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10/22/62 White House

- 1) What to do if U-2 is shot down?
- 2) " " " if missile build-up continues?
- 3) pros & cons on air strikes - [we could not have taken out all sites
no U.S. Pearl Harbor]
- 4) Why not act earlier? - not sure now of 14 sites in OAS
 - no support in Europe - Berlin put in jeopardy
 - build up Castro
 - no ending of Soviet dependence from past practices

B/ Surveillance did not reveal MRBM enter before Oct 14 (nothing there on Aug 29th); 11-28 crater on Sept 28; cloud cover in Cuba during most of Sept [Some refugee reports during Sept. basis of Keating speeches] Earlier photos would not have proved existence of missile sites.

C/ Why not take stronger action?

D/ What is distinction between USSR missiles in Cuba and USSR missiles (b)(1) - history of NATO action

Soviet action secret & deceitful; change in status quo

E/ Does this justify trade off of Berlin for Cuba? no

Offensive weapons going into Berlin and Soviet check on

A allied movements along autobahn to confirm this

- no stopping of food, etc. into Cuba

F/ ~~Proceed~~ every military move - no current invasion plans

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DOD tightening up on security and word of troop movements

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- 6) Why not extend blockade to air transport and POW? will be, if needed - decide on Tues 10/23
- 7) Call-up & declaration of national emergency - under review
- 8) handling of gold flow, change exchanges
- 9) blockade an exercise of force under Res Pact etc; not an act of war

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