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By JW, NARA, Date 1-5-94

Monday a.m.

President came in at 11:07 along with Stevenson - Bobby and Secretary Rusk joined us. Bundy asked for intelligence. President asked for state of preparedness - air alert - 14,000 call up - question when we reduce air-borne alert 68 planes - President decided we bring this up again end of week. McCone - Since August Soviet has sent 1/2 billion in military equipment. McCone says this very serious situation. Think President should realize aside from missiles Cuba has a substantial arms build-up. This disturbs us on covert possibilities, Haiti, etc. Rather large volume and upsurge in communications to Moscow.

Rusk

General political situation not changed. Have not heard from top Soviets in Moscow. Kuznetsov says they have nothing to do on IL-28's. We have compliance on missiles but (2) no compliance on IL-28's and inspection.

Stevenson

Castro thanked U Thant for his interest but Castro could not give on-site inspection. Secretary suggested any 5 ambassadors conduct on-site inspection - b loc countries, etc. Stevenson suggests compromise - IL-28 removal and partial inspection - no reintroduction - then we give up blockade - inspection, etc. President says hold to our position until we get answer from Khrushchev to Kennedy letter. Should write a statement of our position - If we don't get IL-28's out, what is our position?

McCloy

Get into record that Red Cross breaking down. Mikoyan and Kuznetsov indicated other warheads still in Cuba. McCloy proposed compromise before they get inflexible. He give us statement IL-28's and warheads - we immediately remove quarantine and inspect our training camps. I think some merit in proposal before get hard reply from Khrushchev. President says we must continue surveillance and if they hit us we take action. President says what should we decide? Stevenson says decide whether await reply to letter or present package. What should package be?

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