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**Telegram from Polish Embassy in Washington**  
**(Drozniak), 3 November 1962**

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**Summary:**

Drozniak reports on the information from several sources on the Cuban Missile Crisis, particularly the White House and State Department's reactions to the agreement to dismantle the Soviet missiles in Cuba and the continued trouble they are having with Castro's refusal to allow UN inspections.

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To: [Foreign Ministry Director Eugeniusz] MILNIKIEL1

From: [Ambassador Edward] DROŻNIAK2

[This information has been compiled based] on several different and important sources which are informing us about the following:

There is an opinion within the White House, the State Department, and the US delegation to the United Nations that the USSR is acting towards eliminating the Cuban [missile] crisis with the utmost honest intentions, and it is also showing a far-reaching will for cooperation.

The [US] administration is seriously taking into consideration replacing the UN inspections with those carried out by the International Red Cross in case [Fidel] Castro continues to show further resistance.

In case [Fidel] Castro continues to make things difficult, the [US] administration will not aspire to complicate the situation. In case [Fidel] Castro does not allow for any inspections [in Cuba], they [the Americans] will give more thought to their own plan of naval and air inspections, so they can be definitely sure that the disassembling of the [missile] bases takes place.

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[2] Edward Drożniak (1902 - 1966), Poland's ambassador to the United States (1961-1966).