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LEVELS HAVE IMPOSED.

4. IN RECOGNITION OF THESE FACTS, THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ALERT POSTURE CRITERIA TO BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME, WITH FURTHER REDUCTION TO NORMAL PRE-CUBA POSTURE PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS CONTINGENT ON ACTUAL SOVIET WITHDRAWAL OF IL-28 AIRCRAFT FROM CUBA:

A. OVERFLIGHT RECONNAISSANCE:

(1) HIGH-LEVEL: [ALERT POSTURE WHICH WILL PERMIT AN AVERAGE OF TWO U-2 FLIGHTS PER DAY CUMULATIVE FROM 21 NOV, AND NOT MORE THAN A MAXIMUM OF FIVE U-2 FLIGHTS ON ANY ONE DAY.]

(2) LOW-LEVEL: FOUR AIRCRAFT ON 12-HOUR ALERT AND EIGHT AIRCRAFT ON 24-HOUR ALERT, AND SIMILAR READINESS FOR ALL AIRCRAFT WHICH SUPPORT THE FOREGOING RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS (I.E., FIGHTER ESCORT, CAP, SAR, ELINT, ETC.).

B. LOCAL REPRISAL STRIKE AIRCRAFT: 24 HOURS FOLLOWING A DECISION TO EXECUTE A REPRISAL.

C. REIMPOSITION OF THE QUARANTINE OF CUBA: 72 HOURS.

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D. ATTACK ON SAM SITES, IL-28S, AND/OR ALL AIR DEFENSES IN CUBA: 48 HOURS.

E. EXECUTION OF CINCLANT OPLAN 312-62: 72 HOURS.

F. EXECUTION OF CINCLANT OPLAN 316-62: 18 DAYS.

G. AIR DEFENSE: RESUME NORMAL POSTURE EXCEPT FOR THOSE UNITS WHICH MAY BE NEEDED TO INCREASE THE AIR DEFENSE OF THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES ON A PERMANENT BASIS. LONG-TERM AIR DEFENSE NEEDS FOR THIS REGION ARE UNDER STUDY.

H. STRATEGIC FORCES: MAINTENANCE OF NORMAL ALERT LEVELS.

5. RELAXATION OF READINESS POSTURE TO THE FOREGOING LEVELS WILL PERMIT THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME:

A. CINCLANT AND COMPONENT HEADQUARTERS: CINCLANT AND THE COMPONENT COMMANDERS WILL MAINTAIN THE PRESENTLY ACTIVATED COMMUNICATIONS NET. CINCARLANT AND CINCAFLANT HEADQUARTERS ELEMENTS CAN BE RETURNED TO HOME STATIONS EXCEPT FOR REDUCED STAFFS MAINTAINED AT HOMESTEAD.

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