

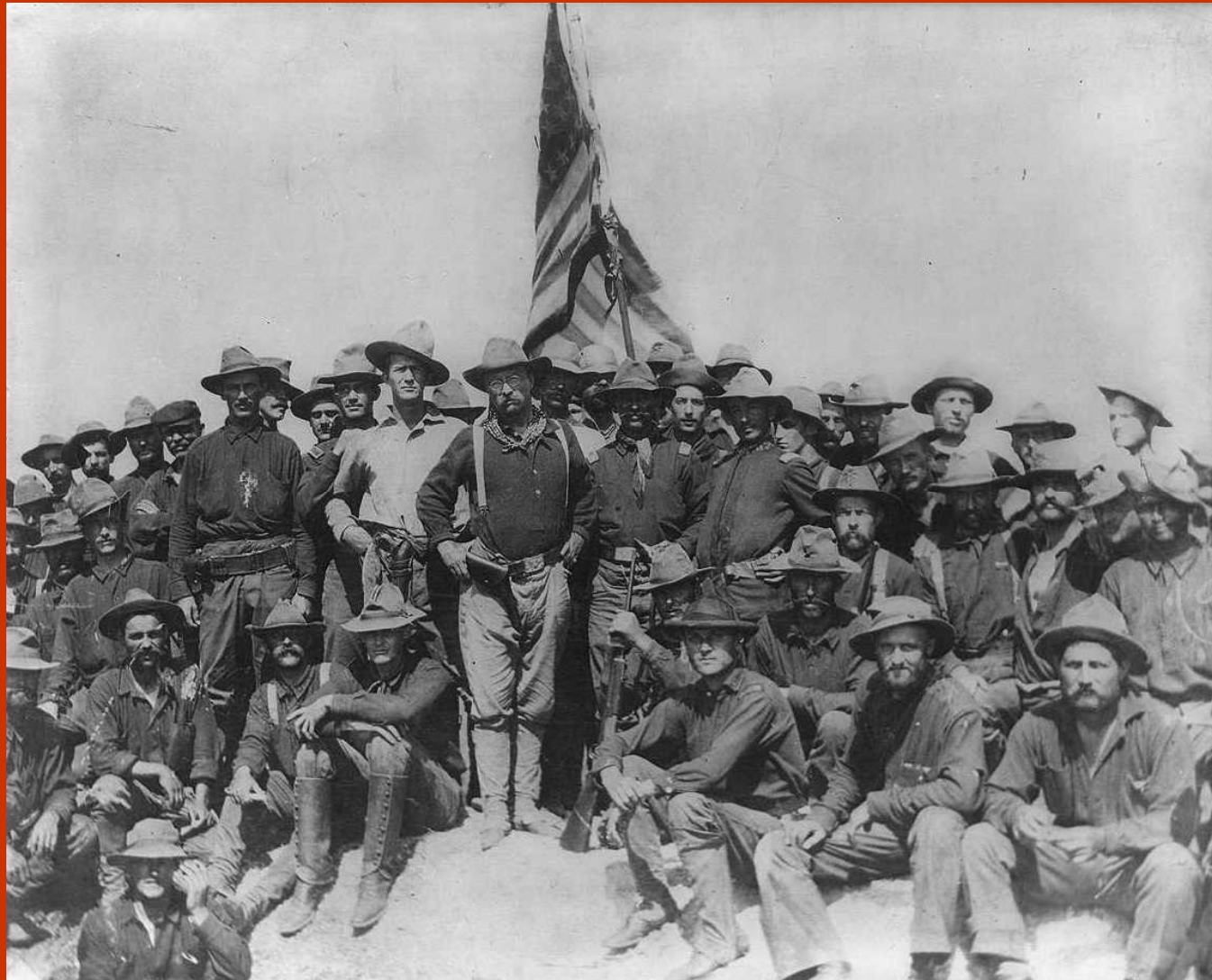
CUBA





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Spanish-American War (1898)



General Fulgencio Batista



Ruled 1934 - 1959

Cuba: A Caribbean “Las Vegas”



Not Everyone Wanted the US



Fidel Castro (27 years old)

Revolution: July 26, 1953



Failed

Batista Continued Brutality



- US withdrew support December 11, 1958

Batista Left Cuba



December 31, 1958

If you don't succeed the first time. . .



Successful revolution: January 1, 1959

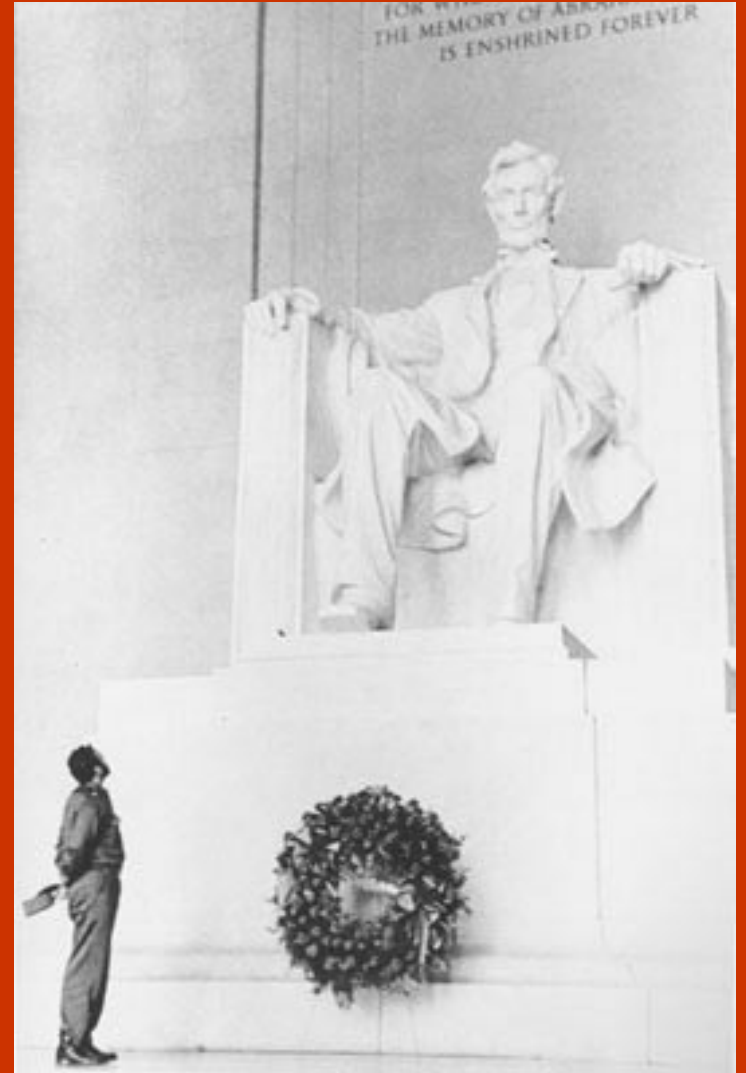
A Victory Cigar



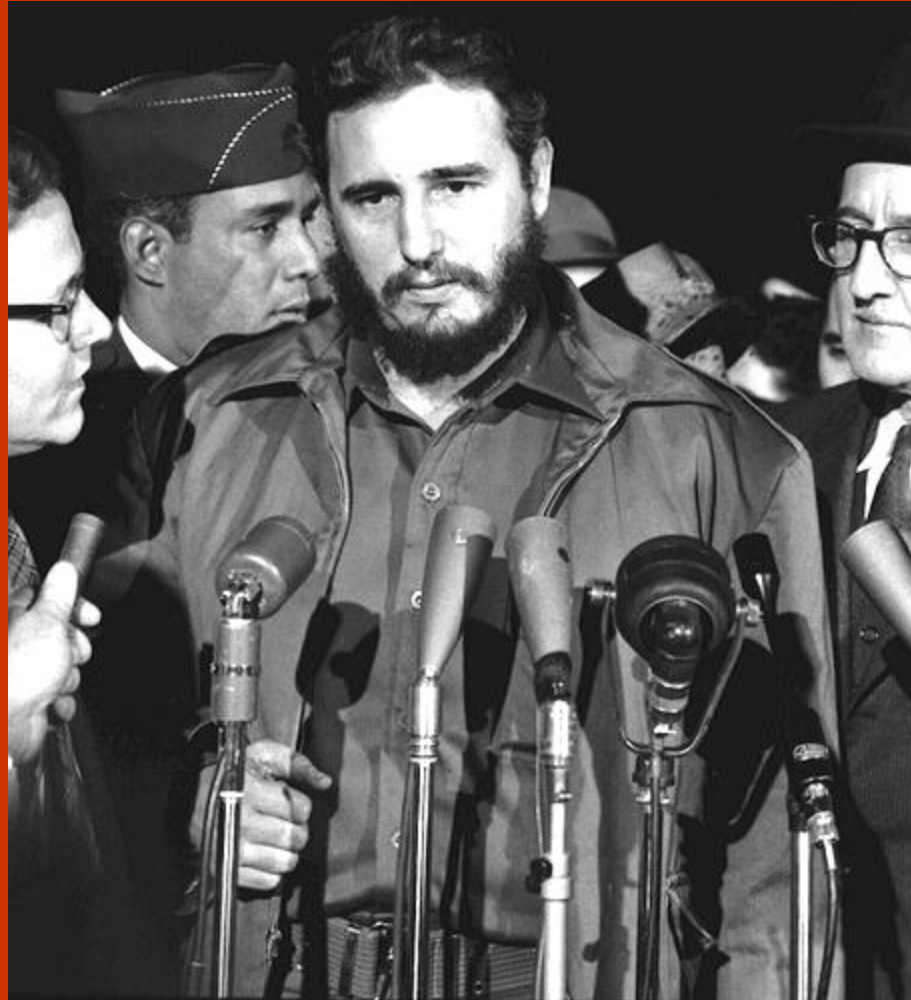
US Recognized Castro's Cuba January 7, 1959



Castro Visited the United States April 15 – 26, 1959



Castro Visited the United States



Publicly denied communist leanings

Soviet-Cuban Trade Agreements

February 6, 1960

Soviet Union

- Bought 5 million tons of sugar
- Supported Cuba with oil, grain, and credit.



IKE's Reaction

March 17, 1960

- Placed an embargo on sugar, oil, and guns
- Called for a plan to have Cuban exiles to attack Cuba and overthrow the government



Formal Relations: Cuba-Soviet Union

May 8, 1960



Castro Seized \$1.5 billion in US properties July 5, 1960



Eisenhower Broke Diplomatic Ties January 3, 1961



Kennedy and Cuba



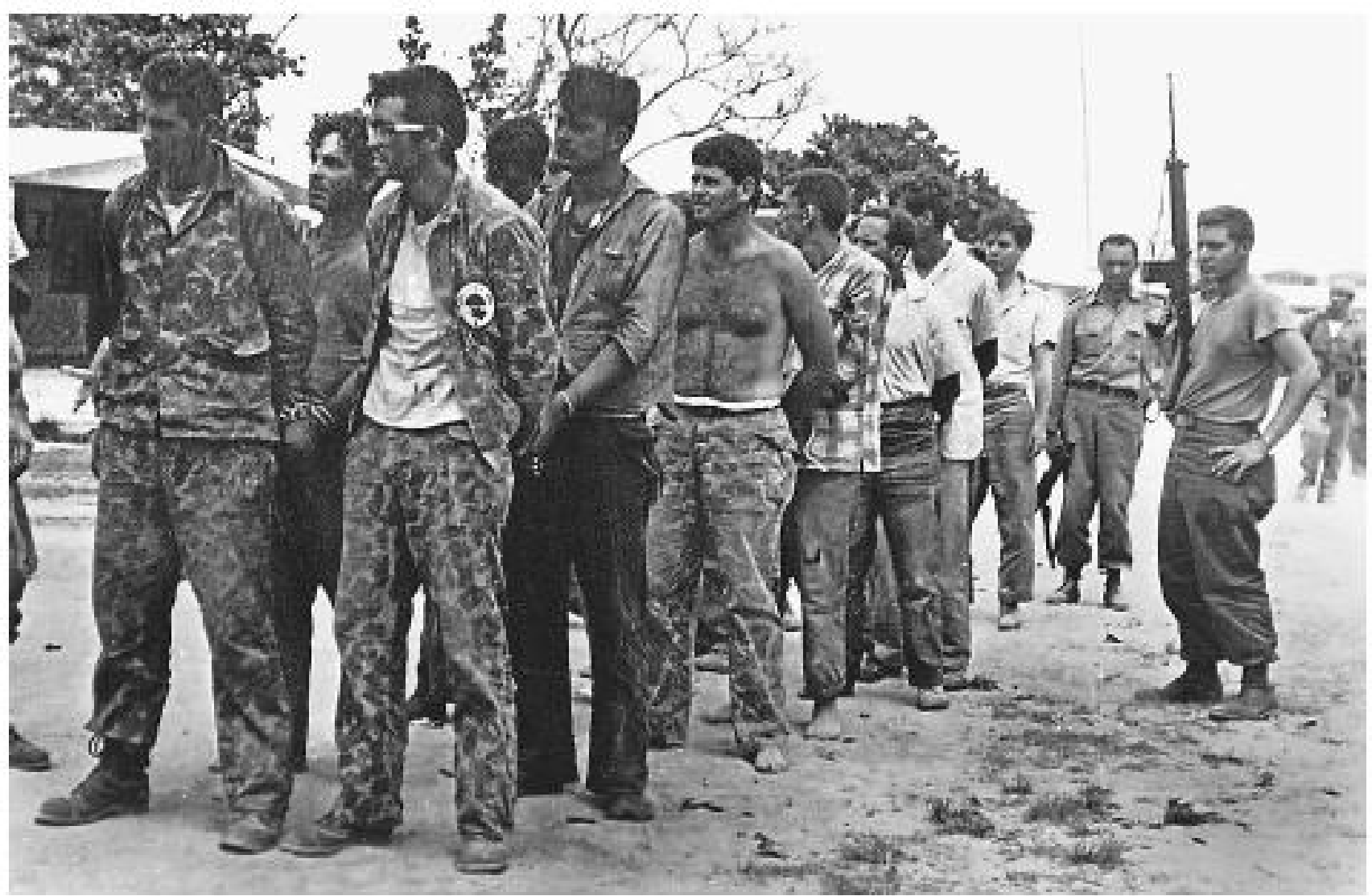
Bay of Pigs (April 17, 1961) Operation Bumpy Road

Cuban Exiles
1,453

Cubans
2,500 Troops
200,000 Militia



The Bay of Pigs Disaster



The Revolution is “Socialist”

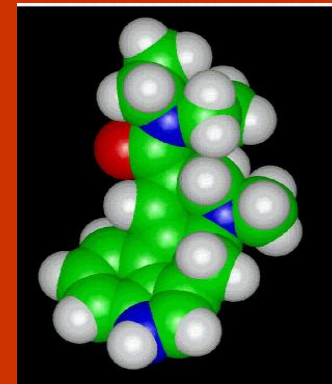
April 19, 1961



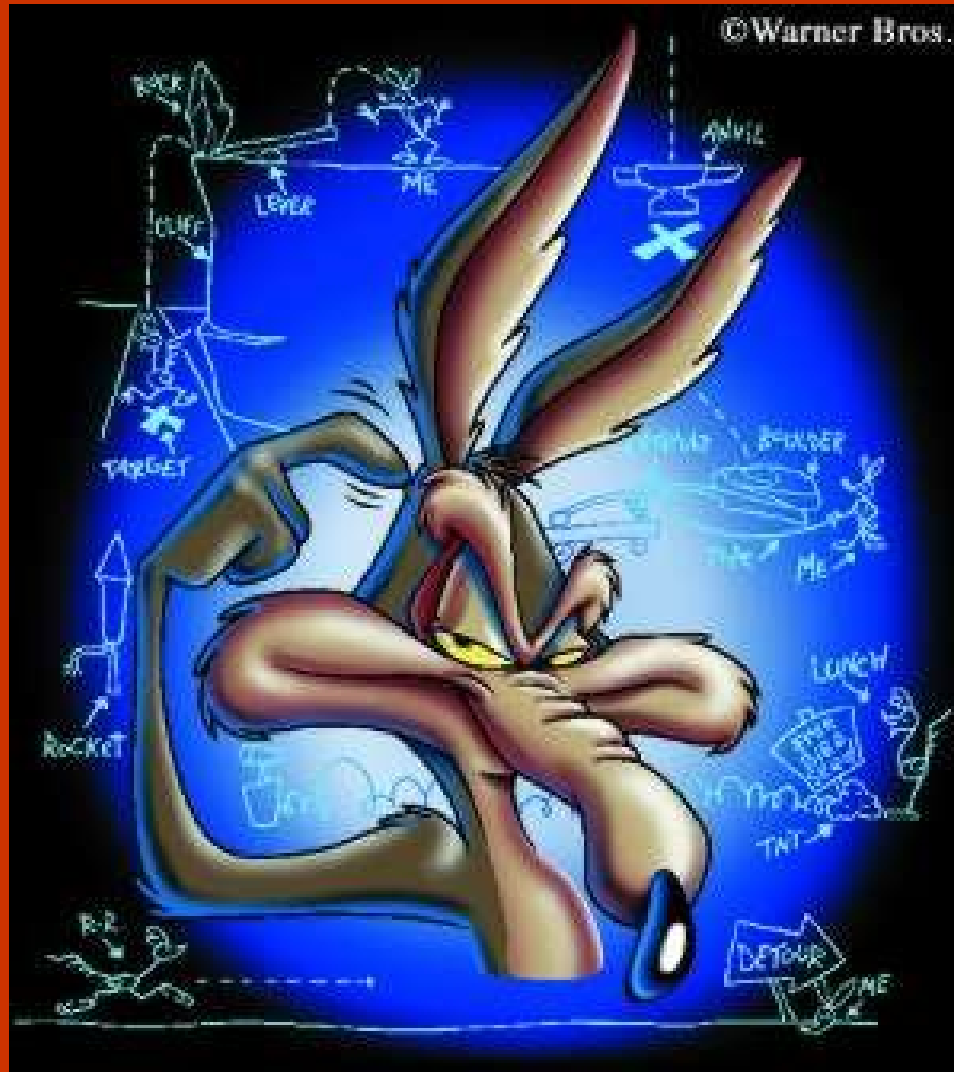
November 30, 1961
JFK Approved Operation Mongoose



Operation Mongoose



Who is the Super Genius behind these ideas?



American Embargo on Cuba February 7, 1962



Cuba Must Pay! But Not Yet?

- Feb 6, 1962 -Bought 1,200 H Upmann Petit Cuban Cigars
- February 7, 1962 Full US Embargo



Should Cuba Be Afraid of the Big Bad US?



- Cut Formal Relations
- Bay of Pigs
- Operation Mongoose
- Embargo

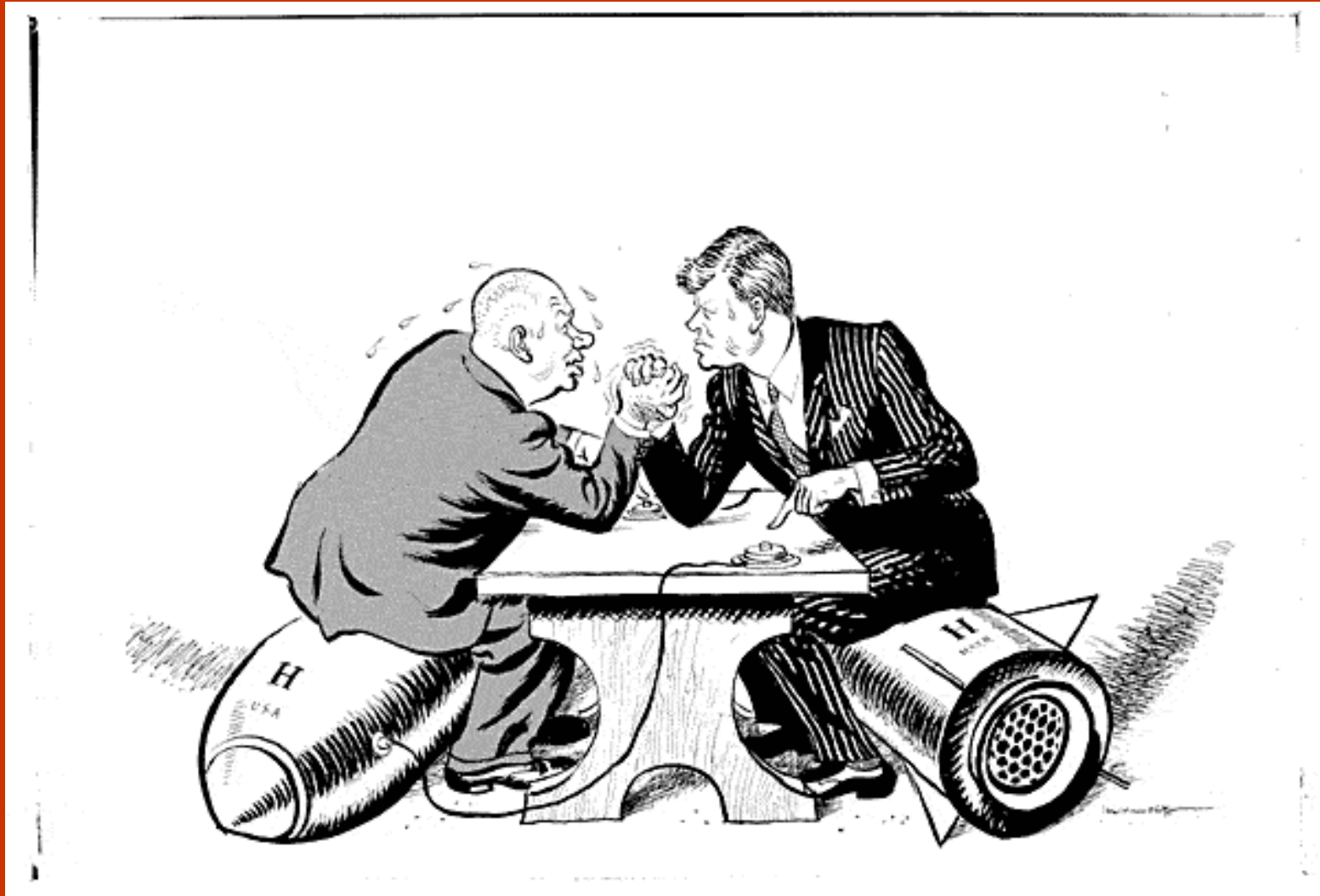
What does Cuba need to protect itself?



Sept. 8, 1962 –First Missiles Arrive in Cuba

Cuban Missile Crisis

October 14 – 28, 1962



October 14, 1962 (U-2 Pictures)



October 16, 1962

Strategic Development

1. Air Strike –not 100%
2. Invasion –Nukes ready and Berlin
3. Buy / Trade missiles
4. Blockade / Quarantine

▣ JFK: “I know how Tojo felt when he was planning Pearl Harbor.”

JFK: “Flexing His Muscles”



October 22 Speech

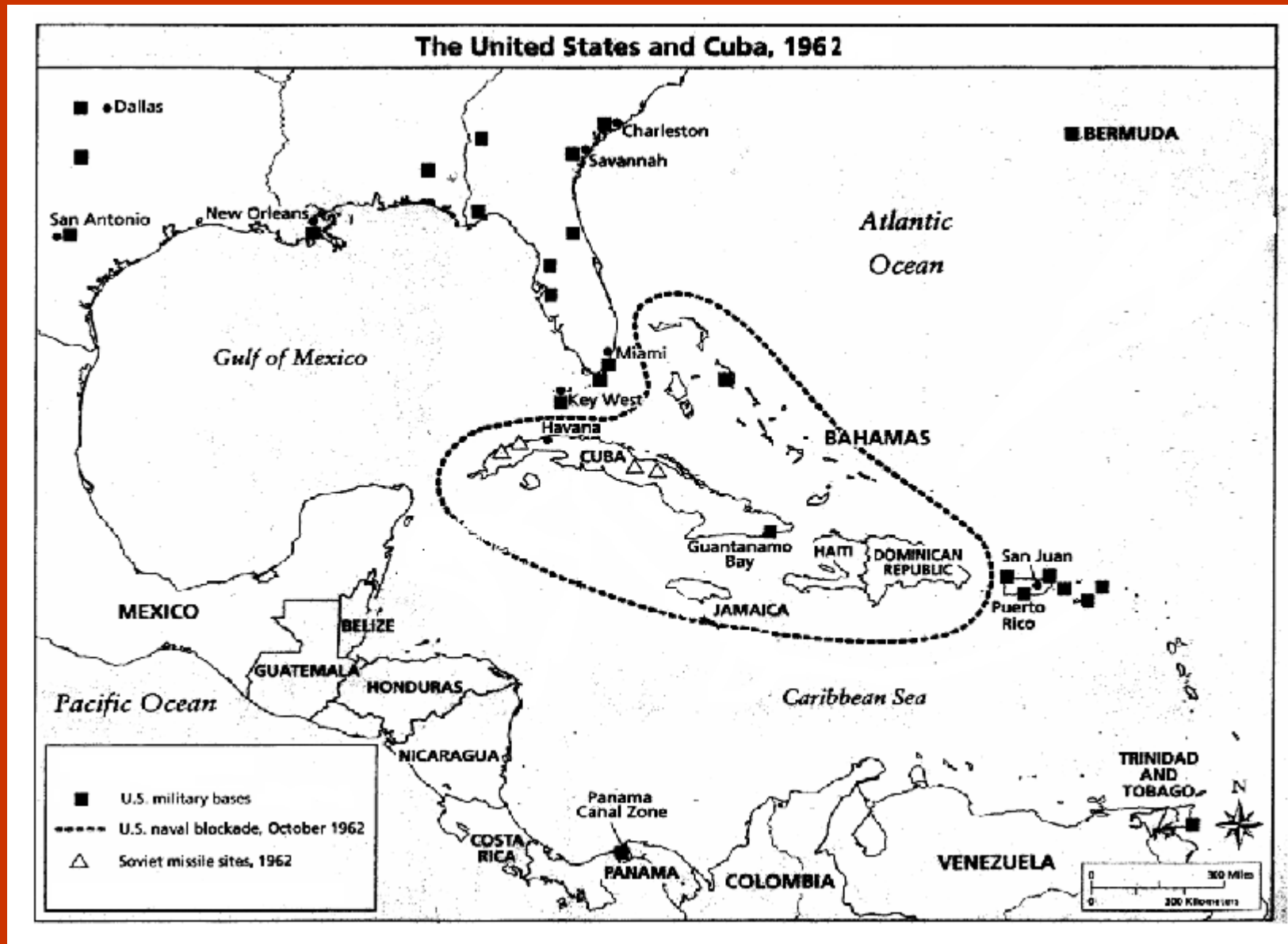
- over 100 million watched

Cuban Missile Crisis Address



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- 180 warships would make up the quarantine

The Quarantine Line

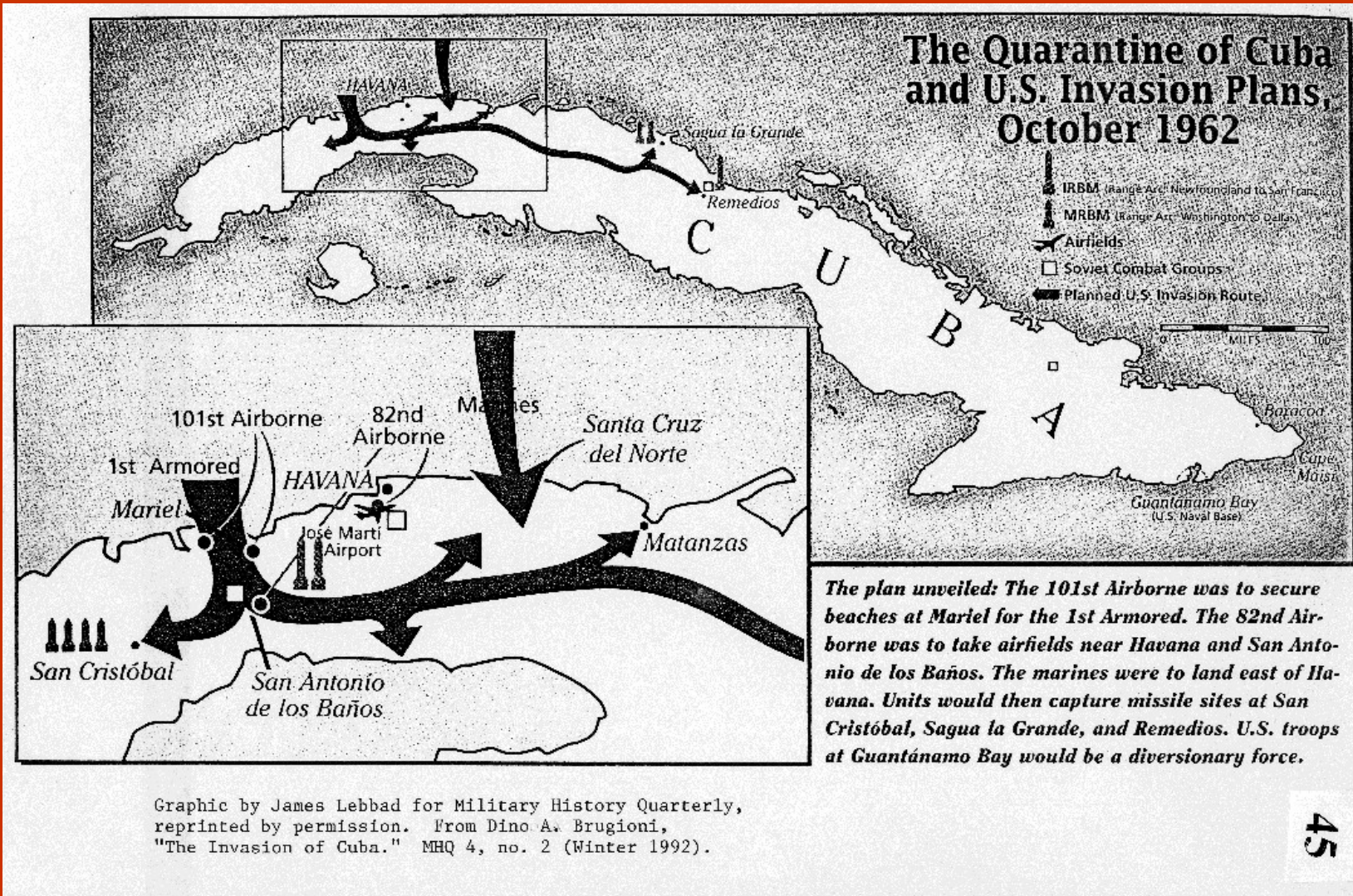


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- DEFCON 3

October 24 “Eyeballing the Soviets”

-16 of the 19
ships change
course



Still A Problem: Nukes in Cuba



October 25: DEFCON 2



October 25

Adlai Stevenson at the UN



Agreement: October 28

Soviet Union

- Public
 - Will remove missiles from Cuba

United States

- Public
 - Pledged not to invade Cuba
- Private
 - Will remove Jupiter missiles from Turkey

October 28

Khrushchev Announced the Missiles will be Removed

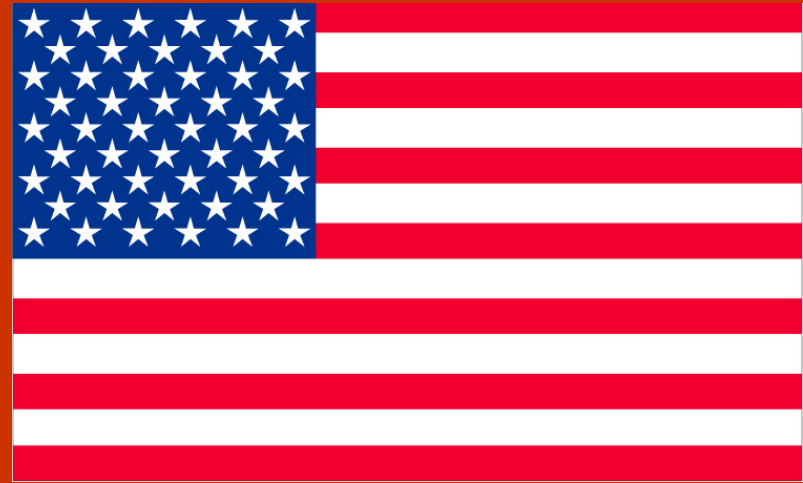


Khrushchev Did Not Tell:



Results of the Cuban Missile Crisis

United States



- Cold War victory -missiles out of Cuba
- JFK popularity increased -77%
- Jupiter missiles removed from Turkey
- Increased tensions with Cuba
- Stepped up Operation Mongoose

Cuba



- Seen as a pawn / puppet
- Increased tensions with US

JFK and Improved Cuban-American Relations



President Kennedy sent a message to Castro that he is ready to negotiate normal relations and drop the embargo

November 17, 1963

Tensions Continued

