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To: Mr. F.C.

~~24 hour notice starting Friday~~  
~~MRBM - less three days attack~~  
5 days

1. The US has full info on the missile bases being constructed in Pino del Mar province. Medium range missiles capable of reaching a substantial portion of US territory and most of the countries in the Caribbean area are being installed at three sites. They obviously have no use except with nuclear heads. It also seems clear that they can only be operated by Soviet military, not Cubans.
2. Their presence raises grave issues of national security for the US and the Western Hemisphere as a whole as the President and the Congress have made clear. They represent Soviet offensive bases in Cuba as well as a ground-to-ground missile capability capable of attacking the US and many of the Caribbean countries. In Soviet hands they are clearly offensive and not defensive weapons.
3. By putting these in Cuba the Soviets have also raised grave issues for Cuba. To serve their interests they have justified the Western Hemisphere countries in making an attack on Cuba which would lead to the immediate overthrow of your regime. At the same time

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the Soviets have quietly suggested to others that the threat these weapons represent may make it worthwhile to the US to trade concessions on Berlin for Soviet abandonment of Cuba.

4. The US will have to inform its people of the threat which now exists in Cuba within the next day or so and what it and its allies intend to do about it in conformity with the requirements of our security as previously made plain in various public documents and statements. Unless it can receive assurances from you prior to that time, by public or private channels, that you will not tolerate this misuse of Cuban territory, measures of vital significance for the future of Cuba will have to be initiated.

5. The US expects to continue to be well informed about the status of these facilities. If action does not follow immediately on the heels of such assurances as you may feel impelled to give, then we and our friends shall, of course, have to act.

6. If an attempt by you to deal with this problem should create difficulties within Cuba, I assume you will recall that President Kennedy said a year and a half ago that only two points were non-negotiable between the Western Hemisphere and Cuba - the Soviet tie and aggressive actions in Latin America.

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