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'No New Missiles In Cuba'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP).—The White House said today there is no evidence that offensive weapons systems have been moved into Cuba since the Soviet Union withdrew missiles from the island in 1962.

Spruille Braden, a former U. S. Ambassador to Cuba, interrupted his speech to a Miami meeting of Cuban exiles last night to say he had just received word that five Russian ships were arriving at Mariel, Cuba, to deliver nuclear missiles.

Mr. Braden, who heads the Citizens Committee for Free Cuba, gave no details.

THE DENIAL

Commenting on Mr. Braden's statement, press secretary Bill D. Moyers said:

"We continue to have sources of information adequate to inform us if offensive weapons systems have been reintroduced into Cuba. There is no evidence that this in fact has been done."

White House officials said that, from time to time, the Cubans receive from the Soviet Union replacements for defensive surface-to-air-missiles. It was said that these weapons have a limited "shelf life" and must be replaced periodically.

Mr. Moyers said American intelligence agencies thoroughly check every report of the presence of offensive weapons in Cuba "as a continuing matter of high priority."

He said no such weapons have been moved into Cuba since the 1962 missile crisis.