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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST, 28 AUGUST 1963

I. SOUTH VIETNAM

A. ~~ALTHOUGH~~ ^{MARTIAL} ~~SOME EASING OF~~ ~~INTERNAL~~ LAW WAS EVIDENT
IN SAIGON YESTERDAY, STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO TIGHTEN
THE SECURITY RING AROUND THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, WHICH
HOUSES DIEM AND THE NHU'S.

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B. THE PALACE SECURITY GUARD, NORMALLY PROVIDED
BY AN ELITE ARMY UNIT, IS NOW, WE HEAR, BEING DRAWN
FROM UNITS UNDER COLONEL TUNG, THE PRO-REGIME COM-
MANDER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES. IN ADDITION ANTI-AIR-
CRAFT GUNS HAVE BEEN EMPLACED IN THE PALACE AREA.

C. MEANTIME, THE SHADOW OF NGO DINH NHU LOOMS
EVER LARGER. HIS PICTURE HAS BEGUN TO SHOW UP IN
PUBLIC BUILDINGS--ONE REPORT SAYS DIEM'S IS COMING
DOWN--AND A MILLION POSTERS OF NHU, RESPLENDENT IN
KHIS YOUTH CORPS UNIFORM, ^{HAVE BEEN MADE UP FOR NATION -}
~~46 73, 83 70 194, 589,~~
WIDE DISTRIBUTION.

D. SOME ARMY LEADERS FEAR THAT NHU PLANS A FUR-
THER POWER GRAB.

E. MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE VIET CONG
CONTINUE, BUT MARTIAL LAW COMMITMENTS LED TO THE
SUSPENSION OF A LARGE-SCALE OPERATION IN CENTRAL
VIETNAM AND THE NUMBER OF SMALL-SCALE GOVERNMENT
ACTIONS HAS DECLINED.

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2. MALAYSIA:

A. THE UN SURVEY IN NORTHERN BORNEO IS UNDER WAY WITH NO INDONESIAN OR PHILIPPINE OBSERVERS IN ATTENDANCE.

B. DJAKARTA AND ~~THE BRITISH~~ ^{IS} ARE STILL ~~BEING~~ CAUTIOUS ABOUT MINOR PROCEDURAL ISSUES INVOLVING THE OBSERVERS, AND MANILA REFUSES TO ORDER IN ITS TEAM UNTIL THE INDONESIANS SEND THEIRS.

C. THE INDONESIAN PRESS AGENCY THIS MORNING SAID THAT INDONESIA WAS NOT LIKELY TO SEND ANY OBSERVERS IN VIEW OF THE "DIFFICULTIES CREATED BY THE BRITISH."

D. IN KUALA LUMPUR THE MALAYAN CABINET HAS DECIDED TO ANNOUNCE ON FRIDAY THAT MALAYSIA WILL COME INTO BEING ON 16 SEPTEMBER. [REDACTED]

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3. PORTUGAL:

A. [REDACTED] SALAZAR'S OPPONENTS ARE STEPPING UP THEIR EFFORTS TO UNSEAT THE DICTATOR.

B. OPPOSITION ELEMENTS ARE TAKING HEART FROM THE GROUNDSWELL OF FEELING BOTH AT HOME AND IN THE COLONIES THAT SALAZAR'S UNBENDING STAND ON AFRICAN MATTERS WILL LEAD THE NATION TO RUIN.

C. THESE ELEMENTS ARE TRYING TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF IMPORTANT FINANCIAL FIGURES, WHO, IT IS REASONED, ARE SUFFICIENTLY DISMAYED TO SEEK WAYS TO PROTECT THEIR INVESTMENTS.

D. A KEY ELEMENT IS, AS EVER, THE ARMED FORCES. WE HAVE BEEN GETTING CONTRADICTIONARY READINGS ON CURRENT MILITARY ATTITUDES, BUT SOME OF THE OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN AFRICA ARE SAID TO BE DISILLUSIONED OVER THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING.

E. LITTLE OF THIS WAS SHOWING YESTERDAY WHEN MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS IN FAVOR OF SALAZAR'S AFRICAN POLICIES CLOGGED THE STREETS OF LISBON. THE PRESS IS ESTIMATING THE CROWDS AT HALF A MILLION.

4. IRAQ-USSR:

A. THE SOVIETS HAVE AGREED TO RESUME SHIPMENTS OF CONVENTIONAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO IRAQ NEXT MONTH.

B. [REDACTED] SO- 50X1, E.O.13526
VIET DEFENSE OFFICIALS WERE IN IRAQ A FORTNIGHT AGO ASSURING THEIR COUNTERPARTS THAT MOSCOW IS WILLING TO PROVIDE "EVERYTHING" IRAQ NEEDS.

C. THE SOVIETS HAD SUSPENDED SUCH SHIPMENTS BACK IN JUNE AS PART OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO INDUCE BAGHDAD TO BLUNT ITS DRIVE ON THE KURDS.

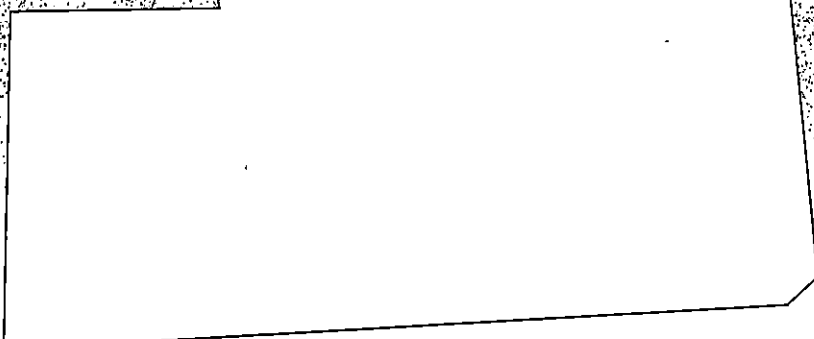
5. NOTES:

A. CUBA: A SOVIET SAM UNIT FOR THE FIRST TIME ON MONDAY USED A US HIGH-ALTITUDE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT OVER CUBA AS THE TARGET FOR A SIMULATED MISSILE LAUNCH. IN THE PAST THESE UNITS CONTENTED THEMSELVES WITH LESS REALISTIC EXERCISES INVOLVING NON-EXISTENT PLANES OR PLANES NO LONGER IN THE AREA.

[REDACTED]
B. USSR-CUBA: THE COASTAL DEFENSE CRUISE-MISSILE SYSTEM IN CUBA MAY BE UNDER CUBAN CONTROL BY THE END OF THE MONTH. OPERATOR CHATTER ON THE REMAINING SOVIET NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS NET, WHICH SERVES THE OPERATIONAL CRUISE-MISSILE SITES, REVEALS THAT THE NET IS DUE TO BE SHUT DOWN AND ITS PERSONNEL TO BE SENT BACK TO THE USSR BY EARLY SEPTEMBER.

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C. CUBA



D. IRAQ-SYRIA: AN IRAQI ANTI-AIRCRAFT REGIMENT WILL MOVE TO SYRIA NEXT WEEK AND BE PLACED UNDER SYRIAN COMMAND. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOME SORT OF BILATERAL IRAQI-SYRIAN MILITARY COOPERATION COULD ACCOMPANY THE MOVE. THIS GESTURE OF IRAQI SUPPORT AGAINST THE HATED ISRAELIS MAY WELL BE ALL THAT THE SYRIANS WILL GET SINCE THE BULK OF THE IRAQI ARMY IS TIED DOWN IN THE KURDISH CAMPAIGN. [REDACTED]

E. EEC-POULTRY: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE EEC WILL HAVE TO RETALIATE IF THE US WITHDRAWS TARIFF CONCESSIONS IN THE AMOUNTS THREATENED. THE EEC CONSIDERS THE US FIGURE UNACCEPTABLY HIGH.

F. HAITI: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GENERAL CANTAVE IS PLANNING ANOTHER INCURSION INTO HAITI IN TWO OR THREE DAYS TIME. HE MAY BE JOINTED BY A SMALL GROUP LED BY THE CUBAN ADVENTURER, MASFERRER.