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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS FROM (hour) 23 November 1963 1545 0745 ASSUMED THE WATCH FROM 0745 Larson TIME (L) **EVENT** SFCNL 0745 Notified LCDR McGrath of Telecon with Mueller. He will be out 0755 about 0845. Released 2/0/RUD/R316 Unusual Activity on the Soviet Diplomatic 0845 Circuit Between Moscow and Leopoldville. 0900 Colonel Walker (Phone 189-432) from ASA called in reference to ADP 429. Says this message is in conflict with instructions from General Blake. Got copy of message from M63 and called Bl to inform them of Walker's concern. Mr Stewart not there, but gave information to LtCol Odonovich, who is handling. Msg in question instructs USM-84 to inform J2 US SOUTH COMD that his intelligence requirements should be levied through channels. Copy is in day file. 0915 Lt Cmdr McGrath appeared. Gave him copy of the Telecon and referred him to Lt Col Odonovich, who is also interested in the matter of supplying the Mueller with tapes. 0930 WO reports that JRC informs them of three Big Cigar msg. 1328Z at #69; 1342Z at 183; and 1335Z at #28. Had Captain Blaker inform A615. 0950 Mis Howell of Po53 picked up the message from CI/FID regarding coverage on Frankfurt Oder link. This msg requires PO52 action, and she is contacting Mr Keniston in order to take appropriate steps today. 1000 Dr Shinn called in to check on reaction. Is going to Laurel and will report in again shortly afternoon. 1010 Ray Henderson AlO4 reported for watch. 1011 WO reports that CANTAT line was restored at 220744Z. Also reports "BIG CIGAR NO PHONETICS 1453Z #53". This information relayed to A615. 1100 NIC Sit Check. Cox of CIA wants to know if Planes mentioned in J/56/BUA/R1-63 1110 are Fishbed C or Fishbed D. B3 says they can't tell So informed COX. 1125 Called LtCol Odonovich to find out if all action had been taken regarding the Mueller . He assured me that everything had been

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Mr	V. T. Larson		AT 0745
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1125 (con't)	handled by LtCdr McGrath.		
1206	Mr Stewart of Bl came in and reported that according to a junior EM in Bl45, USA-66 reports over 800 Gov't cipher msgs transmitted from Havana to Moscow via ILC beincen 0000 22 November. This incredible volume now being checked out by Contant of Bl45 for purpose of issuing end product report if true.		
1219	Dr Shinn is at home and will be at home until Monday morning.		
1220	Released P055/255-63. Collateral information for USN-19 on Brazil.		
1400	GOLD TREE down 1824Z. 75% cover.		
1420	Mr Embry of Sec Def Office says Monday is a nonworking day throughout the world for all Govt Agencies - a day of mourning. This was co-ordinated with General Blaake, who says it is fine. Lt Dancy has contacted Col McCabe, Col Holbert, and Mr Rowlet.		
1430	Notified Dr Shinn at approx 1415 that USIB and the Watch were meeting as usual. Also informed Farley. A and B desks have informed the appropriate 05 offices who are responsible for dragging in the people they need to support them.		
1431	Mr Stewart of Bl said that Bl will be operating on an augmented Septimus plan Monday.		
1455	Ref item 1206: The actual number of messages transmitted was four. Bl is notifying other recipients of the incorrect information		
1500	Brennan of RCI wantes to know if there will be courier service on Monday. Watch says yes, but this won't be firm for another hour or two. When watch office does provide answer, please relay to Brennan.		
1501	Rec'd GT preflgight 3780		
1530	Provided Mr Stewart with addresses and phone numbers of Zaslow, Col Swears, and Jenks so that he could notify them of mourning		
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(unclassified until filled) Francis Smead NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS FROM (hour) 2400 23 Nov 63 1600 ASSUMED THE WATCH FROM Mr. Gould 1545 TIME (L) EVENT SFCNL 1545 1610 Col. Duvall, DIA called and wanted a complete run-down on SIGINT reflections of assassination. 1700 Brenan, STATE called and wanted to know if we had an official list of the Representatives of other nations who are coming to Washington for the funeral services, advised him we did not. He will send us He wants us to be an the alert and report immediately on any instructions re these representatives particularily on people they eant to talk to in Washington. Anything that is seen in Dip traffic. Instructed B desk to notify people in B1 and B2. 1710 Gen. Blake is in his office; he has a meeting at 1715. Advised WO. 1750 Gen. Blake has departed for home. He left a package that he may pick-up Monday, or he may call to have ADM Schulz. Received BARKSDALE AFB LA DTG 231 935Z. Golden Tree mission 3779 1753 landed at 231824Z, 75 % coverage. Major Nelson , DIA IL-18 Moscow to Washington, Plane # 75764 Due in 1800 Washington 0710 Monday. Aboard is Deputy Priminister Mickoyon?? and 7 Others. Advised STATE.

JMajor Nelson, DIA Called to confirm the above sked. The flight is designated Special #19. Departs Moscow 241625Z, via Breswick ET& Breswick 242140Z, ETD 242325Z; ETA GANDER 250615Z, ETD GANDER 250745Z; ETA ANDREWS 1200Z (0700 Monday EST).

The Duty Officer on Monday 25 N v 63 for ADC is Mr Ayres. He will be on duty in the ADC office. Phone: 2303(s), 6501 (Red).

1955 Edwards, DIA/CIIC called to report that he was sending an OI message to us, this is a retransmission of a message they received from the UN CMDR in Korea. It is reported that a coup is to take place in S. Korea at O100(unknown if this is Zulu or Korean Local). Marine elements involved.

Brown, CIA reports they have heard from their units in Korea who also report a possible coup. They are chekking this out and will call back.

Received calls from both CIA and DIA who stated that they did not consider there was anything to the possible coup in S. Korea, that the 0100 time was Korean Local and that was nine hours ago. The U.S. Military and CIA, Korea have advised the Korean Military about the reports they have on the coup. Will call Lt. Col. Lang and advise him

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Francis Smead NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS (to) ROM (hour) DATE 23 Nov 63 1600 2400 ASSUMED THE WATCH FROM AT 1545 Mr Gould TIME (L) EVENT of this. Will take no further action based on fact that both CIA AND DIA state that there is nothing to the rumor. Received call from Bradley, CIA regarding SHAMROCK. ADVISED BRADLEY 2100 THAT I WAS NOT IN POSITION TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH HIM, BUT I WOULD CALL SOMEONE IN WHO COULD. THERE IS NO LISTING OF SHAMROCK ANYWHERE, FINALLY GOT HOLD OF LT. COL. ODONOVISH IN B1 HE ADVISED TO CALL JOHN STOCKTON, NO ANSWER FROM STOCKTON. CALLED AL CONTENT WHO WILL BE IN. BRADLEY SAID TO CALL AND TALK TO MR SLOSS, CIA WATCH OFFICER 1-8565. NOTE IF A MATTER COMES UP THAT REQUIRES C GROUP ASSISTANCE AND BEARD CANNOT BE REACHED, CALL MR. KELLER. 2110 Message from STATE with list of the DIGNITARIES TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR JRK FUNERAL IS COMING IN ON THE PRINTER NOW. 2130 RECEIVED CSAF WABH DC DTG 240106Z. Report of ALLEGED COUP PLOT AGAINST ROK GOVERNMENT. SEE ITEM 2040 ABOVE. CALL JOHN STOCKTON, B1 TOMORROW MORNING AT 0800 TO COME IN AND TAKE DAY SNOC A LOOK A MESSAGE FROM CIA THAT IS ON THE SNGO DESK.

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