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1. Statement Upon Arrival at Andrews Air Force Base, November 22, 1963; Collection LBJ-STMNT: Statements Files, September 23, 1927-December 26, 1972; Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, Austin TX
  
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3. Photograph President Lyndon B. Johnson at Glassboro Summit Conference with Soviet Premier Aleksei Kosygin, Mr. William Krimer (Pres. Johnson's interpreter) and Mr. Sukhodrev (Kosygin's interpreter (partially obscured) in background, June 23, 1967; Collection WHPO; Serial Number: C5774-21; Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, Austin TX
  
4. Memorandum conveying news of the attack on the USS *Maddox* to the White House; August 2, 1964

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Languages: English  
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5. Cable from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet (CINCPAC) authorizing an air strike in retaliation for the second Gulf of Tonkin incident; August 4, 1964

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Creator: Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS)

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6. "Hot line" message to President Johnson from Aleksei Kosygin, Chairman of the Council of Ministers, USSR.

Topic: Middle East Crisis (Six-Day War) between Israel and neighboring Arab states; May 12-June 19, 1967

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7. "Hot line" message to President Johnson from Aleksei Kosygin, Chairman of the Council of Ministers, USSR—English translation

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*all people*  
~~is just what we have~~

This is a sad time for every American. ~~The nation suffers~~ <sup>we have</sup> a loss that

cannot be weighed. For me it is a deep personal tragedy. I know

~~the nation and the whole free world~~ <sup>the</sup> shares the sorrow that Mrs.

*and her friends*  
Kennedy bears.

*only for your help and Gods*

I will do my best. That is all I can do. I ask God's help -- and yours.





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*J*

2 August 1964

Mr. President:

1. Early this morning the USS Maddox was attacked by three DRV PT boats while on patrol approximately 30 miles off the North Vietnamese coast in the Gulf of Tonkin.

2. The Captain of the Maddox returned the fire with 5-inch guns and requested air support from the carrier Ticonderoga on station nearby in connection with reconnaissance flights in that area.

3. Ticonderoga jets arrived shortly and made strafing attacks on the PT boats resulting in one enemy boat dead in the water, two others damaged and turned tail for home.

4. The Maddox reports no personnel or material damages.

5. Messrs Rusk and McNamara have been informed of the incident and present plans are to release a press statement later today either from Washington or Saigon.

6. Additional details on the Maddox encounter will be available later today.

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Approved:  
Mr. McNamara

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Air Strike Against North Vietnam (TS)

1. By 0700 local 5 August conduct a one-time maximum effort attack of following targets with objective of maximum assurance of high level of target destruction:

a. SWATHs and PT boats located at bases Port Wallet, Hon Gay, Phuc Loi and Quang Khe and at Loc Chao estuary (19-46N; 105-57E). Targets are boats.

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Saturday, June 10, 1967

Transmitted by Soviet Molink - 8:48 am.

Received by US Molink - 8:52 am.

У АППАРАТА НАХОДИТСЯ ПРЕДСЕДАТЕЛЬ СОВЕТА МИНИСТРОВ КОСЫГИН И  
ПРОСИТ ВЫЯСНИТЬ, НАХОДИТСЯ ЛИ ГОСПОДИН ПРЕЗИДЕНТ У АППАРАТА+

УВАЖАЕМЫЙ Г-Н ПРЕЗИДЕНТ,

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А. КОСЫГИН  
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TRANSLATION

Saturday, June 10, 1967  
Sight Translation - 9:00 a. m.  
Received by President - 9:05 a. m.

The White House  
To President Lyndon B. Johnson

Dear Mr. President:

The events of the last days have forced me to express to you with all frankness our view. As the situation shows, the resolutions of the Security Council are invalid. Israel has completely ignored them. As you can understand, after the many attempts taken in this direction and the resolutions of the Security Council concerning the termination of aggression on the part of Israel in the Near East -- these attempts have proved ineffective.

A very crucial moment has now arrived which forces us, if military actions are not stopped in the next few hours, to adopt an independent decision. We are ready to do this. However, these actions may bring us into a clash, which will lead to a grave catastrophe. Obviously in the world there are powers to whom this would be advantageous.

We purpose that you demand from Israel that it unconditionally cease military action in the next few hours. On our part, we will do the same. We purpose to warn Israel that, if this is not fulfilled, necessary actions will be taken, including military.

Please give me your views.

A. Kosygin

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