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| HOUR 0001 | DATE 20 Oct 62 | HOUR 1530 | DATE 20 Oct 62 | |

Captain William D. Houser, USN

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| Morning | <p>Mr. McNamara and Mr. Gilpatric attended meetings at the State Department to discuss subsequent actions. During the morning, the Navy delivered two papers which had been prepared at the request of Sec Def. The first of these was a draft proclamation (Log. Nr. <u>601</u>) and the second, a draft message (Log. Nr. <u>602</u>) from JCS to CINCLANT instructing the latter to prepare plans for a blockade of Cuba.</p> <p>After their discussions at State, Sec Def and Dep Sec Def proceeded to Justice Department and returned here about noon.</p> | <p>These papers were sent immediately to Mr. Gilpatric in Mr. Ball's office at State.</p> |
| 1330 | <p>Mr. McNamara and Mr. Gilpatric departed for State Department and a subsequent visit to the White House to meet with the President.</p> | |
| 1530 | <p>Received from the Navy, three papers which were in answer to the questions in my memo (Log. Nr. <u>600</u>) of 19 October and subsequent instructions to Adm Ricketts the night before. The first of these was a military scenario for military blockade of Cuba (Log Nr <u>604</u>). The second was a general outline and concept of operations for such a blockade (Log Nr <u>605</u>), and the third, a list of actions to be taken and assignment of responsibility for these actions (Log Nr <u>606</u>).</p> | |

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| 1530 | Upon being notified that the Navy was providing partial answers to previous questions I called Gen Ingelido, Joint Staff, and requested the status of the Joint Staff contribution. He stated that the Joint Staff paper was finished and awaited signature. He felt that Adm Riley would sign it in 10 minutes and he would send it up. This paper was JCSM 799-62 (Log Nr 402). | |
| 1545 | Documents 603, 604, 605 and 606 were packaged and sent over to Mr. Gilpatric at the White House by special courier. | |
| 1740 | Mr. McNamara and Mr. Gilpatric returned and met with the following persons in the dining room: Sec Korth, Mr. Yarmolinsky, Mr. McNaughton, Gen Brown and Capt Houser. Mr. McNamara provided a very comprehensive report which included developments of the last few weeks, alternative courses of action which were under consideration, rationale in determining the proper course of action, and an indication of what the President's final decision would be. He also directed that extreme security be placed on this de-briefing. Gen Brown was instructed to pass Mr. McNamara's de-briefing on to Dr. Charyk and Mr. Ailes and also to look into certain administrative aspects such as security, a special document registry, and provision for continuous watch in the OSD. | |

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| 2200 | Mr. Gilpatric called me in to tell me he had approved JCSM 796-62, CONAD Supplement #2 to NORAD Regulation 55-6 (Log Nr. <u>607</u>). | I immediately phoned this information to Adm Anderson's office and the JCS Secretariat and followed it up the next day with a written memorandum for the Chairman, JCS. |