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FROM (hour)	(to)	DATE
0800	1600	22 November 1963
ASSUMED THE WATCH FROM		AT
Mr. V. T. Larson		0745

TIME (L)	EVENT
0750	SFCNL (Ref 0040 SNOO LOG item this date, made change to CNL).
0830	Gen. Davis will be at Tide's Inn, Irvington, Va. from noon today until Sunday evening, when he will return. 703-438-2611 RM 167
0835	Simpson, NMCC, called and stated that the French convoy scheduled for today apparently went through without incident (the French are a little slow in providing information). Simpson also stated that Gen. Lemnitzer had submitted a recommendation that the tests be called off. Beginning today, NMCC will provide a copy of the DIA briefing notes if, after perusal of the initial one, we are interested in receiving them on a continuing basis.
0840	Simpson again with convoy information. US 17 ETA Marienborn 261000Z; 13 vehicles, 26 crew, 28 troops. Part of 4th Battalion, 18th Infantry. NOTE: The last US convoy posted on the board is US 15; called Simpson; back and asked him about US 16. Cannot answer; will find out and call back later.
0845	Ref SNOO LOG items 2325, 21 Nov. and 0120, this date. Checked with M. Duty Officer. M is <u>not</u> taking any action. They say the action is PO4's. Will attempt to get the information from PO4.
1005	A33 called re a requirement for info from CIIC DIA. A msg is going out to USA 751 EX requesting any info in a 19 Nov Recon mission over [REDACTED]
1040	Maj. Reid, DIA, called re the cable break on the 17th [REDACTED] Said he got the info from DCA, who got it from ATT, who got it from Canadian Telephone Co. Break not clearly due to trawler activity. Extent of damage routine for break; not excessively damaged. There were, however, one W. German and several E. German trawlers in the vicinity of the break, which occurred on the edge of a shelf in very deep water.
1055	Seven copies of ADDENDUM TO DIA INTSUM NR 279-63 received & distributed.
1100	NIC situation check.
1440	PRESIDENT KENNEDY IS DEAD. HE WAS SHOT BY AN ASSASSIN WHILE HIS MOTORCADE WAS MOVING ALONG ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF DALLAS. FYI to CAG ONNIS.
1450	DIA/CIIC INCIC message 16-53, DTG 221928Z, received. "IN VIEW OF REPORTED SHOOTING OF THE PRESIDENT, ALL INDICATION CENTERS ARE URGED TO INITIATE UN IMMEDIATE ALERT FOR POSSIBLE HOSTILE REACTIONS. ANY INDICATIONS OF A CHANGE IN ENEMY POSTURE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY PASSED VIA INDIC CHANNELS TO DIA. CRITIC MESSAGES SHOULD ALSO BE USED AS APPROPRIATE."

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1335
ALL SNOOS!

Dr. Shinn says that no readiness condition will be declared unless some overt action which would cause this to become such a condition takes place.

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1540	SFCNL	
1600	Received COMUSAFSS DTG 222022Z (NSA not info passed by AFSSFM) "AS A RESULT OF THE PRESIDENT'S UNTIMELY DEATH HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF WILL INITIATE AN INCREASED ALERT CONDITION..." CALLED DIA ON ANY ALERT BY JCS THEY HAVE NO INFO. NMCC HAS NO WORD EITHER.	
1605	Fisher, T1 advised that there is a man standing by in the DIRECTORS teleconference room for use.	
NOTE	DR. SHINN IS ON TELEPHONE ALERT FOR USIB WATCH COMM. IF MEETING IS CALLED NIC WILL CALL NSASCC WHICH SHOULD CALL SHINN AND FARLEY AT HOME.	
1620	Lt. Col. Lang, B205 will be in until midnight. B25, B26, B27 will have people working on <input type="checkbox"/> traffic backlog. A Group will not have any watched.	
1705	Conducted Series Check with Lt. Hill, DIA and 2/0 <input type="checkbox"/> T-19-63. He wants this report put out in Xray Series. Title of report is "SURVEILLANCE ORDERED OF AMERICAN ATTACHE OFFICERS, BANGKOK WHILE IN LASHIO, BURMA".	
1810	WOOD, NSA REP NIC called and stated that the Free/Demonstrations will take place tonight. This probably in reaction to President's death. Could develop. This university is W. Berlin.	
1725	Received AFSSO SAC DTG 221937Z. GOLDEN TREE (OLD BRASS KNOB) 3779 sked for 23 Nov 63.	
1726	Received USA-751 2/J <input type="checkbox"/> R829-63. SIGINT READINESS ALFA HAS BEEN DECLARED FOR THIS UNIT AND ALL EUROPEAN SECURITY REGION UNITS AS OF 2000Z.	
	Received USM-49 DTG 222025Z. "DUE TO PRESENT STATE OF EMERGENCY, <input type="checkbox"/> ENTITIES HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY DROPPED FROM COVERAGE. ALL FACILITIES ARE CONCENTRATED ON THE SOVIET <input type="checkbox"/>	
1750	RECEIVED USM-49 DTG 222205Z. ARE RESUMING NORMAL COVERAGE OF ASSIGNED MISSION AT 2200Z THIS DATE. THIS REFERS TO MESSAGE FROM USM-49 ABOVE.	
1755	JACK NOONAN, C1 called to advise that they are revising mission coverage at USN-19 in view of the Possible Coup in Brazil.	
1855	JSPC up on telecon. Queried what action should be taken insofar as a SIGINT READINESS DUE TO PRESIDENT'S DEATH. They advised that they were going to declare a READINESS CONDITION. INSTRUCTED THEM NOT TO DECLARE ANY READINESS CONDITION.	

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	Released P055/251 (Presidents death, reporting instructions) to all reporting units. Released P055/252 to USA-751 instructions to them to cancel their SIGINT READINESS ALFA.
1930	Reports coming in from USN-834 to the effect that the Cuban Eastern Naval District has been placed on <u>ALERT</u> because of the death of President Kennedy.
1940	Having telecon with USA-71 right now. They have no reflection of any unusual activity on Cuban or Soviet Forces Cuba.
2000	M63 Duty Officer called and said that he had two messages down there for release, but they have no cite numbers, he requested cite numbers for these messages. Provided him with P055/253 This message was originated by B11 and was address ed to USM-84. Provided him with P055/254. This message originated by B31.
2005	The Columbian and Venezulian Military units have been placed on Alert.
2010	Received USA-751 DTG 230033Z which cancels their SIGINT READINE SS ALFA.
2012	Dr. Shinn checked in.
2100	C1 closed down operations.
2110	Jackson, B11 came in with a copy of a telecon he had just had with USN 851 (MULLER). They stated they had not yet received any word or orders on what they should do, and had requests for magnetic tapes they want to pick-up in Florida. Called Lowman at home, he said to call LCDR Mc Grath, CO4, called him he was not at home. Called Burke, PO4 who is coming in. Called M63 and got copy of the message which was released today on the MUELLER Sked. Provided Jackson with copy and he is talking to the Mueller now and advising them of what the message said.
2130	Received 2135 COMMSQ RAMSTEIN AB GER DTG 230037Z. POSS PHYSICAL COMPROMISE OF CRYPTO MATERIAL ABOARD THE T33 WHICH CRASHED. IN AMEN. TOLD M63 DUTY OFFICER TO CALL MAN WHO HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS AND ALSO MAN FROM S.
2133	Jerry Burke, PO4 reported in and he reviewed the situation re the Mueller
DAY SNOO	CALL LCDR MCGRATH, CO4 AT 0730 IN THE MORNING AND ADVISE HIM THAT THERE IS SOME ACTION THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN RE THE MUELLER. COPY OF THE TELECON WITH THE MUELLER IS ON THE DESK.

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