

**October 30, 1962**

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

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**Summary:**

Malinovsky orders Pliiev to load R-12 warheads onto the Alexandrovsk for return to the Soviet Union.

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TROSTNIK[1] comrade PAVLOV[2]

Load warheads for R-12 on "Alexandrovsk" and send the transport accompanied by the ready ship to the Soviet Union.

Director

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[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.