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0001	25 Oct 62	1000	25 Oct 62	Captain William D. Houser, USN

RECORD OF EVENTS

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0720	Mr. McNamara and Mr. Gilpatric asked that I find out the latest situation from Flag Plot and check with the Navy on actions to escalate, if we choose to do so.	I discussed this with Admiral Anderson, who provided a couple of ideas, and returned to report this to Mr. McNamara. I also looked into the reconnaissance picture on what flights had been flown and what units had been engaged in reconnaissance over the past 24 hours. This information also was passed to Mr. McNamara.
0835	Mr. McNamara asked that I investigate the transmissions between the USS Gearing and the Soviet tanker Bucharest, and included such questions as; how the transmissions were made, what the exact words were from the Soviet tanker, whether her actions were normal or, perhaps more than one would expect under peacetime conditions, etc. He also wanted to know what British ship was in range of U.S. Naval vessels so that a search could be conducted in sufficient time to provide for a subsequent search of Bucharest (by other units), before the latter arrives in Havana. The idea was to look into the possibilities of having an intercept of Bucharest prior to this evening.	
0850	I proceeded to Flag Plot and discussed this matter with Admiral Griffin. Although there was no British ship in the vicinity, there was a Greek tanker which earlier had requested permission to enter Cuban port.	

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1030	Mr. McNamara and Mr. Gilpatric called me into Mr. McNamara's office to say that they wanted the Navy to establish the capability of having a boarding party on a non-Bloc ship before dark and on a Soviet ship immediately thereafter. They wanted it made clear that we should develop the capability only and not execute. There were also other questions about the exact replies of Gearing and whether or not Soviet tanker Groznyy deviated from its course or whether it was likely it did not.		
1040	Contacted Gen Cooper to discuss possibilities of Anna launch today.		
1050	Discussed with John McNaughton, possibilities of 3 specific tankers having capability for carrying dry cargo.		
1220	Mr. McNamara and Mr. Gilpatric called for Admiral Lee and me and assigned us a comprehensive job to be accomplished not later than 1545. We were to work with the Navy to determine ways to escalate the limited blockade if we chose to do so. This was a very urgent and important project and the Sec Def wanted the answers prior to leaving for the White House meeting in the afternoon.	I discussed the project with Admiral Anderson and Adm Griffin, who told me to work with Admiral Sharp on the program. A furious 3 hours followed, which ended up in the preparation of a paper (Log Nr _____). Adm Lee and I were ushered into Mr. McNamara's office where Mr. Gilpatric, Gen Taylor, Mr. Nitze, and ultimately, General Emrick were. The Secretary discussed our paper with us, thanked us, and we departed.	

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0730	Mr. McNamara asked Colonel Roberts to check on the status of Lazy Dog -- how war-like it is; can it go through camouflage, etc. Where is it located? Exactly what is it, etc.	As the result of contact made through Gen Dickman with Maj McGauhey of the Air staff and with Cdr Fox of Op Nav, a responsive memorandum regarding characteristics and logistics was provided Sec Def and Dep Sec Def at lunch. With respect to the operational requirement, Mr. McNamara and Mr. Gilpatric were advised that Gen Brown had contacted J-3 who, in turn, had gone to CINCLANT for his recommendation on weaponry to be used against missile sites.
1415	Colonel Roberts took a call from U. Alexis Johnson which had been placed earlier by Captain Houser. Mr. Johnson was informed that personnel concerned with Project ANNA were interested in approval to make the shot at 4 a.m., Friday, 26 Oct and could State concurrence be given? Alexis Johnson indicated he would check with his people and inform me later. At 1418, Captain Weissenborn called and was advised of the foregoing. At 1410, DDR&E called and was advised also.	