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The intelligence on SS-3s being in Cuba is not of course conclusive either. The dimensions [redacted] 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 [redacted] and that would mark a different approach from the one taken in 1962.

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

In sum then, we cannot completely rule out the possibility that [redacted] 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.

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