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THROUGH GEN. CLIFTON

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The President's Intelligence Check List

1. Laotian developments: a) On his return to Vientiane, Boun Oum told the Indian Ambassador that if negotiations at Geneva or among the three princes break down, the best solution would be to partition the country. Prince Souphannouvong earlier told the Indian that partition is the one thing that would bring about a resumption of the war.

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b) [redacted] tension between the King and Boun Oum is growing and that the King is seriously considering abdicating in favor of his 30-year-old son [redacted]

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c) The military situation is quiet except for some harassing actions north of Vientiane. [redacted]

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2. British facing problem of disengaging from Kuwait:

No decision yet reached but London sees need to take action before its relations with other Arab states worsen. Discussions are underway with the Ruler on the desirability of a "UN presence" in lieu of British forces in Kuwait, to maintain a deterrent. [redacted]

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- A. **Tunisian President Bourguiba has renewed his demand that France evacuate the Bizerte naval base.**
- B. **General Gursel has announced that Turkey will hold national elections next October.**

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