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**Bloc Shipping to and from Cuba
21 November 1962**

As of 0600 EST there were 22 Bloc ships en route Cuba. Included in this total are 12 Soviet dry cargo ships, 1 refrigerator ship, 5 tankers, 3 passenger ships and 1 East German dry cargo ship. Of the Soviet ships, 1 passenger ship, the GRUZIYA, is scheduled to arrive in Havana tomorrow.

Another Soviet ship, the USSURIJSK, which loaded 7,500 tons of metal products in the Black Sea, is presently loading 3,500 tons of gunny sacks in Oran, all destined for Cuba. These sacks were offloaded by a non-bloc ship in Oran after owners refused to proceed to Cuba. Other Soviet ships are scheduled to load the remaining sacks soon.

At present there are 10 Soviet ships and 2 satellite ships in Cuban ports. Of these, the ORENBURG, OKHOTSK, and the BELOVODSK, have large hatches.

In addition to the ships en route to Cuba or in Cuban ports, there are 12 Soviet dry cargo ships and 6 tankers returning to the USSR. Among those returning are the 11 ships carrying missiles and related equipment. Five of the missile carriers--the DIVNOGORSK, FIZIK KURCHATOV, LABINSK, LENINSKY KOMSOMOL and METALLURG ANASOV--are returning to Black Sea ports. Five are returning to the Baltic Sea area--ALAPAEVSK ALEKSANDROVSK, ALMETEVSK, BRATSK and VOLGOLES. The destination of the remaining ship, the IVAN POLZUNOV, has not yet been determined.

The known cargoes and estimated time of arrival of the large-hatch ships now en route Cuba are shown in the attached table.

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**Status of Large Hatch Ships En Route Cuba
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<u>Ship</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>ETA</u>
KASIMOV	2,000 tons of vehicles, tractors and equipment, 650 tons preserves, 550 tons of oats and a deck cargo of trucks	Havana 24 Nov
KIMOVSK	3,882 tons, of which a part is metals and industrial equipment	Havana 22 Nov
KRASNOGRAD	6,075 tons of cargo including steam boilers, flour, groats, equipment, and canned goods, and a deck cargo of 50 GAZ-51 open bed trucks.	Havana 23 Nov
KARACHAEVSK	3,123 tons, including equipment, instruments, machine tools and soda.	Havana 27 Nov

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