

7/12/62

On July 2, 1962, Fidel Castro... arrived in Moscow... Either before or after
his arrival, decision that Soviet nuclear missiles were to be secretly ~~installed~~
installed in Cuba in the fall" Sec. 795

"By late July" entirely unclassified "Soviet Shipments began to arrive" and "Three weeks later
The CIA sent an urgent report" to FR of "something must be done" in Soviet aid (S&T 97)

8/25/62 - Reclone fig and build up for "offensive missile" (A17-15)

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8/29 SAMs "first spotted" Western end of Cuba (8672)
U-2 flight 7829 "showed clear evidence of SAM sites under construction (86798)
(in direction of where in Cuba)

9/4/62 "Book" brought out the draft of the warning "about muscles in water that the G.
" recommended stippling" (no indication of other law "warning" added (Sub 798)
~~Dispute~~ Dubryn in game Ab 11's assurances represented as creating no
invidious until after destruction (Sub 798)

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9/5 11-2 night (672)(Sch790)

9/10/62. Committee on Overhead Reels mtg. in Burdick's office (A25) re downing
of Chicago 4-2

9/11/62 - Moscow warning of ~~retaliation~~ retaliation in cyberspace against Army website on late (Sat, 7:59, A22)

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9/11 U-2 flight. Photography unusable because of "the weather
between 9/15 & 9/26. As it possible there were 21 limit in worst
weather that permitted photography? It would be nice to know
human weather reports. And close to Cuba is to U.S. closely as
Cuba was patrolled by many T-4E, who it not know before this
flight that the weather precluded photography (5672)

9/11 - USSR warning it would retaliate against any attacks on Cuba (420, 4798-9)

9/13/62 - JFW warning re "offensive" Soviet capability in late of photo conference (Sch 799)
JFK "asked Congress for steady authority to call up the ~~new~~ reserves" (Sch 799)

9/17/62 - 4-2 pages (Sec. 799, A25)

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9/26 W2 Kym (5072) (Sch 799) (A25)

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9/29 U-2 flight (5672)

10/1/62 - Issue of "Aviation Week & Space Technology" of this date quotes
"Pentagon strategists" as concluding "arms buildup in Cuba the first
step toward eventual construction of intermediate-range ballistic
missile emplacements" (A14)

1-01/4/62 "The intelligence community ... recommended ... a U-2 flight over
western Lake (S in 100), "approved on Oct 10"
Riley's version (A-26) The time returned from Washington to learn the
whereupon Western Lake, which all is now be moved.

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10/5 4-2 page (S672)(Sib799)(A25)

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10/7 4-2 ~~page~~ (S672)(S6799)(A25)

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10/9 Pres authorized U-2 flight (each in individually required for auth.) (5672)
10/10 U-2 flight auth. 10/9 & delayed by "bad weather" make over
Western ltr (5672)

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10/10 - San Kesting "first assessed missile in lab (S672)
Recommendation of 4-2 flight over Waltham lake, made 10/4,
approved (S672) (H 8/25/64)

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10/15 - "between 8+10 pm" - "top CIA officials were notified" of "first
missile launchings" of missile base at San Cristobal
They notified "intelligence chiefs" of State, Defense, Bundy. (5673)
8:30 pm. Bundy in period - chel (50) / (2h 821)
Photo-analysts first told General Carter who told Dir Gen Ladd (A30)
Hilsman told Rush, who was a proxy budget (A32)

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- 10/16 Arrived 9 am Bundy notified, briefed Pres, (5673) 8:45 (Sch 801)
- 11 a.m. CIA GENERAL MARSHALL CARTER, Dep. Dir. Briefed Pres.
Showed ppt. (5673)
- 11:45 Report in Press & other officials (5673)
Pres asked "further photography" - "throughout the island" (5673)
- p.m. mtg in State Dept. (5673)
- 6:30 " " Cabinet Room, White House (5673)
- " afternoon - Pentagon - McN + JCS alerted forces for Cuban action (week 5678)
- " - State - discuss Soviet motives (5678), press actions (NSInt: Bd here & at
every a.m. mtg. Thereafter.
- 11:45 - First "EX Com" mtg (Sch 802)
- West Caribbean military build up noted (Sch 803)
- EX Com seemed to favor Cuban Pearl Harbor (Sch 803)

10/17 - SF 12 How to Campaign appearance at town., LBJ to the West for the
same purpose, in order to arouse no suspicion (SG86) TS + RK met SF 12 at
airport 8 p.m. for full-in.
Ev Comm mtg 9 p.m. at State. (SG86)
McNamara recommended bloutide Sch 824)

10/18/62

"run of the mill meeting" in the State Dept. - S 681-2

Ext comm consensus veering toward blockade (S 687) (Sch 801)

In afternoon, subcommittee set up to "plot each of the ⁽²⁾ major weapons in detail (S 688)

gromyko - JFK mtg (S 689)
(Sch 805)

gromyko dinner State Dept 8 pm (S 691) until after midnight (S 692)

White House mtg 9 pm. One hour (S 693) (Sch 805)
JFK advised preparations for weapons blockade to be effective 1/22 (Sch 806)

After midnight Rusk & Thompson discussed W.H. mtg with Ball, Martin, McNamara -
Sm (S 692)

10/19/62 Caribbean, Atlantic communes alerted "a garnet possible air war who in the Panama Canal" etc (Sch 892)

JFK told TS JCS preferred air-strike on missiles to + unat. way, agreed to blockade in a.m. as JFK was leaving the pd. campaign in mid west, west (Sch 892) But 691 indicate JFK decision Thurs night 10/18, as ch. Sch on 806 morning in comm mtg (Sch 892) (at State, 11 a.m. (Sch 806)

S "agreed" to do much-draft of blockade speech (Sch 892) Finish at 3 a.m. 10/20 (Sch 893)

Late p.m. mtg (in various, with people coming + going) (Sch 892) 4 o'clock (Sch 807)

Here Ex. Sec. started back to support of blockade (Sch 807)
Pres's speech set for Sat night 10/21 (Sch 808) (But by Sat a.m. it was "canceled" (but preparations would not be complete in time) - "decided to talk things for another day" (Sch 808)

British intelligence reports in Washington guessed something of our plans (Sch 809)
must build story in JFK's request speaking all wrongly, about missiles (Sch 809)

10/20/12

S finished draft Verbal speech 3 a.m., reviewed, amended and generally approved by M-Comm + Pres. called back to work 10 a.m. (S693)

In Chicago Selinger advised JFR returning because of cold. He landed on W H town 2 1/2 hrs after call from R.H. at 1:30 pm. (S693)
Read draft speech prior to 2:30 002 pm. mtg, which, for the first time, was uninvited as copy of the mt. sec. email (the 505th) Blockade approved (S693)

Eisenhower held in the second of Melrose briefing. (S697) v.p. brought back from Hawaii also with cold (S697)

JCS advised all commands "to be prepared for possible mil action" (S697)
JFR presided over Sec for. Ex. Com. (S698) Final decision: blockade (S698)

Plush cancelled speech (Sch 809)
Wash was "alive with speculation in anticipation" (Sch 809)
~~Sch. Cleveland, Tex. Sisco & The view was worked into a.m. of 21 in Sturman's report (S698)~~ (S698)

10/21/62

TS finished 4th draft speech (SC97)

JFK on parrot with Tactical Air Commander Chief Walter Sweeney, Jr & "Others"
the RLK in "riding dogs"

2:30 p.m. Second MSC mtg. (SC98)

AM "final conference with the military leaders convinced JFK string mistake (SC 98)
sch. cleared, for Sisco, Tho. Wilson withdrawal all day, until after midnight, a statement
in speech (SC 81)

10/22/62

12 pm Schrippe announced speech "of highest ^{urgency} nature" at 7 pm (S700)
 He spoke by phone to 4 pres: Khrushchev, Tuzmenov, Eisenhower; met "4 women" in e.m. &
 "full Nat. Sec Council" at 3 pm. with all of US present; cabinet 4 pm. (S701)
 (Cabinet mtg delayed by "long-scheduled" mtg with Prime Minister
 Obote of Uganda)
 For Capitals, some ambassadors in Wash briefed. Dibaqa in invited to
 see book at 6 pm... Amb. Holzer "delivered the same message" (unspecified)
 "a little later" (S701)
 5 pm. W. it helping to key impression of figures who had been called back from
 accompanying ~~state~~ vacant wires, by air. (S702)
 6 pm + White Press. spoke, SAC & No. Amer. Air def units put on may alert.
 US Resolution given to Sec. Council Pres 2 am
 on SA broadcast speech in 38 lang codes.
 Pres delayed until Sturman's speech later a.m. (Sch 811)
 5 pm. Pres saw Cong. leaders, many of whom had been flown in by AF, briefed them (Sch 812)
 7 pm. JFK speech (Sch 812)

10/23/62 Sec Council debate - Stevenson 4 p.m. (57-)/Sds 813)
EX Comm mtg 1044, 6 p.m. (5708) "guarantee" announced for next day
Letter from Wh. in a.m. alleging "piracy" (5709) ans. with restatement U.S. position
Appeals from H. Thoms (5708-9)
Rt. K sent to Dobrynin, unsuccessfully, to learn if instruction had been issued to Capt. (5709)
Br. Omb. lined with decency (Sds 817-8)
Kh. called on an American singer performing in Moscow after the concert (Sds 821)

10/24/62 Letter from Lh. from ("piracy") (S709) Answered with restatement of position
Quarantine in effect on Report of Soviet subs joining ships (S709) letter 204 (10/24)
Met.
Lh. meeting with warning to keep (S.C. 821)
Report of KASSR ships ~~at~~ ^{decision} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~decide~~ ^{to} ~~forward~~ ^{to} ~~progress~~ (S710)
U Thew's proposal to allow for ~~negotiations~~ ^{negotiations} (S6820)
Lh's reply to Bertrend Russell (S.C. 1025, p10-141)

10/25/62 Some USSR ships reversed courses (S 710)
Et Comm pondered use of "increasing pressure" on Soviets (S 711)
JFK replied to H. Thant (Sch 822) (S.C. 1025) p. 6
"Half Soviet ships - making home (Sch 822)
First signs of "wind" getting to Soviet diplomats (Sch 823)
Khrushchev reply to H. Thant (S.C. 1025) p. 10

10/26/62 Second U Thant proposal negotiated by Stevenson called on ~~the~~ both sides to avoid
unnecessary contact during next few days. (S710)
7th and 1st ship boarded, passed. (S710)

Ex Comm considered wimp of the winning "pressure on Soviets" (S711)

From state dept announcement of ~~the~~ injecting work on missile in referred to threat
~~in~~ in Pres. speech of "further action" (S712)

Fomin's call to Scales (see notes from Abel). Zorin's similar suggestion to M. Thant;
K'h's letter to JFK (S712) (Sch 825-6) (H75-7) + Schimpff from Beck at 7:32

10/27/62 KH's public letter - The Turkish missile one - upset's W.H. well received elsewhere (S 712) (S 827)
4-2 shot down, two low-level flights fired upon (S 713) (S 822)
4-2 BLUANTER "DEEP" INTO SIBERIA (713) (S 828)
4:30 p.m. W.H. statement answer "Dismal" KH's "public" letter (S 714)
8:00 p.m. JFK's reply to KH. made public while being transmitted thru channel (S 714)
Ex comm in all-day session (714) with ~~an~~ ^{how} dinner by 5 p.m.
Began a.m. (S 827) + he in discussion meeting who not ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~room~~ ^{room} 5 p.m.
Rusk sent Sushkevich to Fomin (S 828) "has Soviet contact" (S 828)
K's reply to KH (S 829) (S 714) (A)

10/28/62 Ex comm mtg 10 a.m. (6716) Postponed until 11 after news report from
Moscow of agreement (6716) is cooling down
After 11 a.m. mtg began - letter drafted & sent publicly to Kh, prior to arrival of the
official copy of his letter (5/18)

10/20/66 Examm on mtg (S 218)