

Telegram from Mikoyan to CC CPSU

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Top Secret

Special No. 1841

Late in the evening A. I. Mikoyan sent the next telegram to the CC CPSU (special No. 1841), to which the response with Gromyko's signature was received on November 18<sup>th</sup> and placed following it (special No. 1207):

CC CPSU

Minister of Industry Guevara and Minister of Foreign Trade Mora were at my house today. A discussion took place about economic questions, which are not of interest to the CC.

Upon departure Guevara informed me that yesterday one violation of Cuban airspace by American planes at an altitude of three thousand meters was registered.

Today there were only two overflights of Cuban territory by U-2 planes. Guevara was alarmed. His anxiety, it appears, stems from the American threat to open fire on Cuba in the event of shooting at their planes. Guevara said that tonight he was going to the province Pinar-del-Rio on military business .

Later in the evening Fidel Castro told our military advisor cde. Dementiev that the order has been given to the Cuban armed forces to open anti-aircraft fire on American airplanes, beginning tomorrow, Sunday, at 8 a.m. The fighter planes were brought to combat readiness.

11/17/1962

A. Mikoyan

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