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Q. *Is it true that in return for the removal from Cuba of 42 missiles and 27 Russian medium-range bombers, President Kennedy in 1962 promised Castro the U.S. would not invade Cuba and overthrow him?—Melinda Bennett, Austin, Tex.*

A. Sometime ago Castro said in an interview: "One day perhaps it will be known that the U.S. made some other concessions in relation to the October crisis besides those which were made public . . . It was an agreement that took place by letter and through diplomatic contacts."

Khrushchev who was the Soviet prime minister at the time confirms that Kennedy made such a deal, and today regards himself as the savior of communist Cuba.