

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

15 AUGUST 1962
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1. Soviet Spacecraft Return

The two Soviet spacecraft were successfully deorbited and returned early this morning (about 0300 EDT) to the prescribed recovery area just north of Lake Balkhash. They landed six minutes (and ten kilometers) apart. Khrushchev has returned to Moscow from his vacation retreat for the celebration. Vostok III, up since Saturday, was in its 64th orbit^{50X1} and Vostok IV, launched on Sunday, was in its 48th.

2. Laos

a. Souphannouvong, once again back in Vientiane from his trip to Plaine des Jarres, has announced he will release the American prisoners on Friday.

b. International Control Commission chief Singh has formally asked us for four helicopters (to buy or rent) by the end of the month. (He got the reluctant approval of the ^{50X1} Polish ICC member for four, having originally argued that six were needed.)