[Excerpt from] Telegram from G. Zhukov to the Central Committee of the CPSU on a conversation with John McCloy, held on November 1, 1962.

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3. McCloy talked a lot about the further prospects for American-Soviet cooperation that will open as a result of the settlement of the Cuban crisis. In his opinion, it is necessary, first of all, to conclude an agreement on the termination of nuclear tests, which would make a great impression on public opinion. It would be good if this agreement was signed by Kennedy and Khrushchev. Such a meeting would strengthen the public's belief that their personal contacts can be productive.

Further, McCloy considers it advisable to conclude an agreement on the rejection of the military use of space and to agree to even one joint effort for the exploration of outer space / for example, the launch of a Soviet-American rocket towards Venus.

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- 4. McCloy made it clear that he would play the role of an unofficial mediator for the preparation of a meeting between Kennedy and Khrushchev, which, in his opinion, could take place in a few months, if decisions on the above issues are ready by that time.
- 5. McCloy asked to convey warm greetings to Khrushchev and his family members from himself and from his family.

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