

## От Управления маршал Бирюзо́в Пусть Советский Союз никогда не погибнет



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In 1945, on the dates of August 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, the United States dropped two Atomic gun-type fission weapons on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The subsequent blasts devastated the cities with intense heat and hazardous radiation. It is estimated that over 250,000 people died through incineration, radiation poisoning, and illnesses such as cancer and leukemia caused by the fallout of these weapons. As of today, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1962, these are the only times nuclear weaponry has been used in wartime. However, recent American activity suggests that they may be looking towards repeating the horrific events of the past.

The Soviet Union is a sovereign nation state just as the United States of America. All such nation states have certain rights and abilities that are recognized globally. The United States has expressed anger about the discovery of Soviet missiles in Cuba, an island nation 90 miles to the south of the American state of Florida. However, this is stance is utter hypocrisy, as the Americans have already positioned long range ballistic missiles in the nations of Turkey and Italy, locations that provide close proximity to Soviet territory. The missiles in question are PGM-19 Jupiter rockets equipped with nuclear warheads, weapons that use RP-1 and LOX oxidizer as fuel, providing 667 Kilonewtons of thrust, providing up to 1,500 miles of range. With such range, the American missiles are capable of target multiple large Soviet metropolitan areas, such as Moscow, Warsaw, Kiev, and Leningrad.

Just as the United States has placed her missiles in countries within range of the USSR, the USSR has done the same in Cuba. No international laws or ordinances were broken, and the Soviet Union has acted in accordance with all international protocols of diplomacy. The United States has, however, expressed disapproval of the secret agreement between the Cuban government and the Soviet government, yet this agreement was kept secret to protect Soviet national interest, and it can be said without doubt that the United States has made such agreements and plans with other states itself. In addition, the stationing of nuclear missiles in Cuba, who has accepted these missiles, helps to assure the ability to retaliate to potential and devastating attacks on the Soviet homeland. These missiles, superior in quality to the American arsenal, help to protect the Soviet people from catastrophic attacks by the Americans, who have made advances that suggest transgression or even invasion.

We must not forget the actions of the American military nearly twenty years ago, or the devastation and mutilation that occurred then, nor must we fail to see that now the USA possesses more advanced nuclear weaponry and a larger arsenal than they did in 1945. This massive stockpile of dearly destructive weapons of mass devastation threatens not only the Soviet people, but all citizens of the world, as the fallout of these weapons can rapidly spread around the globe. If the United States succeeds in using even one of the weapons of mass destruction, it may lead to the end of life as we know it. For this reason, it is critical that the nations of the world recognize that America poses a threat to any civilized people. Sanctions should be imposed upon them that limit their power and dangerously ambitious ways. It would most certainly be beneficial to world safety in general if their military was limited to the point where no nuclear weapons are possessed, perhaps even farther. They proved to the world that they could not be trusted with such dangerous weapons when they caused such devastation in Nagasaki and Hiroshima, and, for the sake of the sustainability and safety of all the citizens of the world, they cannot be allowed to do so again.