THE PRESIDENT’S
INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

17 AUGUST 1961
TOP SECRET
NOTES

A. Preparations for an extended range firing of a Soviet ICBM appear to be underway. Two of the missile range instrumentation ships, which took part in the recent man-in-space operation, are near Midway and the other two are apparently now also headed for the Central Pacific. The attempt could come as soon as Saturday. The last similar shot, occurred in July 1960.

C. In a rare display of indiscipline which could be symptomatic of growing distemper, 2,000 Chinese rioted in Shanghai last week. They were angered by their inability to get river boat transport because of disruption caused by floods.

E. Anti-Gaullists are hoping to stir up new trouble in Algeria this week. They expect a Moslem demonstration in support of Tunisia which they would use to provoke police and army intervention.