

**August 10, 1962**

**Letter, Acting Chief of the Main Operations  
Directorate of General Staff, General-Lieutenant M.  
Povaliy to Chief of the Main Staff of the Ground  
Forces, General-Colonel Cde. S.M. Shtemenko**

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**Summary:**

A message explaining that recommendations to counter the effects that Cuba's tropical climate had on the use and storage of Soviet weapons and equipment are to be used by troops.

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TO THE CHIEF OF THE MAIN STAFF OF THE GROUND FORCES

GENERAL-COLONEL

Cde. S. M. SHTEMENKO

The recommendations you submitted about the use and storage of weapons, military equipment, and ammunition in the conditions of a tropical climate can serve as guidance in the troops.

These recommendations need to be formalized as an addition to existing instructions and duplicated separately for the troop arms in the required quantity and prepared for dispatch to the destination area through the General Staff.

Attachment: the aforementioned incoming N° 4471 on 33 sheets,  
only to the addressee.

ACTING CHIEF OF THE MAIN OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE OF GENERAL STAFF

GENERAL-LIEUTENANT

[signature]

M. POVALIY

[handwritten: Talk with me. I'll tell you how to do this. Shtemenko, 13 August 1962]

[handwritten: The recommendations have been sent to the General Staff Outgoing N° 296011 dated 11 September 1962. N. Kharchenko]