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23 October 1962 (Cont'd) (ADM RICKETTS)

5. Op-04 is keeping a running record of the status of our ships' overhaul--both regular and reserve--in order to assist in making judgment on the expediting or stopping of an overhaul on short notice. He is also making a list of those ships that are scheduled to go in for overhaul in the near future to help to make judgment whether or not to delay overhaul of any ship.

X 6. There may be a requirement for simultaneous operation of about three submarines to land up to about 125 people at various points around the periphery of Cuba. CIA project. Op-31 checking availability of subs. General Lansdale and LTCOL Patchell are the contact points.

X 7. Mr. McNamara would like to have some means worked out by which a Soviet submerged submarine could be given a signal to surface. It is possible that the description of this signal would be sent to the Soviet Government so that they could transmit it to the Soviet submarine. I told Mr. McNamara that a practice depth charge would probably be the most practical and effective means of transmitting such a signal since we don't know whether or not our underwater telephone gear is compatible with the Soviets. OP-31 is working up a proposed signal.

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It is requested the following message be sent to the Government of USSR:

Government to Government Message

Submarine Surfacing and Identification Procedures, when in contact with U.S. Quarantine Forces in international waters in the vicinity of Cuba.

U.S. Forces coming in contact with ~~Soviet~~ *unidentified* submerged submarines will make the following signals to inform the ~~Soviet~~ sub that he may surface in order to identify himself:

Signals follow:

Quarantine Forces will drop four or five harmless explosive sound signals which may be accompanied by the international code signal quote I D K C A unquote meaning quote Rise to Surface unquote. This sonar signal is normally made on underwater communication equipment in the 8 KC frequency range.

Procedure on receipt of signal:

Submerged submarines, on hearing this signal, should surface on Easterly course.

Signals and procedures employed are harmless and are to guarantee the safety of submerged submarines at sea in emergencies.

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The following Notice is being promulgated by the State Dept to other Governments:

Quote Submarine Surfacing and Identification Procedures when in contact with U.S. Quarantine Forces in the general vicinity of Cuba.

U.S. Forces coming in contact with unidentified submerged submarines will make the following signals to inform the sub that he may surface in order to identify himself:

Signals follow:

Quarantine Forces will drop four or five harmless explosive sound signals which may be accompanied by the international code signal quote I D K C A unquote meaning quote Rise to Surface unquote. This sonar signal is normally made on underwater communication equipment in the 8 KC frequency range.

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Request following regulation of Secretary of Defense
be transmitted to Soviet Government:

"Pursuant to Proclamation of the President of October
23, 1962, on the 'Interdiction of the Delivery of Offensive
Weapons to Cuba' the Secretary of Defense has today issued
the following submarine surfacing and identification

... when in contact with US quarantine forces in the
vicinity of Cuba. US Forces coming in contact with
unidentified submerged submarines will make the following
signals to inform the sub that he may surface in order to
identify itself:
Signals follow - Quarantine Forces will drop four or five
harmless explosive sound signals which may be accompanied
by the international code signal "I D K C A" meaning "rise
to surface." This sonar signal is normally made on underwater
communications equipment in the 0 KC frequency range.

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GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

25 October 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Communication with Submerged Submarines

State during the night of October 24-25 reopened the question of the manner in which we should give notice to submarine-possessing nations as to our procedure for communicating with submerged submarines. Mr. Johnson's office asked that we issue a notice to mariners covering the procedures. (The prior arrangement was that the information would be transmitted solely by State, perhaps by way of a circular.)

Mr. Gilpatric today agreed to have the notice to mariners go out.

I have arranged with Admiral Schade for him today to send out a notice to mariners almost identical to the quoted language in State-Moscow 987 of October 24 covering the same subject matter. Also, I have informed Mr. Chayes' office at State of the list of nations possessing submarines so that those nations can be given appropriate notice.

John T. McNaughton

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