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0001	22 Oct 62	1645	22 Oct 62	Captain William D. Houser, USN

RECORD OF EVENTS

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0800	Attended Navy intelligence briefing and reported results to Mr. Gilpatric. He then asked me to find out how many Marines and aircraft would be based in Guantanamo.	I provided him with the answer shortly thereafter.
0905	Col Berry requested that I locate a Col Shuler, who he thought was someplace in the Joint Staff.	Col Shuler was located in the vicinity of the Joint War Room and was told to be available in Mr. McNamara's office at 0915.
1230	While in Adm Anderson's office, he asked Adm Griffin to de-brief me on the results of Adm Griffin's discussion with certain top officials of Pan American Airways.	Memorandum prepared for Mr. Gilpatric (Log Nr <u>L10</u> ), who read it and noted in left margin "Done 10/22/62" alongside a portion of sentence underlined "stop if instructed to stop". This referred to stopping of Pan American operations.
1620	Outline for the background briefing which had been prepared by Public Affairs was delivered to Mr. Gilpatric.	
1630	Adm Sharp met with Mr. Gilpatric and discussed the memo from the JCS "Shipping Actions Requiring the Current Situation (S)". At the completion of the meeting, Adm Sharp reported to me that the Navy is not to charter any ships yet. Mr. Gilpatric wants a daily report of the ships available for charter; he also wants to know the impact of this action on the execution of CINCLANT Plan 314.	In accordance with Adm Sharp's direction, I passed this information to Admiral Sylvester, Op 04.

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1645	Possible questions and suggested answers for the press conference were brought up to Mr. Gilpatric and delivered to him. Mr. Yarmolinsky, who reputedly assisted in the preparation of these, was also in the office when the questions were delivered.	
1700	Mr. Gilpatric requested that I determine if today's U-2 flights went off without incident.	Cdr Dick, JRG, reported that there were no incidents. Also determined that there were 2 to 3 similar flights scheduled for tomorrow, and that the specific requirements for these flights have been forwarded to SAC.
1800	Mr. Gilpatric requested the paper which describes the concept of operations for the limited blockade of Cuba. He recalled that it had a map, and no map was now available.	The previous paper from the Navy entitled "Limited Blockade of Cuba" was removed from our file and placed in the Black Book. Capt Ward of the Navy subsequently confirmed that the paper had not been revised and there were no substantial changes; however, the best guide for concept of operations was the message which was sent from the JCS to CINCLANT this morning (JCS 6848).
2000	Mr. Gilpatric explained to me some suggested changes prepared by the General Counsel to JCS message 6848. He asked me to discuss these changes with the Navy and to tell them that they were not mandatory changes but were suggestions for the Navy's consideration. He realized that Mr. McNamara had previously approved the draft of the JCS message 6848 the	I went to see Adm Sharp and explained to him the status of the proposed changes and Mr. Gilpatric's remarks.

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	<p>night before. Subsequently, Mr. McNamara had asked General Counsel to make sure that there were no "holes" in the message and that our instructions were "air tight".</p>	

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0720	Received from Admiral Riley, memo Subject: Rules of Engagement, enclosing 6 copies of rules of engagement for (a) blockade, (b) attack on armed merchant shipping, (c) Guantanamo. Log Nr. <u>404</u>	Distribution to Sec Def, Dep Sec Def, McNaughton, Yarmolinsky, Journal, extra envelope.	
0830	Received from Admiral Riley, memo Subject: Interferences with our Surveillance Flights, dated 22 Oct, enclosing general rules of engagement for surveillance operation. <u>To be handled via Byeman Control System.</u> Log Nr. <u>405</u>	Copy #1 - Dep Sec Def; #2 - Sec Def; #3-Yarmolinsky; #4-McNaughton; #5-Journal file; #6-Dep Sec Def Vault.	
0930	Staff Meeting. Dep Sec Def briefed members of the staff on the background and current status of Cuban operations. The list of attendees was prepared by Mr. Yarmolinsky and approved by Mr. Gilpatric at 9 a.m. Dep Sec Def advised Service Secretaries and staff members that DoD and Services must have all papers ready and on hand in the event of a call-up of reserves for use in Cuba or a call-up of Army units to bolster forces in Europe or for a call-up of the CRAF. Dep Sec Def indicated that in the event of a call-up, tours would be extended. Dep Sec Def advised there would be no public reference to the U-2. The expression to be utilized is "military aircraft". ASD(M) reviewed the current status of mobilization planning.	NA	

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1130	Tele con with ASD(CD). At the close of Staff Meeting, Mr. Yarmolinsky asked that I provide Mr. Pittman with a copy of the JCS paper "Military Measures to Support US Objectives in Cuba". I advised Mr. Pittman that distribution of such papers was being closely held and that a copy was not available for distribution to him. I explained the system in being for logging and keeping a record of papers related to the Cuban operation and informed Mr. Pittman that if he desired to review existing documents which are of professional interest to him, such papers could be reviewed in the office of one of the Military Assistants.	
1435	Received from General Brown, memo for General Carroll, Subject: Soviet Air Transportation - Cuba. Memo conveys instructions regarding obtaining information on Soviet aircraft movements to Cuba. Log Nr. <u>406</u>	Dep Sec Def advised. Memo to Journal file.
1700	Received 22 Oct version of "Military Measures to Support US Objectives in Cuba".	Posted in Dep Sec Def's Black Book.
1700	Received corrections to J-3 paper, "Force Generations".	Posted changes and enclosures to Dep Sec Def's Black Book.
1630	At Mr. Gilpatric's request, a Black Book containing all of the major, pertinent papers on the Cuban operation was assembled for his use.	Given to Dep Sec Def at 1730.

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1200	Mr. McNamara directed that General Carroll work with CIA to obtain information on T-114 flights to Cuba which will permit timely decision and action on intercept.	Memo to Gen. Carroll. cy: CJCS, DepSecDef, CNO
1540	Rec'd copies of State paper 10/22 R.H. talking paper for use in background brief for Ambassadors and US press at 1800/10/22. (4 copies)	Distributed copies to Mr. McNamara, Mr. Gilpatric, Mr. Nitze & Mr. Sylvester

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1905	During the President's television address Mr. McNamara asked that I obtain larger size photographs for his use during the background press briefing to be given at 8 p.m.	In the SAO, I obtained from Colonel Hall and Comdr Miles suitable aerial photographs showing the MIG 21, mobile launchers, IL-28's, and IRBM sites. Classified annotations were stripped from these photographs and they were delivered to Mr. McNamara and subsequently used by him.	

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2000	Informed by Major Brock of JWR announcement JCS had declared Def Con 3 worldwide.	Notified Dep Sec Def.
2010	Informed by Flag Plot that last ship-load of dependents had cleared Guantanamo okay.	Notified Dep Sec Def.
2300	Colonel Roberts visited Flag Plot with Mr. McNamara and Mr. Gilpatric. During the course of discussions at which Admiral Sharp was present, Mr. McNamara laid out the following requirement: (a) Go back in time, approximately a week, and re-trace the flights to and from Cuba. Keep track of current USSR flight activities to Cuba and let McNamara/Gilpatric and Taylor/Anderson know when a plane is enroute to Cuba. Sec Def indicated that prior to the first intercept they may desire to contact the President. (b) Prepare to make the first ship intercept right after the expiration of the 48 hour period subsequent to the President's address. (c) Select the most important ship, in hopes that the USSR might possibly turn it around. (d) The Navy must be sure to have the proper effective ship for the intercept.	This requirement was acknowledged by VAdmiral Sharp and subsequently, by Admiral Anderson.



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2300	Admiral Anderson indicated to Sec Def and Dep Sec Def that he had talked with Adm Dennison. CNO wants to stop the ship of some nation that won't give the difficulty that the UK, for example, might. CNO agrees that the Poltava would be an excellent choice for early intercept. CNO acquainted the Secretaries with his communication call-up of LA Navy Commanders.		