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LETTER DATED 29 OCTOBER 1962 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a communiqué from the Haitian
Department of Foreign Affairs on the Cuban question and should be grateful if
you would arrange for it to be issued as a United Nations document.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Carlet R. AUGUSTE
Permanent Representative

The Department of Foreign Affairs announces that on 22 October the Government of the Republic of Haiti, acting within the framework of pan-American solidarity and in order to defend the peace and the security of the continent, which have been endangered by the installation in Cuba of offensive nuclear missile bases, decided to respond to the appeal made by His Excellency President John F. Kennedy in his message of the same date for the organization on the hemisphere level of measures to counter the threat from outside the continent, which imperils the survival of Western democracy. Accordingly, His Excellency the Honourable Dr. François Duvalier issued an order, on 22 October, to the Haitian coastguard units and air force to increase, because of the present crisis, the number of their patrols keeping watch over the coasts of the Republic and, on 25 October, placed the port and airport facilities of the Republic at the disposal of the United States naval and air units responsible for the quarantine operation.

The Department of Foreign Affairs also announces that as soon as President Kennedy's message to President Duvalier was received, the Chief Executive of the Haitian nation, moved by a strong spirit of pan-American co-operation, instructed his representative to the CAS to vote for the United States proposal to convene the provisional Organ of Consultation of the CAS and for the various points in the United States delegation's draft resolution, namely:

- (1) the immediate dismantling of the nuclear missile bases set up in Cuba by the Sino-Soviet Powers;
- (2) the organization of a quarantine operation to prevent, by force if necessary, the arrival of offensive weapons in Cuba;
- (3) the transmittal of the text adopted to the United Nations Secretariat.

The Permanent Representative of Haiti to the United Nations received instructions on the same date to give the United States delegation the fullest possible moral support in order to preserve forever the great principles of democracy upon which all the actions of the Government of the Republic are based.

Port-au-Prince, 25 October 1962
