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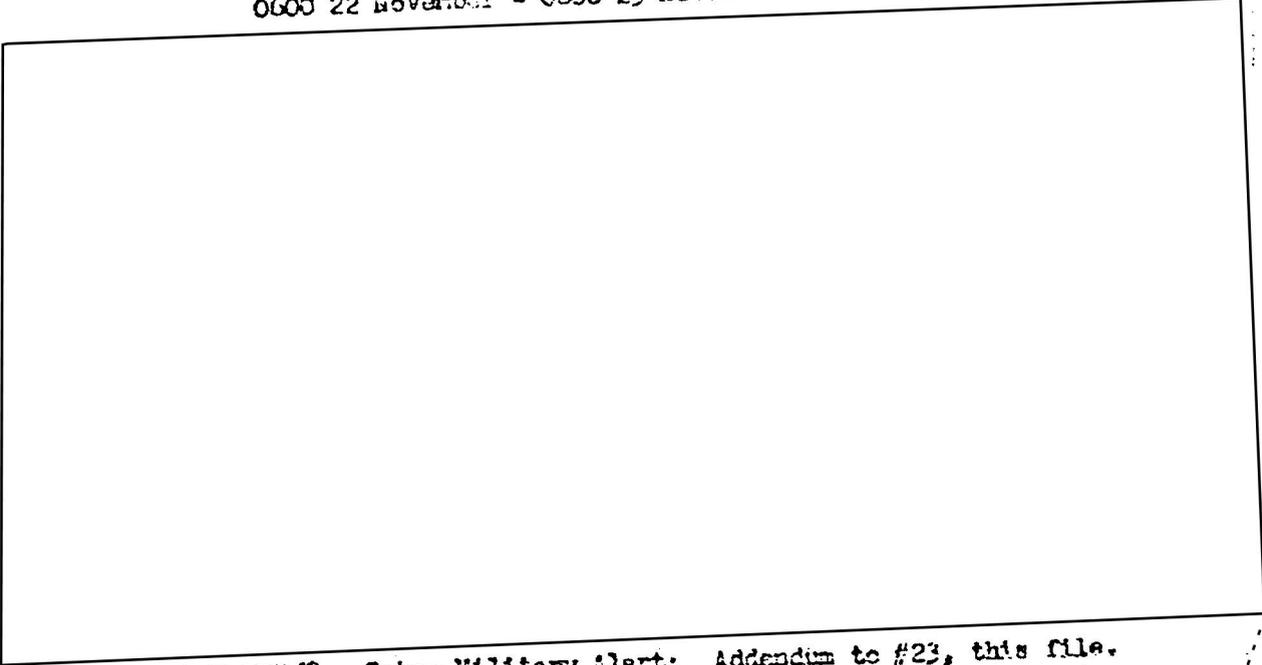
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32. SECTION III/8 - Cuban Military Alert: Addendum to #23, this file.

1. In a message originated by Banes at 230222Z and relayed by Havana, Punta Maigi was requested to deny access to the coastal observation post until Monday, 25 Nov due to the state of alert.

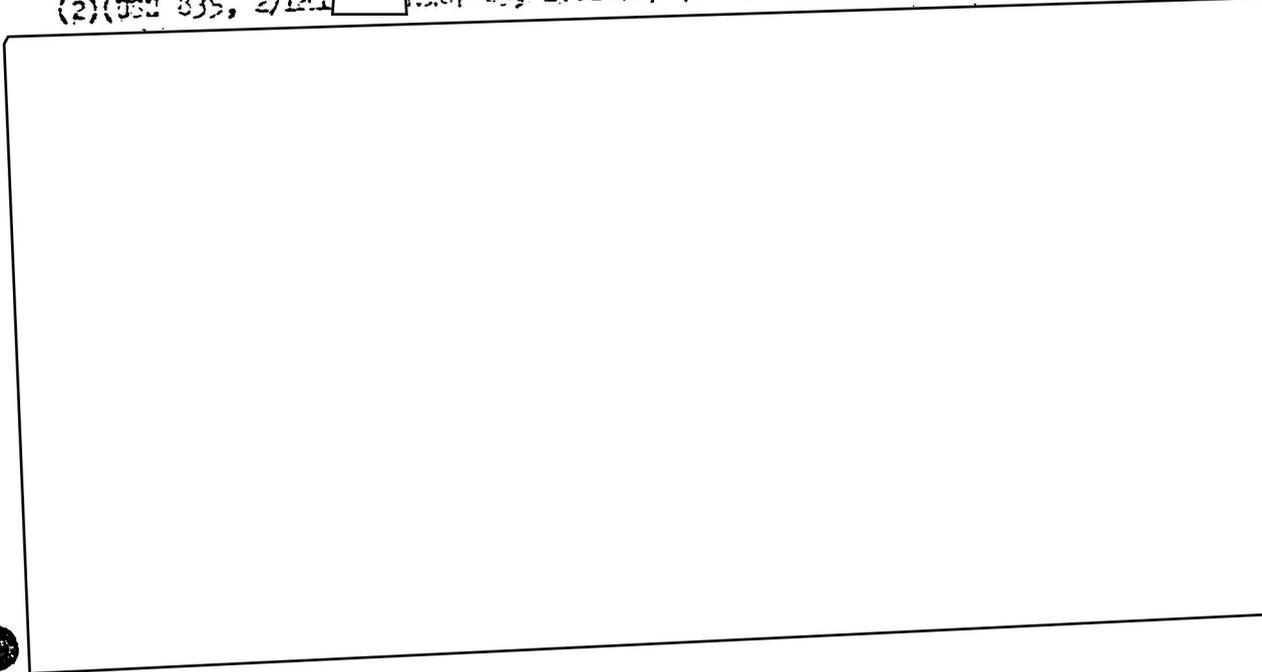
2. At 222320Z, a message passed between two unidentified units on VHF communications which normally link First Army HQ, Santiago with Guantanamo City stated: "Inform the chief that by orders of [redacted] (unit commander) here, all of them, all of the points were put on alert."

The reason for the alert was not mentioned.

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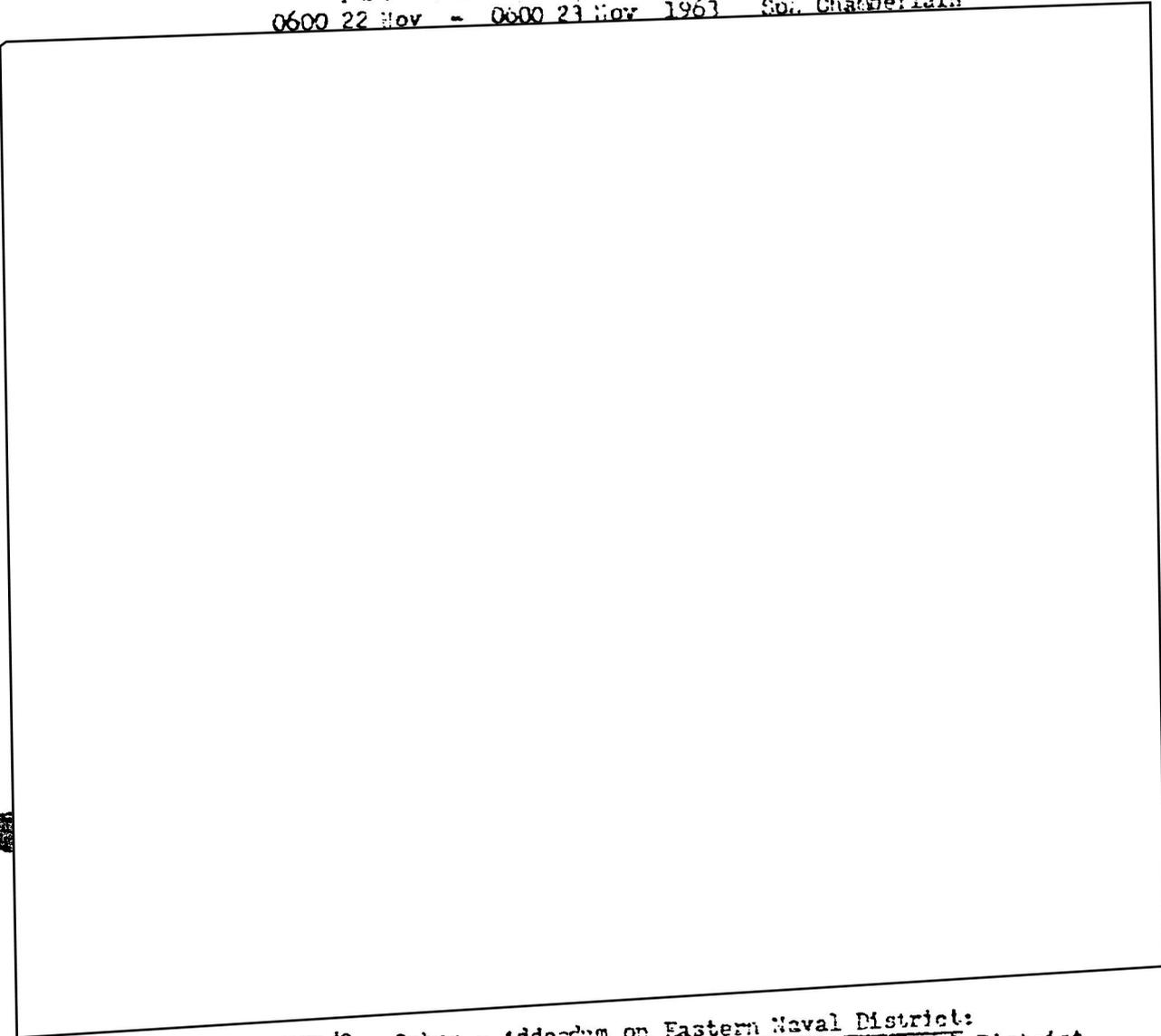
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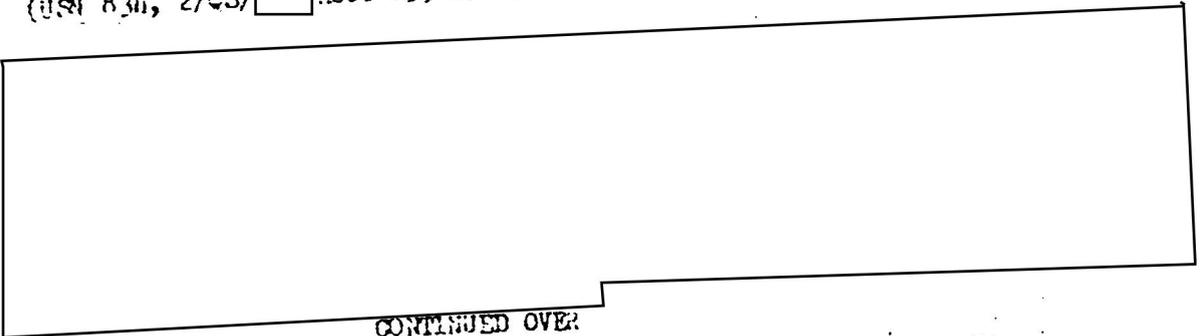
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Sgt. Chamberlain



23. SECTION III/8 - Cuban - Addendum on Eastern Naval District:  
In a circular message passed at 222044Z, Hq, Eastern Naval District,  
Banes, instructed naval posts at Jucvitas, Puerto Padre, Punta Maisi  
and Kanati to have all personnel ready to repel aggression.  
(USN 83h, 2/OS/ [redacted] 2669-63, -2304.32 Nov) - (SD)

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12. CATEGORY 13 - East Germany: Situation Report No. 112 - Political/Economic:  
SED Communications on 22 November revealed that press, radio and television had been advised by the Party Agitation Commission in Berlin to "take note of a report" which implicated Fascist circles in the assassination of President Kennedy.

13. SECTION III/8 - Alert in Eastern Naval District Relaxed, 23 November:  
As a result of the death of President Kennedy, the Eastern Naval District of Cuba was placed on an alert on 2004Z on 22 November by Banés, Headquarters for that District. At 2037Z on 23 November, the alert was relaxed a certain degree by Banés; instructions were passed to Santiago de Cuba, a subordinate, to give leave to 25 percent of their personnel. For the 23rd and 24th and that further orders would be forthcoming on 25 November 1963.  
COMMENT: The authorization to grant leave to personnel is an indication that the alert is somewhat relaxed and the note that further instructions would be issued on Monday, 25 November indicates that a nonurgent view has been adopted for the situation by Cuban Naval authorities in the Eastern Naval District.  
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32. SECTION III/3 - Alert in Oriente Province Believed to be Terminated: (see Item #13, WOI's 25/26 November):

The alert in Oriente Province is believed to be terminated. The alert, apparently prompted by President Kennedy's death on 22 November, was possibly pre-scheduled to terminate on 25 November. There have been two orders which suggest that the alert was destined to be concluded on 25 November: They are:

- 1) Access to the coastal observation post at Punta Maisi (20-15N 74-09W) was restricted until 25 November because of the alert.
- 2) Subordinates of Banes, Headquarters Eastern Naval District, were to receive further orders on the 25th, presumably concerning their alert status; no such orders have been noted in communications.

There have been no further references in intercepted communications to the alert since 0222Z on 23 November.

It is possible that the restricted access to the observation post at Punta Maisi extends to other observation posts in Oriente Province such as reported on 23 November when First Army Coastal Observation Posts were placed in alert status, and that the restriction was to be lifted on 25 November by all those posts.

Further indications that the alert was terminated is the fact that the Cuban Navy was engaged in an island-wide communications exercise on 25 November. It is considered unlikely that such an exercise would be conducted under alert conditions.

There have been no further references to the alert status of the (D Percent Santiago de Cuba) units which was first observed on 23 November. All GRAF and Soviet Forces Cuba Communications appear to be normal during this period, 22 - 26 November 1963.

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