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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

26 JUNE 1961

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1. Ulbricht concerned over "mood" of East German workers. [redacted]

The "soft" line adopted last fall to reduce popular discontent and cut the refugee flow is not succeeding. Industrial workers are becoming openly critical, especially of the food situation. [redacted]

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2. Iraqi claims to Kuwait

Qasim's attempt to assert Iraqi sovereignty over Kuwait will not be received with joy by the Kuwaiti, and has little significance unless he moves militarily. To do so will be difficult in the face of strong British guarantees to Kuwait. ([redacted] map on last page)

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3. Laotian developments

- a) Souvanna and Souphannouvong say talks on forming a coalition will be resumed in Laos within fifteen days.
- b) Phoumi plans to return to Laos Tuesday or Wednesday, apparently to see the King. [redacted]
- c) Kong Le plans to address "soldiers everywhere" by radio today. [redacted]

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4. Khrushchev speaks again
in Alma Ata

Only excerpts of his speech are available, and Soviets handling of it suggests it may be published rather than broadcast. The only notable point in the fragments we have is a highly emotional passage on "catching up with the West." Khrushchev left for Moscow this morning. [redacted]

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5. Soviets and Chinese compete for support of Japanese Communist Party

The party has a militant pro-Chinese minority and a more moderate pro-Soviet majority, at which the Chinese have been nibbling. The Soviets have now countered by naming a high-level delegation, headed by Presidium member Mukhitdinov, to attend the Japanese Party Congress late next month. [redacted]

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6. Clarification of Turkish political picture

It appears that the military group which calls itself the "Forces of Solidarity" emerged from the power struggle early this month as the dominant force in Ankara and now has the support of almost all the top military leaders. The new grouping represents the more strongly nationalist and less conservative elements in the Turkish armed forces. (Various sources, [redacted])

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7. Argentine

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While the armed forces favor constitutional government, they are strongly anti-Peron.

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8. Thai Foreign Minister considers replacing SEATO with neutral belt in Southeast Asia

He would expand Sihanouk's scheme of neutralizing Cambodia, Laos, and possibly Burma by adding Thailand, South Vietnam, Malaya, and even East Pakistan. While his scheme, which requires guarantees by the US, USSR, and Communist China, is not very realistic, it is an example of Thailand's trend toward neutralism.

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9. Soviets said not to plan "disruptive and aggressive" tactics at UNGA this September

[Redacted]

they will not press for a decision on the "Troika" because they have no hope for a majority. We think they may well see an advantage in playing it soft in New York with Berlin and the nuclear test issue coming to a boil.

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NOTES

- A. [redacted] press reports that the Imam of Yemen has turned over some of his powers to Crown Prince Badr [redacted]. [redacted] 50X1
- B. North Korean leader Kim Il-sung will lead a delegation to Moscow in a few days, possibly to conclude an economic agreement. North Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong will be in Moscow at the same time. [redacted] 50X1
- C. There is no new information on the alleged counter-coup in South Korea, on which we reported [redacted] Saturday morning; we are still checking. 50X1
- D. We do not read major significance into the Czech personnel changes widely reported in this weekend's press. [redacted] 50X1
- E. There has been another incident on the Syrian-Israeli border. [redacted]

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