

October 28, 1962 Telegram from USSR Foreign Ministry to Soviet diplomats in Washington, Havana and New York

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Summary:

US procedures for ships bound for or in transit to Cuba.

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SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTONSOVIET EMBASSY HAVANA Copy: New York To Comrades Kuznetsov, Zorin On 27 October of this year, the USA consul in Moscow sent a letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs telling of the procedure introduced by the USA government with regard to the so-called quarantine, a procedure that will be carried out abroad by USA consulate officials, and within the United States by customs personnel. In accordance with this procedure, foreign ships bound for Cuba or in transit inside the interception area are required to present to the USA customs official a "Transit Notification" or a "Certificate of the Completion of Customs Formalities." Samples of the above-mentioned documents were appended to the letter. On 28 October of this year, the USA embassy forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the text of the letter that Stevenson gave U Thant concerning the interception areas for vessels. Both documents have been returned to the American embassy. This is conveyed (illegibly signed) for purposes of intelligence and familiarization. [Source: Archive of Foreign Policy, Russian Federation (AVP RF), Moscow; copy obtained by NHK (Japanese Television), provided to CWIHP, and on file at National Security Archive, Washington, D.C.; translation by John Henriksen, Harvard University.]