

Telegram from A. I. Mikoyan to CC CPSU

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I think it is not an accident that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba gave Cde. Alexeyeva copy of their instructions to their representative to the UN, which contain a reference to the fact that “we possess tactical nuclear weapons, which we should keep.” (See our No. 1885)

Tomorrow, November 22, the conversation, which will take place at 22:00 Moscow time, could also touch upon the fate of the new military agreement. In that connection, this question might also arise, to which I must give an answer. I think I should say that there exists an unpublished law in the Soviet Union, according to which nuclear weapons of any kind—strategic or tactical—cannot be transferred to third parties. In the event of a war, these weapons would be used to defend the entire socialist camp, but without transferring them to third parties.

Because we will have no base of our own here, then, of course, these weapons cannot be left in Cuba.

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