

**November 20, 1962**

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

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**Summary:**

Malinovsky orders Pliev to load all tactical nuclear weapons on the ship "Atkarsk" and return them to the Soviet Union

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From TROSTNIK[1] to comrade PAVLOV[2]

Missiles with conventional loads for "Luna" and FKR [cruise missiles] should be left in Cuba. Send 6 nuclear bombs, 12 warheads for "Luna" and 80 warheads for FKR to the Soviet Union on steamship "Atkarsk."

Director  
November 20

[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.