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White House 10/23/62 - NSC-Exec Com

- 1) Attgen - ^{a)} why was not existence of missile sites discovered earlier?
^{b)} "locking barn door after horse is stolen"
- 2) McCone to see Russell, Vinson, Fulbright, DeLoach & Ford (also Blair & Rosten)
R.S. McN & hold press conference (contact Henson Baldwin Thom Navy)
Pres to make suggestions for special press coverage
- 3) CIA analysis of effects on Cuba and Berlin on full blockade
- 4) U-2 coverage of Cuba - 1st reaction take out one SAM site; followed by
warning that for another U-2 hit all SAM sites will be taken
- Sec Def has authority ^{a)} if Pres not available and ^{b)} evidence
clear that U-2 hit by military action
- 5) Blockade proclamation
- 6) Extension of Navy and Marine force on blockade proclamation
- 7) plan for air intercept being developed
- 8) alert status of aircraft to strike missile sites
- 9) chartering of ships for invasion - no requisitioning yet
(Atty Gen to look into waves of requirement that all coast &
inter-coastal shipping be in U.S. vessels)
- 10) reinforcement of PO to mutually
- 11) low level reconnaissance - 6 flights authorized over MRBM sites
- 12) air defense of S.E. U.S. - photo U.S. fields as targets
Ref to look at West Palm Beach and
other alternatives for dispersal
- 13) call at Pres trip to Brazil

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17. UN SC evidence of missile sites (Bell & McCone)

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