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SUMMARY OF SOVIET SUBMARINE ACTIVITY IN WESTERN ATLANTIC
TO 271700Z

1. FIRST POSITIVE INDICATIONS OF SOVIET SUBMARINE DEPLOYMENTS INTO WESTERN ATLANTIC OBTAINED 22 OCT WHEN P3V PHOTOGRAPHED ZULU CLASS SUBMARINE REFUELING FROM NORTHERN FLEET AUXILIARY TEREK. TEREK HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTANT AIR AND SURFACE SURVEILLANCE SINCE ENTRY INTO THE NORTH ATLANTIC. A PATTERN OF INCREASED SOVIET SUBMARINE ACTIVITY DEVELOPED AS ADDITIONAL ASW AIR SURVEILLANCE WAS LAID ON CONCURRENT WITH THE DEVELOPING CUBAN SITUATION.

2. AT 241500Z A P5M PATROLING SOUTH OF BERMUDA DETECTED SNORKEL. 46 HOURS LATER CONTACT WAS PHOTOGRAPHED ON SURFACE AND IDENTIFIED AS FOXTROT CLASS NUMBER 945. DURING PROSECUTION THIS CONTACT. EVIDENCE OF ADDITIONAL FOXTROT IN AREA OBTAINED ON JEZEBEL AND SOSIS. BOTH CONTACTS ARE STILL BEING PROSECUTED.

3. AT 241800Z USNS SHIP SIGHTED PERISCOPE 300 MILES NORTH OF AZORES. INVESTIGATING VP AIRCRAFT LATER SIGHTED SUBMARINE SAIL. CONTACT DISAPPEARED. LOPAR SIGNATURES OBTAINED.

4. AT 240945Z 110 MILES EAST OF GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND CTF 44.3 REPORTED RADAR CONTACT WHICH TRACKED 2000 TO 7000 YDS ASTERN. CONTACT INVESTIGATED BY VP AIR. RESULTS NEGATIVE.

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5. AT 251642Z COAST GUARD R5D SIGHTED SNORKELING SUB 60 MILES SOUTH OF CAPE HATTERAS. NINETEEN HOURS LATER SOSUS OBTAINED A RELIABLE CONTACT IN THE PROBABILITY AREA, SUBSTANTIATED BY VP JEZEBEL. CONTACT INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

6. AT 252311Z P5M SIGHTED SURFACED SOVIET FOXTROT 350 MILES SSW OF BERMUDA. DARKNESS PRECLUDED PHOTO, CONTACT SUBMERGED VS AIRCRAFT AT 271540Z SIGHTED SURFACED SUB WHICH SUBMERGED BEFORE IDENT COULD BE ESTABLISHED. TG 83.2 PROSECUTING CONTACT.

7. AT 260045Z AN APD GAINED SONAR CONTACT 19 MILES NORTH OF GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND. TG COMMANDER PERSONALY OBSERVED GREEN FLARE FROM CONTACT. OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS FORCED SURFACE SHIPS TO TURN CONTACT OVER TO VP AIRCRAFT, CONTACT INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

8. AT 260225Z SOSUS STATION ON TURKS ISLAND REPORTED A RELIABLE CONTACT. VP AIR CALLED IN. TARGET TRACKED INTERMITTENTLY FOR 11 HOURS UNTIL SIGHTED 120 MILES EAST OF GRAND CAICOS ISLAND. TARGET, IDENTIFIED FROM PHOTOS AS SOVIET FOXTROT, REMAINS UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

9. AT 260245Z P5M HAD RADAR CONTACT 300 MILES SOUTH EAST OF BERMUDA. JEZEBEL CONTACT HELD FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR. CONTACT HAS BEEN COLD SINCE.

10. AT 262105Z AIRCRAFT SIGHTED DISAPPEARING RADAR CONTACT 60 MILES SOUTH OF GIMO. CONTACT COMMENCED SNORKELING AND LATER SECURED. TRACKED WITH JULIE AND MAD. CTG 135 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ECM CONTACT ON SOVIET SUBMARINE RADAR IN VICINITY. IF 135 CLEARED AREA. CONTACT BEING PROSECUTED BY AIR AND SURFACE UNITS.

11. AT 270631Z WF AIRCRAFT HELD DISAPPEARING RADAR CONTACT IN NORTHERN PORTION WINDWARD PASSAGE. CONTACT BEING PROSECUTED BY AIR AND SURFACE UNITS.

12. FOLLOWING IS EVALUATION OF ABOVE ACTIVITY:
- A. TWO POSITIVE AND ONE HIGHLY PROBABLE FOXTROT SUBMARINE CONTACTS IN THE AREA 300 MILES SOUTH OF BERMUDA.
 - B. ONE POSITIVE AND AT LEAST ONE HIGHLY PROBABLE SUBMARINE CONTACT ALONG WINDWARD ISLAND CHAIN. TWO POSSIBLE SUB CONTACTS IN WINDWARD PASSAGE AREA, TYPE UNKNOWN. ONE HIGHLY PROBABLE ZULU.

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AND ONE ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE, TYPE UNKNOWN, OFF THE SOUTH EAST COAST US. ONE POSITIVE ZULU AND ONE POSSIBLE UNKNOWN CONTACT IN WESTLANT AREA NORTH OF THE AZORES.

C. EVIDENCE TO DATE INDICATES FOUR POSITIVE CONVENTIONALLY POSERED LONG RANGE SUBMARINES (3 FOXTROT AND ONE ZULU) IN WESTERN ATLANTIC.

D. THERE IS NO CONTACT EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT NUCLEAR POWERED OR MISSILE CONFIGURED SUBMARINES ARE DEPLOYED IN THE WESTERN ATLANTIC. SCP-4

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