

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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b. The new regime is larded with men who have served in previous Honduran cabinets. Lopez and Colonel Armando Escalon, chief of the air force and new Minister of Defense, are the only military officers holding high positions.

c. On Saturday Lopez said his government would stay in power about a year, but would not respect any of Villeda's social legislation.

d. Further violence can be expected from militant liberals and Communists, but Lopez appears to be winning the support of professional and business groups.

e. The new Foreign Minister, concerned with US reaction to the coup, is floating the idea of a plebiscite to approve the new government.

4. USSR

a. [redacted]

[redacted] an SA-3,
surface-to-air missile site [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]

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b. [redacted] a small (20-foot) two-stage missile. [redacted]

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[redacted]
the SA-3 is intended for defense in the low-to-medium altitude range.

c. About 70 SA-3 sites have been identified, many of them co-located with SA-2 positions which defend in the medium-to-high-altitude range.

5. Kurds

a. [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] continued shipment of food, arms and cash to the Kurds via Iran.

b. Iran [redacted] has

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[redacted] been [redacted] in support of the Kurdish rebellion, which despite government successes, is still very much alive.

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