

**October 5, 1962**

**Handwritten Note for the Record by Colonel General  
S.P. Ivanov**

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**Summary:**

Ivanov takes notes on a conversation with Khrushchev regarding the progress of weapons en route to Cuba.

**Original Language:**

Russian

**Contents:**

Translation - English

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By VCh [secure telephone]

17:20 hours 5 October 1962

N.S. Khrushchev telephoned from [illegible] and inquired how the shipment [of nuclear weapons] was going.

Ivanov reported: The Indigirka arrived 4 October. No overflights [by U.S. surveillance aircraft]. [word illegible] shipment 22 [unclear reference]. In transit 20 [days].

Transport with special [nuclear] munitions Aleksandrovsk is loaded and ready for dispatch. Permission requested to send it.

N.S. Khrushchev: Send the Aleksandrovsk. Where are the Lunas and IL-28s?

I responded: en route.

[NSK:] Everything is clear. Thanks. [two words illegible]

Written by S.P. Ivanov [signature]

Executed in one copy,  
on one sheet, without a draft

Major General G. Yelisseyev [later stamped:]

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4 [sic; should be 5] October 1962