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LETTER DATED 8 JANUARY 1963 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED  
TO THE FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF  
SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

I have received the letter of 7 January signed by you and the Permanent Representative of the United States of America in which you have informed me that "while it has not been possible for our Governments to resolve all the problems that have arisen in connexion with this affair, they believe that, in view of the degree of understanding reached between them on the settlement of the crisis and the extent of progress in the implementation of this understanding, it is not necessary for this item to occupy further the attention of the Security Council at this time".

The letter has been issued as a Security Council document. I am also drawing the attention of the President of the Security Council to this letter, in order that he may inform the other members of the Council.

I share the hope expressed by your Governments that "the actions taken to avert the threat of war in connexion with this crisis will lead toward the adjustment of other differences between them and the general easing of tensions that could cause a further threat of war". I am also confident that all Governments concerned will refrain from any action which might aggravate the situation in the Caribbean area in any way.

I also take this opportunity to thank you and your Government for the appreciation expressed in the letter in regard to such assistance as I may have been able to render.

(Signed) U THANT  
Secretary-General

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