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HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE	
0001	23 Oct 62		23 Oct 62	Captain William D. Houser, USN

RECORD OF EVENTS			
TIME	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN	
0800	Attended Navy intelligence briefing.		
0930	Upon his return from Mr. McNamara's office, Mr. Gilpatric provided a copy of a memorandum (Log Nr. <u>611</u>), OP 601C3, dated 22 Oct 62. He also stated that the Navy has been authorized to go ahead and charter ships today, but that they were to hold up on requisitioning of ships.		
1125	Mr. Gilpatric asked to see Admiral Sylvester.	I called Adm Sylvester and told him that in addition to those items which had been mentioned previously, Mr. Gilpatric wanted to discuss with him the impact on the merchant marine of fulfilling CINCLANT's shipping requirements.	
1140	Adm Sylvester, Capt Konig, Capt Dye of the Joint Staff and Capt Linehart of the Navy staff arrived to commence discussions with Mr. Gilpatric.		
-1600-	(Entry on Page 10)		
1650	Another paper entitled "Shipping Requirements and Analyses" (Log Nr <u>612</u>) was prepared by Adm Sylvester, Op 04, and brought up to Mr. Gilpatric's office where it was discussed with him.		

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WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED.

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1600	23 Oct 62	1930	23 Oct 62	Captain William D. Houser, USN

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TIME	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
1600	Received a call from General Reynolds who had received a call from General Davis at Patrick Air Force Base. Gen Davis was questioning the advisability of launching a Thor Delta shot on 24 Oct at an azimuth of 44°, which takes it south of Newfoundland and in the direction of the USSR. The Chiefs thought it was all right, but they suggested that we check with Mr. Gilpatric and perhaps State.	Although Mr. Gilpatric saw nothing wrong with it, he asked me to check it with Alexis Johnson. The latter recommended that we not do it the morning of 24 Oct because it likely would be one of the most sensitive periods in the present situation. Mr. Gilpatric then said to cancel the shot and I so informed General Davis and General Reynolds.
1735	Received photos of low-level mission over Cuba which Sec Def party took with them to the White House.	
1800	Mr. McNamara, Mr. Gilpatric and Gen Taylor attended meeting at the White House.	
1930	Mr. Gilpatric requested that the Navy set up a briefing for a little after 8 o'clock in Flag Plot to discuss the exact method that the first intercept would be conducted. He stressed that we should not go after a "baby food" ship and that we should get one which we highly suspected of carrying quarantined materials.	

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1930	23 Oct 62	2400	23 Oct 62	Captain William D. Houser, USN

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1935	<p>Captain Shepard called from the White House and asked that I go to a secure phone. I returned his call and he said that with reference to CINCLANT 220026Z, Op Order 45-62, page 3, paragraph 2, the President desired that Mr. Gilpatric put a hold on any depth charge attacks on submarines for 48 hours. He also passed on the word that the President was very pleased that the Argentines had agreed to participate in the blockade. He wanted the Navy to "go after" participation. Admiral Anderson and Mr. Gilpatric were informed on both of these accounts and I prepared a memorandum for these two passing on the information on holding up depth charge attacks.</p>	
2015	<p>Attended a briefing in Flag Plot with Mr. McNamara, Mr. Gilpatric and Adm Anderson.</p>	
2200	<p>Mr. McNamara had phoned the President and had gotten clarification of the hold on submarine attacks and had received permission to go ahead with the "noise type" attacks; hence my memorandum was no longer useful. Mr. Gilpatric informed me that in connection with the ship requisitioning and chartering, nothing would be done at this time. General Taylor had directed the Joint Staff to re-study the whole problem with the view toward reducing the large requirements.</p>	

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0001	23 Oct 62	2400	23 Oct 62	Colonel Francis J. Roberts, USA

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0810	Secretary Gilpatric, through Colonel Roberts, imposed on Admiral Sylvester a requirement for a complete rundown and analysis of Ship Requirements.	Admiral Sylvester notified at 0815 of the requirement due Dep Sec Def at 12 noon.
0930	Mr. Gilpatric passed to Col Roberts a Memorandum for Mr. Gilpatric, dated 22 Oct, Subject: Shipping Requirements to Implement CINCLANT OPLAN 314-61. Log Nr. <u>611</u> Dep Sec Def indicated that Mr. McNamara and he had given Mr. Korth approval to charter, not requisition.	Dep Sec Def advised Adm Sylvester had been informed of the requirement imposed earlier this a.m. Dep Sec Def indicated he still desired this requirement fulfilled by 1200 hours.
0710	At Mr. McNamara's request, briefings for 7:30 a.m. were arranged with General Carroll (Intelligence), Orville Splitt (News) and Colonel Dean (Cables).	
1230	Received from the White House by special messenger, the Executive Committee Minutes, Oct 23, 10:00 a.m. (Log Nr <u>477</u>)	Provided Dep Sec Def and later posted in his Black Book.
1458	Received from Mr. Lennartson, questions which Mr. McNamara may be called upon to answer at his press conference later in the day. (Log Nr. <u>481</u>)	Forwarded to Dep Sec Def.

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0900	23 Oct 1962	2000	23 Oct 1962	Brig. Gen. George S. Brown

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TIME	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
0915	Mr. McNamara wanted sample of low level oblique photography.	Got same from Col. Steakley
0925	Mr. McNamara wanted to know how many aircraft of what type are on alert to strike MRBM site - status of alert.	Obtained information from Gen. Disosway and passed to White House for McNamara at 1130.
0935	Mr. McNamara wants Mr. Hitch to establish bookkeeping of costs of current Cuban operations.	Memo for Hitch. #3.
1230	Adm. Gentner brought draft message for SecDef approval to direct implementation of quarantine of Cuba.	SecDef approved but to hold until he ordered release. #4
1900	SecDef reported Presidential Proclamation issued 6:00 p.m. and clear to release JCS 6916	Passed release order to Adm. Riley.
2005	Rec'd from Capt. Kidd Navy messages to SecState, SecCommerce for approval.	SecDef approved R240054Z Oct 62 #5 P240055Z Oct 62 #6 P240058Z Oct 62 #7 Released for dispatch

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0715	SecDef asked for (1) DIA Briefing (2) Review of press reaction to Pres. speech (3) Review of cables for foreign reaction to Pres. speech.	(1) Gen. Carroll briefed SecDef & Deputy at 0735. (2) Orv Splitt briefed Sec Def at 0730. (3) Col Deane reported on cables.
1000	SecDef to NSC Special Committee meeting.	
1330	Adm Riley reports Gen McConnell, EUCOM, replied to 22 Oct Jupiter message: "Instructions have been passed and acknowledged."	SecDef and DepSecDef informed. cy to journal.
1345	Minutes of 231000 Oct NSC Committee received by special messenger from White House.	cys to DepSecDef, CJCS, CNO, GC. cy to journal.
1530	SecSef asked # of Soviet flights in Cuba in (1) past 60 days, (2) past 120 days, (3) past 180 days. Also asked # of Soviet ships (1) enroute to Cuba, (2) in Cuban ports, (3) enroute home from Cuba.	To Lt. Col Moore, DIA for air figures; to Navy Flag Plot for ship figures.
1645	Memo to General Brown.	Journal.