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Summary:

Boissevain writes a cable detailing a meeting between Fidel Castro and UN Secretary General U Thant. Cuba refused any inspection of missile silos, if the Americans did not uphold their pledge to not threaten Cuba with invasion. The Five Points were mentioned as preconditions for peace and Castro pledged Cuba was ready and willing to work towards peace. It appears Castro was aware of Soviet considerations for "global politics" as the reason behind the Soviet withdrawal of missiles.

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Speech [on evening of 1 November by] Fidel [Castro] about conversations with [UN Secretary General U] Thant, of which second confidential, shows that Cuba refuses inspection; if UN accepts American guarantee of non-aggression then SU promise with regard to taking back strategic weaponry without inspection can be accepted. Mentioned his 5 conditions for peace and declared Cuba prepared to cooperate to reach true peace. Mentioned disagreement with SU but called for discipline, confidence in SU and its leaders and indicated weaponry property SU and supervised by Soviet technicians. Hinted that global politics which does not concern Cuba reason for Soviet concession. Have impression Cuban government determined and solution conflict extremely difficult.

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