

Abbreviations used in the ZIPPER Document

AF	Abe Fortas, advisor of Lyndon B. Johnson
AF1	Air Force One
AG	Attorney General, Robert F. Kennedy
ARM	unidentified
AWD	Allen Welsh Dulles, former DCI
BB	Benjamin Baumann, Shin Beth (Israel)
D/NSA	Director NSA, Gordon Blake
DCI	Director of Central Intelligence, John McCone
DD/FBI	Deputy Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation, William Sullivan
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff of U.S. Armed Forces
JJA	James Jesus Angleton, CIA Counterintelligence
Lancer SS	Code name for Security Service of J.F. Kennedy
MC	Marshal Carter, senior officer of CIA, later NSA
<u>MARLINSPIKE</u>	Probably a plan designed to draw the United States into war with Cuba, <u>a strong desire of the JCS and its Chief, General Lyman Lemnitzer.</u>
Met. Club	<u>Metropolitan Club, Washington, D.C.</u>
NSA	National Security Agency
OAS	✓ Organisation de l'armee secret, Secret Army Organisation of former French officers who did not recognize the independence of Algeria.
RFK	Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney General
RTC	Robert Trumbull Crowley, CIA Clandestine Operations
✓ SC	Sam Cummings, INTERARMCO
SG	Sam Giancana, Chicago Mafia
SIGINT	Signal Intelligence
U/C	✓ Union Corse, Corsican Mafia
UClub	University Club, Washington, D.C.
USMC	United States Marine Corps
VP	Vice President, Lyndon B. Johnson
WJ	Walter Jenkins, advisor of Lyndon B. Johnson
WKH	William King Harvey, senior officer CIA

OPERATION ZIPPER !

22 DEC 1963

Distribution: DCI **Director of Central Intelligence,**
John McCone.

JJA **CIA Director of Counter**
Intelligence, James Jesus
Angleton.

MC **Marshal Carter, CIA Senior**
Officer.

RTC **Robert Trumbull Crowley, CIA**
Clandestine Operations.

WKH **William King Harvey, CIA**
Senior Officer.

Participants:

DCI McCone, James Angleton, Robert
Crowley, William Harvey, DD/FBI
Sullivan, Lt Col Cass, USMC

Distribution as above

Summary of Conferences held March-November 1963

Reference: Operation ZIPPER

Date: 22 DEC 63

Participants:

DCI McCone, James Angleton, Robert Crowley, William Harvey,
DD/FBI Sullivan, LtCol Cass, USMC

Distribution as above

Statement of Policy

1. The removal of the President and the Attorney General from their positions because of high treason has been determined.
2. By their contacts with top-level intelligence officials of the Soviet Union and the subsequent release by the President and the Attorney General of the highest level security material to a government that stands in direct opposition to the United States, these individuals cannot be permitted to occupy their official positions.
3. By treating with the enemy on the Cuban issue and actively blocking legitimate military actions against a Soviet/Cuban armed enemy in close proximity to the United States, these individuals have endangered the people of the United States and permitted enemies of this country to actively place atomic weapons within the reach of many American cities.
4. Removal by impeachment or other legal means is considered unfeasible and too protracted.
5. Therefore, an alternative solution has been found to effect this removal.
6. This removal is the result of a consensus between the various concerned official agencies.

7. This operation, codenamed ZIPPER, was under the direction of James Angleton of the Agency, assisted by Robert Crowley and William Farvey, also of the Agency.
8. The government departments directly concerned consisted of:
 - a. The Central Intelligence Agency.
 - b. The Federal Bureau of Investigation.
 - c. The Joint Chiefs of Staff.
9. Other government agencies involved but not with specific knowledge were:
 - a. The U.S. Department of the Treasury, Secret Service Division.
 - b. The National Security Agency.
 - c. The Naval Security Group.
 - d. INTERARMCO.
 - e. The U.S. Department of State, Passport Division.
10. Following the removal of the President, the new President, who had been fully briefed prior to the act, agreed "in the interest of national concerns" to appoint a special Commission chaired by the Chief Justice, for the purpose of "setting public concerns to rest." Mr. Angleton was in complete control of all evidence presented to this Committee and worked closely in conjunction with Mr. Sullivan of the FBI to ensure that nothing was brought before the Committee that it did not want to acknowledge.
11. As both the Vice President and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been slated for replacement by the Kennedy faction, their support for this project was practically guaranteed from the outset.
12. The Vice President came to believe that an attempt would be made on his life at the same time and was greatly concerned for his own safety.
13. As the Vice President and the Director of the FBI were longtime neighbors and very friendly, the Director has repeatedly assured the President that he was not a target and that no shots

were fired at him in Dallas.

14. The President has been reassured but is still considered very leery of any possible such actions being taken against himself or members of his personal family.
15. One of the primary goals of ZIPPER, the removal of the Attorney General, has been discussed repeatedly with the President by the DCI, and the President has agreed to gradually force him out of his position. He has stated, however, that the popularity of the AG is such that this removal must be performed with care.
16. Representative Ford, R, of Michigan, a member of the Commission, is working closely with Director Hoover and reports all incoming information directly to him.
17. Full cooperation with friendly media sources has ensured that the public attention has been drawn to Oswald as the sole killer. The President feels strongly that any attempt to portray Oswald as a tool of the Soviets is liable to create "too high a level of international tension" which the President feels, might lead to direct confrontation with the Soviet Union.
18. The President is not receptive to plans of the JCS, supported entirely by the Agency, to eradicate Castro and his Marxist government from Cuba. The President states that war almost occurred as a result of the last military attempt to dislodge the Cuban dictator and he does not wish to replay that aspect of the enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine.
19. The President has indicated, however, that an escalation of U.S. military involvement in French Indo China is not unreasonable. Reports given to him by the Agency as well as the JCS on this subject have been well received.
20. The President's aide, Jenkins, has also supported this idea and the Secretary of Defense has come down strongly in favor of it.
21. The President believes that his occupancy of the White House is due to the death of his predecessor and has a desperate desire to achieve a degree of legitimacy.

22. He has been advised that a war-time President is always assured of reelection (i.e., Wilson, Roosevelt) but only in the event that the war is prosecuted with vigor and has attendant military successes.
23. On a related topic, the French President, DeGaulle, while in Washington for the late President's funeral, held several conferences with the new President as well as other officials to include the Agency.
24. The General stated several times and with some asperity that he had been the object of a number of assassination attempts in the past, some going back to the war, and that he had grown tired of them. He stated that the OAS attempts to shoot him or bomb him had been known to members of the Agency who had, in a least one case, assisted the OAS assassins.
25. The General also stated that he was aware through French intelligence reports, that the assassins of the President were French citizens.
26. Because it is viewed as vital that the French become involved in NATO and to assuage the concerns of the General, guarantees were given both by the President and the DCI that no further actions would be undertaken that could result in an assassination and further, that the United States would actively support French commercial interests in French Indo China in return for French cooperation with NATO.
27. The French President agreed to this but made several oblique threats to the President about his reactions in the event of further Agency "meddling" in French domestic and foreign policy.
28. The General was reassured repeatedly on these points and is now apparently in agreement with United States aims in Southeast Asia. He made several remarks about the trade in opium in that area being extremely lucrative and stated that he had his own problems with narcotics traffic in the Mediterranean area.
29. It is not believed, and electronic surveillance of the President's lines of communication while in the United States does not support, the possibility that he might have actual knowledge

of any American involvement, or projected involvement, in this sensitive area. *Edley Triangle*

30. Both the Agency and the President feel that the French President has "fired a shot across our bows" but that these issues have now become resolved. The President feels, however, that the French will have to be watched carefully in the future and that if American interests become established in French Indo China, we had best consider our own interests at that time.
31. In the matter of the Soviet Union, it is evident that they were initially concerned that the removal of Kennedy might be laid at their doorstep. As this was certainly one of the objectives of the Agency as well as the JCS, it has been necessary to repeatedly reassure their leadership that there would be no such intimations in the future and, that in addition, there would be no further attempts to execute any military or overt clandestine operations against either Cuba or its leader, Castro.
32. In the matter of the public perception of the Dallas action, extensive use has been made of Agency connections with major American media organs, i.e., The New York Times and the Washington Post. The Times is strongly supporting the Commission and its findings and we are assured that they will continue to do so. The same attitude has been clearly and strongly expressed by the Post.

Synopsis of executive meetings and communications.--

Note:

In most cases, the participants listed above were in attendance. In some cases, not noted, one or more of the participants were absent but subsequently fully informed of salient material discussed or were involved by telephonic participation in meetings.

In the following compendium, many meetings, conferences or telephonic communications are not fully covered.

Summary of Conferences held March-November 1963

1 MAR 63

8:30 AM- Noon

Conference with DCI, JJA, RTC.
Implementation of ZIPPER. Presentation of RFK intercepts to DCI. Review of investigative data to date. DCI requests more data.

2 MAR 63

9:45 AM- 11:15 AM

Presentation by JJA and RTC to DCI of evidentiary material.

2:00 PM

Request by DCI for interview
With Director/FBI

4 MAR 63

8:15 AM 10:00 AM

Conference with DCI, JJA
With Director/FBI and DD/FBI
Sullivan.

7 MAR 63

8:30 PM- 12:06 AM

Conference with JJA and Sullivan.

Operation ZIPPER/Conference Record (cont.)

8 MAR 63

2:02 PM-3:45 PM

Conference with JJA, RTC in
re RFK.

4:15 PM- 4:48 PM

Telephone conference JJA
DCI concerning above meetings.

12 MAR 63

8:30 AM- 9:23 AM

Conference JJA and Sullivan.

1:20 PM- 2:10 PM

Lunch conference with JJA and
RTC. Joined by DCI.

13 MAR 63

9:10 AM - 9:30 AM

Telephone conference by DCI
with Walter Jenkins in re VP.
Request for personal interview.

14 MAR 63

9:45 AM- 10:23 AM

and

3:37 PM- 4:11 PM

Conferences with JJA, Jenkins,
RTC and telephone conference
with WKH on ZIPPER. Views
of VP are discussed. Extreme
Caution on part of VP subject
of both conferences. Tentative
acceptance of basic thrust of
ZIPPER. VP to speak with DCI
on 15 MAR.

15 MAR 63

12:35 PM - 1:43 PM

Luncheon conference with DCI,
Jenkins and A. Fortas, Met Club.
Present: JJA and RTC. Discussion by
VP's aides of two conversations with
DIR/FBI Hoover on ZIPPER. AF requests
copies of telephone intercepts.

Operation ZIPPER/Conference Record (cont.)

16 MAR 63

1:08 PM- 1:16 PM

Telephone conference by RTC
with SG in re U/C.

1:24 PM- 2:19 PM

Telephone conference by RTC
with JJA in re SG.

2:45 PM- 3:10 PM

Telephone conversation by JJA
with DCI in re SG.

3:32 PM-4:50 PM

Telephone conference with WKH
by JJA in re SG.

18 MAR 63

8:44 AM-9:29 AM *45 MIN*

Telephone conference by JJA w SC/
INTERARMCO in re weaponry
and delivery

*JAMES A. ...
SA ...*

3:04 PM-3:30 PM

Telephone conferences with DCI
and RTC in re SC analysis.

9:30 PM-11:27 PM

Conference RTC with WJ and AF.
Copies of RFK reports for VP.

19 MAR 63

11:45 AM

Telephone report by SG to RTC
concerning need for US passports.

20 MAR 63

3:27 PM - 3:39 PM

Telephone conference by RTC
with SG in passports
Affirmative response.

Operation ZIPPER/Conference Record (cont.)

21 MAR 63

11:55 AM-2:37 PM

✓ Lunch meeting with DCI, RTC and JJA.
Review of telephone surveillance on
RFK. Report by JJA on Soviet Receipts.

25 MAR 63

9:45 AM-10:17 PM

Telephone conference with Jenkins
in re VP. RTC

28 MAR 63

3:15 PM- 4:25 PM

Conference with DCI and JJA.
Coordination of JCS objectives
with ZIPPER.

4:45 PM-4:48 PM

Telephone conference with Jenkins
in re VP. RTC

4:55 PM-5:01 PM

Telephone conference with DCI on
VP. RTC

29 MAR 63

2:35 PM-3:15 PM

Telephone conference with DCI with
FBI/Sullivan

6:60 PM-9:55 PM

Conference with RTC and WKH ref-
erence logistics of ZIPPER.

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Operation ZIPPER/Conference Record (cont.)

3 APRIL 63

11:08 PM-1:21 AM

✓ Telephone conference
between JJA and AMOS
Manor, Israel, in re
possible cooperation
in ZIPPER.

4 APRIL 63

11:31 AM- 1:02 PM

Conference with JJA
and RTC in re Manor
assistance.

3:35 PM- 4:45 PM

Telephone conference
With RTC and SG.
Sicilian referral.

5:20 PM- 5:45 PM

Telephone conference
RTC, JJA in re SG
conference.

9 APRIL 63

8:31 AM- 8:45 AM

Telephone conference
JJA with LtCol Cass,
S Domingo in re Zipper.
Agreement for conference.

9:08 AM- 9:14 AM

Conference with DCI and
JJA concerning Cass
meeting and SG progress.

Operation ZIPPER/Conference Record (cont.)

10:20 AM- 10:45 AM

Conference with MC,
JJA, RTC, WKH in re
Cass and SG report.

1:20 PM- 4:35 PM

Conference with MC,
WKH in re continuation
of RFK surveillance
and possibility of
additional NSA sur-
veillance of subject.

5:25 PM- 5:50 PM

Telephone conference
with RTC and SG in
re payments.

6:20 PM - 8:15 PM

Telephone conference
with RTC and JJA in
re SG payments.

8:30 PM- 9:05 PM

Telephone donference
with JJA and MC in re
SG payments.

9:30 PM- 10:04 PM

Telephone conference
with JJA and RTC in
re MC conference.

10 APRIL 63

8:24 AM- 9:30 AM

Telephone conference
JJA with DCI in re
SG payments.

1:45 PM- 1:55 PM

Conference DCI. Payment
OK

Operation ZIPPER/Conference Record (cont.)

2:45 PM- 2:50 PM

Conference, JJA, MC in re
payments (SG)

3:20 PM-3:45 PM

Telephone conference, JJA
and RTC in re payments (SG)

4:40 PM- 4:55 PM

Conference JJA, RTC, WKH
in re ZIPPER.

5:10 PM-5:23 PM

Telephone conference RTC
with SG in re payments.

11 APRIL 63

1:45 PM- 1:56 PM

Telephone conference with
Jenkins in re VP.
Clarification of DCI memo.

2:30 PM- 2:46 PM

Telephone conference
with Pentagon in re Cass
meeting.

4:36 PM- 5:15 PM

Meeting JJA and DCI
on progress for ZIPPER.
No direct contact between
DCI and CASS

13 APRIL 63

8:22 PM- 9:07 PM

Telephone conference
RTC and SC in re ZIPPER. ✓

Operation ZIPPER/Conference Record (cont.)

14 APRIL 63

9:35 AM- 11:07 AM

Conference with DCI, JJA, WKH.
Reference update with WKH.
Suggestion received from Lemhitzer
re LtCOL Cass. S Domingo.

2:35 PM- 3:12 PM

Telephone conference with LtCOL
Cass in re ZIPPER.

15 APRIL 63

12:35 PM-2:23 PM

Conference with WKH and RTC con-
cerning weaponry and logistics.
INTERARMCO.

5:20 PM-5:45 PM

Telephone conference with Jenkins
in re VP. RTC

18 APRIL 63

1:23 PM-1:25 PM

Telephone conference with SG.
INTERARMCO.

2:01 PM- 2:05 PM

Telephone contact with SG in
Chicago in re RTC meeting. RTC

2:25 PM - 2:31 PM

Telephone conference with JJA
concerning SG.

2:33 PM- 2:40 PM

Meeting with DCI in re Chicago. RTC, JJA

19 APRIL 63

Telephone conference with ARM in
re LANCER SS protection. JJA

Operation ZIPPER/Conference Record (cont.)

23 APRIL 63

Conference with RTC and SG
concerning logistics for ZIPPER.
Chicago.

24 APRIL 63

Conference with RTC and SG
concerning logistics for ZIPPER.
Chicago.

3:09 PM- 3:33 PM

Telephone conference with
JJA and LtCOL Cass in re
ZIPPER.

30 APRIL 63

9:31 AM- 1:45 PM

Telephone conference
with RTC and Jenkins in re
VP. Further clarification on
post-ZIPPER.

2:20 PM- 5:38 PM

Conference DCI and Sullivan
in re contact with Director/FBI.
Supply RFK transcripts.

M A Y

2 May 63

1:00 PM- 2:59 PM

Conference with DCI, JJA, RTC,
Sullivan in re intercepted
phone conversations from Hickory
Hill. Also, intercepted and
decoded conversations with Soviet
Embassy.

4:09 PM- 4:21 PM

Telephone conversation RTC and
SG on Marseilles contacts.

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W Fr MAFBA]

Operation ZIPPER/Conference Record (cont.)

4:30 PM- 5:37 PM

- ✓ Conference with RTC and JJA concerning SG referrals. Also Mass, sailboat plan. Rejected.

5 MAY 63

2:02 PM- 4:45 PM

- ✓ Telephone conference between JJA, RTC. In re progress on ZIPPER. Subject of discussions.
1. SS Presidential security.
 2. Projected Presidential visits,
 - a. Inside US.
 - b. Outside US.
 3. Disinformation in reports to White house aimed at disrupting channels of communication.
 4. Contact with NSA in re blocking of calls transmitting information to Soviet Union.
 5. Close coordination with JCS concerning military action against Cuba.
 6. Ascertaining attitude of VP in re para 5.
 7. Communicating compromising material on President to Soviet Union...loss of confidence.
 8. Information on planned RFK prosecution of VP aides. To discredit VP and give motive for removing from the ticket in '64. Give to AF?

6 MAY 63

9:34 AM- 10:21 AM

Conference JJA with DCI in re 5 May conference. Approval noted.

11:10 AM- 3:17 PM

- Telephone conferences by JJA & RTC with:
- a. WJ in re VP
 - b. JCS in re ZIPPER and plans
 - c. SG in re team progress
 - d. SG in re logistics

Operation ZIPPER/Conference Record (cont.)

10 MAY 63

Lunch conference
DCI, Sullivan, JJA, RTC, WKH
Discussion of progress of ZIPPER.
Decision to launch disinformation
program in re Soviets.
Decision for dual payments to
UC and to SG.

14 MAY 63

4:45 PM

Report by SC in re weaponry ✓

21 MAY 63

3:20 PM- 4:11 PM

Conference DCI, RTC
in re NSA communications
surveillance.

24 MAY 63

2:25 PM

Contact with source on AFI.

3:10 PM

Conference DCI, JJA on subject
payment for AFI.

25. MAY 63

2:10 PM- 4:43 PM

Conference, UClub, RTC, JJA
WKH with rep Chair/JCS
in re ZIPPER.
Coordination of ZIPPER w. MARLINSTRIKE.

27 MAY 63

9:45 AM- 12:00 PM

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2:30 PM- 5:52 PM

Conference JJA, RTC in re ZIPPER

Operation ZIPPER/Conference Record (cont.)

28 MAY 63

8:32 AM- 9:01 AM

Telephone conference JJA
with LtCOL Cass in re ZIPPER.

11:34 AM- 12:30 PM

Conference JJA, DCI in re
NSA transcripts.

31 MAY 63

1:35 PM- 2:50 PM

Conference JJA, AF in re VP
Discussion of VP attitudes in re
MARLINSTRIKE, ZIPPER.

3:00 PM- 3:21 PM

Telephone conference JJA,
JCS in re AF conference.

3:30 PM- 3:34 PM

Telephone conference JJA,
DCI in re AF & JCS.

J U N E

3 JUNE 63

2:20 PM - 3:05 PM

Conference with DD Carter
and GEN Blake, DIR/NSA
concerning ZIPPER.

1. NSA SIGINT surveillance
of Cuba, Mexico and Dominican
Republic.
2. NSA domestic surveillance.
3. Confirming reports on RFK
conversations.
4. TASS communications.
5. Soviet internal communications.
6. White House communications.

Operation ZIPPER/Conference Record (cont.)

4 JUNE 63

Lunch conference, DD/MC, JJA, RTC
in re Blake position.

6 JUNE 63

7:30 PM- 9:20 PM

Conference, JJA, RTC in re
NSA intercepts.

11 JUNE 63

9:55 AM- 10:02 AM

Telephone conference with AF
in re VP. Anxiety.

12 JUNE 63

12:30 PM- 12:45 PM

Telephone conference with LtCOL Cass, S'Domingo.

4:11 PM- 4:34 PM

Telephone conference with JJA &
A. Manor in re UC team.

5:30 PM- 6:45 PM

Telephone conference with JJA & AF in re VP.
More reassurance needed.

19 JUNE 63

11:35 AM- 12:40 PM

Telephone conference, DD/MC
with D/NSA Blake concerning
NSA intercepts.

1:45 PM- 1:50 PM

Telephone conference, DD/MC
with RTC concerning SG.

24 JUNE 63

Report from SG in re weaponry.

5:39 PM- 5:51 PM

Telephone conference, DCI

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and JJA, RTC and WKH.

25 JUNE 63

Receipt of NSA report.

3:09 PM- 3:30 PM

Telephone conference, WKH
with LtCOL Cass, S Domingo.

26 JUNE 63

9:30 AM- 9:54 AM

Telephone conference. AF
to RTC in re VP. Agreement
in general.

10:07 AM- 10:09 AM

Telephone conference RTC
with DCI in re AF call.

11:30 AM- 11:45 AM

Telephone conference, RTC
with Lemnitzer aide in re
ZIPPER.

J U L Y

3 JULY 63

Arrival of B. Baumann from
Toronto. ✓

4 JULY 63

Receipt of courier reports NSA

7:39 PM- 11:45 PM

Personal interview with JJA,
RTC, MC with Baumann.

5 JULY 63

Evaluation of AF 1 material by
JJA, WKH, RTC

2:33 PM- 3:15 PM

Conference with DCI, JJA on
AF 1 findings. Negative.

Operation ZIPPER/Conference Record (cont.)

11 JULY 63

Review by JJA on RFK and
White House telephone transcripts.

11:00 AM- 12:15 PM

Conference with JJA, MC and RTC
in re intercepts.

16 JULY 63

10:45 AM - 11:14 AM

Telephone conference with
MC and Blake in re NSA intercepts.

1:45 PM- 5:15 PM

Conference with BB, JJA, MC in re
ZIPPER and UC team.

17 JULY 63

6:30 PM- 11:00 PM

Conference with JJA & BB.

✓ 9:45 PM- 10:15 PM

Telephone conference JJA & BB
with SC in re weapons.

19 JULY 63

7:01 PM- 11:45 PM

Conference with DCI, AWD, MC,
JJA, RTC in re ZIPPER. Agreement
in principle on all issues.

31 JULY 63

9:40 AM - 10:20 AM

Telephone conference with CHAIR/JCS
in re AWD, VP overviews.

11:30 AM- 1:29 PM

Conference, MC, JJA, RTC in
re ZIPPER. Transfer operation to
WKH

Operation ZIPPER/Conference Record (cont.)

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9 AUG 63

1:50 PM- 2:10 PM

Conference, WKH, JJA.
Progress Report.

16 AUG 63

7:50 PM- 11:01 PM

Conference, WKA, JJA.
Progress Report.

23 AUG 63

8:15 PM- 10:19 PM

Conference, WKH, JJA.
Progress Report.

30 AUG 63

7:50 PM- 8:45 PM

Conference, WKH, JJA.
Progress Report.

S E P T E M B E R

6 SEPT 63

3:19 PM- 5:12 PM

Conference, WKH, MC, JJA.
Progress Report.

12 SEPT 63

2:45 PM- 3:18 PM

Conference, WKH, JJA.
Progress Report.

20 SEPT 63

10:20 PM- 1:45 AM

Conference, WKH, RTC, MC.
Progress Report.

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27 SEPT 63

9:30 AM- 10:17 AM

Conference, WKH, DCI, MC, JJA, RTC.
Progress Report.

O C T O B E R

18 OCT 63

7:45 PM- 11:30 PM

Conference, WKH, JJA.
Progress Report.
Dallas

24 OCT 63

11:20 AM- 11:22 AM

Telephone conference, SG, JJA
in re UC arrival Montreal.

N O V E M B E R

1 NOV 63

8:40 PM- 12: PM

Conference, WKH, RTC
Progress Report.

14 NOV 63

1:45 PM- 1:56 PM

Telephone conference, WKH, MC
in re UC/Dallas.