The intelligence on SS-3s being in Cuba is not of course conclusive either. The dimensions do not mesh with measurements in photography (though the possibility that an additional area under a hillside was dug out cannot be completely ruled out). Moreover, the installation seems to be a Cuban one and that would mark a different approach from the one taken in 1962.

On balance, we are still skeptical of the report. Although his sincerity is attested to, his reporting does not provide completely persuasive details.

In sum then, we cannot completely rule out the possibility that referred to missiles already in Castro's hands, but that would be a remarkable series of coincidences. We are more inclined to think that he was referring to arms in more general terms, if indeed he was referring to arms at all.