

**October 28, 1962**

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

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**Summary:**

Malinovsky tells Pliev he was "too hasty" for shooting down a US U-2 spy plane and instructs him to dismantle and remove R-12s missiles.

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TROSTNIK[1] to Comrade PAVLOV[2]

We believe that you were too hasty in shooting down the US U-2 reconnaissance plane; at the time an agreement was emerging to avert, by peaceful means, an attack on Cuba.

We have made the decision to dismantle the R-12s and remove them. Begin to implement this measure.

Confirm receipt.

Director

No. 76645

28 October 1962

16:00

[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.