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2 November 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Executive Committee of the NSC - Meeting 11:00 a. m. on 2 November 1963

The President opened the meeting by expressing concern of Roland Evans' article in the Herald Tribune of this morning and again reported that no one should talk to the Press except Salinger, Sylvester and State Press representative.

McCone reviewed the CIA Memorandum as summarized in the attached summary, the Watch Committee Report and the Memorandum for Watch Committee members [redacted], the report from [redacted] of October 31 and [redacted] of November 1st, and supplement #12 of the Joint Evaluation on Missile Threat. In this connection DCI read paragraph c. and the Section dealing with air defense missiles, pages 14 and 15. In addition DCI reported on the Soviet nuclear tests of November 1st and reported on the North Viet Nam operation nets in Laos and the Cambodian/South Viet Nam incident, all as per the attached.

This was followed by reports of Ball and Gilpatric on developments in the UN which followed the telegraphic reports received in the DCI's office prior to the meeting.

Further actions and decisions of the meeting are covered in penciled notes attached.

The CIA was requested to prepare an immediate report on the effectiveness of the blockade, i. e. the number of ships which have been stopped or turned back, those boarded and allowed to pass and the shipping which has proceeded through the blockade unmolested. The purpose is to have an appraisal of the effectiveness of the blockade and some indication of its effect on the Cuban economy, if any.

With respect to the flying of U 2s or drones, it was decided that a drone should be flown promptly. Secretary McNamara wished to postpone this action until we can clarify certain objections which existed in the Air Force. It was decided not to fly a U 2 until more information was known as to the operational status of the SAM sites.

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JOHN A. McCONE
Director

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Attachments to report of Executive Committee Meeting 11:00, 2 Nov. 1962

4 pages penciled notes

1 page brief re Cambodia-South Vietnam

1 page brief re Laos

1 page brief re USSR shots

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Summary - Situation in Cuba 2 Nov. 62

Watch Comm. Report 2 Nov 62 (No. 10)

Memo for Watch Comm members [redacted]

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IN 49959 from [redacted]

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