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Ciphered Telegram from Soviet Ambassador to Cuba Aleksandr Alekseev

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Summary:

A telegram dispatched from the Soviet embassy in Havana early on the morning of Saturday, 27 October 1962. Fidel Castro was at the embassy and composing an important "personal" message for Nikita Khrushchev. The alarmed Cuban leader anticipated US invasion in the next "24-72 hours."

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Top Priority

F. Castro is with us at the embassy and is preparing a personal letter for N.S. Khrushchev that will immediately be sent to him.

In F. Castro's opinion, the intervention is almost inevitable and will occur in approximately 24-72 hours.

27/X-62 Alekseev