

## **October 30, 1962**

### **Cable from Swiss observer at the United Nations (Thalmann)**

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#### **Summary:**

A telegram from the Swiss observer to the United Nations (Thalmann) about recent actions - the negotiation of ICRC participation in Cuba, the removal of the quarantine and the Soviet Union has declared that it would be willing to let representatives of the ICRC inspect its ships bound for Cuba.

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to [Roger-Etienne] Campiche [two handwritten words illegible]

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Urgent

Cuba. I have just learned from [U Thant aide C.V.] Narasimhan that [UN Geneva office director Pier P.] Spinelli contacted [Red Cross president Leopold] Boissier last night and this morning to negotiate ICRC participation in Cuba. In connection with the removal of the quarantine, the Soviet Union has declared that it would be willing to let representatives of the ICRC inspect its ships bound for Cuba. The USA has proclaimed its agreement with this right away. Although the initiative could set a precedent, Boissier expressed general willingness, on condition that Castro agrees as well. U Thant will negotiate with him about this today. About 30 ICRC representatives (Swiss), i.e. 6 for the 5 ports of entry, would be required to carry out this plan.

Please keep me informed. [Ernesto A.] Thalmann.

[Handwritten note:]

In consultation with Misters Micheli and Burckhardt, Campiche will call B [rest of the name illegible], so that we are up to date. The Committee meets tomorrow.

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