

**October 27, 1962**

**Telegram from TROSTNIK (Soviet Defense Minister Rodion Malinovsky) to PAVLOV (General Isa Pliiev)**

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**Summary:**

Malinovsky prohibits the use of nuclear weapons without instructions from Moscow.

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We categorically confirm that you are prohibited from using nuclear weapons from missiles, FKR [cruise missiles], "Luna" and aircraft without orders from Moscow.  
Confirm receipt.

Director  
# 76639  
27 October 1962  
16.30

[1] Trostnik, which means "reed" in Russian, was a code name for Soviet Defense Minister Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky.

[2] "Pavlov" was used as a code name for General Issa A. Pliyev, commander of Soviet forces in Cuba.