

**October 29, 1962**

**Cable from Swiss observer at the United Nations  
(Thalmann) to the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

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**Summary:**

The UN inspection team for the supervision of the dismantling of the Soviet bases was to be made up of representatives from Sweden, Mexico and Switzerland. Switzerland feels uncomfortable with being included in the mandate, due to their representation of American interests in Cuba.

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New York 29.10.1962 18.00 cable no. 152.

Cuba. The message distributed this afternoon through UPI [United Press International], according to which the team for the supervision of the dismantling of the Soviet bases was to be made up of representatives from Sweden, Mexico and Switzerland, whereas our country was hesitant, regarding its representation of American interest in Cuba, to accept the mandate, led to numerous delegates inquiring about the Swiss position from my colleagues and me. I would appreciate it, if you could inform me of your position on this matter. From what [UN aide C.V.] Narasimhan tells me, the UPI message is, by the way, incorrect except for the part on Sweden. (Compare my 151). The definite composition of the team will not be decided until after U Thant has returned from Havana. Thalmann.

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