

Telegram TROSTNIK (REED—USSR Defense Minister Rodion Malinovsky) to PAVLOV (Commander of the Group of Soviet Forces in Cuba General Isa Pliev), 20 November 1962

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From TROSTNIK to comrade PAVLOV

Missiles with conventional loads for “Luna” and FKR [cruise missiles] should be left in Cuba. Send 6 nuclear bombs, 12 warheads for “Luna” and 80 warheads for FKR to the Soviet Union on steamship “Atkarsk.”

Director
November 20

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