

Telegram from Gromyko to Mikoyan

November 18, 1962

Top Secret

For c. Mikoyan, A. I.

1841. I am passing on official instructions.

If Cuban friends are going to turn to you in connection with their decision about firing on American airplanes, then tell them the following:

Seeing as the decision to fire upon American airplanes was not agreed on with us, we do not consider it possible to participate in this. Thus, our troops have been given the order not to open fire on American airplanes.

A. Gromyko

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