10/26/62 (175) The turning screw – ~~[illegible]~~ abt details the "action to match the talk of the great crisis ahead," like moving anti-aircraft missiles into key West, & the plans in the "Lexington" for "air attacks" & "invasion"

The displays of force heavily influenced Kh., who had no doubt of the seriousness of Kennedy's purpose. Any such measures as the installation of AA defenses did, of course, prepare for an attack. And a retaliatory attack was a possible consequence of any U.S. attack, although not the most likely one. But the rise in war talk & acts increased the fear of war throughout the country, putting one kind of pressure on JFK. The politicians in Congress, the military & the information media, in demanding or some kind of action, resulting in pressure on the Pres. from the other side.

What this meant is that he was putting the pressure on himself, ~~[illegible]~~ turning the screw ~~on him~~ on his own thumb. It is difficult to understand ~~how~~ how any of this activity hurt Kh. It is easy to see how it held cause JFK to seek the ~~best~~ most expeditious exit the way out.