

# Texts Of Historic Messages In Crisis

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## Khrushchev Letter Tells Decision to Raze Bases

MOSCOW — (UPI) — The following is an unofficial translation of the text of Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's letter yesterday to President Kennedy:

Esteemed Mr. President, I have received your message of 27th October 1962. I express my satisfaction and gratitude for the sense of proportion and understanding of the responsibility borne by you at present for the preservation of peace throughout the world, which you have shown. I understand very well your anxiety and the anxiety of the people of the U.S.A. in connection with the fact that the weapons which you describe as 'offensive' are in fact grim weapons. Both you and I understand what kind of weapons they are.

In order to liquidate with greater speed the dangerous conflict to serve the cause of peace, to give confidence to all peoples longing for peace, and to calm the people of America, who, I am sure, want peace as much as the peoples of the Soviet Union, the Soviet Government in addition to previously issued instructions for the cessation of further work at the weapons building sites, has issued a new order, for the dismantling of the weapons, which you describe as 'offensive', their crating and returning to the Soviet Union.

Mr. President, I would like to repeat once more what I wrote to you in my preceding letters, that the Soviet Government has placed at the disposal of the government of Cuba economic aid as well as arms, inasmuch as Cuba and the Cuban people have been under the constant danger of an invasion of Cuba.

### Havana Shelling

The shelling of Havana took place off a pirate ship. It is said that irresponsible Cuban emigrants did the shooting. This is possibly the case. But the question arises: from where did they shoot? After all these Cubans have no territory, no private means, no means to wage military action. Thus somebody put into their hands the arms needed to shell Havana and to carry out their piratical actions in the Caribbean, in Cuban territorial waters.

It is unthinkable in our time that a pirate ship should pass unnoticed, particularly if one takes into account the saturation of the Caribbean with American ships from which all this is seen and observed. And in such circumstances pirate ships are freely moving about around Cuba, shell Cuba, and carry out piratical attacks upon peaceful transport vessels. It, after all, known that they even shelled a British freighter.

In short, Cuba was under the constant threat of aggressive forces who did not conceal their intentions to invade Cuba's territory.

The Cuban people want to build their life in their own interests without interference from without. You are right in this and one may not blame them because they want to be master in their own country, to dispose of the fruits of their labor. The treat of Cuba's invasion and all the other ventures aimed at bringing about tension around Cuba are designed to engender uncertainty in the Cuban people, to intimidate them, to hinder them in building their new life undisturbed.

Mr. President, I want to say clearly once again that we could not be indifferent to that. The Soviet Government decided to help Cuba with means of defense against aggression — with means only for the purposes of defense.

We stationed there defense

means, which you call offensive, and we stationed them there in order that no attack should be made against Cuba, that no rash actions should be permitted to take place.

I regard with respect and trust your statement put forward in your message of 27th October 1962, that no attack will be made on Cuba, that no invasion will take place, not only by the U.S.A. but also by other countries of the Western Hemisphere, as your message pointed out. In view of this, the motives which prompted us to give aid of this nature to Cuba are no longer applicable.

Hence, we have instructed our officers — and these means, as I already stated, are in the hands of Soviet officers — to take the necessary measures to stop the building of the said objectives, dismantle them and return them to the Soviet Union.

As I already told you in my letter of 27th October, we are both ready to come to an agreement that representatives of the U.N. may verify the dismantling of these means.

### All Conditions

In this way, if one is to rely on your assurances and on our orders to dismantle, then there exist all the necessary conditions for the liquidation of the conflict which has arisen.

I note with satisfaction that you have responded to my wish that the said dangerous situation should be liquidated and also that conditions should be created for a more thoughtful appraisal of the international situation which is fraught with great dangers in our age of thermo-nuclear weapons, rocket technology, space ships, and global rockets and other lethal weapons. All people are interested in the ensuring of peace.

Therefore, we who are invested with trust and great responsibility, must not permit an exacerbation of the situation, must liquidate the breeding grounds where a dangerous situation has been created, fraught with serious consequences for the cause of peace. And if we succeed, along with you, and with the aid of other people of good-will in liquidating this tense situation, we must also concern ourselves to see that other dangerous conflicts do not arise which might lead to a world thermo-nuclear catastrophe.

In conclusion I wish to speak of the regulation of relations between NATO and the states of the Warsaw Treaty which you mention. We spoke of this not long ago and are ready to continue an

## 4 PRESIDENTS CONFER AGAIN BY PHONE

WASHINGTON — (AP) — For the second time within a week, President Kennedy conferred with the nation's three living former Presidents about the Cuban crisis.

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said yesterday that Kennedy called former Presidents Herbert Hoover, Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower before replying to Soviet Premier Khrushchev's letter announcing he would tear down Russian missile bases in Cuba.

Salinger said Kennedy brought the former Presidents up to date on Khrushchev's proposal and indicated to them generally "the kind of message he was sending back."

exchange of opinions with you on this question and to find a reasonable solution. I also wish to continue an exchange of opinions on the prohibition of atomic and thermo-nuclear weapons and on general disarmament and other questions connected with the lessening of international tension.

### Invasion Fear

Mr. President, I trust your statement. But, on the other hand, there are irresponsible people who would like to carry out an invasion of Cuba at this time, and in this way spark off a war. If we take practical steps, and announce the dismantling and evacuation of the said instruments from Cuba, then, in doing that, we wish at the same time to assure the Cuban people that we are with them and are not divesting ourselves of the responsibility of granting help to the Cuban people.

We are convinced that the peoples of all countries, like yourself, Mr. President, will understand me correctly. We are not people who threaten. We desire only peace. Our country is now on the upsurge: our people are enjoying the fruits of their peaceful labor. They have achieved tremendous successes since the October Revolution, have created supreme material and spiritual — cultural treasures. Our country is making use of these treasures and wants to develop its successes further, wants to ensure further development on the road of peace and social progress by its steadfast labor.

I should like, Mr. President,

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## Kennedy Hails 'Statesmanlike' Step by Nikita

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Text of yesterday's message from President Kennedy to Chairman Nikita S. Khrushchev:

Dear Mr. Chairman: I am replying at once to your broadcast message of Oct. 28, even though the official text has not yet reached me, because of the great importance I attach to moving forward promptly to the settlement of the Cuban crisis. I think that you and I, with our heavy responsibilities for the maintenance of the peace, were aware that developments were approaching a point where events could have become unmanageable. So I welcome this message and consider it an important contribution to peace.

The distinguished efforts of Acting Secretary General U Thant have greatly facilitated both our tasks. I consider my letter to you of Oct. 27 and your reply of today as firm undertakings on part of both our governments which should be promptly carried out. I hope that the necessary measures can at once be taken through the United Nations, as your message says, so that the United States in turn will be able to remove the quarantine measures now in effect. I have already made arrange-

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## CRISIS DELAYS NORSTAD'S RETIREMENT

PARIS — (UPI) — The NATO permanent council announced tonight that it is keeping Gen. Lauris Norstad in his post as Supreme Allied Commander for Europe until Jan. 1, 1963.

A communique issued from NATO headquarters here said: "The North Atlantic Council has decided to delay until Jan. 1, 1963, the replacement of Gen. Norstad, supreme commander of allied forces in Europe, by Gen. (Lynton L.) Lemnitzer."

The last-minute decision to postpone the retirement was taken in agreement with President Kennedy because of the critical world situation, particularly in what concerns the Atlantic alliance and its far-flung bases, NATO sources said.

ments to report all these matters to the Organization of American States, whose members share a deep interest in a genuine peace in the Caribbean area.

You referred in your letter to a violation to your frontier by an American aircraft in the

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## Thant Appeals To Castro for Inspection OK

UNITED NATIONS — (UPI) — Text of the message sent yesterday by Acting Secretary General Thant to Cuba Premier Fidel Castro: "Your Excellency,

I have received with much gratitude and deep appreciation your kind letter of 27 October. I am particularly pleased to note that the revolutionary government of Cuba is prepared to accept the suggestion that I made as an effort in favor of peace, provided that, at the same time, while negotiations are in progress, the United States Government desists from threats and aggressive acts against Cuba including the naval blockade of your country."

I am also glad to note your willingness to consider any new suggestion that may be put forward. I am deeply sensible to the honor that your government has done me in inviting me, as secretary-general of the United Nations, to visit Cuba with a view to having direct discussions on the present crisis, prompted by our common concern to free

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## Mrs. Roosevelt's Health Uncertain

NEW YORK — (UPI) — A spokesman said, "she has not responded to treatment as hoped yesterday that Mrs. well as it was, hoped she Franklin D. Roosevelt con- would."

continued to be seriously ill and The 78-year-old former First Lady has been under treatment for anemia and a lung "Unfortunately," the infection.



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