The White House announced today that, in response to the appeal made by the Acting Secretary-General on Wednesday 24 October, and the assurances given by Chairman Khrushchev in his letter of 23 October, that his officers had been ordered "to take the necessary measures to stop the building of the said objectives, dismantle them, and return them to the Soviet Union", and that he was ready "to come to an agreement that representatives of the United Nations may verify the dismantling of these means", the President had decided voluntarily to suspend the quarantine measures which went into effect on Wednesday 24 October. The quarantine measures would remain suspended until the return of the Acting Secretary-General, U Thant, from his visit to Cuba, and would be lifted if there was sufficient ground for doing so on the basis of the conclusions reached by the Acting Secretary-General after his visit. In this connection it was pointed out that some aides would be accompanying the Acting Secretary-General, and it was hoped that, even while the Acting Secretary-General was in Cuba, the actual progress of the dismantling of the missile bases could be ascertained.