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HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE	
0001	24 Oct 62	1340	24 Oct 62	Captain William D. Houser, USN

RECORD OF EVENTS

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0030 - 0230	Several calls from DIA and visits on the possibility of, and later confirmation of, a flight of Czech-Cubana airplane to Cuba.	
0730	Checked positions of Soviet merchant ships proceeding to Cuba and U.S. Naval forces. Marines scheduled for Guantanamo have landed and are in position. Naval forces deployed in the vicinity of the Bahamas and south of Cuba and 3 Marine battalions are afloat awaiting further orders.	
0845	<p>Visited Flag Plot and intelligence plot with Mr. McNamara and Mr. Gilpatric. prior to departure by these two for White House meeting. On return Mr. McNamara asked that I make sure General Norstad was informed that the Czech railroad system has been put on alert.</p> <p>Mr. McNamara also asked me to check on the ships which had been included in the urgent cipher traffic a couple of days earlier. The information that he had received from the Navy was not in agreement with that which he had been told by Mr. McCone.</p>	<p>I contacted Major De Ment, SSO office, and he provided me with information on the SSO set up in Europe and also checked to make sure that Gen Norstad had received the foregoing information.</p> <p>On further checking, I found that Mr. McCone's information was in error and the Navy had the right information. I so informed Mr. McNamara of both of these items.</p>
1340	Proceeded to Flag Plot where we were told that there are rather strong indications that the major Soviet ships, less tankers, were either turning around and proceeding eastward	

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1800	<p>or had ceased their westward progress.</p> <p>Visited Flag Plot to be brought up-to-date on latest situation regarding shipping.</p>	

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1 SEP 54

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0001	24 Oct 62	1730	24 Oct 62	Colonel Francis J. Roberts, USA

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1100	Mr. Stempler provided me with a memorandum for Dep Sec Def, Subject: Requisitioning of Ships, 23 Oct. (Log Nr. <u>409</u> )	Forwarded to Dep Sec Def.
1130	Received from Mr. Gilpatric, Executive Committee Record of Action, 23 Oct, 6 p.m. (Log Nr. <u>411</u> )	Posted in Dep Sec Def's Black Book.
1215	At Mr. Gilpatric's request, the final version of the Proclamation (23 October) was inserted in his Black Book. Previous drafts are entered in Journal file (Log Nr. <u>410</u> ) Final version of Proclamation inserted in Journal file (Log Nr. <u>412</u> ).	
1600	Mr. Gilpatric asked for copies of the confirmed Executive Order entitled "Assigning Authority with Respect to Ordering Persons and Units in the Ready Reserve to Active Duty and with Respect to Extension of Enlistments and Other Periods of Service in the Armed Forces" (Log Nr. <u>413</u> ) and the memorandum for the Secretary of the Navy, Subject: Delegation of Authority (Log Nr. <u>413</u> ).	
1730	Received copy of Gen Brown's memorandum to Mr. Hitch, Subject: Accounting for Expenditures Incident to Current Emergency (Log Nr. <u>414</u> )	Entered in Journal file.

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1730	<p>Entered background material used for briefing foreign Ambassadors and U.S. press after 6 p.m., October 22, in Journal file. (Log Nr. <u>415</u>).</p> <p>Entered Mr. McNamara's remarks at Press Conference, Tuesday, October 23, in Journal file. (Log Nr. <u>416</u>)</p>		
1930	<p>At Mr. Gilpatric's request, I visited Flag Plot to ascertain if they thought anything was likely to arise which would warrant bothering the President during the evening. Dep Sec Def expressed particular interest in the N-22 (Plot C18).</p>	<p>Colonel Roberts advised Dep Sec Def that Flag Plot visualized no unusual happenings for the evening which would warrant Presidential consideration. They noted that the Bucharest was expected to cross the barrier line during the evening and observed that both the Bucharest and the N-22 were under surveillance by the Essex.</p>	
2145	<p>Colonel Roberts accompanied Sec Def and Dep Sec Def to Flag Plot where the briefing was conducted in Admiral Ricketts presence. Mr. McNamara asked if there were any instructions not to board a tanker. Adm Ricketts responded "No, but there are no instructions to board. We feel we should intercept all ships." Sec Def asked "Then no ship has been designated by name as of now?" Ricketts replied "After flash report sent to Washington the order may be given to board." Sec Def asked "How are we handling non-Bloc ships?" Ricketts replied "The same as Bloc ships."</p>		

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	<p>Sec Def asked "Is the Coast Guard operating under the Navy?" The response was negative. Sec Def asked "Under what authority or order is the Coast Guard operating in this area?" Adm Ricketts did not know the answer to this. Mr. McNamara observed that if the report of the briefer was correct then, in effect, the first intercept under the quarantine was made by the Coast Guard. Adm Ricketts indicated that potential activity for tomorrow might call for the interception of the Bucharest or the Venetsa. Mr. McNamara observed "We are not concerned particularly about what happens to the Bucharest but we are concerned about what Khrushchev will do. All assumptions to-date have been exact. The problem now is what to do. We don't want to let him retreat too long.</p>	
2330	<p>At Mr. Gilpatric's request, Col Roberts checked with Flag Plot to ascertain the situation. The officer in charge advised that the C-18 contact was still hot. S2F aircraft from the Essex were using MAD and JULIE equipment awaiting the arrival of the destroyers. On the Bucharest, no contact had been made and the Bucharest had not crossed the barrier.</p>	<p>Mr. Gilpatric advised.</p>

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Brig. Gen. George S. Brown

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0100	Capt. Kidd phoned re State objections to R240054Z Oct 62. Alexis Johnson called same.	Cleared changes with Sec. McNamara, but Johnson wouldn't buy.
0140	Phoned Adm Sharp; got him to talk to Alexis Johnson.	He made sale with condition SecDef issue regulation or proclamation.
0230	Phoned Adm Sharp to ask that Navy send regulation or order to US quarantine forces re R240054Z. He will do.	
0240	Received intelligence re Soviet ships and Cuban aircraft fleet - Gander, Havana. ETD Gander 0800Z ETA Havana 1615Z	

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