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TO: HQ USAFHRC/CC

1. Under a Freedom of Information request, you recently forwarded a copy of United States Air Forces in Europe Chronology of the Cuban Crisis For the Period 6 October Thru 24 November 1962 to HQ USAFE/DADF. This document was prepared by the USAFE Office of Information, History Division at the request of AFCHO. I suspect that the History Division did not keep a copy of that specific document because the same information is contained in the monograph, The Cuban Crisis 1962, Impact in the USAFE Area, but in a slightly different format.

2. It appears that the chronology was forwarded to AFCHO in 1962 with different markings than those that subsequently appeared in the monograph. The following paragraphs were marked "classification/Restricted Data" in the monograph. The "RD" annotation did not appear on the same material in the chronology. We recommend that you apply the "RD" marking to the following paragraphs in your copy of the chronology.

- a. 27 October, Command and Control section: This paragraph is RD.
- b. 27 October, Operational Planning section: The first three paragraphs are RD.
- c. 29 October, Combat Forces section: The first paragraph is RD.
- d. 14 November, Command and Control section: This paragraph is RD.

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1. Forwarded herewith is the Cuban Crisis Chronology required by your letter, same subject, 5 November 1962.
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For The Period

6 October Thru 24 November 1962 (U)

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CHRONOLOGY OF THE CUBAN CRISIS

For the Period

6 October Thru 24 November 1962

6 October

COMMAND AND CONTROL

Negative

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

U CINCUSAFE was informed of a need for expedited CINCLANT 314/61 and 316/61 planning, and of CINCLANT's recommendation that 113 G-130's assigned to USAFE and PACAF be earmarked for commitment to these plans but he did not know until 22 October what these plans were. Under CINCLANT's proposal, the G-130's would arrive at JCS employment bases P-Hour minus 24 hours and return to overseas theaters NLT P-Plus 6 hours. (Ref: TS Msg JCS DTG 061446Z, JCS to USCINCEUR, Info CINCUSAFE, 6 Oct 62.)*

COMBAT FORCES

Negative

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

*All documents cited in this Chronology are located in the Hq USAFE DCS/Operations or Historical Division files, Subj: Cuban Crisis 1962. For CINCUSAFE summary of crisis action weaknesses and strengths, see TS Msg OIH 62M-1714, CINCUSAFE to COFS USAF, 6 Dec 62.

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LOGISTICS

Negative

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative



7 October thru 13 October

ALL ENTRIES

Negative

14 October

COMMAND AND CONTROL

  USAF Command Post Summaries stated a priority requirement for expeditious return of TAC's Fox Able 137 from European theater to the CONUS. (Ref: TS Msg CINC 62M 1303, CINCUSAFE to USCINCEUR and CSAF, 19 Oct 62).

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

Negative

COMBAT FORCES

Negative

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

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LOGISTICS

Negative

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

15 October thru 16 October

ALL ENTRIES

Negative

17 October

COMMAND AND CONTROL

(U) [] CINCUSAFE directed an increase in the USAFE Command Post watches. General Landon also directed that command and control communications projects in the USAFE area be pushed forward with all possible speed. (Ref: (S) Intv., Mr. R. E. Eckwright, USAFE Historian, with Col F. L. Smith, Ch/War Plans Div, DCS/Ops, Hq USAFE, 4 Dec 62.)

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

Negative

COMBAT FORCES

(U) [] CINCUSAFE directed that the combat readiness of all USAFE tactical units be immediately reviewed. (Ref: (S) Intv., Mr. Eckwright with Col Smith, 4 Dec 62.)

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

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AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

U CINCUSAFE was directed to ready for immediate MATS airlift to the United States WRM amounting to over 1 million pounds of ammunition; ejector cartridges applicable to F-105's; 20mm HEI ammunition, and pylons for F-100, F-104, and F-105. (Ref: (S) Hq USAFE DCS/Mat, Report of Shipments to CONUS, 4 Dec 62.)

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

18 October

COMMAND AND CONTROL

Negative

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

U CSAF asked CINCUSAFE to submit on an urgent basis the most recent exercise test data and estimated minimum reaction times under no warning conditions for implementation of the Berlin contingency plans embodied in USAFE Oplans 128-60, 130-60, 156-61, and 157-62. (Ref: TS Msg AFYPD-PLCP 91694, CSAF to CINCUSAFE, 18 Oct 62.)

COMBAT FORCES

Negative

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RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS


Negative

19 October

COMMAND AND CONTROL

Negative

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

 CINCUSAFE advised USCINCEUR and CSAF that recent exchanges of messages between the JCS/USCINCEUR/USAF/USAFE, plus information copies of other Unified and Service command messages, contained strong inferences of possible actions under CINCLANT Oplans 312 and 314. CINCUSAFE noted that if United States actions were contemplated which might worsen East-West tension, there were certain preparatory measures that his command could take to improve the readiness posture. In view of possible Soviet counter-actions in Berlin or elsewhere, General Landon asked for a

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OPERATIONAL PLANNING (CONT'D)

^U summary of the situation, and expressed major concern relative to the possible impact of CINCLANT Oplans upon the additive forces normally available to USAFE to meet Berlin contingencies.

(Ref: TS Msg CINC 62M 1303, CINCUSAFE to USCINCEUR and CSAF, 19 Oct 62.)

COMBAT FORCES

Negative

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

^U USAFE WRM amounting to one-half ton of ARD 863-1 Bomb Ejector Cartridges and 45 tons of LAU-3/A Rocket Launchers was shipped via MATS to the CONUS in response to Inventory Managers direction.

(Ref: ^U Hq USAFE DCS/Mat, Report of Shipments to CONUS, 14 Dec 62.)

^U CINCUSAFE informed USCINCEUR that the requirement to ship more than 1 million pounds of ammunition and additional ejector cartridges applicable to F-105's had reduced the USAFE war posture. These shipments both reduced the USAFE overall theater stocks of war consumables and aggravated an imbalance of WRM stocks which had existed since the beginning of the STAIR STEP augmentation of USAFE in 1961. Therefore, with Headquarters USAF verbal clearance, in place freezing of WRM stocks

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LOGISTICS (CONT'D)

U in the European theater was lifted to permit the orderly buildup of reasonable and minimal levels of war consumables in the central area. (Ref: (S) Msg CINC 32191, CINCUSAFE To USCINCEUR, 19 Oct 62.)

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

20 October

COMMAND AND CONTROL

Negative

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

Negative

COMBAT FORGES

U USAFE air defense aircraft modification inputs were suspended and the manual air defense ground environment system was optimized at some expense to the installation and testing of the 412L Air Weapons Control System. (Ref: (S) Intv., Mr. R. E. Eckwright, USAFE Historian, with Col H. C. Gibson, Ch/Air Def Div, DCS/Ops, Hq USAFE, 5 Dec 62.)

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL



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LOGISTICS

 ^U  USCINCEUR forwarded a request to the JCS that any further directives for movement of WRM in the European theater be transmitted to his component commanders through USEUCCOM headquarters. (Ref: TS Msg EGJD9 101483, USCINCEUR to JCS, Info CINCUSAFE, 20 Oct 62.)

^U  USAFE WRM assets were shipped to the CONUS via MATS as follows: 18 tons of Pylons; 92 tons of M39 20mm Ammunition; 41 tons of M61 20mm Ammunition; 5 tons of M116A2 Fire Bombs; 46 tons of LAU-3A Rocket Launchers, and 1/8 ton of Fuzes for the BLU-1/B Bombs. (Ref: (S) Hq USAFE DCS/Mat, Report of Shipments to CONUS, 14 Dec 62.)

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative



21 October

ALL ENTRIES

Negative

22 October

COMMAND AND CONTROL

 ^U  CINCUSAFE received instructions from USCINCEUR/SACEUR to intensify intelligence collection; security and anti-sabotage measures; command post manning, and checks of equipment and supplies. Except for the intelligence function, CINCUSAFE had instituted all of these actions beginning on 17 October. The USCINCEUR/SACEUR directives stated that

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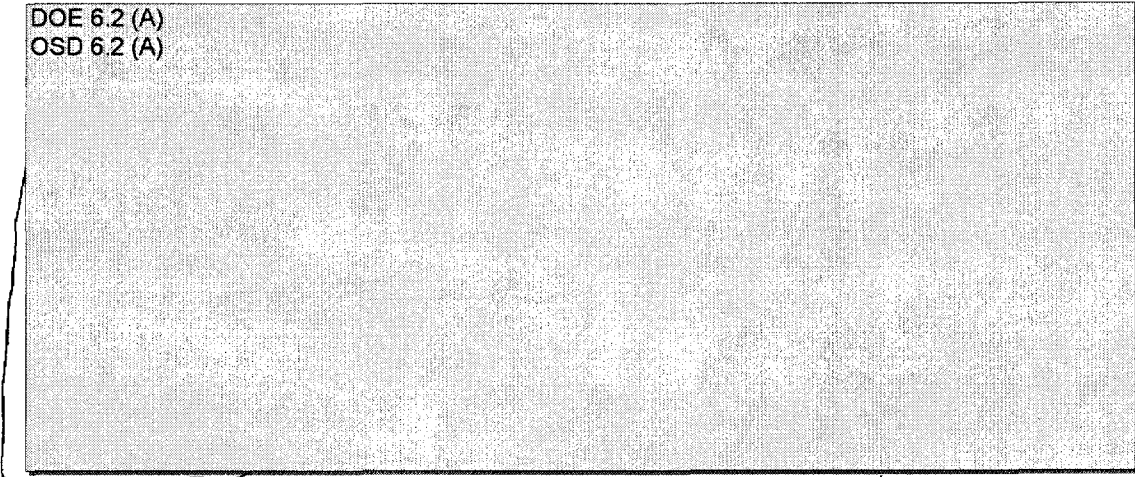
COMMAND AND CONTROL (CONT'D)

U "no measures would be taken which could be considered provocative or which might disclose operational plans." (Ref: TS NOFORN Msg ECJCO9 101483, USCINCEUR to CINCUSAFE, CINCUSAREUR, CINCOMNAVFOR and COMSOTFE, 22 Oct 62.)

U The first actual knowledge of the Cuban situation available to CINCUSAFE, aside from speculation and public news media, was received during a meeting with USCINCEUR and his other component commanders at Orly Airfield, Paris, at 1500 hours Zebra. The first AFGIN estimate of the Cuban crisis reached CINCUSAFE later in the day. (Ref: (S) Invt., Mr. R. E. Eckwright, USAFE Historian, with Major General G. B. Greene, Jr., DCS for Operations, Hq USAFE, 5 Dec 62.)

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

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COMBAT FORCES

Negative

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

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AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

BUDGET



Negative

MISCELLANEOUS




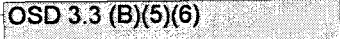
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23 October

COMMAND AND CONTROL

 U  With USCINCEUR concurrence, CINCUSAFE ordered a discreet increase in the overall combat capability of his forces, which was to be carried out in a gradual and unobtrusive fashion to avoid exacerbating tensions in Europe. (Ref: TS Msg CINC 62M 1336, CINCUSAFE to USCINCEUR, 23 Oct 62 and (C) Msg EGJCO9 17545, USCINCEUR to CINCUSAFE, 23 Oct 62.)

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

 U  Improved readiness posture actions directed by CINCUSAFE included: (a) Gradual return over a 48-hour period of USAF tactical aircraft from weapons training at  (b) Reduced tactical wing training in the United Kingdom and central Europe and expedited maintenance to raise the aircraft O/R rates to 90 percent; (c) Deployment of 1 squadron of F-104's from  to

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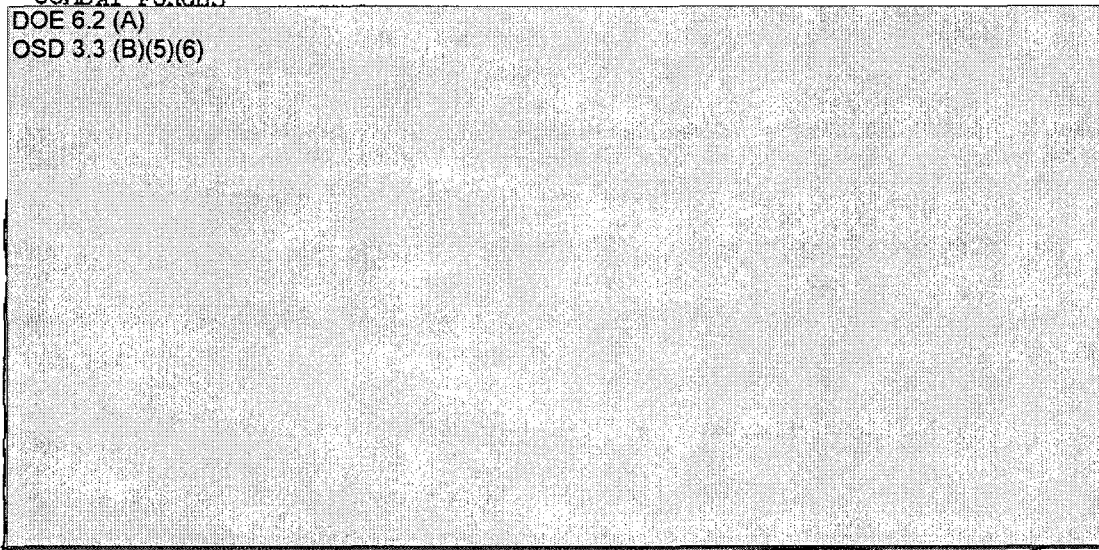
U [redacted] OSD 3.3 (B)(5)(6) by individual aircraft or flights of two over a 36-hour period, for possible Berlin air corridor operations;

(d) Movement of 18 F-100's of the training wing at [redacted] to replace the F-104's, and (e) Upon return of aircraft [redacted] transfer of NSP targets from two squadrons of F-100's and one squadron of F-105's located at bases in Germany to USAF units in the United Kingdom with the objective of freeing the central Europe squadrons for conventional air to ground and air superiority operations in Berlin contingencies. (Ref: TS Msg CINC 62M 1336, CINCUSAFE To USCINCEUR, 23 Oct 62 and TS Msg OCOCS 62M 0191, Comdr 17th AF to Comdr 7272d AB Wg, 23 Oct 62.)

COMBAT FORCES

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[redacted] A total of 92 USAF tactical aircraft redeployed from the Wheelus training center to home bases in the United Kingdom. (Ref: (S) Intv., Mr. Eckwright with Col Smith, 4 Dec 62.)

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COMBAT FORCES (CONT'D)

(SECRET) The 65th Air Division (Defense) went on an air defense

Condition Alpha alert together with the alert of SAC forces [REDACTED]

This in effect doubled the number of USAFE fighter interceptors on short

alert [REDACTED] All units of the air defense force were wartime manned

at all times. (Ref: (S) Intv., Mr. Eckwright with Col Gibson, 5 Dec 62.)

[REDACTED] (SECRET) Four F-104C's of the TAC rotational [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to assume a 15-minute alert posture when directed. (Ref: TS Msg

O-COG5 62M 200, Comdr 17th AF to CINCUSAFE, 24 Oct 62.)

[REDACTED] (SECRET) All USAFE tactical wings went on training stand-down to

enable maintenance to reach maximum readiness. These units were required

to report when they had 80 to 90 percent of possessed aircraft O/R.

(Ref: TS Msg O-COG5 62M 200, Comdr 17th AF to CINCUSAFE, 24 Oct 62.)

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

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24 October

COMMAND AND CONTROL

Negative

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

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U [Redacted]

The USAFE operational planning staff began surveying the ability of command forces to disperse under USAFE Oplan 173-62 (SHOW BOAT) using only short haul airlift, and the need and desirability of prepositioning deployment packages, less spare weapons and personnel, while C-130 aircraft were still available. (Ref: TS USAFE Senior CP Controller Log Entry 24/1715Z)

U [Redacted] OSD 3.3 (B)(5)(6) [Redacted] on the withdrawal of F-104's [Redacted] and the necessary clearance for deployment of F-100C's [Redacted] OSD 3.3 (B)(5)(6) [Redacted] JUSMAG and CINCUSAFE agreed that the upcoming [Redacted] rights negotiations made return of the F-104's [Redacted] ASAP highly desirable. (TS USAFE Senior CP Controller Log Entries 24/1715Z and 24/1900Z.)

COMBAT FORCES

U [Redacted] An additional six F-104C's deployed [Redacted] OSD 3.3 (B)(5)(6)

(Ref: TS Msg O-COC5 624 200, Comdr 17th AF to CINCUSAFE, 24 Oct 62.)

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COMBAT FORCES (CONT'D)

[redacted] U [redacted] Eight F-100C's were held in readiness at [redacted] OSD 3.3 (B)(5)(6) [redacted] upon diplomatic clearance by [redacted] Government.

(Ref: TS Msg O-COC5 62M 200, Comdr 17th AF to CINCSAFE, 24 Oct 62.)

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

[redacted] U [redacted] F-100C's deploying [redacted] OSD 3.3 (B) (5)(6) [redacted] were to arrive [redacted] with the basic munitions load. There were 8,000 rounds of M39 20mm ammunition on hand at Moron and 24,000 additional rounds enroute to this base. (Ref: TS USAF Senior CP Controller Log Entry 24/2005Z.)

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

25 October

COMMAND AND CONTROL

Negative

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

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OPERATIONAL PLANNING (CONT'D)

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DOE
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U Under Operation CLOUD CAPER, MATS aircrews were positioned at Rhein-Main and Tempelhof Air Bases in Germany in readiness to fly Pan American Airways passenger aircraft schedules to Berlin if the situation required. (Ref: TS Intv., Mr. R. E. Eckwright, USAFE Historian, with Col F. L. Smith, Ch/War Plans Div, DCS/Ops, Hq USAFE, 5 Dec 62.)

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COMBAT FORCES

U Eight F-100's were deployed **OSD 3.3 (B)(5)(6)** between 0500 and 1900 hours local. (Ref: (S) USAFE Senior CP Controller Log Entry 25/1905Z).

U Modification of USAFE F-100's for GAR-8/CBU capability got underway. (Ref: TS Intv., Mr. Eckwright with Col Smith, 5 Dec 62.)

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

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AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

26 October

COMMAND AND CONTROL

Negative

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OPERATIONAL PLANNING (CONT'D)

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CINCUSAFE requested that three additional CLOUD CAPER
aircrews be placed on 12 hour alert for movement [redacted] (Ref:
TS Msg CINC 62M 1402, 26 Oct 62.)

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To improve the strike force readiness and dispersal posture,
CINCUSAFE directed the development of a plan, later called Operation HAWK
EYE, for movement of one F-84F squadron of the 366th TFW at Chaumont Air
Base, France, to a forward operating location (FOL) with a capability of
15-days conventional operations. High on the list of possible FOL's to
be surveyed were the German Air Force bases at Lechfeld and Memmingen.
(Ref: TS Msg OPLW 62M 1406, CINCUSAFE to Comdr 17th AF, 26 Oct 62.)

COMBAT FORCES

Negative

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

BUDGET

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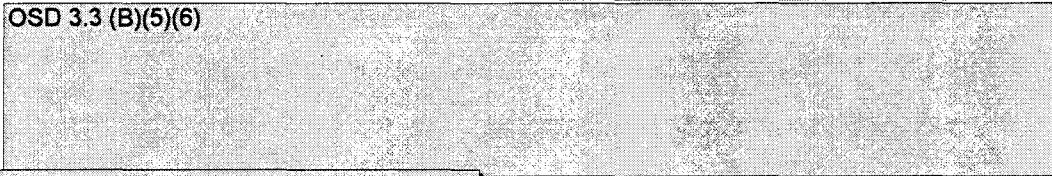
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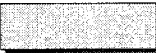

( **SECRET** RD) The JCS authorized the 

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 (Ref: TS Mag JCS 7035, JCS to
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positioned on alert as follows:  1 crew on 3 hour alert, and
1 crew on 8 hour alert;  1 crew on 3 hour alert, and 1 crew
on 8 hour alert. (Ref: TS USAFE Senior CP Controller Log Entry 27/1100Z).



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COMBAT FORCES

  U The Fox Able 140/136 and 139/136 rotations to the USAFE area scheduled for November were postponed until further notice by TAC.

(Ref: TS USAFE Senior CP Controller Log Entry 27/1110Z.)

(SECRET) Strike units were permitted to return all tactical aircraft above 70 percent of possessed O/R to normal training activities. (Ref:

(S) Intv., Mr. Eckwright with Col Smith, 4 Dec 62.)

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

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Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

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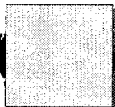
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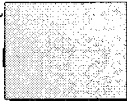
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COMMAND AND CONTROL

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OPERATIONAL PLANNING



The CLOUD CAPER aircrew status comprised:

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- 1 crew on 3 hour alert
- 1 crew on 8 hour alert

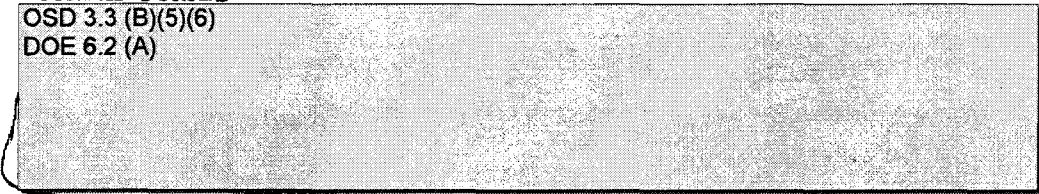
OSD 3.3 (B)
(5)(6)

- 1 crew available for training
- 1 crew on 3 hour alert
- 1 crew on 8 hour alert

(Ref: TS USAFE Senior CP Controller Log Entry 28/1000Z).

COMBAT FORCES

OSD 3.3 (B)(5)(6)
DOE 6.2 (A)



*DOE
6.2 (a)*

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

29 October

COMMAND AND CONTROL

Negative



SECRET

FRD

[REDACTED]

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OPERATIONAL PLANNING

Negative

COMBAT FORCES

OSD 3.3 (B)(5)(6)
DOE 6.2 (A)
[REDACTED]

DOE
6.2(a)

29/0700Z).

U [REDACTED] With 8 F-100C's [REDACTED] 8 F-100C's O/R and 2 out of
commission [REDACTED] the 7272d ABW was verbally directed by the
Seventeenth Air Force commander to deploy the balance of the available
aircraft [REDACTED] Inputs of the F-100's to the modification center at
[REDACTED] were to be made [REDACTED] (Ref: TS USAFE Senior CP Controller
Log Entry 1835Z and 1845Z). [REDACTED] OSD 3.3 (B)(5)(6)

U [REDACTED] The Seventeenth Air Force Commander advised that he was
dropping the "hold ready" level of all units to 70 percent, except the
86th Air Division (Defense) and the 366th TFW, which would drop to 60
percent. The purpose of this action was to start aircraft through
maintenance. (Ref: TS USAFE Senior CP Controller Log Entry 29/2200Z).

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

[REDACTED]

SECRET/FRD

Declassified

(29 October Continued)

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

30 October

COMMAND AND CONTROL

Negative

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

^U [redacted] The command's survey of German Air Force bases to find a FOL for the 366th TFW determined that [redacted] was a desirable location. (Ref: TS Msg OCOG 62M 500, Comdr 17th AF to CINCUSAFE, 30 Oct 62.)

COMBAT FORCES

^U [redacted] Seventeenth Air Force directed movement of remaining F-100G's from [redacted] flights of two departing [redacted] 0800 and 1200 hours on the 30th and 31st, and the balance of incommission F-100G's at 1400 hours on 31 October. (Ref: TS USAFE Senior CP Controller Log Entry 30/0150Z).

^U [redacted] Seventeenth Air Force directed movement of 10 F-104G's from [redacted] (Ref: TS USAFE Senior CP Controller Log Entry 30/0510Z).

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

Declassified

Declassified

(30 October Continued)

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

31 October

COMMAND AND CONTROL

Negative

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

Negative

COMBAT FORCES

^U
[redacted] An advance party arrived [redacted] to make
preparations for the Operation HAWK EYE deployment of an F-84F squadron
[redacted] (Ref: TS Intv., Mr. Eckwright with Col Smith, 5 Dec 62.)

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

Declassified

Declassified

(31 October Continued)

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

1 November

COMMAND AND CONTROL

U Nonconcurrency by SACEUR caused cancellation of Operation

HAWK EYE. (Ref: (S) Msg CINC 32202, CINCUSAFE to COFS GAF, 1 Nov 62;

(S) Msg CINC 32203, CINCUSAFE to Comdr 17th AF, 1 Nov 62, and (S) Intv.,
Mr. Eckwright with Col Smith, 4 Dec 62.)

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

Negative

COMBAT FORCES

Negative

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

Declassified


Declassified

2 November


COMMAND AND CONTROL

Negative

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

 U USCINCEUR advised CINCUSAFE that the additive forces in a Berlin contingency would consist of 10 STRIKECOM Squadrons (CASF), and requested CINCUSAFE's recommendations on the composition of these squadrons, by type aircraft and armament, and primary and alternate bases. (Ref: TS USAFE Senior CP Controller Log Entry 2/1900Z).

COMBAT FORCES

 U The F-104C movement to Hahn was completed at 1516 Zebra.

This deployment permitted the following alert status

OSD 3.3 (B)(5)
(6)

- 2 F-104C's on 5 minute alert
- 6 F-104C's on 1 hour alert
- 8 F-104C's on 1 hour alert during hours of darkness

(Ref: TS USAFE Senior CP Controller Log Entry, 2/2115Z and TS Msg OCOC5 62M 0287, Comdr 17th AF to CINCUSAFE, 2 Nov 62.)

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

BUDGET

Negative

Declassified

Declassified

(2 November Continued)

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

3 November

COMMAND AND CONTROL

Negative

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

Negative

COMBAT FORCES

Negative

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

U [] USAFE WRM shipments via MATS to the CONUS comprised 6 tons of Pylons. (Ref: (S) Hq USAFE DCS/Mat, Report of Shipments to CONUS, 14 Dec 62.)

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

4 November thru 13 November

ALL ENTRIES

Negative

Declassified

Declassified

FRD

14 November

COMMAND AND CONTROL

U [redacted] CINCUSAFE advised USCINCEUR that deteriorating pilot proficiency coupled with the abnormal break rate on non-flying aircraft made it desirable to: (a) reassign the NSP targets in accordance with the 21 October program;

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(c) return the USAF training wing detachments

DOE 6.2 (a)

[redacted] (Ref: (S) Msg CINC 32207, CINCUSAFE to USCINCEUR, 14 Nov 62.)

(CONFIDENTIAL) USCINCEUR requested that USAF maintain the existing readiness posture indefinitely, or that CINCUSAFE recommend alternate measures for providing an equal readiness. (Ref: (C) Msg EGJCO9 18821, USCINCEUR to CINCUSAFE, 14 Nov 62.)

U [redacted] CINCUSAFE agreed that the F-104C squadron [redacted] and the F-100C's [redacted] could remain in place for the time being, but reiterated to USCINCEUR that USAF could not maintain its existing readiness posture indefinitely. (Ref: TS Msg OOT 62M 1586, CINCUSAFE to USCINCEUR, 14 Nov 62.)

OSD 3.3 (B) (5)(6)

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

Negative

COMBAT FORCES

Negative

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

Declassified

FRD

Declassified

(14 November Continued)

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

15 November

ALL ENTRIES

Negative

16 November

COMMAND AND CONTROL

U [] USCINCEUR approved the CINCUSAFE recommendations for modifying the existing readiness posture, and advised General Landon to inform him if the situation became critical. (Ref: (S) Msg ECJCO 18958, USCINCEUR to CINCUSAFE, 16 Nov 62.)

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

Negative

COMBAT FORCES

U [] USAFE wing training detachments began movement back to the USAFE Weapons Center [] to resume normal training. (Ref: (S) Intv., Mr. Eckwright with Col Smith, 4 Dec 62.)

OSD 3.3 (B)(5)(6)

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COMBAT FORCES (CONT'D)

U [] All command units were directed to continue maximum efforts to schedule maintenance, crew availability, and flying training in a manner that would insure a command capability to generate the forces required by SACEUR's nuclear strike program on a compressed time schedule. (Ref: (S) Msg OTO 62721, CINCSAFE to Comdr 17th AF, 16 Nov 62.)

U [] The USAFE combat force O/R rate exceeded USCINCEUR/SACEUR requirements. (Ref: (S) Intv., Mr. Eckwright with Col Smith, 4 Dec 62.)

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

17 November thru 23 November

ALL ENTRIES

Negative

Declassified

Declassified

24 November

COMMAND AND CONTROL

U [] USCINCEUR advised his component commanders that amelioration in the international situation permitted a return to the normal readiness status. (Ref: (S) Msg EGJCO9 19439, 24 Nov 62.)

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

Negative

COMBAT FORCES

Negative

RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE

Negative

AIRLIFT

Negative

PERSONNEL

Negative

LOGISTICS

Negative

BUDGET

Negative

MISCELLANEOUS

Negative

Declassified

Declassified

FRD

USAFE ALERT STATUS

DOE 6.2 (A)

DOE
6.2 (A)

SOURCE: USAFE Command Post Reports;
Intv., Mr. Eckwright with Captain A. P. Hamrick, Current Actions
Division, DCS/Operations, 13 December 1962. (SECRET)

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