

**September 16, 1962**  
**Letter, Chief of General Staff M. V. Zakharov and  
S.P. Ivanov to Comrade F.R. Kozlov**

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**Summary:**

This letter from M.V. Zakharov and S.P. Ivanov reports the departure of the Soviet ship Indigirka, the vessel used to deliver nuclear warheads to Cuba.

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To CPSU CC

Comrade F. R. Kozlov

I report: In accordance with your instructions, the ship "Indigirka" of special importance was sent to voyage at 1500 on 15 August 1962.

For self-defense from the ships and aircraft of pirates [SIC] two automatic 37-mm anti-aircraft guns with 1200 rounds for each have been installed on the ship

It is ordered to open fire only during an obvious attempt to seize the ship or sink it, by decision of the captain of the ship with a simultaneous report to Moscow.

M.V. Zakharov [signature]

S. P. Ivanov [illegible signature]

16 September 1962

[handwritten in red pen: It was reported personally to Kozlov at 0910 17 September 1962 and then to N. S. Khrushchev at 1000 (illegible signature) 17 September]