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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Administrator, National Aeronautics
and Space Administration**

ATTENTION: Acting Director, Security Division

SUBJECT: Soviet Electronic Equipment in Cuba

**REFERENCE: Letter of 27 September 1962,
same subject**

1. The statements by the Cuban Revolutionary Council and Jose Miro Cardona concerning Cuban interference with U.S. missile launchings are partly valid in that Cuba has some capability to interfere electronically. Soviet electronic equipment recently installed has increased Cuban capability to interfere. The missiles so far reported as being installed in Cuba would not have the necessary range to intercept a U.S. vehicle launched from Cape Canaveral.

2. We have no information on which to base an opinion as to whether or not the Cubans intend to interfere.

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4. A total of 27 high power radars and 41 low power radars of Soviet origin are believed to be in operation in Cuba at the present time. The presence of high power VHF-FM and HF broadcasting stations in Cuba, of course, poses an additional potential threat since such Cuban stations

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could be tuned to interfere. One new high power HF broadcasting station with directional antenna arrays is presently under construction near Havana. Transmissions from Cuba during anomalous propagation conditions might cause unintentional interference at any time.

5. We will be pleased to inform your office of any new developments which have a bearing on this potential problem and would be glad to discuss this matter further with you or your representative.

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Deputy Assistant Director

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