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0745	1545	23 November 1963

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Mr. V. T. Larson

AT 0745

TIME (L)	EVENT
0745	SFCNL 44 USC 2107(5)(g)(2)(D)(i)
0755	Notified LCDR McGrath of Telecon with Mueller. He will be out about 0845.
0845	Released 2/0/ R316 Unusual Activity on the Soviet
0900	Colonel Walker (Phone 189-432) from ASA called in reference to ADP 429. Says this message is in conflict with instructions from General Blake. Got copy of message from M63 and called Bl to inform them of Walker's concern. Mr Stewart not there, but gave information to LtCol Odonovich, who is handling. Msg in question instructs USM-84 to inform J2 US SOUTH COMD that his intelligence requirements should be levied through channels. Copy is in day file.
0915	Lt Cmdr McGrath appeared. Gave him copy of the Telecon and referred him to Lt Col Odonovich, who is also interested in the matter of supplying the Mueller with tapes.
0930	WO reports that JRC informs them of three Big Cigar msg. 1328Z at #69; 1342Z at 183; and 1335Z at #28. Had Captain Blaker inform A615.
0950	Mis Howell of Po53 picked up the message from CI/FID regarding coverage on link. This msg requires P052 action, and she is contacting Mr Keniston in order to take appropriate steps today.
1000	Dr Shinn called in to check on reaction. Is going to Laurel and will report in again shortly afternoon.
1010	Ray Henderson A104 reported for watch.
1011	WO reports that line was restored at 220744Z. Also reports "BIG CIGAR NO PHONETICS 1453Z #53". This information relayed to A615.
1100	NIC Sit Check.
1110	Cox of CIA wants to know if Planes mentioned in J/56 RL-63 are Fishbed C or Fishbed D. B3 says they can't tell. So informed Cox.
1125	Called LtCol Odonovich to find out if all action had been taken regarding the Mueller. He assured me that everything had been

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1125 (con't)	handled by LtCdr McGrath. 44 USC 2107(5)(g)(2)(D)(i)
1206	Mr Stewart of BI came in and reported that according to a junior EM in BI45, USA-66 reports over 800 Gov't cipher msgs transmitted from Havana to Moscow via [] bsincen 0000 22 November. This incredible volume now being checked out by Contant of BI45 for purpose of issuing end product report if true.
1219	Dr Shinn is at home and will be at home until Monday morning.
1220	Released P055/255-63. Collateral information for USN-19 on Brazil.
1400	GOLD TREE down 1824Z. 75% cover.
1420	<u>Mr Embry of Sec Def Office says Monday is a nonworking day throughout the world for all Govt Agencies - a day of mourning. This was coordinated with General Blaake, who says it is fine. Lt Dancy has contacted Col McCabe, Col Holbert, and Mr Rowlet.</u>
1430	<u>Notified Dr Shinn at approx 1415 that USIB and the Watch were meeting as usual. Also informed Farley. A and B desks have informed the appropriate O5 offices who are responsible for dragging in the people they need to support them.</u>
1431	<u>Mr Stewart of BI said that BI will be operating on an augmented Septimus plan Monday.</u>
1455	Ref item 1206: The actual number of messages transmitted was <u>four</u> . BI is notifying other recipients of the incorrect information.
1500	Brennan of RCI wants to know if there will be courier service on Monday. Watch says yes, but this won't be firm for another hour or two. When watch office does provide answer, please relay to Brennan.
1501	Rec'd GT preflight 3780
1530	Provided Mr Stewart with addresses and phone numbers of Zaslow, Col Swears, and JENKS so that he could notify them of mourning plan for Monday. (This note added 0755 23 November)

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1545	SFCNL 44 USC 2107(5)(g)(2)(D)(i)
1610	Col. Duvall, DIA called and wanted a complete run-down on SIGINT reflections of assassination.
1700	Brenan, STATE called and wanted to know if we had an official list of the Representatives of other nations who are coming to Washington for the funeral services, advised him we did not. He will send us a list. He wants us to be on the alert and report immediately on any instructions re these representatives particularly on people they want to talk to in Washington. Anything that is seen in traffic. Instructed B desk to notify people in B1 and B2.
1710	Gen. Blake is in his office; he has a meeting at 1715. Advised WO.
1750	Gen. Blake has departed for home. He left a package that he may pick-up Monday, or he may call to have ADM Schulz.
1753	Received BARKSDALE AFB LA DTG 231935Z. Golden Tree mission 3779 landed at 231824Z, 75 % coverage.
1800	Major Nelson , DIA IL-18 Moscow to Washington, Plane # 75764 Due in Washington 0710 Monday. Aboard is Deputy Priminister Mickoyon?? and 7 Others. Advised STATE.
1820	JMajor Nelson, DIA Called to confirm the above sked. The flight is designated Special #19. Departs Moscow 241625Z, via Breswick ETA Breswick 242140Z, ETD 242325Z; ETA GANDER 250615Z, ETD GANDER 250745Z; ETA ANDREWS 1200Z (0700 Monday EST).
1905	The Duty Officer on Monday 25 Nov 63 for ADC is Mr Ayres. He will be on duty in the ADC office. Phone: 2303(s), 6501 (Red).
1955	Edwards, DIA/CIIC called to report that he was sending an OI message to us, this is a retransmission of a message they received from the UN CMDR in Korea. It is reported that a coup is to take place in S. Korea at 0100(unknown if this is Zulu or Korean Local). Marine elements involved.
2010	Brown, CIA reports they have heard from their units in Korea who also report a possible coup. They are checking this out and will call back.
2040	Received calls from both CIA and DIA who stated that they did not consider there was anything to the possible coup in S. Korea, that the 0100 time was Korean Local and that was nine hours ago. The U.S. Military and CIA, Korea have advised the Korean Military about the reports they have on the coup. Will call Lt. Col. Lang and advise him

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	of this. Will take no further action based on fact that both CIA AND DIA state that there is nothing to the rumor.
2100	Received call from Bradley, CIA regarding SHAMROCK. ADVISED BRADLEY THAT I WAS NOT IN POSITION TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH HIM, BUT I WOULD CALL SOMEONE IN WHO COULD. THERE IS NO LISTING OF SHAMROCK ANYWHERE, FINALLY GOT HOLD OF LT. COL. ODOVISH IN B1 HE ADVISED TO CALL JOHN STOCKTON, NO ANSWER FROM STOCKTON. CALLED AL CONTENT WHO WILL BE IN. BRADLEY SAID TO CALL AND TALK TO MR SLOSS, CIA WATCH OFFICER 1-8565.
NOTE	IF A MATTER COMES UP THAT REQUIRES C GROUP ASSISTANCE AND BEARD CANNOT BE REACHED, CALL MR. KELLER.
2110	Message from STATE with list of the DIGNITARIES TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR JRK FUNERAL IS COMING IN ON THE PRINTER NOW.
2130	RECEIVED CSAF WASH DC DTG 240106Z. Report of ALLEGED COUP PLOT AGAINST ROK GOVERNMENT. SEE ITEM 2040 ABOVE.
DAY SNGO OK-9189	CALL JOHN STOCKTON, B1 TOMORROW MORNING AT 0800 TO COME IN AND TAKE A LOOK A MESSAGE FROM CIA THAT IS ON THE SNGO DESK.

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