

**June 22, 1962**

**Letter, Commanding General of Missile Troops and  
Artillery Chief Marshal of Artillery, Chief Marshal of  
Artillery Varentsov, and Chief of GRAU,  
General-Colonel of Artillery Zhdanov, to  
General-Colonel Cde. S. P. Ivanov**

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**Summary:**

These documents request that armored reconnaissance vehicles fit for a tropical climate be brought to Cuba.

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To the Chief of the Main Operations Directorate of the General Staff  
General-Colonel Cde. S. P. Ivanov

The launchers of the 2P27 "Shmel" guided anti-tank system are mounted on a GAZ-40PB armored reconnaissance vehicle in the standard version.

We consider it necessary to ask you to petition in front of the Government to hold the Gor'ky Council of the National Economy responsible for supplying plant N° 614 of the Saratov Council with 20 GAZ-40PB's in a tropical version no later than 10 July of this year. In this case it would be possible to obtain about 9-18 launchers from industry in July-August in the tropical version.

Commanding General of Missile Troops and Artillery  
Chief Marshal of Artillery  
[signature] Varentsov

Chief of GRAU [the Main Missile Artillery Directorate]  
General-Colonel of Artillery  
[signature] Zhdanov

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