

FILE

# THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

21 JUNE 1961  
~~TOP SECRET~~

1. USSR may be testing second-generation ICBM [redacted]

Five of the 20 ICBM firings this year appear to have used a new propulsion system.

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2. South Vietnamese army digging in [redacted]

In mid-June, units were fortifying [redacted]

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[redacted] along the central Vietnam-Laos border. [redacted]

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3. Chinese Nationalist position on Mongolia unchanged

The government decided last Saturday to veto Outer Mongolian admission to the UN, with "full awareness of the consequences!" Ambassador Drumright asks that establishment of relations be postponed, (In this connection, the Mongolian Ambassador in Moscow has agreed to our proposals.) [redacted]

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4. Katanga threatens boycott of Congolese parliament session

Katanga demands for the release of Tshombe and for a confederation agreement as preconditions for attendance at the parliamentary session (now scheduled for 25 June) are not acceptable to Leopoldville. Without Katanga's votes, however, the Kasavubu group risks being outvoted by the Gizengists. [redacted]

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5. Dissension within Turkish military command brings new shake-up

The retirement of several senior officers has taken place amidst strong rumors of an impending purge in lower ranks. This action appears to strengthen the position of the group of younger, less conservative officers in the Committee of National Union. [redacted]

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6. OAS subcommittee views on Dominican government

[redacted]  
a) the regime "appears to be leaning toward democracy; however,  
b) the subcommittee is not convinced of Ramfis' sincerity;  
c) the other members resented efforts by the US member to prolong the subcommittee's stay in the Republic.

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7. French farmers' agitation may play into hands of De Gaulle's rightist opposition

The efficient tactics employed by leaders of the spreading movement have aroused suspicion in Paris that rightist opponents of De Gaulle's Algerian policy are attempting to tie down some of his security forces outside of Paris. Further violence is expected during the next week. [redacted]

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8. Albanians ask French and Italians for economic aid

This is undoubtedly a reaction to Tirana's difficulties with Moscow. The Italians are coming across "to keep the West's foot in the door." The French will probably do likewise. [redacted]

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**NOTES**

A. There were no major political developments concerning Laos. The Communists have renewed military pressure on the Meo near Pa Dong.

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C. Bolivian President Paz threatened to resign yesterday unless the striking miners went back to work, but has later "agreed to stay on." This was apparently a tactical maneuver and the situation remains confused.

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D. The Mexican government opposes giving any publicity to the proposal for "good offices" in the US-Cuban dispute [Redacted]

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E. [Redacted] the USSR had no intention of walking out, but that the negotiations were bound to fail.

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F. Khrushchev will attend a mass meeting in Moscow today commemorating the 20th anniversary of the German attack, and could make another speech.

**LATE ITEM**

G. Late press reporting says Tshombe is "at liberty" in Leopoldville.

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