

## Modern Cuban-American Relations

### Flexible Response

- I. Flexible Response –variety of options to deal with international problems
    - A. Nuclear weapons -ICBMs increase -63 to 424
    - B. Conventional weapons -15% budget increase
    - C. Covert operations –CIA (intelligence gathering) and the Green Berets
    - D. Economic aid -Alliance For Progress
    - E. Peace Corps -Ghana and Tanzania
    - F. Diplomacy
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### Cuba

- I. Pre-Communist Cuba History
  - A. Spanish-American War (1898)
  - B. President General Fulgencio Batista in control of Cuba since 1934
  - C. Fidel Castro’s Revolution –Failed (July 26, 1953) and Succeeded (January 1, 1959)
- II. IKE and Cuba
  - A. US Recognition –January 7, 1959
  - B. Castro visited the United States –April 15 – 26, 1959
  - C. Soviet-Cuban Trade Agreement –February 6, 1960
  - D. IKE embargo and plan to overthrow Castro –March 17, 1960
  - E. Formal Recognition –between Havana and Moscow –May 8, 1960
  - F. Castro seized American properties –July 5, 1960
  - G. US broke diplomatic ties –January 3, 1961
- III. JFK and Cuba
  - A. Bay of Pigs (April 17, 1961) –Operation Bumpy Road –failed
  - B. Castro –Cuban revolution is “socialist” (April 19, 1961)
  - C. Operation Mongoose (November 30, 1961)
  - D. American Full Embargo (February 7, 1962)
  - E. Cuban Missile Crisis (October 14 – 28, 1962)
    - 1. September 8, 1962 –First Soviet missiles arrive in Cuba
    - 2. October 14 –Aerial surveillance revealed missiles on launching pads
    - 3. October 16 –American Options: JFK’s Strategic Development
    - 4. October 22 –President Kennedy addressed the nation about the Soviet threat
      - A. Called for the immediate removal of all nuclear missiles
      - B. Ordered a quarantine of Cuba with 180 warships
      - C. Operation Ortsac
      - D. DEFCON 3 (Defense Condition 3)
    - 5. October 24 -16 of 19 Soviet ships returned to Soviet Union
    - 6. October 25 -DEFCON 2 –highest ever
      - US Ambassador Adlai Stevenson reports to the UN
    - 7. October 28 –US-Soviet Agreement to end missile crisis
    - 8. Results of the Cuban Missile Crisis –US and Cuba

- IV. Modern American-Cuban Relations
  - A. Cuba supported communist revolutions in Africa, Angola and Ethiopia
  - B. CIA introduced an African swine flu to Cuba (1971)
  - C. President Jimmy Carter
    - 1. Lifted US travel ban and allowed to spend a \$100 limit in Cuba (1977)
    - 2. Cuban forces helped the Sandinista revolution succeed in Nicaragua (1979)
    - 3. Mariel Boatlift (April 15 – October 31, 1980) -125,000 left
  - D. President Ronald Reagan the Reagan Doctrine (anti-communism)
    - 1. US Naval Maneuvers in the Caribbean (1981) –Cuban forces went on full alert
    - 2. US travel ban again (1982)
    - 3. Operation Urgent Fury –Invasion of Grenada (1983) –sending a message to Cuba
  - E. President George H.W. Bush
    - 1. Fall of the Soviet Union –Cuba lost \$6 billion in annual aid
    - 2. Cuban Democracy Act (1992) –no trade and no travel
  - F. President Clinton
    - 1. Elian Gonzalez –entered (November 21, 1999) and returned to Cuba (June 28, 2000)
    - 2. Handshake (2000) –Bill Clinton and Fidel Castro
  - G. President G.W. Bush
    - 1. Axis of Evil (May 6, 2002)
    - 2. Other events during GW’s presidency dealing with Cuba
      - A. Former President Carter visited Cuba (May 12 - 17, 2002)
      - B. President Raul Castro (2008) –change in leadership
  - H. President Obama
    - 1. Obama lifted restrictions (April 13, 2009)
      - A. Cuban-American travel
      - B. American money can be sent to Cuba
      - C. American Telecom Companies
  - I. Guantanamo Prison
    - 1. First GWOT “enemy combatants” arrived at Gitmo –January 20, 2002
    - 2. Obama signed order to close with a year –January 22, 2009
    - 3. 2009 Task Force Review
- V. Conclusion of Modern Cuban-American relations
  - A. Map Questions –Latin America (3) and Africa (4)

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### Assignments

1. \* Paper #6 (10): Axis of Evil
2. Test #3 (60): Modern Cuban-American Relations
3. \* Debate #3 (50): Guantanamo Prison
4. \* Evaluation Paper #2 (10): Guantanamo Prison

\* Assignments are not required for all students

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### **Paper #6: Axis of Evil (10 points)**

After the attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup>, George W. Bush created an Axis of Evil list in order to isolate rogue nations that might be a terrorist threat to the world. Even though, this Axis of Evil list is no longer an official part of American foreign policy, let's bring it back. Create a new list of 3 Axis of Evil nations and provide 2 reasons to state why each country was placed on your Axis of Evil list. Then state 3 things/items/people that would make your own personal Axis of Evil list. (It can be anything.) Then provide 2 reasons to state why your thing/item/person was placed on your personal Axis of Evil list.

- State 3 total Axis of Evil countries.
  - Provide 2 reasons for each country to explain why they are on your current Axis of Evil list.
  - State 3 things/items/people that would make your own personal Axis of Evil list.
  - Provide 2 reasons to state why your thing/item/person was placed on your personal Axis of Evil list.
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