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It turns out that Castro himself was fully prepared for a nuclear war. He placed Cuba on a war footing, and his close confidante, the Argentine revolutionary Ernesto Che Guevara, moved into a cave complex where he was to command Cuba's western army in the event of an invasion. Castro had been furious when, after a white-knuckle thirteen-day standoff between the Khrushchev government and the Kennedy Administration, he was informed after the fact that Khrushchev had "blinked first" and agreed to remove the Soviet missiles from the island. (Although it was kept quiet at the time, Kennedy had promised, in return, to withdraw a battery of U.S. Jupiter missiles installed in Turkey.) Castro smashed a fist into a mirror, wounding himself, when he first learned of the resolution.

A few weeks later, Sam Russell, a reporter for the British Marxist paper *Daily Worker*, interviewed Guevara and found him still incensed over the Soviet betrayal. Che told Russell that if the missiles had been under the Cubans' control, rather than the Russians', they would have been fired.

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/castros-defining-crisis>

Source 10

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