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Alekseyev discloses the Soviet Union's agreement to relate its military withdrawal to Kennedy through diplomatic channels.

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RECORD OF A CONVERSATION
with Fidel CASTRO RUZ Prime Minister
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I met with Fidel Castro and informed him that the Soviet government agrees with his ideas expressed in yesterday's conversation about bringing the withdrawal of a unit of the Soviet military specialists, which has begun, to the attention of the US government through diplomatic channels.

Castro was very pleased with the rapid and positive reply to his request and declared how happy it was to hear that the Soviet leaders quickly understand us and respect our interests. In the connection Castro asked what category of specialists will be withdrawn first and how many will remain in Cuba.

I replied that all these problems will probably be decided during the upcoming talks between our military people, but right now people are leaving who have served out their terms and are not directly connected with the equipment.

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