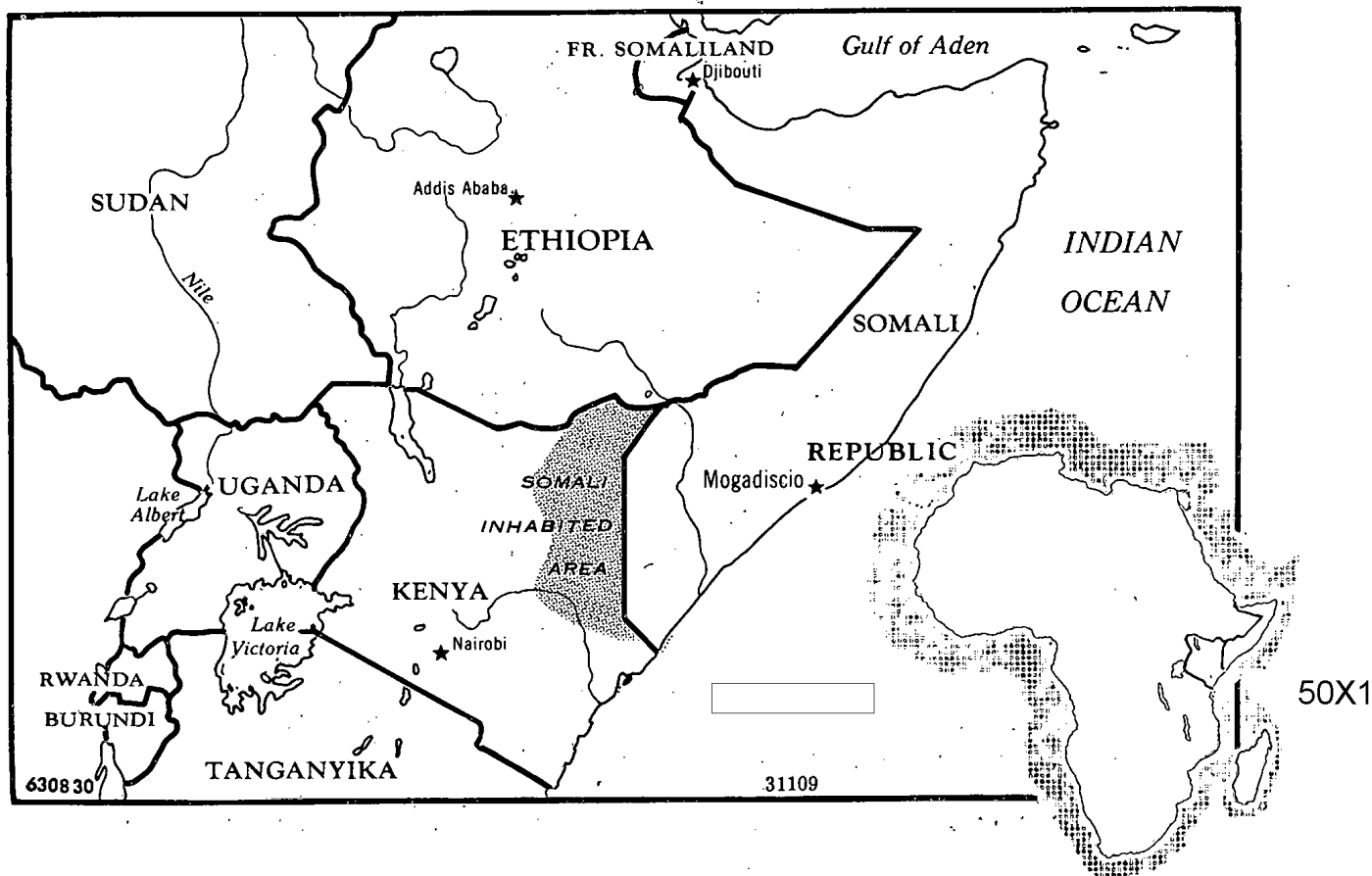
4. UAR - Yemen -  
Saudi Arabia

a. Egyptian forces still have their hands full trying to subdue the Yemeni royalists.

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d. On Monday, Faysal vigorously reaffirmed to our embassy his contention that Cairo has not complied with the disengagement agreement, but gave no indication of possible Saudi action.

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NOTES

- A. South Vietnam There has been no significant change in the overall situation. [REDACTED]
- B. Iran Trouble may be brewing over the elections set for 17 September. Government pressure on civil servants to assure a sizable vote has created widespread resentment, while religious fanatics are increasing anti-government agitation. Tehran insists publicly that the elections will not be rigged. [REDACTED]
- C. UK-Kenya-Somalia Talks in Rome have failed to resolve the dispute caused by Somali territorial claims in Kenya. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Kenya turned down a Somali proposal for either joint or UN administration of the disputed area pending further negotiations. We expect the Somalis will now set out to stir up more trouble in the area.
- D. Eastern Europe - USSR The active phase of a Warsaw Pact exercise involving East German, Czech, and Polish forces apparently began on Friday. We cannot be sure of the degree of Soviet participation, if any. [REDACTED]

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**4 SEPTEMBER 1963**

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1. South Vietnam

a. The Italian Ambassador and the Apostolic Delegate in Saigon believe Ngo Dinh Nhu wants to work things out with the US. They say, apparently on the basis of contact with Nhu, that Madame Nhu is ready to leave the country for a time in order to "save face" for the United States.

b. The Italian Ambassador considers Nhu nonetheless to be basically anti-American and intent on ultimate neutralization and unification of Vietnam.

c. Both he and the Apostolic Delegate referred to rumors that Nhu is "in touch" with the North.

d. [redacted]  
Nhu recently boasted in a meeting with general officers of his contacts with the North. [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] high North Vietnamese officials claim they have contacts with their south Vietnamese counterparts.

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e. [redacted]  
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[redacted] the French provide channels for such contacts.

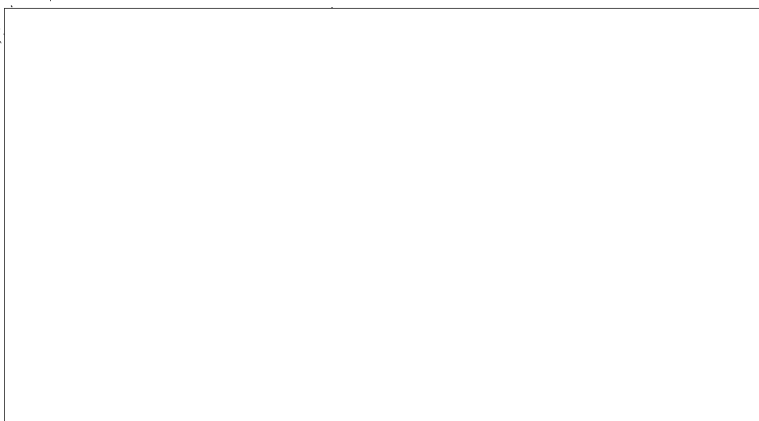
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**2. UAR/Saudi  
Arabia**

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**3. Cuba**

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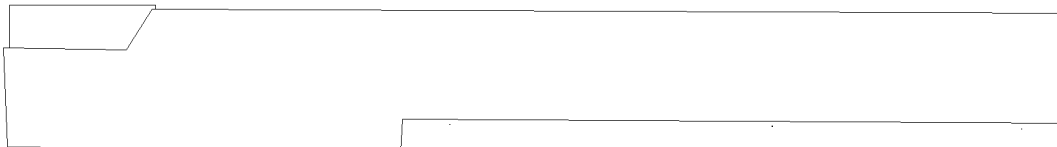
b. Security forces apparently captured a group of 15 "well-armed" infiltrators which had been spotted by a Cuban naval unit late yesterday morning at Manati on the northeast coast.



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- B. Sino-Soviet Dispute The Soviet government paper Izvestia has again chided Peiping for inaction toward Hong Kong, Macau, Matsu and Taiwan--a sterling example, Izvestia says, of the meaninglessness of Chinese Communist militancy when it comes to matters on its own shores. The last time the Soviets brought this up, the Chinese asked if the Russians really meant to raise the question of "unequal treaties," under which Czarist Russia took large areas of Central Asia, Mongolia and Manchuria from China.



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1. UAR - Yemen -  
Saudi Arabia

a. Egypt persists in its practice of rotating--rather than withdrawing--its troops in Yemen.

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2. South Korea

a. Prospects for an orderly election next month are dimming.

b. Extremist followers of the notorious Kim Chong-pil seem determined to perpetuate themselves in power by all means.

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c. They are demanding that strong measures be taken against their rivals inside or outside the junta.

d. But public criticism of the junta is growing and Ambassador Berger believes that a series of blatant repressive moves could set off a chain reaction of public defiance of the regime.

e. Even so, Berger sees no evidence that discontent with the junta has been converted into popular support for the fractionalized opposition.

### 3. Sino-Soviet Dispute

a. State relations between Peiping and the rest of the bloc continue their apparently ineluctable downward course.

b. Yesterday the Chinese charged the Soviets with having organized a "provocative anti-Chinese" demonstration outside the Chinese embassy in Moscow. This sort of thing has generally been reserved for non-bloc embassies.

c. Two days earlier the Czechs tossed out two more Chinese Communists for trying to distribute pamphlets attacking the Czech and Soviet parties. One of the expellees was a minor official at the Chinese embassy in Prague.

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d. The expulsion of three New China News Agency representatives on similar charges was followed by the closure last month of the agency's Prague offices.

#### 4. Malaysia

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b. The UN in New York says the survey teams have completed their work and are leaving northern Borneo today, apparently without acceding to the Indonesian demand.

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A. Canada A friendly and thoroughly reliable Canadian official has discreetly informed the US Embassy that serious consideration is being given in the highest circles in Ottawa to Canada's serving as an "honest broker" in ending Communist China's isolation from the world community. These circles are also toying with the notion that the time has come for Canada to assert its leadership of the "middle powers" by procuring a new draft comprehensive disarmament treaty. Something along these lines may emerge in Pearson's address to the UN General Assembly.

B. Syria-USSR

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C. Uruguay-USSR

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D. Jordan-France King Husayn is expected to press de Gaulle for French economic assistance when he visits Paris next week.

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E. Communist China-Burma The importance which the Chinese Communists attach to Ne Win's negotiations with Burmese communists is shown by the high-level send-off given the leader of the Peiping-oriented wing of the Burmese party. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Teng Hsiao-ping, secretary general of the Chinese Communist Party and one of Mao's closest advisors, was among those seeing the Burmese off last weekend. This individual was returning to Burma, after a decade-long exile in China, to participate in the Ne Win negotiations. [REDACTED]

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1. South Vietnam

a. Diem appears about to get some of the more controversial members of his family temporarily out of the country.

b. Madame Nhu has been named head of South Vietnam's delegation to an international conference in Belgrade next week.

c. If she goes at all, however, she may be away only for about ten days, and might well use the meeting as a forum for further provocative remarks.

d. Archbishop Thuc is said to be going to Rome. This is somewhat more doubtful, as Thuc's political power in Hue is increasing, and he is deeply involved in combating antigovernment sentiment at the University of Hue.

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2. Cuba - Communist China

a. Peiping continues to exploit indications that the Castro regime is not totally committed to Soviet positions.

b. On Wednesday, a Peiping broadcast quoted generously from an article by Che Guevara which urged all the people of Latin America to unite for a "head-on struggle against imperialist power."

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c. The article appears to echo Castro's 1962 "Second Declaration of Havana," which Moscow-oriented Communists criticized for its failure to stress the possibilities of peaceful movement toward communism.

d. Guevara's statements will further complicate Cuba's position in the Sino-Soviet dispute, already muddled by Castro's militant 26 July speech and Cuba's failure to sign the test-ban treaty.

### 3. Laos

a. The loss of an Air America plane to ground fire yesterday will dim even further Souvanna's chances of getting his coalition government together in Vientiane before he goes abroad on Monday.

b. The plane was on a rice-drop mission. The Pathet Lao claim such flights do not have the approval of the tripartite government.

c. Souphannouvong once threatened to shoot down any US aircraft that overflow "his" territory. No US-chartered planes have been lost to enemy fire since January, however, although many have reported ground fire while flying over Pathet Lao - held territory.

#### 4. Yemen

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#### 5. Sino-Soviet Dispute

a. Yesterday's People's Daily article lays all that has gone wrong with the Communist movement at Moscow's door..

b. Khrushchev is depicted as the chief culprit, and his denunciation of Stalin in his secret 1956 speech to the 20th Congress of the Soviet party is said to have started "the differences."

c. All the top Chinese leadership is carefully associated with the views expressed, as if to refute charges that it is divided. (Cont'd)

d. Peiping's determination to go it alone is evident, but the Chinese try to preserve the outer shell of unity, and indicate that any further widening of the rift will be up to Moscow.

e. Especially in view of the personal attack on Khrushchev, Moscow will probably feel compelled to reply in kind.

NOTES

A. Greece-Cuba Prime Minister Pipinelis has informed Ambassador Labouisse that a royal decree prohibiting Greek-flag ships from bringing cargo away from Cuba is being readied for the king's signature. Pipinelis and other Greek officials said the government would do its utmost to enforce this and some already existing decrees, although they felt certain aspects of them were unconstitutional.

B. Cuba-US

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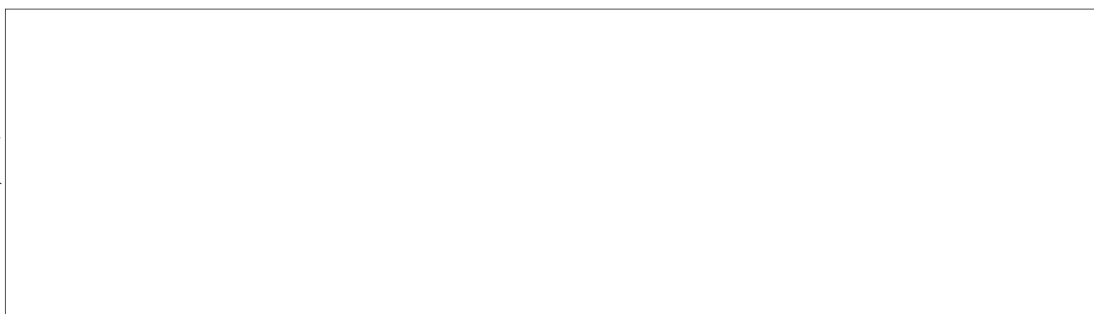
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C. Venezuela Communist-led FALN terrorists are stepping up efforts to provoke the armed forces to oust Betancourt before the November elections. They apparently hope that a military junta would be easier to topple than Betancourt's relatively democratic regime. They have attacked security force installations in daylight three times in the last ten days, and further damaged US-owned petroleum installations. Security measures have been stiffened, and the government may, reluctantly, resort to martial law in the more vulnerable areas.

D. Japan-Communist China

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**THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--7 SEPTEMBER 1963**

**1. CUBA:**

**A. THE BOMBS WHICH HAVANA SAYS WERE DROPPED ON SANTA CLARA THURSDAY NIGHT MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED FOR THE SHELL REFINERY IN HAVANA.** [REDACTED]

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**B.** [REDACTED]

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**C. HAVANA IS, OF COURSE, BLAMING THURSDAY'S INCIDENT ON THE US.**

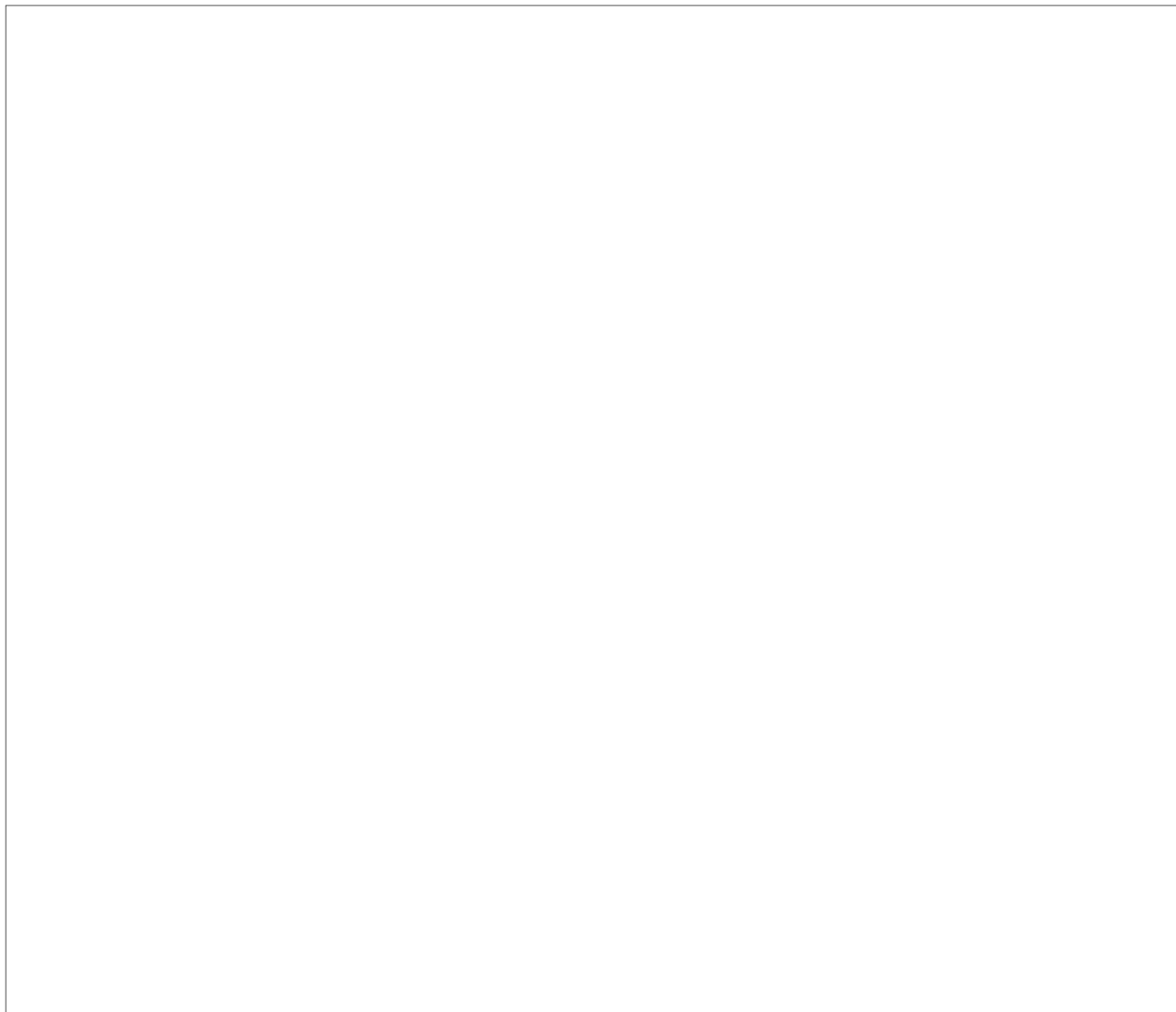
**2. INDONESIA-MALAYSIA:**

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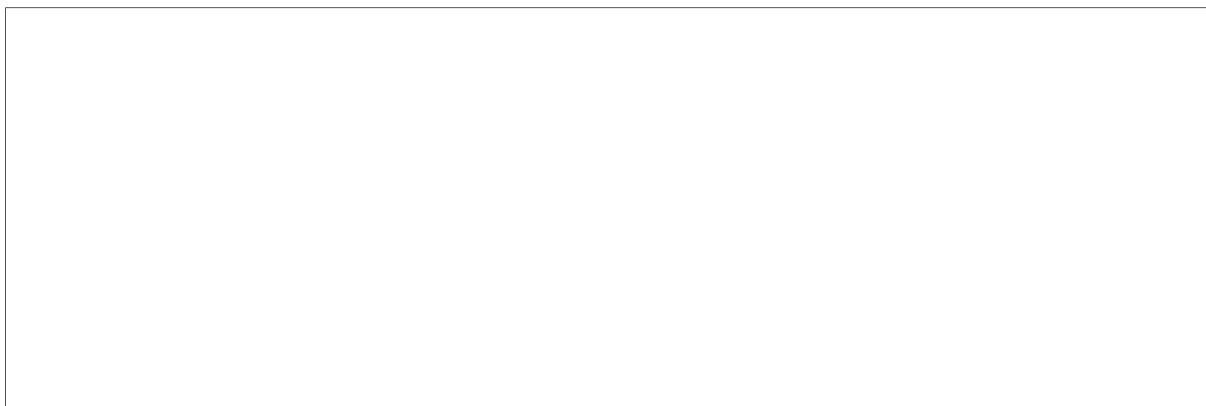
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**3. SWITZERLAND--NUCLEAR WEAPONS:**



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**4. USSR-AFGHANISTAN:**

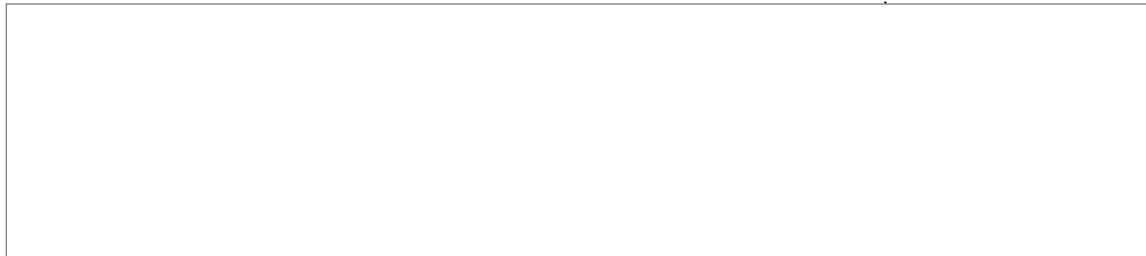


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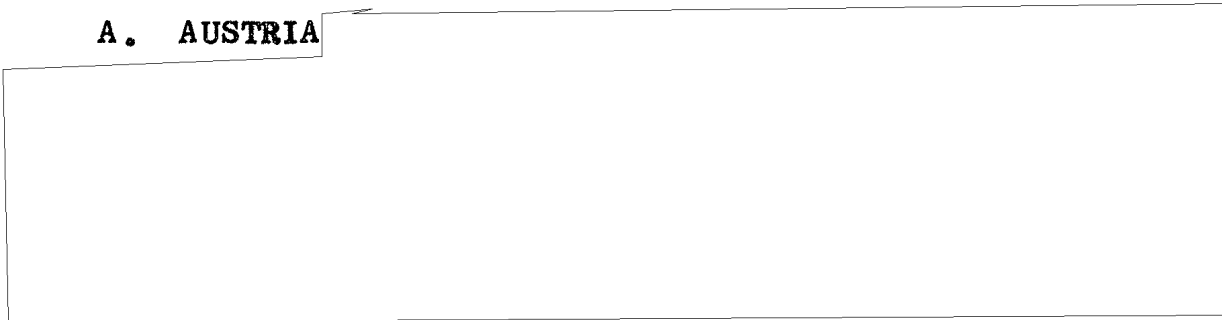




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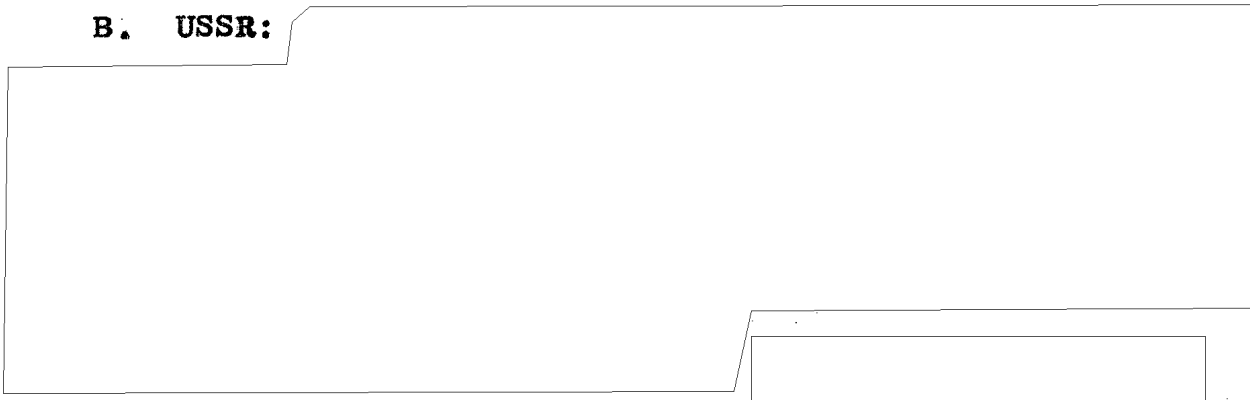
**5. NOTES:**

**A. AUSTRIA**



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**B. USSR:**



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9 SEPTEMBER 1963

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1. Laos

a. A flurry of gunfire erupted in Vientiane early this morning (last night Washington time) following a Pathet Lao attempt against Col Bounleut, Phoumi's chief military aide.

b. By tossing grenades into his yard, they presumably hoped to provoke rightist forces into action which would allow the Communists to claim Phoumi was trying to take over.

c. Phoumi's troops moved quickly to surround the billets of the small Pathet Lao detachment in town. Vientiane is now quiet but tense and heavily patrolled.

d. As is often the case in Laos, the only known casualties were a couple of innocent bystanders.

e. Souvanna, unshaken by this most recent evidence of factional tension, still plans to leave on an extended visit to France and the US.

## 2. South Vietnam

a. The Diem/Nhu government is letting it be known that a shakeup is in the offing and that acting chief of staff Gen. Tran Van Don is slated for a "key" post as assistant Defense Secretary.

b. The ostensible purpose may be to placate us and some dissatisfied elements in the military, but it appears that most of the changes, if made, will actually be in the direction of assuring unquestioned loyalty to the regime.

c. Although some students have been released, more were rounded up again today following another demonstration, and the promised early end to martial law is still not in sight.

## 3. Malaysia

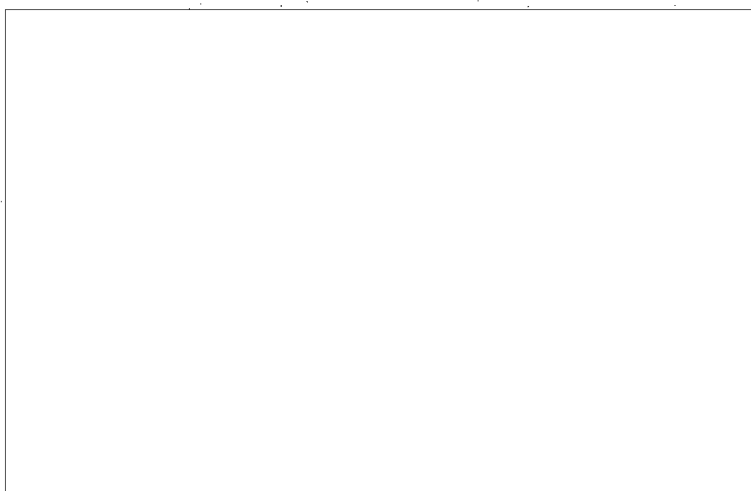
a. The Malaysia scheme is perilously close to the rocks as it enters the final week before its formal adoption. Internal bickering is running high.

b. Everyone seems to be fighting Sukarno's battles for him, with Singapore's Lee threatening to stay out, Rahman threatening to keep him out, and Sarawak showing the "audacity" to demand a local candidate instead of a Malay for governor.

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#### 4. Cuba

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#### 5. South Korea

a. Kim Chae-chun, former security chief and founder of the opposition Liberal Democratic Party, suddenly left the country on Saturday in at least temporary exile.

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b. His action follows a series of meetings with junta leaders during which we assume they "talked to him" about his avowed intention to fight the Kim Chong-pil faction "to the death."

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c. Kim, on leaving, completely disavowed his party and its candidate for president, Song Yo-chan, who is currently under arrest.

d. Neither Kim, Song, nor the Liberal Democratic party ever held much promise, but the junta apparently feels compelled to make absolutely certain that next month's elections are in the bag.

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Communist China - USSR

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1. Cuba

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c. Castro was shrill on the subject of [ ] raids during an impromptu interview last Saturday. He tried to convey the idea that they were a big factor in his deliberations on whether to sign the test-ban treaty.

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d. Castro warned that the raids, "financed encouraged, and abetted by the US," could lead to a crisis worse than that of last October.

e. Moscow has chipped in with another denunciation of these "provocations," which, it rather mildly charges, are the work of exiles wishing to drag the US into a military conflict with Cuba.

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**2. South Vietnam**

a. Viet Cong [redacted]  
[redacted] in northern South Vietnam  
have been unusually active since  
late last month.

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b. Some of these are believed  
to serve points along the infiltra-  
tion routes from the north. Their  
heightened activity could mean that  
Viet Cong strength in this area is  
being augmented.

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**3. Sino-Soviet  
Dispute**

a. The fissure between Peiping  
and Moscow grows wider.

b. Chinese representatives in  
Sweden have twice assured Swedish  
officials that, if the Swedes were  
ever attacked by the Soviets, China  
would come to Sweden's aid.

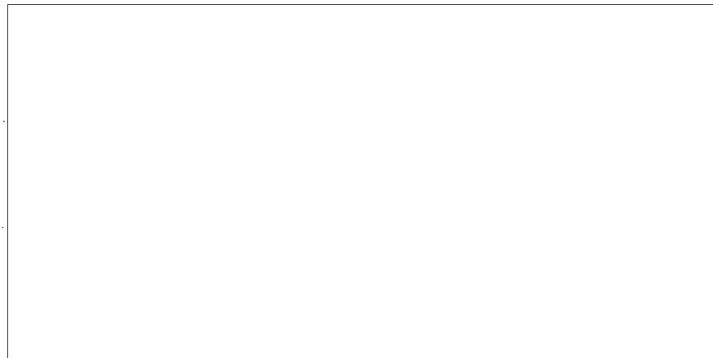
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c. For their part, the Soviets have a delegation in Karachi seeking landing rights in Pakistan "just in case" Aeroflot needs an alternate to its route via Sinkiang to New Delhi.

d. A Soviet official in Belgrade, probing US reaction to Tito's Latin American trip, has observed that the latter's views on coexistence were surely preferable to the Chinese, and Castroist, policies now being spread there.

#### 4. Arab World

a. The Egyptians are showing some alarm at signs of an effort by the Baathist regimes in Syria and Iraq to expand Baath party influence in North Africa.



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**5. Malaysia**

a. The Indonesians, hoping to forestall any breaking of ranks by the Philippines, were trying over the weekend to get a [redacted]

[redacted] message from Subandrio to Philippine Foreign Minister Lopez.

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b. [redacted] the purpose of the message was to give Lopez a better idea of Indonesia's stand on "important questions" relating to Malaysia.

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c. The Indonesians may have gotten wind of the Lopez view, conveyed to Ambassador Stevenson yesterday, that the Philippines might find it possible to accept a UN report if it was sufficiently categorical and sweeping in support of Malaysia.

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NOTES

- A. Laos Vientiane has returned to normal this morning. Security restrictions have been lifted except in the immediate area of Pathet Lao headquarters. The possibility that the Phoumi forces would overreact to yesterday's incident and use it to remove the Pathets from Vientiane seems to be fading.
- B. South Vietnam The Saigon regime has apparently launched an all-out effort to clamp down on anti-government student outbursts. According to late press reports, armed combat troops and police have moved into all the city's high schools. One report says that five have been closed.
- C. USSR A new Soviet space operation is probably in the works. 50X1
- D. USSR--Military Moscow may be taking a hesitant first step toward implementing Khrushchev's intention 50X1
- to reduce Soviet military spending. Although all the returns are not yet in, circumstances surrounding this year's call up of draftees lead us to believe that some reduction in the size of Soviet forces could result.

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**E. USSR-Canada-US**

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**F. Yugoslavia-Brazil** Tito has cut his Brazilian visit from eight to four days in the face of opposition from Brazilian conservatives. He is scheduled to arrive on 18 September.

**G. Turkey** Turkish leaders remain edgy about disaffection in the armed forces. Arrests have been made in connection with alleged schemes to free those involved in the abortive May attempt to overthrow the government.

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1. USSR-US

a. In a conversation yesterday, Gromyko, who leaves for New York on Sunday, impressed Ambassador Kohler as relaxed, and positive in his expressions of hope for progress in US-Soviet relations.

b. Gromyko, nevertheless, stuck to the Soviet position that any rules for outer space must provide for prohibition of satellites for spying, propaganda, or military purposes.

c. He also saw little chance for enlarging the UN Security Council through a revision of the charter as long as the US insisted on retaining "the Chiang Kai-shekist clique."

d. In regard to a non-aggression pact, Gromyko stressed that linking this issue with access to Berlin, which the Soviets considered related to the broader question of a German peace treaty, was out of the question.

2. Egypt-Yemen

[redacted] a federation of Egypt and Yemen will be announced on 26 September, the anniversary of the revolution.

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b. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has repeatedly maintained that such a union would be burdensome, and unpopular in Egypt.

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c. However, he is determined to keep the republican regime alive and may be convinced that only some arrangement which would cover and justify the continued presence of Egyptian troops will insure its survival.

### 3. Iraq-USSR

a. The USSR appears to be implementing last month's agreement to resume shipment of conventional military equipment to Iraq.

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d. Some \$25 million worth of Soviet arms and ammunition ordered in October 1961 has yet to be delivered.

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#### 4. Cuba

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c. Conventional Cuban Communists, such as Blas Roca, regarded as more responsive to the Soviet view than to Castro's, were said to have no power within the party.

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d. [REDACTED]

Castro's affinity for the Chinese position was obvious, both in his remarks and in the amount of Chinese propaganda circulating within the party.

e. Castro seemed eager to support subversion in Latin America, and said "any quantity" of US dollars could be made available for arms to step up the revolution in the source's country.

## 5. Malaysia

a. Foreign Minister Subandrio says Sukarno is "upset" over Malaysia developments and that trouble lies ahead unless Tunku evidences a real spirit of friendship and cooperation.

b. In a long conversation with Ambassador Jones yesterday, Subandrio rehearsed Indonesian arguments that the UN survey, especially in Sarawak, was inadequate and would be exposed as "farcial" if it reported Sarawak in favor of Malaysia.

c. Subandrio said his government had not decided what to do after UN survey report is issued on 14 September; he suggested, however, that

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unless the Tunku were willing to conduct further discussions on the future of Malaysia, Sukarno might take out his wrath against the British and the Tunku by resort to force.

d. Meanwhile, both Britain and Malaya have reinforced their troops in Sarawak, and the Indonesian army has announced that "special battle units" have been sent to "strengthen the security" along the Sarawak border.

NOTES

- A. South Vietnam The government's charge that Communist agents are responsible for the student demonstrations, which now comprise the chief open anti-government agitation, has not been substantiated. The French Ambassador in Saigon, however, impressed at the way women and children are being organized to demonstrate, suspects the Communists are behind the agitation, even though the students themselves are not Communists.

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- C. Congo As many as 4,000 of Tshombe's former gendarmes, possibly accompanied by white mercenaries, are said to be regrouping southeast of Elisabethville. They apparently believe that when they grow to 10,000, they will be "instructed" to attack two Katangan towns. UN forces are aware of these reports, but [redacted] are unlikely to deal with this group before it causes trouble.

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D. Haiti

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- E. Chile-France Angered by De Gaulle's decision to conduct nuclear tests in the Pacific in spite of Chile's protests, Santiago has suspended trade relations with France. This action will probably cost Chile delivery of three recently purchased Caravelle jets badly needed by the national airline, but not much else. France supplies but 4.5 percent of Chile's imports, and takes only 2 percent of its exports.

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1. Cuba

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2. Cuba

a. Soviet IL-18 to  
be delivered to CUBANA is on its  
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### 3. South Vietnam

a. The Viet Cong have stepped up their activity this week, particularly south of Saigon. They may have decided the uneasy political situation would work to their advantage.

b. However, in these encounters, which included several coordinated company-sized strikes, government forces showed up well and inflicted heavy casualties on the attackers--in one case 122 Viet Cong were killed.

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c. The government, meanwhile, is trying to keep politically disaffected elements under control. The crackdown on the Buddhist clergy and students has been accompanied by warnings to military officers against possible approaches by "enemy agents." The officers are promised rewards for reporting any such attempts.

d. Archbishop Thuc has arrived in New York where he hopes to see Cardinal Spellman, Monseigneur Sheehan and a number of Catholic journalists.

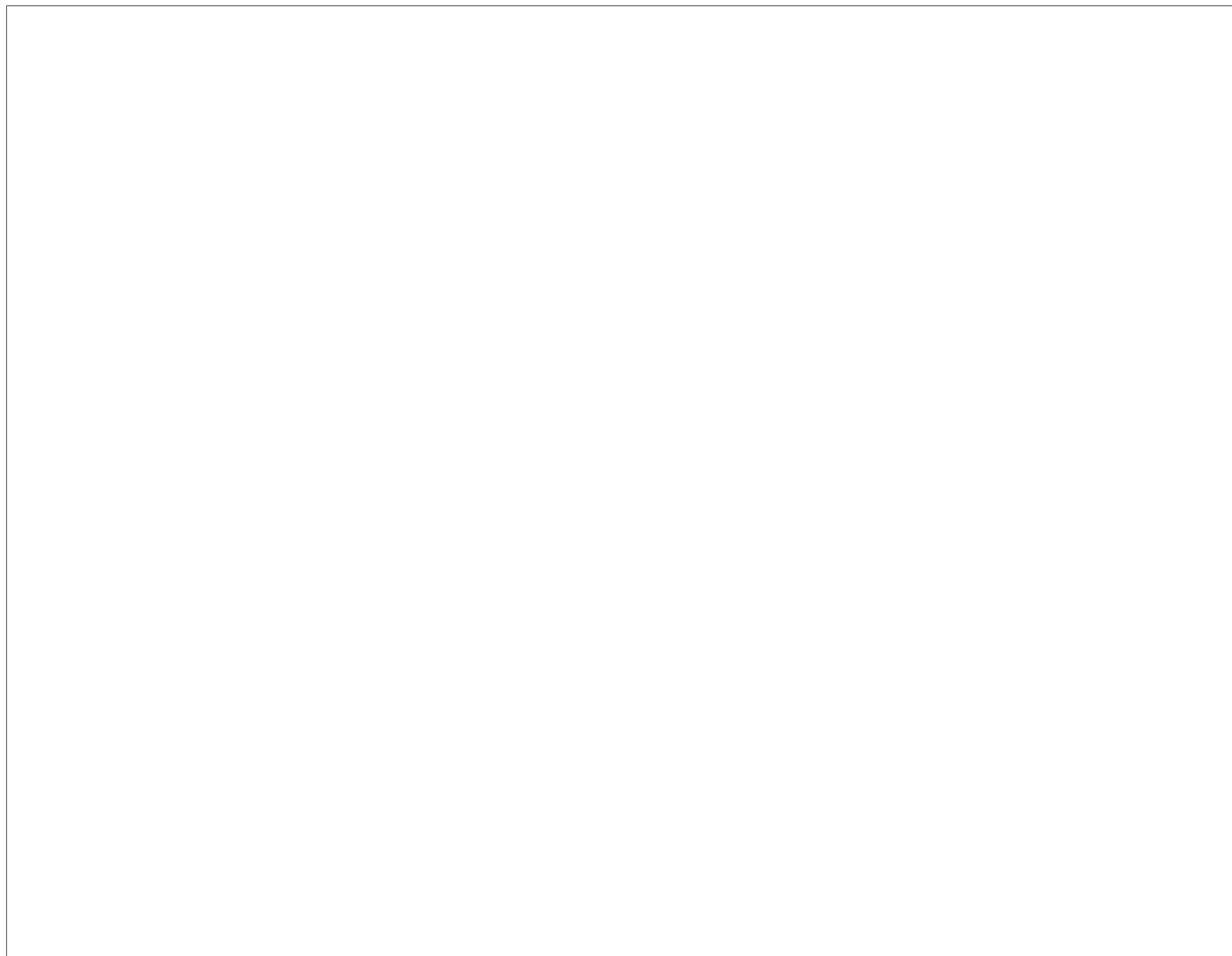
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e. We were told by the new Vietnamese chargé here yesterday that Diem has urged Mme. Nhu not to come here, but in any case to keep quiet if she does.

f. Apparently this was to no avail as she is already booked for one week solid while here, including engagements with NBC, CBS, ABC, the Women's Press Club and the Overseas Press Club in New York.

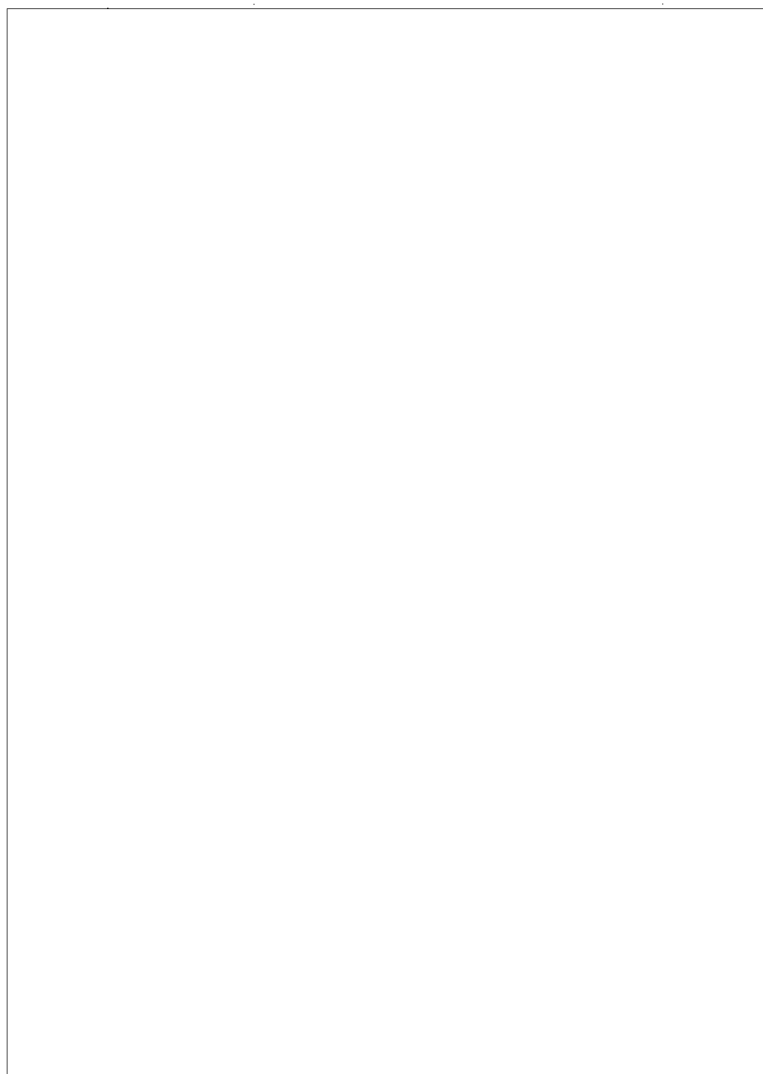
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5. West Germany -  
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6. Brazil

a. Latest press reports available to us as of 0845 this morning say that a rebellion by some air force and navy personnel in Brasilia was quickly and easily suppressed by army units in the city.

b. The rebels did manage to seize temporarily the Naval and Air Force Ministry, Brasilia's airport and the telephone exchange.

c. The action was apparently taken to protest the Supreme Court's refusal to annul a regulation prohibiting enlisted men from running for elective office.

NOTES

- A. South Korea University students are reported planning to stage a rally in the next day or so to protest failure of the opposition parties and leaders to get together. It could quickly lead to violence, as the atmosphere is already supercharged.
- B. UAR-Yemen [redacted] federation with Yemen would be acceptable only if it were part of a larger merger of Arab states. Yemen's leaders are pushing for federation [redacted] in order to be assured of continued UAR military presence. [redacted] reinforce our suspicion that Cairo is not interested in the idea.
- C. Algeria - Latin America Ben Bella is angling for invitations to visit one or another of the South American countries in conjunction with his trip to the UN in mid-October. Brazil, Bolivia and possibly Chile are most likely candidates. [redacted]
- D. Rumania-USSR Russian has been dropped as a mandatory language in Rumanian schools this year. Instead, it is now an elective along with French and English.
- E. North Korea North Korea's economic plans, heretofore heavily geared to capital reinvestment, are being revised in the direction of more consumer goods. The current seven year plan, evidently now abandoned, had been predicated on substantial help from the Soviets. Having lined up with the Chinese, the North Koreans apparently now expect to have to do with out it.

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**THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--13 SEPTEMBER 1963**

**1. SOUTH VIETNAM:**

**A. AN UNDERCURRENT OF SUSPICION PERVADES SAIGON AS THE GOVERNMENT PRESSES ITS CAMPAIGN TO CURB DISPLAYS OF DISAFFECTION.**

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**VIETNAMESE**

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**EMPLOYED BY US AGENCIES HAVE BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR DELIBERATE GOVERNMENT HARASSMENT.**

**C. MILITARY UNITS CONTINUE TO BE SHIFTED FROM PLACE TO PLACE IN THE SAIGON AREA. SOME ADDITIONAL FORCES HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED.**

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**D. THE REGIME'S EFFORTS TO CRACK DOWN HARD ON THE STUDENTS CONTINUED YESTERDAY.**

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**2. CUBA-MILITARY:**

**A.**

**SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL REMAINING IN CUBA ARE EITHER TRAIN-  
ING AND ADVISING CUBANS OR ORGANIZED IN UNITS MANNING SAM,  
RADAR AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.**

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**3. PAKISTAN-JAPAN:**

**A. PAKISTAN HAS TURNED TO JAPAN FOR HELP IN DEVELOPING  
AN UPPER ATMOSPHERE AND SPACE RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

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**4. MALAYSIA:**

**A. U THANT SAYS THE UN SURVEY TEAM CONCLUDED THAT 90 PERCENT OF THE POPULACE IN NORTH BORNEO IS IN FAVOR OF MALAYSIA. IN SARAWAK THE TEAMS FOUND THE MALAYS AND DYAKS IN FAVOR, BUT THE CHINESE, ONE-THIRD OF THE POPULATION, WERE OPPOSED.**

**B. HE HAS RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE INDONESIANS BRANDING THE SURVEY AS TOO HASTY AND SUPERFICIAL.**

**C. THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S OWN FINDINGS ARE DUE SATURDAY. HE DID NOT INDICATE WHAT THEY WOULD BE. MALAYSIA ITSELF IS TO BE PROCLAIMED MONDAY.**

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6. SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE:

A. PEIPING HAS ADDED AN OPEN BID FOR SUPPORT FROM ANTI-KHRUSHCHEV ELEMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION TO ITS GROWING ATTACK ON KHRUSHCHEV AND HIS ASSOCIATES.

B. KHRUSHCHEV IS NO LONGER REFERRED TO INVARIABLY AS "COMRADE" OR "CHAIRMAN." HIGHLY INSULTING AND SCURRILOUS LANGUAGE IS USED IN ATTACKING HIM.

C. THE CHINESE YESTERDAY INCLUDED IN A LENGTHY DEFENSE OF STALIN CHARGE THAT THE PRESENT SOVIET LEADERS ARE "ISOLATED" FROM THE RUSSIAN MASSES.

D. WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE CHINESE HOPE THEIR STRONG WORDS WILL BRING DOWN KHRUSHCHEV, BUT THEY APPARENTLY DO FEEL THEY WILL STRIKE A RESPONSIVE CHORD IN SOME SOVIET CIRCLES AND AMONG MILITANT COMMUNISTS ELSEWHERE.

7. NOTES:

A. USSR: KHRUSHCHEV'S AMBITIOUS PLAN TO GIVE HIS CHEMICAL INDUSTRY A BOOST MAY BE GETTING OFF THE GROUND. A JAPANESE FIRM HAS OFFERED TO SUPPLY FIFTEEN CHEMICAL FERTILIZER PLANTS AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF PLASTICS AND SYNTHETIC FIBER FACILITIES.

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THE SOVIETS HAVE ALSO SOUGHT HELP FOR THE PROGRAM FROM BRITAIN, WEST GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS. [REDACTED]

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B. AUSTRIA-USSR: THE AUSTRIAN DEFENSE MINISTER SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME [REDACTED] IN MOSCOW CONFERRING [REDACTED] WITH SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER MALINOVSKY AND AIRFORCE CHIEF VERESHININ. THE AUSTRIAN MAY HAVE TOUCHED ON HIS DESIRE, EXPRESSED EARLIER TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN VIENNA, FOR AN INTERPRETATION OF THE PEACE TREATY THAT WOULD ALLOW AUSTRIA SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES.

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C. MEXICO-CUBA: MEXICANA AIRLINES HAS BEEN ASKED TO HELP MOVE SOME 1,000 PASSENGERS FROM MEXICO CITY TO HAVANA IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPCOMING ARCHITECTS' CONFERENCE. FOR ITS PART CUBANA HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO FLY FOUR EXTRA FLIGHTS. THE MEXICANS WISH TO COOPERATE IN THIS SINCE THEY ARE SPONSORING SEVERAL ARCHITECTS' MEETINGS IN THE WEEKS AFTER THE HAVANA MEETING.

D. BRITISH GUINEA: WE HAVE LEARNED THAT JAGAN MET [REDACTED] YESTERDAY WITH OPPOSITION LEADER FORBES BURNHAM. THE TALK IS THAT JAGAN "WILL SPRING A SURPRISE" WHEN HE SPEAKS BEFORE A UN SUBCOMMITTEE TODAY.

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**THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--14 SEPTEMBER 1963**

**1. CANADA-USSR:**

**A.**

THAT A DEAL TO SELL THE USSR ABOUT FIVE MILLION TONS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR, TO BE DELIVERED BY NEXT JULY, WILL PROBABLY BE ANNOUNCED MONDAY.

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**B. WE DO NOT THINK THIS REPRESENTS PRE-EMPTIVE BUYING TO DENY SALES TO COMMUNIST CHINA. PEIPING CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT WITH OTTAWA IN JULY, AND HAS OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS AUSTRALIA, ARGENTINA, AND FRANCE.**

**C. THE SOVIETS, IN VIEW OF CROP CONDITIONS IN THE USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE, PROBABLY NEED THE WHEAT TO MEET DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS AND EXPORT COMMITMENTS TO THE SATELLITES AND UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. LAST YEAR SUCH EXPORTS TOTALLED JUST UNDER 5 MILLION TONS.**

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**E. OUR EMBASSY IN OTTAWA THINKS THIS DEAL WILL HELP RESTORE THE EARLY LUSTER OF THE PEARSON GOVERNMENT, AND ALSO CREATE AN AIR OF CORDIALITY IN CANADIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN OTTAWA'S PREDISPOSITION TO ACCEPT AT FACE VALUE ANY SOVIET PROPOSITION FOR RELAXING COLD WAR TENSIONS.**

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2. CUBA-USSR:

A. WE SEE SOME INDICATIONS THAT MOSCOW IS BECOMING TOUCHY ABOUT SPECULATION IN THE WEST REGARDING SOVIET-CUBAN DIFFERENCES.

B. AN AUTHORITATIVE PRAVDA "OBSERVER" ARTICLE ON THURSDAY, ALONG WITH A FLURRY OF MOSCOW BROADCASTS, DENOUNCED ALLEGED US BACKING OF RECENT EXILE RAIDS.

C. THESE BLASTS, ACCOMPANIED BY REAFFIRMATIONS OF THE USSR'S PLEDGES TO SUPPORT CUBA AGAINST EXTERNAL AGGRESSION, SUGGEST AN ATTEMPT TO REASSURE CASTRO THAT IMPROVED US-SOVIET RELATIONS DO NOT MEAN A LESSENING OF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR CUBA.

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**4. SOUTH VIETNAM:**

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C. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT ANTI-GOVERNMENT FEELING IS SPREADING TO THE COUNTRYSIDE BUT DIEM HAS ANNOUNCED MARTIAL LAW WILL END ON MONDAY.

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E. A VATICAN OFFICIAL SHOWED AMBASSADOR RHEINHARDT YES-TERDAY A LETTER FROM THE POPE TO THE BISHOP OF SAIGON DESIGNED TO COUNTER, AS FAR AS THE CHURCH COULD, THE REGIME'S REPRESSIVE POLICIES.

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**5. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:****A. BOSCH'S OPPONENTS**

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TO FIRM UP PLANS TO OUST HIM.

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B. THE ARMED FORCES MINISTER APPEARS TO BE LOSING HIS RESTRAINING INFLUENCE ON MILITARY LEADERS HOSTILE TO BOSCH, AND THE NAVY COMMANDER SOUNDED OUT OUR NAVAL ATTACHE THIS WEEK ON THE US ATTITUDE TOWARD A MILITARY JUNTA.

C. OPPOSITION "ANTI-COMMUNISTS" HAVE PUBLICLY THREATENED "DEFINITIVE MEASURES" UNLESS BOSCH ANSWERED, BEFORE HE LEFT,, THEIR DEMAND TO "ERADICATE COMMUNISM."

D. MUCH OF THE AGITATION ABOUT COMMUNISM COMES FROM THOSE FAVORING A COUP. HOWEVER, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE GENUINE CONCERN, APPARENTLY SHARED BY BOSCH'S LONG-TIME FRIEND BETAN-COURT, OVER HIS TOLERANCE TOWARD COMMUNISM.

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6. SAUDI ARABIA:

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7. NOTES:

A. MALAYSIA: SUKARNO, IN A CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR JONES YESTERDAY, GAVE THE APPEARANCE OF TRYING TO AVOID SERIOUS TALK ABOUT MALAYSIA, ALTHOUGH HE DID GIVE SOME ASSURANCE THAT HIS REACTION TO WHATEVER THE UN REPORT MIGHT CONCLUDE WOULD BE "TEMPERATE." HE MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT AS CONCLUSIVE A RESULT FAVORABLE TO MALAYSIA BASED ON SO SMALL A SAMPLE.

B. PAKISTAN - COMMUNIST CHINA: FOREIGN MINISTER BHUTTO ASSURED AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY ON THURSDAY THAT PAKISTAN WOULD KEEP CHINA AT ARM'S LENGTH, AND SEEK ONLY "OPPORTUNE" NON-POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS.

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D. EGYPT: NASIR FACES A SEVERE ECONOMIC CRISIS, AND WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO SEEK EXTENSIVE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WITHIN A FEW MONTHS. ALMOST \$113 MILLION OBTAINED FROM THE IMF LAST YEAR HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED WITHOUT REMEDYING THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CRISIS, AND THE CONFIDENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COMMUNITY IS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW.

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1. UK

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## 2. South Vietnam

a. Civil restiveness continues, and tight controls, including use of military security units, will probably be maintained despite the lifting of martial law.

b. Reports are again circulating that Diem and Nhu are planning governmental "reforms," such as putting some key military men in the cabinet.

c. It is said Nhu will move out of the palace as an indication of disassociation from Diem, but we think he will have a hot line handy.

d. Meanwhile, North Vietnam is trying to exploit the world outcry over the plight of the Buddhists.

e. Hanoi has publicly reiterated demands to the UN General Assembly that the US withdraw from South Vietnam.

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### 3. Malaysia

a. Both Indonesia and the Philippines have refused to recognize Malaysia.

b. They have implied recognition is still possible if some further concession on self-determination is made, and may press for another Maphilindo summit conference in October.

c. There is some indication that Foreign Minister Subandrio gave the word for Indonesian mobs to attack the Malayan and British embassies.

d. At the height of the stoning at the British embassy, however, the assistant military attache strolled around playing the bagpipes in full view of the mob.

### 4. Cuba

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**5. Cuba**

a. The regime is going all out to make a major propaganda splash out of the forthcoming architects' conference.

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b. Opening in Havana the end of September, it will be the first bona fide international professional gathering in the country since Castro declared Cuba a "socialist" state.

c. Cuban news media are predicting 3,000 delegates from 80 countries will show up. Havana is offering them fare discounts, and student delegates will get free room and board.

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**6. South Korea**

a. The on-again, off-again return of exiled strongman Kim Chong-pil before the October elections now appears to be on.

b. Junta chairman Pak probably figures Kim, who favors harsh repressive measures, can assure a government victory.

c. Kim will visit New York and Washington, starting on Friday. He hopes to meet with business, military, and congressional personalities to create an impression of American support.

**7. Israel-US**

a. Deputy Prime Minister Eban, in a conversation with Ambassador Barbour on Friday, plugged for closer security arrangements with the US as the most feasible deterrent to Arab attack.

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b. According to Eban, Israel does not want to commit its resources to the acquisition of new weapons, although Nasir is constructing missiles against which Israel has no defense.

c. He indicated that his government would settle for a clear understanding, as among "allies," on what would be done in specific contingencies.

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- A. Australia-USSR Australia has also just sold wheat to the Soviets--1.2 million tons, presumably to be delivered within a year--and we see other indications that Australia is generally interested in trade with the Bloc. The US Consul in Sydney believes that the government has been "less than candid" about the reception and activities of a recent East German trade delegation. Permission has been given for Bulgarian and Hungarian trade offices at Sydney [redacted]
- B. Algeria-USSR Algeria has received its first substantial aid from the Communists, a Soviet line of credit for \$100 million. Specific development projects are still to be negotiated, but there are indications that the Soviets are willing to complete projects abandoned by the French. Ben Bella, now president, yesterday made noises about nationalizing "all the lands of the settlers and of the traitors as well," the latter phrase apparently referring to wealthy Moslem landowners.
- C. Venezuela Terrorists of the Communist-led FALN did not succeed in completely disrupting last Friday's mass meeting of Betancourt's Democratic Action Party. Attendance, however, was only about half of what was expected, and for the first time in several months homemade bombs were exploded in Caracas. FALN threats to kidnap the US Ambassador appear to be more than mere bravado.

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- D. Brazil The Communist-dominated General Workers Command is threatening to call a nation-wide strike this week. The government is said to be ready to counter by declaring a state of siege. Should violence break out, the War Minister and a majority of the military would probably support strong measures by Goulart.

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1. Malaysia

a. Prime Minister Rahman announced last night that Malaysia was severing diplomatic relations with Indonesia and the Philippines.

b. The Indonesians had earlier given notice that the Malaysians could keep their Embassy in Djakarta, but only as the Malayan, not Malaysian, embassy--an action which left the Tunku with little alternative.

c. Also last night a Malayan mob set fire to the Indonesian Embassy in Kuala Lumpur.

d. Sukarno had earlier suggested that the next Maphilindo summit meeting be held next month in Kuala Lumpur. This would now seem impossible except in the unlikely event that Djakarta agrees to recognize Malaysia.

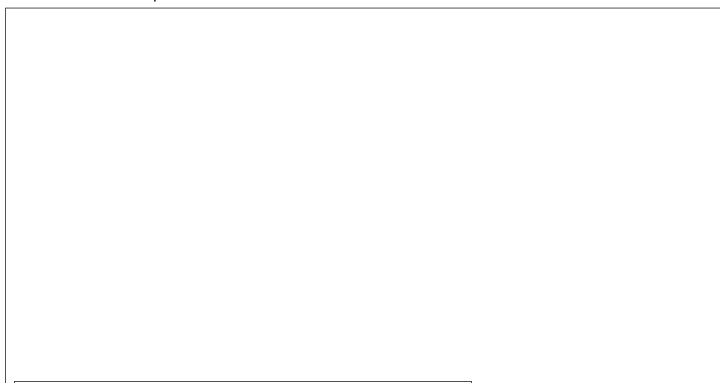
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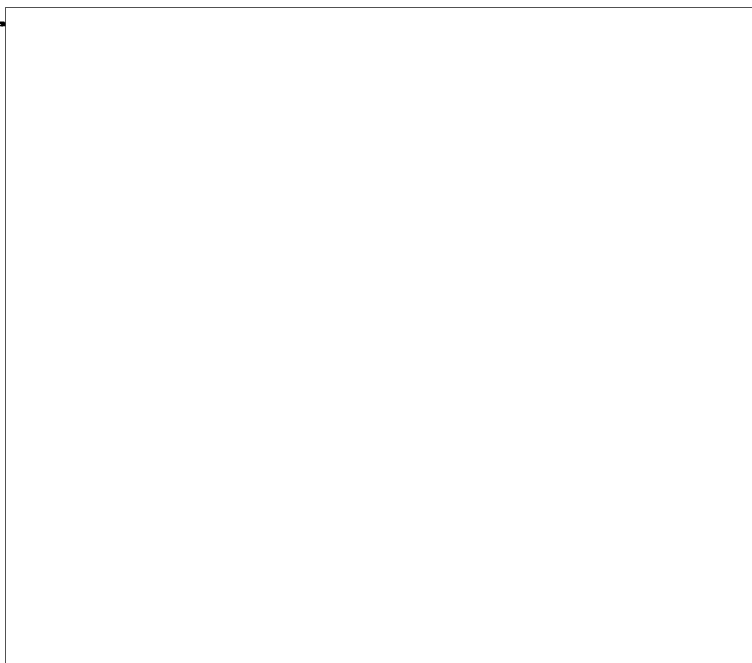


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**3. British Guiana -  
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4. Yemen-Egypt

a. With Sallal in Cairo for medical treatment [redacted] tribal animosities are threatening to break up his government.

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c. Former Vice-president al-Baydani (at one time Cairo's man in Sana and more recently in the "banking business" in Aden) has decided to return to Cairo.

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d. Denounced by Sallal as an "imperialist heirling", Baydani has associated himself with the cause of the majority (but not dominant) Shafi tribesmen. Sallal is a member of the ruling Zaidis.

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NOTES

- A. Communist China - Hong Kong Peiping's net trade earnings from Hong Kong could reach \$260 million this year, \$60 million more than 1962, primarily because the Chinese have been pushing exports of vegetables, livestock and poultry. This and developments in Sino-Soviet relations are reviving foreign business interest in the "Chinese market," but Peiping seems in no hurry to buy. A good part of the money will be needed to pay for continuing grain imports.
- B. Cuba-USSR Havana radio says 1,828 "young Cuban peasants" have completed their studies in the USSR and will return to Cuba shortly after spending a week in Moscow as guests of the Soviet youth organization.
- C. Norway The new Conservative-led minority coalition government may already be in for trouble. The Labor Party has some hope of overthrowing it on a no-confidence motion following parliamentary debate, which begins today, on the government's program.

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18 SEPTEMBER 1963  
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1. Malaysia

a. There has been a new outbreak of anti-Malaysia rioting in Djakarta today. A mob broke into and set fire to the British embassy. Ambassador Jones has asked General Nasution to restore order.

b. Indonesian authorities give the appearance of trying to keep anti-British agitation within bounds. Orders were issued today that the British firms which had been seized yesterday by unionists be returned to their owners.

c. In Kuala Lumpur Malaysian Prime Minister Rahman has announced a state of alert in the wake of the violent demonstrations of the past few days.

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## 2. South Vietnam

### a. An opposition group

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] has plans to assassinate Diem, Nhu and several associated generals.

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c. Hanoi, meanwhile, shows no signs that Ho Chi Minh is prepared to soften terms for a ceasefire in an effort to exploit the present crisis.

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c. We don't for a moment doubt, however, Ho's interest in using whatever contacts he can to probe for weak spots in Saigon.



### 3. USSR

a. Soviet consumers are reading recent admissions by the party center about a poor 1963 harvest and grain purchases abroad as a move to soften them up for a rise in the price of bread.

b. The admissions are contained in a note from the central committee which has been featured at recent meetings in plants, apartment houses, etc. This is not a usual way for the regime to communicate with Soviet citizens.

c. We suspect that the authorities are approaching a price rise with caution, having in mind the disturbances which followed the price hikes on meat and butter in June last year.

d. At that time Soviet troops had to be called in to put down riots in several south Russian communities. A number of rioters were killed.

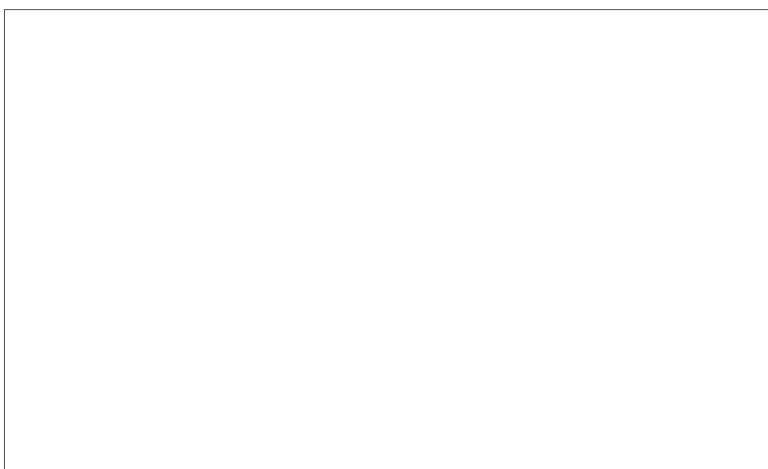
### 4. USSR missiles

a. Tuesday's shot from Tyuratam appears to have been the third consecutive successful SS-8 firing in the past five months.

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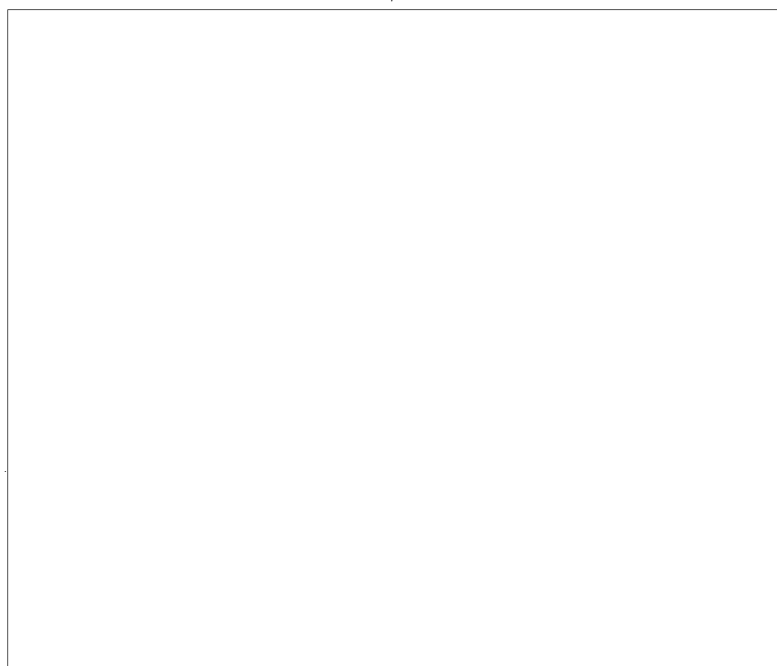
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NOTES

- A. Haiti Duvalier's representatives [redacted] warned the dictator that a "rebel" attack is coming. [redacted]  
[redacted]
- B. Cuba-France Four small French cargo vessels reached Cuba early this month, the first showing of the French flag in the trade this year. Three declared cargoes of potatoes. The French government does not prohibit French vessels from calling at Cuban ports, but does try to discourage the practice. It has denied a press story that French concerns are trying to increase their Cuban business. [redacted]
- C. Chad Violence, described by the US embassy in Fort Lamy as "virtual civil war", broke out in this north-central African state on Monday when the authorities tried to arrest three Moslem leaders. Government troops appear to have restored order but the embassy feels that the incident will further aggravate the tensions between Moslems in the north and the southern Negroes.
- D. Ceylon-USSR Khrushchev has agreed to receive Prime Minister Bandaranaike between 21 and 29 October. She may try to work in a trip to the UN before or after the Moscow visit. [redacted]

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E. Saudi Arabia King Ibn Saud arrived in Riyadh on  
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1. Malaysia

a. Sukarno assured Ambassador Jones this morning that the situation is under control. No attacks on Americans have been reported.



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c. Royal Air Force planes are en route from Singapore to evacuate homeless British and Australians, including a large proportion of the business community. Sukarno has pledged his cooperation, but there are indications that Indonesian oil and air transport union workers may refuse to service the planes.

d. We see no evidence that the Soviets have encouraged Indonesian opposition in Malaysia beyond some propaganda support.



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2. United Nations

a. The proposal--by Albania--which put the Chinese representation issue on the agenda contains a demand that Taipei's expulsion take place simultaneously with Peiping's

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admission. This will cost the vote of many African countries which favor "two Chinas."

b. The USSR's failure to introduce this item was apparently calculated, as was India's silence, but both will probably vote in Peiping's favor.

c. The issue will first come up in the credentials committee, where Taipei will have an advantage of five to three, with one neutral.

d. There will probably also be a move by Algeria to reject South Africa's credentials. Four members of the committee are expected to be for, three against. This would leave Ecuador and Panama, whose positions we do not know, with the key votes.

e. It appears likely that Indonesia will decide to put Malaysia on the agenda.

### 3. Common Market

a. Our mission to the EEC still sees little chance of next Monday's meeting of the Council reaching an acceptable compromise on the poultry dispute.

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b. A consensus within EEC favors a 1.3 cents-per-pound reduction in the poultry levy. The French, however, regard this figure as a ceiling, rather than an interim concession pending further negotiations.

c. The French will propose that EEC retain the right to revoke even this reduction in case of "trade repercussions." Paris will also demand that the US abandon planned tariff increases.

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#### 4. France

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**5. Chinese Communist - Quemoy**

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NOTES

- A. USSR - Canadian Wheat The Soviets, who have contracted to transport the recently purchased wheat, are losing no time in getting on with the task.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- B. Chad Fort Lamy appears calm today, thanks to a liberal use of force by the government. Although French advisers assisted Chadian forces, French troops were neither asked for nor used. Our Paris embassy comments that this hands-off policy, evident in the Brazzaville crisis and in recent troubles in the Ivory Coast, may help authoritarian French-speaking African leaders to find the path of moderation.
- C. Israel The Eshkol government, previously under fire for alleged weakness in dealing with the Arabs, appears to have been strengthened by the UN Security Council vote early this month on Israeli-Syrian border troubles. The Israelis believe that the vote, in spite of a Soviet veto, sobered the Syrians more than a small-scale retaliatory raid would have done.
- D. Iraq-Egypt The Iraqi Baathist regime has taken off the gloves and directly attacked Nasir personally. Cairo in turn will probably now flay the entire Baathist movement, instead of limiting itself to Syria.

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F. Congo Adoula is vigorously opposed to Nkrumah's idea of having an exclusively African force replace UN troops in the Congo. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] such a contingent would undercut him by meddling in Congolese politics. The phase-out of UN forces in the Congo is continuing.

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**THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--20 SEPTEMBER 1963**

**1. CUBA:**

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**2. USSR WHEAT DEALS:**

**A. THUS FAR THE USSR HAS CONCLUDED CONTRACTS FOR 7.8 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT FROM CANADA AND AUSTRALIA.**

**B. OUR EMBASSY IN OTTAWA HAS LEARNED THAT SOVIET TRADE OFFICIALS WERE SEEKING AS MUCH AS 11 MILLION TONS.**

**C. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TALKS WITH THE CANADIANS, THE RUSSIANS SAID THEY EXPECTED TO APPROACH WASHINGTON AFTER CONCLUDING THE CANADIAN DEAL.**

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**3. BRAZIL:**

**A. THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IS TENSE AND CONFUSED IN THE**

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**WAKE OF LAST WEEK'S SERGEANTS' MUTINY.**

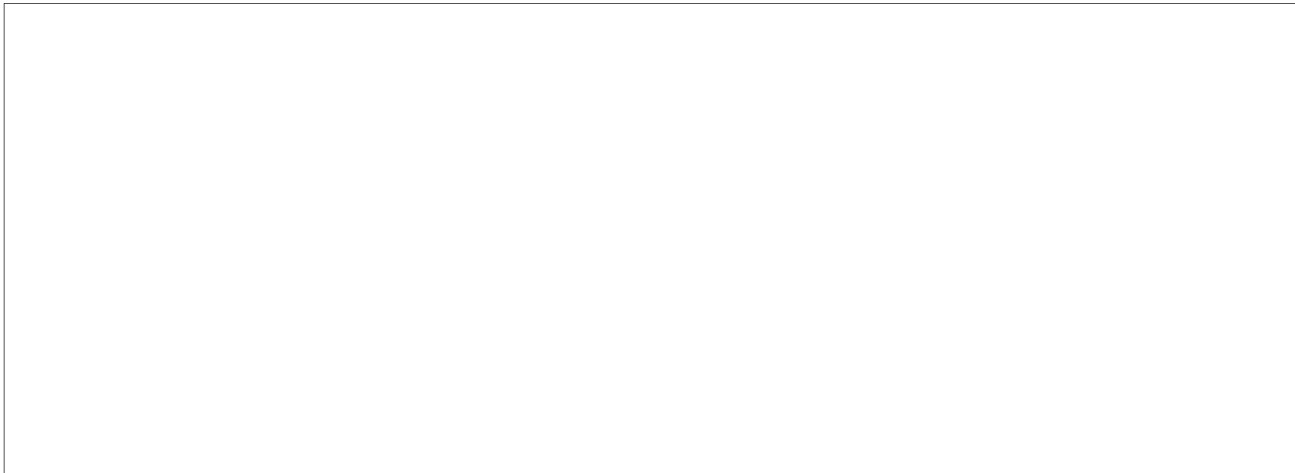


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**4. INDONESIA-UK:**

**A. AT THE REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR JONES, SUKARNO HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO ASSIST THE EVACUATION OF BRITISH FAMILIES FROM DJAKARTA.**

**B. SUKARNO ALSO PROMISED TO ISSUE A PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF REGRET AND TO COMPENSATE IN FULL THE VICTIMS OF THE RIOTING.**



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5. **PAKISTAN - COMMUNIST CHINA:**

A. **PAKISTAN HAS LINED UP BEHIND PEIPING'S CALL FOR A HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE TO PROHIBIT NUCLEAR WEAPONS.**

B. **PAKISTAN'S REPLY WAS SENT LATE LAST MONTH BUT PUBLICATION WAS DELAYED BECAUSE OF UNDER-SECRETARY BALL'S VISIT.**

C. **THE NOTE IS BEING PUBLISHED TODAY.**

6. **VENEZUELA:**

A. **WE LOOK FOR MORE SABOTAGE OF US-OWNED PROPERTY TO FOLLOW YESTERDAY'S FIRING OF THE DUPONT PAINT PLANT IN CARACAS.**

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7. **NOTES:**

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**B. LAOS: THE PRESS IN VIENTIANE IS SAYING SOUVANNA PLANS TO RETURN HOME VIA PARIS, PERHAPS AS EARLY AS NEXT MONDAY. WHEN HE LEFT, SOUVANNA INDICATED HE PLANNED TO BE AWAY UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER, WHICH WOULD BE MORE NEARLY TRUE TO FORM.**

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**THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--21 SEPTEMBER 1963**

**1. USSR--WHEAT:**

**A. MOSCOW HAS, OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, SOLD MORE THAN \$100 MILLION WORTH OF GOLD IN WESTERN EUROPE.**

**B. THE SALES WILL HELP COVER INITIAL EXPENSES OF THE GRAIN DEALS. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE MORE GOLD SOLD, WITH THE TOTAL FOR THIS YEAR PERHAPS TOPPING THE 1961 PEAK OF \$310 MILLION.**

**C. THE PRESS IS REPORTING SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS FOR 250,000 TONS OF WEST GERMAN FLOUR, WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY BE MILLED FROM GERMAN GRAIN IMPORTS.** 50X1

**D. THE MASSIVE GRAIN PURCHASES HAVE ALREADY LED TO SINO-SOVIET COMPETITION FOR SHIP CHARTERS.**

**2. USSR-CUBA:**

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3. PAKISTAN:

A. [REDACTED] AYUB HAS AGREED  
TO AN OCTOBER VISIT BY CHINESE COMMUNIST FOREIGN MINISTER  
CHEN YI.

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B. LAST WEEK THE PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTER HAD ASSURED  
AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY THAT SUCH A VISIT WAS "NOT IN THE MILL  
NOW," BUT MIGHT TAKE PLACE EVENTUALLY.

C. PAKISTAN WILL PROBABLY CONTEND THAT CHEN YI IS BET-  
TER THAN PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI, WHOM THE CHINESE WANTED INVITED.

4. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. VISIBLE SIGNS OF THE BUDDHIST CRISIS HAVE ALL BUT  
DISAPPEARED FROM SAIGON.

B. COUP PLOTTING CONTINUES UNABATED, HOWEVER. [REDACTED]

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C. LAST WEEK VIET CONG ATTACKS REACHED THEIR HIGHEST  
LEVEL OF THE YEAR, WITH MOST OF THE ACTIVITY IN THE DELTA.  
THE UPSWING, PARTLY SEASONAL, COULD ALSO BE A COMMUNIST AT-  
TEMPT TO KEEP THE SITUATION UNSETTLED.

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D. MADAME NHU IS IN ROME. HER FORWARD PLANS ARE UNCERTAIN BUT APPARENTLY INCLUDE STOPS IN PARIS AND LONDON. IT MAY BE TWO WEEKS OR SO BEFORE SHE GETS HERE TO BEGIN "RE-EDUCATING" US.

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5. COMMUNIST CHINA:

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B. [REDACTED] MANY CHINESE ALARMED OVER THE LOSS OF SOVIET SUPPORT AND FEARFUL LEST THIS LEAD TO [REDACTED] DIFFICULTIES.

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C. [REDACTED] PEOPLE ARE STILL WORRIED ABOUT FOOD, DESPITE IMPROVEMENTS SO FAR THIS YEAR, AND PUT LITTLE STOCK IN THE REGIME'S ABILITY TO KEEP RATIONS AT PRESENT LEVELS ALL WINTER.

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6. MALAYSIA:

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A. MANILA MAY BE EDGING TOWARD A MORE MODERATE POSITION ON MALAYSIA.

B. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER MOVES AGAINST THE BRITISH IN INDONESIA AND THE EVACUATION OF BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN

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NATIONALS HAS PROCEEDED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

C. DJAKARTA'S INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO BRITISH FIRMS ARE CLOUDY, BUT ITS MANEUVERS SO FAR ARE REMINISCENT OF THE INITIAL MOVES AGAINST DUTCH FIRMS WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN RETURNED.

7. NOTES:

A. USSR: THE SOVIETS HAVE RELEASED EXTENSIVE SUMMARIES OF THE PRESIDENT'S UN SPEECH. OMITTED, HOWEVER, WERE HIS PROPOSALS TO SHARE AN EXPEDITION TO THE MOON. ONE MOSCOW RADIO COMMENTARY WAS MILDLY CRITICAL OF OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SPEECH.

B. BRAZIL: THE AUTHORITIES HAVE EXPOSED AN ATTEMPT BY RETIRED ADMIRAL SYLVIO HECK, A CONGENITAL--  
--COUP PLOTTER, TO BUILD UP A STOCK OF WEAPONS IN RIO. AT A MINIMUM THE INCIDENT WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE CONSERVATIVE MILITARY TO CONVINCE GOULART THAT HE SHOULD TAKE A STRONGER HAND WITH THE LEFTISTS. RUMORS PERSIST THAT SOME SORT OF MOVE AGAINST GOULART IS IN THE WORKS.

C. PORTUGUESE GUINEA:

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D. CUBA-UK

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E. HAITI: DUVALIER, CONVINCED THAT NEW EXILE ATTACKS FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ARE IMMINENT, HAS BEEN REINFORCING HAITI'S NORTHEASTERN BORDER.

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F. NORWAY: THE THREE-WEEK-OLD GOVERNMENT OF CONSERVATIVE LEADER LYNG HAS FALLEN. ALL SIGNS POINT NOW TO A RETURN TO POWER OF A MINORITY GOVERNMENT UNDER FORMER PRIME MINISTER GERHARDSEN. HIS FLIRTATION WITH THE FAR LEFT SOCIALISTS AND THE SCARS HE LEFT ON THE CONSERVATIVES BY TOPPLING THEIR FIRST GOVERNMENT IN 28 YEARS WITHOUT GIVING IT A CHANCE WILL NOT MAKE HIS ROAD ANY SMOOTHER.

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G. LAOS: THE NORTH VIETNAMESE APPEAR TO HAVE REOPENED THEIR MAIN TRUCK ROUTE INTO THE PLAINE DES JARRES AREA. TRAFFIC ON THE ROUTE HAD BEEN AT A VIRTUAL STANDSTILL SINCE EARLY AUGUST AS A RESULT OF MEO INTERDICTION OPERATIONS AND THE RAINY SEASON, WHICH IS NOW ENDING.

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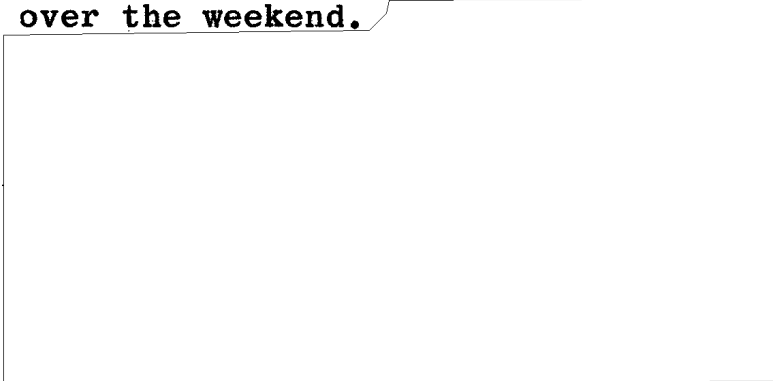
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23 SEPTEMBER 1963  
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**1. Malaysia**

**a. Sukarno's confrontation of Malaysia moved another step forward over the weekend.**



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**c. Ambassador Jones says the Indonesian decision to break off trade with Malaysia amounts to Indonesia's cutting its economic throat in pursuit of a political objective.**

**d. In Singapore, the smashing victory scored by Lee Kuan Yew in Saturday's election will strengthen his claim to a bigger voice in running Malaysia. Lee attracted a large number of Malay votes despite Rahman's last-minute appeal on behalf of Malay candidates.**

## 2. South Vietnam

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c. The US embassy in Saigon notes some improvement in relations between working-level Vietnamese and their American counterparts. However, articles critical of the US continue to appear in the controlled press and briefings for Vietnamese troops retain an anti-American flavor.

## 3. Pakistan-China

a. Pakistani officials have decided that the Lahore-Kashgar air route, one of the two allowed Pakistan in the agreement with China, is something less than a commercial plum.

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b. They describe a trial flight early this month as a "touch-and-go" affair and recall vividly flying through cloud banks at 24,000 feet while much higher mountain peaks loomed all around.

c. At Kashgar the officials found only a gravel runway and no terminal or maintenance facilities. Kashgar did have a radio beacon but the Pakistanis failed to pick it up until their plane was directly over the airport.

d. The Pakistanis were also unimpressed with the lot of Kashgar's Moslem population, which looked intimidated, persecuted and poverty-stricken.

#### 4. Cuba

b. Castro's picture of himself as successfully curtailing the influence of orthodox Communists at home

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**5. Czechoslovakia**

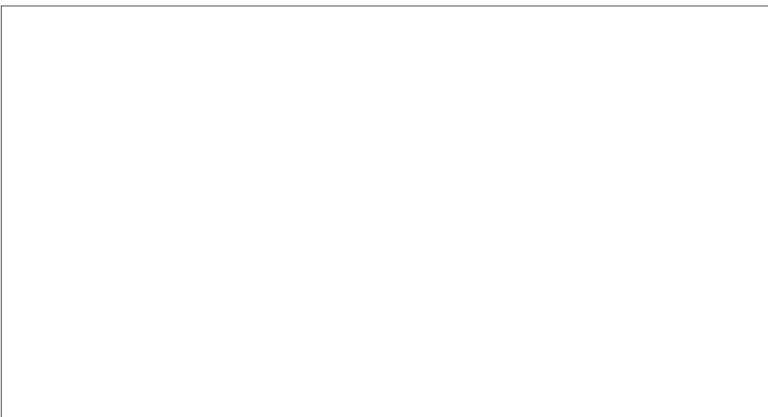
a. The changes in the Czech cabinet announced Saturday represent Novotny's long-expected move to placate his critics by jettisoning embarrassing political baggage.

b. Most of the dismissed officials, including Premier Siroky, have been tarred either with the regime's past political repression or present economic mistakes.

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c. So, of course, has Novotny, and some of the new appointees are members of a loose "liberal" grouping within the Central Committee which we regard as hostile to Novotny.

**6. Haiti**



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### NOTES

- A. Sino-Soviet We doubt that Peiping, which has been reading and writing the same sort of material for years, will miss the threat with which the Soviets wound up their week-end lecture. Moscow told the Chinese that they could expect a "resolute rebuff" if they kept to the "dangerous path" they have been following, especially along the border.
- B. Japan Japanese Prime Minister Ikeda sets out today on a good will visit to the Philippines, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand. He has confided to Ambassador Reischauer his plan to propose that the leaders of these countries come to Tokyo next year to discuss the formation of a new West Pacific organization. Ikeda sets great stock in this scheme, the chief object of which is to draw Indonesia more into the western camp.
- C. Ecuador The junta which replaced Arosemena appears to be coming apart. The betting in Quito is that either General Naranjo or Colonel Gandara will soon make a move to assume control.
- D. Mexico-US In the past two weeks both President Lopez Mateos and the foreign minister have publicly reiterated their confidence that the US will soon carry out its undertaking to reduce the salt content of Colorado River water reaching Mexico. Mexico City fears serious political repercussions if an effective solution is not found before winter crops are planted.

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E. USSR-Brazil The Soviet embassy in Rio has announced that Gromyko will visit Brazil after attending the inauguration of the Argentine president on 12 October.

F. Angola

Angolan fighters are starting to filter back into Angola, having completed their military training in the Congo.

G. Laos The Pathet Lao now say that they are holding the men who went down with an Air America plane early this month as "prisoners of war", but did not specify how many survivors they were holding. Three Americans were aboard.

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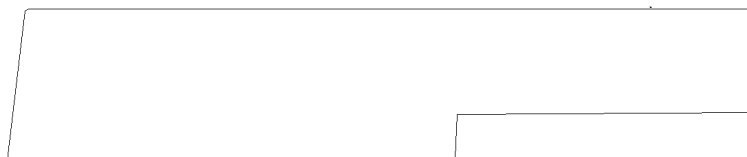
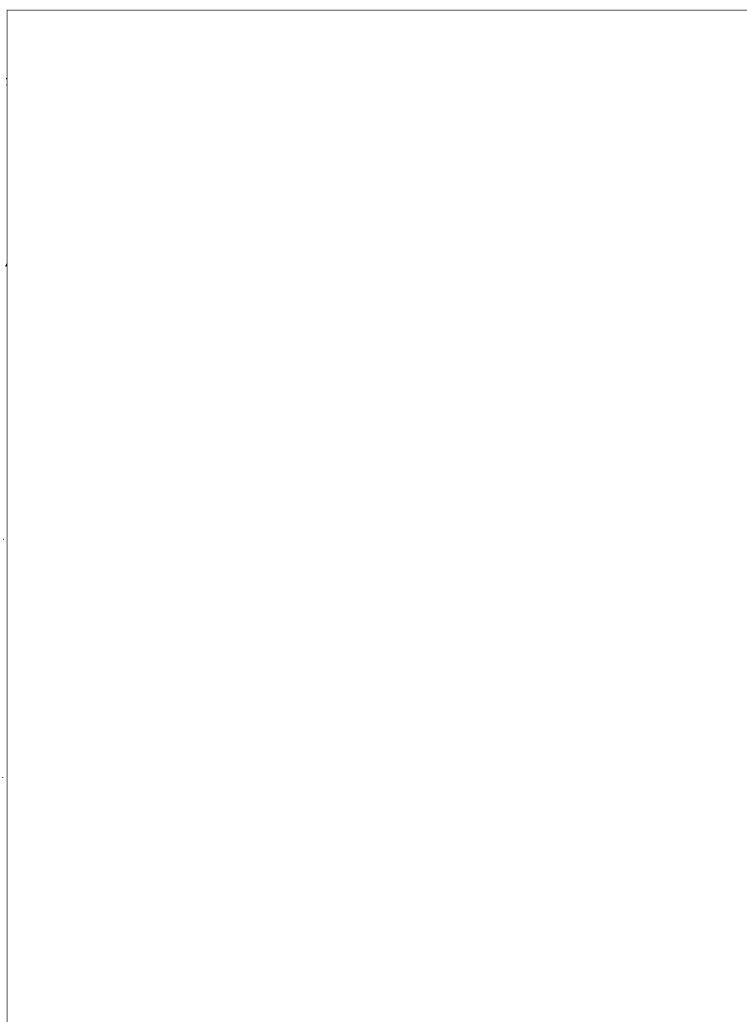
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**1. USSR-Cuba**

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2. Haiti - Dominican Republic

a. The result of yesterday's flap in Haiti appears to have been a substantial defeat for Cantave's rebel force.

b. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Cantave crossed the border into Haiti and then retreated after a few hours of skirmishing with reinforced Haitian troops. The Haitians claim 13 rebels killed.

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c. Stray shots from the fighting gave rise to the Dominican charges that the nearby border town of Dajabon was being attacked.

d. Cantave has been interned by the Dominicans according to the press.

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3. USSR agriculture

a. Khrushchev is again resorting to sensational methods to boost agricultural production.

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b. TASS reports the Komsomol has called on its 20-million-odd members to help finish 59 mineral fertilizer plants before the end of the year.

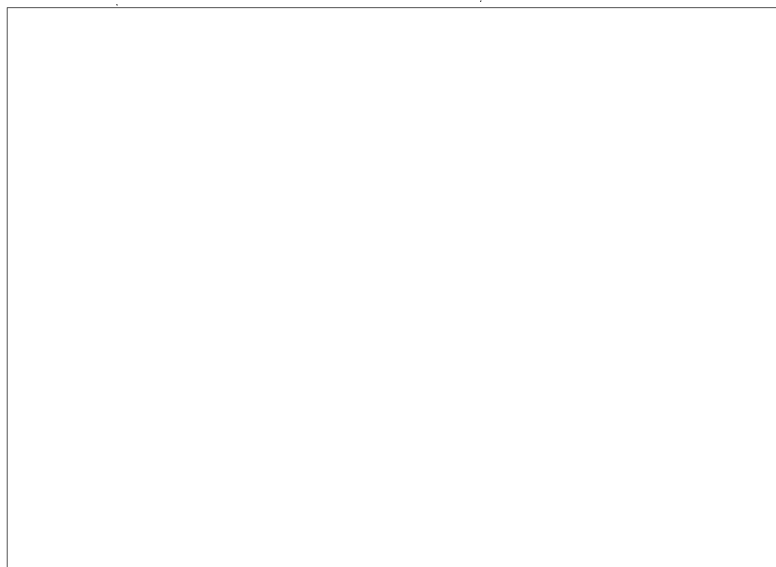
c. TASS compares the operation with the "new lands" campaign of 1954-58 when thousands of Soviet youth went east to assist in bringing hitherto uncultivated land under the plow.

d. The Soviet premier has already outlined a crash program to expand the chemical industry in support of agriculture. He hopes to increase chemical fertilizer by 8-9 million tons annually to reach a goal of 100 million tons a year by 1970.

e. However, his troubles will not end there because the more fertilizer, the more equipment he will need to handle it. In fact, he told Governor Harriman that 2 billion rubles annually was little enough for this purpose.

**4. UK**

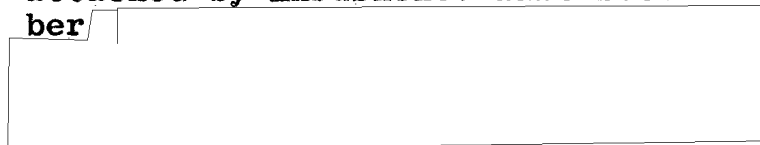
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**5. USSR writers**

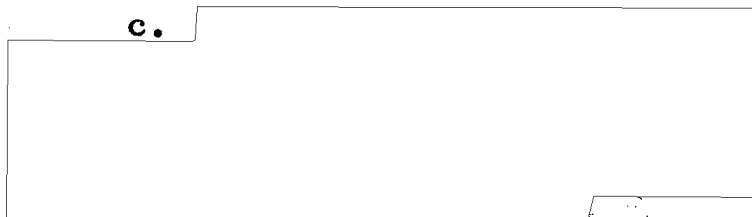
a. There have been signs over the past few weeks that Khrushchev has softened his position on "socialist realism" in the arts.

b. Ilya Ehrenburg, publicly attacked by Khrushchev last December



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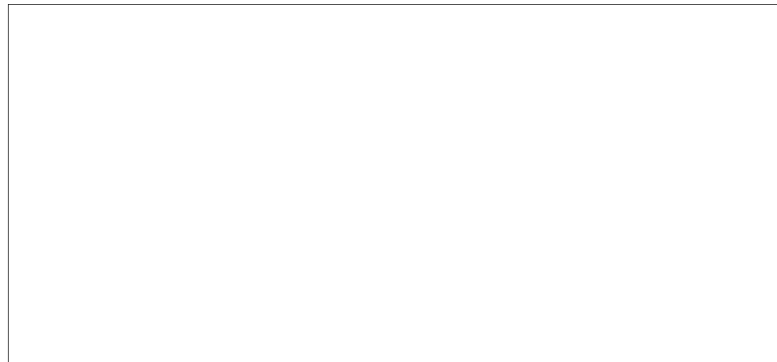


d. Following the writers' meeting, Khrushchev received several participants including Aleksander Tvardovsky previously in the doghouse. He read an unpublished, anti-Stalin poem. Izvestia published the poem a few days later along with a description of Khrushchev's participation at the reception.

e. It remains to be seen how many authors will regard these and other developments as a green light to resume the de-Stalinization theme.

6. Indonesia-UK

a. Indonesia is attempting to prevent further anti-British incidents while Foreign Minister Subandrio is at the UN.



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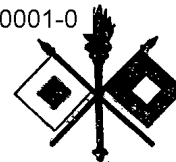
- A. EEC The Common Market is thinking of eating its own rice along with its chicken. A West German Economics official says the EEC may soon establish regulations designed to protect Italian and French rice producers by supporting a price well above the world market. The US sold over \$11 million worth of rice to the Common Market from August 1962 to May 1963.
- B. Cuba Late photography shows that the 40 odd Soviet T-54 tanks have moved out of the Soviet armored camp at Holguin and that 29 T-34 tanks from a nearby Cuban encampment have moved in. This is the first time we have ever seen these tanks move outside the camp area. One possibility is that these T-54s have passed to Cuban control.
- C. South Vietnam Reuters reports that a Pan American 707 was hit by a rifle bullet early this morning about seven miles from Saigon airport. The plane suffered damage to one of its oil lines. This follows the Viet Cong bomb sabotage yesterday of two USAF C-47 aircraft and Saturday's bombing outside a theatre frequented by Americans.
- D. France - South Vietnam

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**THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--25 SEPTEMBER 1963**

**1. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:**

A. [REDACTED] PRESIDENT BOSCH WAS OVERTHROWN IN A BLOODLESS COUP A FEW HOURS AGO.

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B. IT WAS CARRIED OUT BY RIGHTIST MILITARY OFFICERS APPARENTLY HEADED BY COLONEL WESSIN Y WESSIN, COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY TRAINING CENTER AT SAN ISIDRO. THE REST OF THE LINEUP IS LESS CERTAIN,

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D. BOSCH IS NOW [REDACTED] UNDER ARREST ON THE TRUMPED UP CHARGE THAT HE WAS DEPORTING SPANIARDS CONTRARY TO THE CONSTITUTION.

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**2. YEMEN-UAR:**

A. ANTI-ROYALIST TRIBAL AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE PRESSING FOR A GREATER SAY IN THE GOVERNMENT.

B. CAIRO APPARENTLY ALSO CONSIDERS SALLAL'S GOVERNMENT UNWORKABLE AND WILL PROBABLY MAKE SOME CHANGES.

C. SALLAL HAS ARRIVED ON THE SCENE FROM CAIRO. MARSHAL AMER AND ANOTHER TOP NASIR AIDE ARE ALSO NOW IN SANA.

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3. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. A HIGH OFFICIAL OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TELLS US THAT PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF THE DIEM GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENTS IS "PRACTICALLY ZERO." HE SAYS THE PEOPLE OF SAIGON, INCLUDING ASSEMBLY DEPUTIES AND CIVIL SERVANTS, WANT A CHANGE.

B. HE HIMSELF SEES NO ALTERNATIVE TO DIEM AND BELIEVES NHU HAS VALUABLE QUALITIES. HE SUGGESTS NHU BE MADE PRIME MINISTER, WITH MADAME NHU "PERMANENTLY EXILED", AND THAT GENUINELY FREE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS BE HELD.

C. REPORTS OF COUP PLOTTING

[REDACTED] BUT THE WILLINGNESS OF THE MILITARY UNITS SUPPOSEDLY INVOLVED TO SUPPORT A COUP REMAINS UNCERTAIN.

D. [REDACTED]

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**5. HAITI - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:**

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**C. PORT-AU-PRINCE HAS REMAINED CALM.**

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**7. NO NOTES.**

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**THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--26 SEPTEMBER 1963****1. MALAYSIA:**

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**B. THE SHELL MANAGER AT BALIKPAPAN IN SOUTHERN BORNEO HAS SENT OUT AN URGENT REQUEST FOR HELP, SAYING BRITISH NATIONALS ARE BEING HELD UNDER "CONDITIONS APPROXIMATING IMPRISONMENT WITH MENACES AND INDIGNITIES." HE ALSO SAYS THAT AMERICANS, AUSTRALIANS AND NEW ZEALANDERS IN BALIKPAPAN ARE IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AND REQUESTING EVACUATION.**

**C. THAI FOREIGN MINISTER THANAT IN NEW YORK SAYS HE HAS GOTTEN TACIT AGREEMENT FROM THE THREE ERSTWHILE MAPHIL-INDO PARTNERS TO COME TO BANGKOK FOR TALKS AFTER A MONTH'S COOLING OFF PERIOD.**

**2. SOUTH VIETNAM:**

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D. IN PARIS THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER HAS DENIED EMPHATICALLY THAT THE FRENCH TRIED TO INSTIGATE CONTACTS BETWEEN NHU AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. AMBASSADOR BOHLEN, THOUGH CONVINCED THAT COUVE DE MURVILLE WAS FAR FROM FULL AND FRANK ON VIETNAM, IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THIS.

3. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

A. THE MILITARY LEADERS WHO TURNED BOSCH OUT OF OFFICE SAY THEY ARE LOOKING FOR AN "EMINENT CIVILIAN UNCONNECTED WITH MILITANT POLITICAL PARTIES" TO REPLACE HIM. AS OF THIS MORNING THEY HAD NOT SETTLED ON A MAN.

B. THOUGH MOST MAJOR MILITARY LEADERS SIGNED THE ORDER DEPOSING BOSCH, THE REAL INSTIGATORS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN ARMY COLONEL WESSIN Y WESSIN AND COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE LUNA. BOSCH'S REMOVAL WAS TRIGGERED BY HIS DEMAND EARLY WEDNESDAY THAT WESSIN BE FIRED.

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C. BOSCH AND HIS CABINET ARE STILL IN CUSTODY BUT WE EXPECT HE WILL BE ALLOWED TO JOIN HIS WIFE IN PUERTO RICO.

D. A NIGHTTIME CURFEW IS IN EFFECT, BUT THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE, INSTIGATED BY EXTREME LEFTISTS OR AGAINST THEM, REMAINS A POSSIBILITY.

E. BETANCOURT IS REPORTEDLY UNSETTLED BY THIS NEW MILITARY JUNTA. MUNOZ MARIN HAS SPOKEN OUT SHARPLY AGAINST IT AND THE COSTA RICAN, SALVADORAN AND HONDURAN DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK HAVE TOLD SECRETARY RUSK OF THEIR STRONG CONCERN.

4. CUBA:

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5. USSR GRAIN:

A. THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR NEED FOR GRAIN.

B. THEY HAVE BOUGHT 40,000 TONS OF FLOUR IN ITALY

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C. MOSCOW HAS CANCELED AN AGREEMENT TO SUPPLY 60,000 TONS OF GRAIN TO FINLAND, AND HAS APPARENTLY TOLD ITS EAST EUROPEAN SATELLITES TO LOOK ELSEWHERE.

D. POLAND, ALREADY A QUANTITY BUYER, IS SEEKING LARGER AMOUNTS OF THE US AND CANADA. CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS TRYING TO BUY US GRAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME. A BULGARIAN GRAIN BUYING MISSION HAS TURNED UP IN OTTAWA. HUNGARY ALSO APPEARS INTERESTED.

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6. NO NOTES

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**THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--27 SEPTEMBER 1963**

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**1. HONDURAS:**

**A.**

**MILITARY LEADERS**

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**WILL ATTEMPT A COUP**

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**2. CUBA:**

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**3. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:**

**A. MILITARY LEADERS AND RIGHTIST POLITICIANS HAGGLED NEARLY TWENTY-FOUR HOURS BEFORE SETTLING ON THE NEW THREE-MAN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. FURTHER MANEUVERING FOR CABINET POSTS IS LIKELY.**

**B. THE THREE CIVILIANS COMPRISING THE TRIUMVIRATE ARE CONSIDERED HONEST AND REASONABLY COMPETENT BUT AMBASSADOR MARTIN STYLES THE CONTENDING PARTIES BEHIND THE SCENES AS LARGELY DISCREDITED AND IRRESPONSIBLE.**

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**4. BRAZIL:**

**A. THE POLITICAL TEMPERATURE IS UP AGAIN.**

**B. FAR LEFT LABOR LEADERS ARE THREATENING A GENERAL STRIKE IF GOULART DOES NOT IMMEDIATELY ADOPT A RADICAL REFORM PROGRAM. GOULART, IN HIS USUAL DEVIOUS WAY, MAY BE COOPERATING IN THE AGITATION WHILE MOVING TO HEAD OFF THE STRIKE.**

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C. THIS AFFAIR HAS GOTTEN TANGLED WITH A LEFTIST EFFORT TO PRESSURE GOULART INTO FIRING GENERAL BEVILACQUA, THE STRONGLY ANTI-COMMUNIST ARMY COMMANDER IN SAO PAULO. MOST OF THE MILITARY HAVE LINED UP BEHIND BEVILACQUA, FACING GOULART WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF OVERTHROW IF HE GIVES IN TO THE LEFT.

D. WE SUSPECT GOULART WILL REPRIMAND BEVILACQUA, BUT NOT REMOVE HIM.

5. NOTES:

A. SYRIA: WE EXPECT A CABINET SHAKE-UP SOON WITH PRIME MINISTER BITAR GIVING WAY TO A PROTEGE OF ARMY STRONGMAN, GENERAL HAFIZ. BITAR'S MORE MODERATE FACTION OF THE BAATH PARTY HAS BEEN LOSING STRENGTH TO THE GROUP FAVORING A HARDER LINE AGAINST NASIR. A SIMILAR STRUGGLE IS UNDER WAY AMONG IRAQI BAATHISTS.

B. CONGO: TRIBAL DISORDERS HAVE BROKEN OUT IN THE NEWLY CREATED PROVINCE OF LUALABA IN WESTERN KATANGA, FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF THE FIRST GOVERNMENT THERE.

C. INDONESIA: THE EVACUATION OF THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN LONDON [REDACTED] MAY HAVE ONLY BEEN THE REMOVAL OF SENSITIVE MATERIAL.

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**THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST, 28 SEPTEMBER 1963**

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**THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--28 SEPTEMBER 1963****1. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:**

A. THERE IS OUTWARD CALM IN SANTO DOMINGO, BUT BEHIND THE FACADE OF A COMPARATIVELY RESPECTABLE TRIUMVIRATE, FIERCE INFIGHTING CONTINUES AMONG POLITICAL HACKS AND MILITARY STRONGMEN SEEKING THE SPOILS AND POWER.

B. AMBASSADOR MARTIN NOTES THAT MOST ON THE CURRENT SCENE ARE PRO-US AND EXPECTS THEY WILL WORK HARD TO APPEAR EVEN MORE SO.

C. BUT HE IS CONCERNED OVER THE DAMAGE TO OUR IMAGE THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA WERE WE TO GO ALONG WITH THIS SET-UP.

D. THE CRACKDOWN ON LEFT EXTREMISTS WHICH FOLLOWED THE COUP HAS RESULTED IN SEVERAL HUNDRED ARRESTS. SO FAR, HOWEVER, MOST KEY LEFTISTS ARE STILL AT LARGE.

E. BOSCH MAY BE PUT ABOARD SHIP FOR SPAIN TODAY, WEATHER PERMITTING.

**2. GREECE:**

A. NEW ELECTIONS WILL HAVE TO BE HELD IN GREECE BY 3 NOVEMBER AS A RESULT OF KING PAUL'S ACTION ON THURSDAY DISSOLVING PARLIAMENT.

B. THE LARGEST OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES, THE NON-COMMUNIST CENTER UNION, APPARENTLY SUCCEEDED IN ENGINEERING PIPINELIS' REMOVAL BY THREATENING TO BOYCOTT THE ELECTIONS UNLESS HE WERE DROPPED.

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C. A NEW CARETAKER GOVERNMENT UNDER SUPREME COURT CHAIRMAN MAVROMICHALIS IS BEING FORMED.

3. ITALY:

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4. NOTES:

A. GUATEMALA: PUBLIC DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PERALTA REGIME, PARTICULARLY FOR ITS SLOWNESS IN RESTORING CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES AND PREPARING FOR ELECTIONS, HAS MADE SOME MILITARY OFFICERS RESTLESS. THEY SEE ONLY THE LEFTISTS PROFITING FROM THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, AND PLANS FOR ANOTHER COUP ARE [REDACTED] BEING LAID BY [REDACTED] THE [REDACTED] MILITARY

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B. CONGO: RABBLE ROUSING GIZENGA LIEUTENANT, GBENYE, FRESH FROM JAIL, HAS BEEN HOLDING ANTI-GOVERNMENT RALLIES ON THE THEME THAT GIZENGA IS DEAD. ARMY AND POLICE UNITS HAVE BEEN ALERTED AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF TROUBLE. THE GOVERNMENT SAYS, OF COURSE, THAT GIZENGA IS WELL, BUT THERE IS

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DANGER SOME OPPOSITIONISTS WILL REALIZE HE IS MORE VALUABLE  
DEAD THAN ALIVE AND ATTEMPT TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO THEIR CLAIM.


C. USSR



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D. WEST GERMANY: IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY THAT  
ADENAUER WILL RESIGN ON 15 OCTOBER. ERHARD'S NEW CABINET  
WILL BE SWORN ON THE 17TH AND ERHARD WILL DELIVER HIS GOVERN-  
MENT'S POLICY DECLARATION ON THE 18TH.



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1. Brazil

a. A showdown between left and right could come soon as two potential catalysts are about to be injected into the already super-charged situation.

b. Guanabara governor Lacerda has broken his recent silence and given a US correspondent a taped interview (it may appear in today's Los Angeles Times)

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c. A Supreme Court decision which is expected to rule against the right of enlisted men to serve in Congress is imminent.

d. This may spark leftist disorders

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e. Goulart will address the nation today, presumably in an effort to calm the situation.

2. Dominican Republic

a. While most of the military, including Col. Wessin, have retired to the wings, Air Force General Luna is still very much around, upstaging the civilian triumvirate where he can and proclaiming confidence he can engineer US recognition in short order.

b. We are not sure whether it is Luna's idea or not, but former foreign minister Bonilla (under the post-Trujillo Council of State) is reported to be leaving for Washington today argue the case for recognition. *tb*

c. In Santo Domingo, the curfew has been lifted under pressure from businessmen, and most of those arrested in last week's roundup are being released from jail.

d. Reports of Bosch's destination conflict, but one of the most likely is that he will be put off in Guadeloupe to proceed from there on his own.

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**3. South Vietnam**

**a.**

Diem is about to accept a series of recommendations put to him by a group of general officers in Saigon.

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**b.**

the generals want senior military officers assigned to key cabinet posts. with military lines of command straightened out, the war against the Viet Cong can be carried out more effectively.

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**c.**

the generals have given Diem and Nhu until 4 October to act.

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e. Nhu and Diem may be attempting to deflect military dissatisfaction by discussing reforms they do not intend to implement.

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#### 4. Algeria

a. Simmering opposition to Ben Bella boiled over yesterday in the troublesome Kabylie area east of Algiers.

b. Ben Bella acted quickly to relieve the military commander in the area, whose force joined with the Berber dissidents in their hilly stronghold.

c. A clash is shaping up as government troops move in to contain the opposition, but the odds are heavily in favor of Ben Bella.

#### 5. Cuba-USSR

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## 6. Congo

a. Fed up with Parliament's preoccupation with intrigue and incitement, Adoula persuaded Kasavubu to prorogue the present do-nothing session.

b. This was finally done last night.

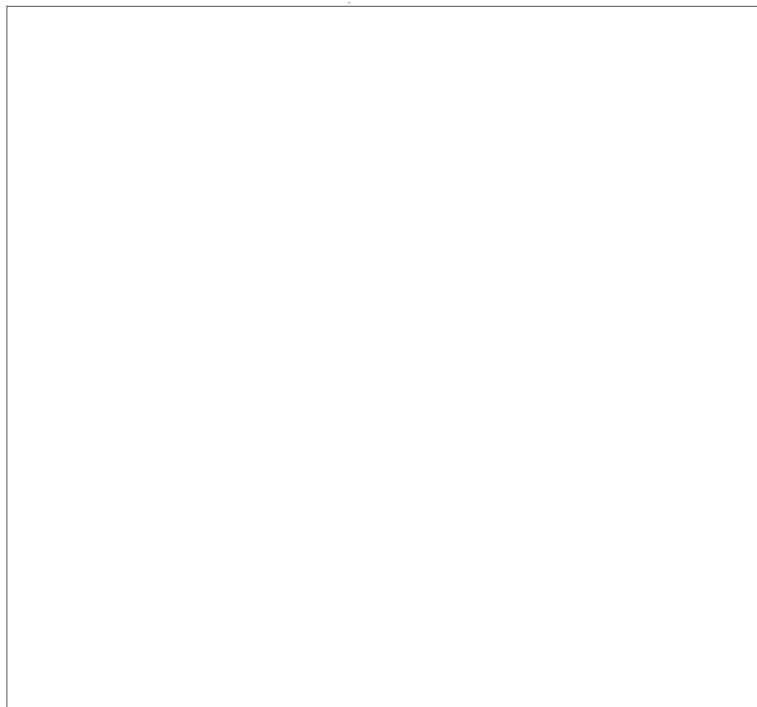
c. It had been convened in extraordinary session over a month ago for the exclusive purpose of acting on the new draft constitution.

d. Adoula intends now to appoint a constitutional commission and to submit the final draft to popular referendum.

e. Troops are alerted to protect Leopoldville against disorders which are expected to follow on Kasavubu's action, and Adoula is confident the situation can be contained.

**7. Indonesia-Japan**

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A. USSR

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- C. Ghana-Czechoslovakia The current visit to Czechoslovakia of Ghana's chief of staff suggests that Ghana is about to conclude a new arms deal with the Soviet Bloc. Heretofore, Ghana has relied primarily on Commonwealth sources for arms, with relatively small amounts coming from the USSR.

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D. India

[REDACTED] more extensive patrolling and reconnaissance activity in all forward areas. [REDACTED]

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**E. Somalia-USSR**

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- F. French Socialists - USSR** A delegation of French Socialist Party leaders, including Mollet, will be going to the USSR later this month for an 8 to 10-day round of talks with CPSU leaders who had invited them to come. The French intend the talks to range over international questions, minority problems and ideological matters.
- G. Oil** Western oil companies with international interests are in for some tougher bargaining with the principal oil producing countries. Signs are that the latter are more than usually determined to act in concert through their Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to combat the divide and conquer tactics of the Western compaines. The organization meets next week in Geneva and will probably consider imposing new tax terms.

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