

Entering the New Frontier

Kennedy Doctrine

“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty.”



Flexible Response

- wanted variety of options to deal with problems



Nuclear Missile Buildup

ICBMs

1961 -63

1963 -424



ICBM

Conventional Buildup



Defense
Spending



-15% increase

Foreign Aid

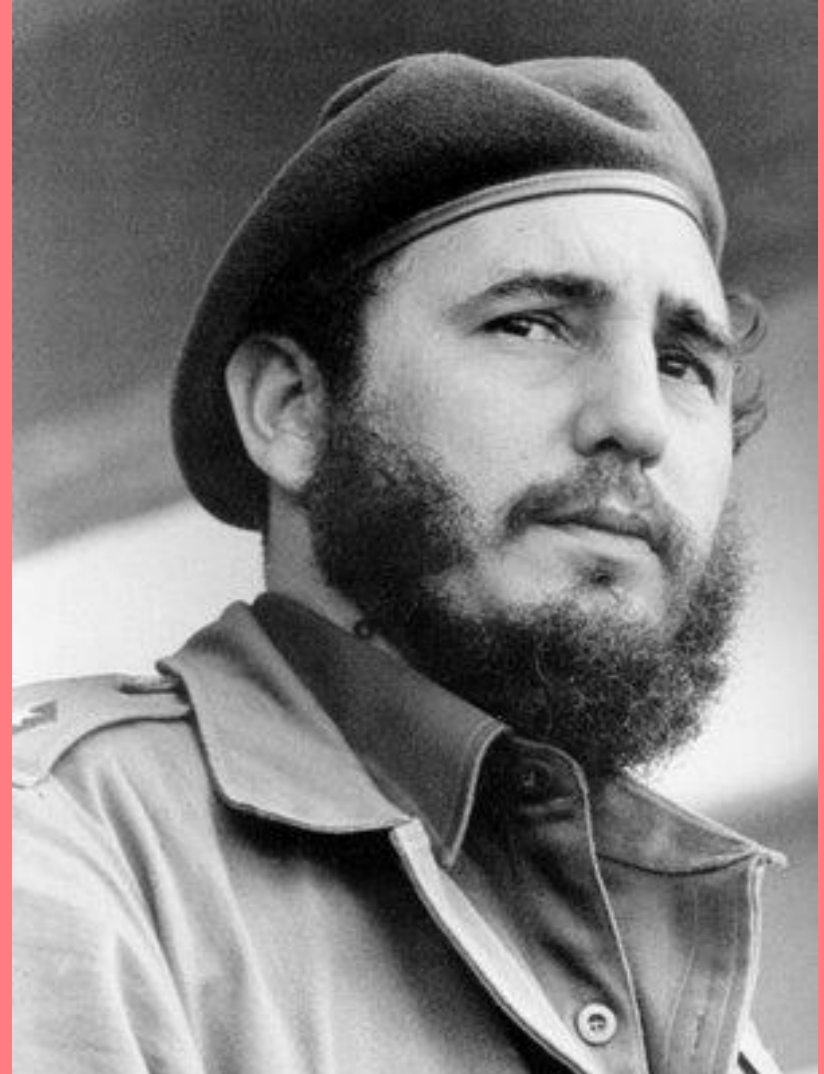


Alliance for Progress
(Latin America)

Diplomacy



Covert Operations

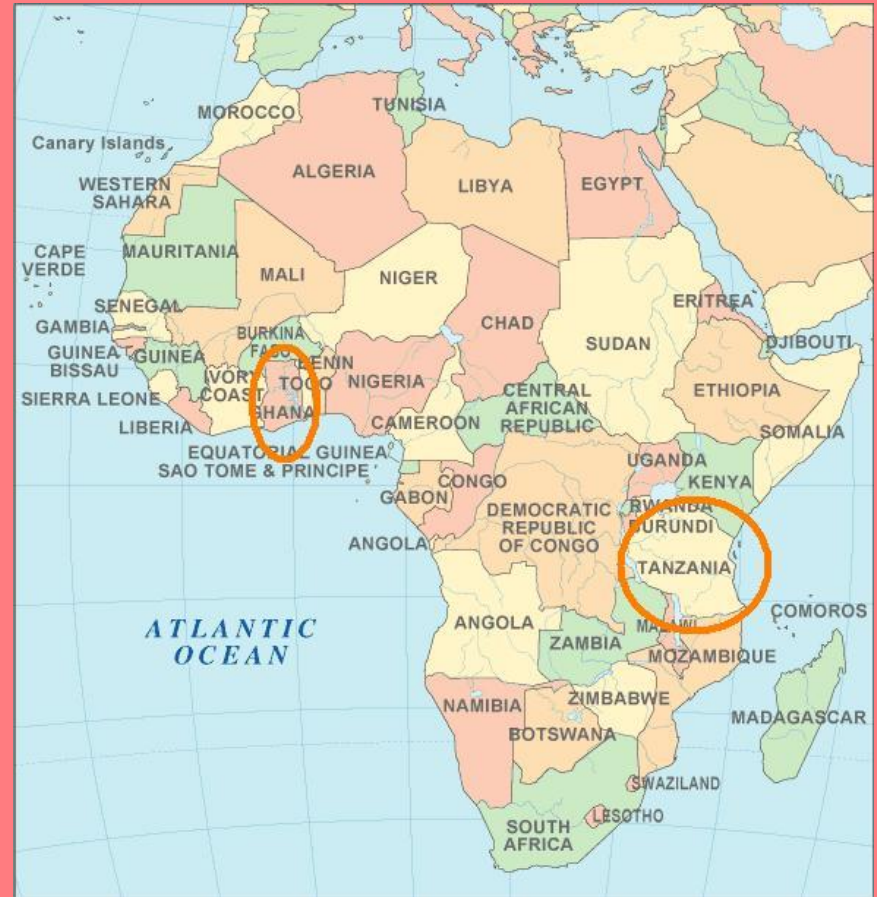


Green Berets



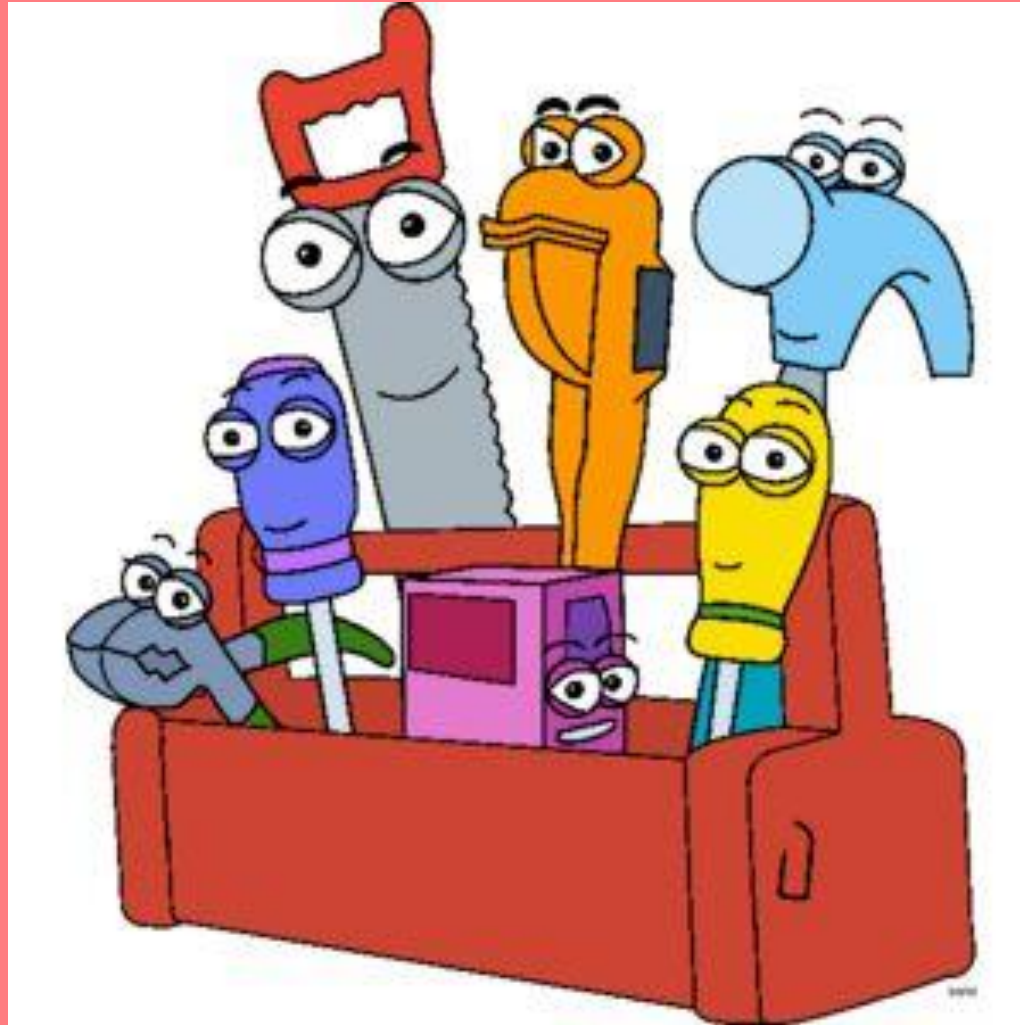
-carried out covert operations

Peace Corps



Ghana and Tanzania

Flexible Response Tool Box



- Different “tools” for different problems

“1961 was a very mean year.”
-Attorney General Robert Kennedy



The Space Race

YURI GAGARIN

APRIL 12, 1961



ALAN SHEPARD

MAY 5, 1961



JFK Response (May 25, 1961)



“We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard . . .”

“I am a Marxist Leninist and I will
be one until the last day of my life”
-Fidel Castro



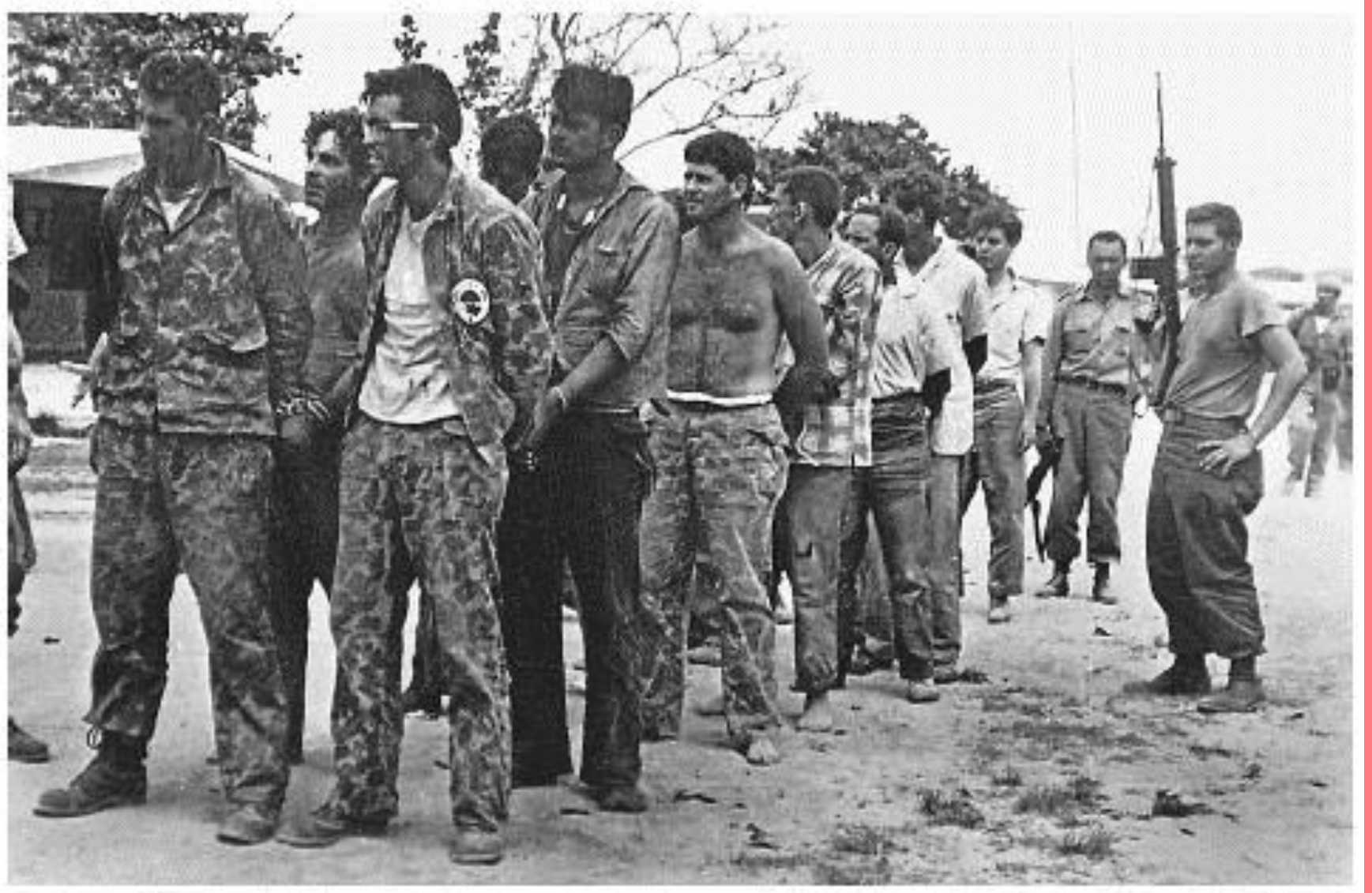
Bay of Pigs (April 17, 1961) Operation Bumpy Road

Cuban Exiles
1,453 Troops

Cubans
2,500 Troops
200,000 Militia



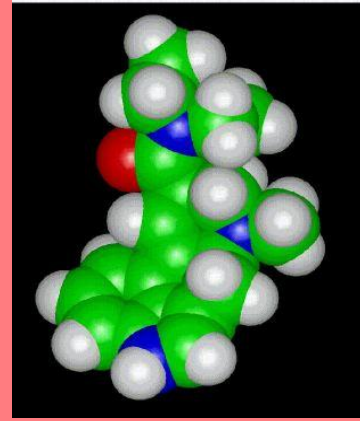
The Bay of Pigs Disaster



November 30, 1961 JFK Approved Operation Mongoose



Operation Mongoose



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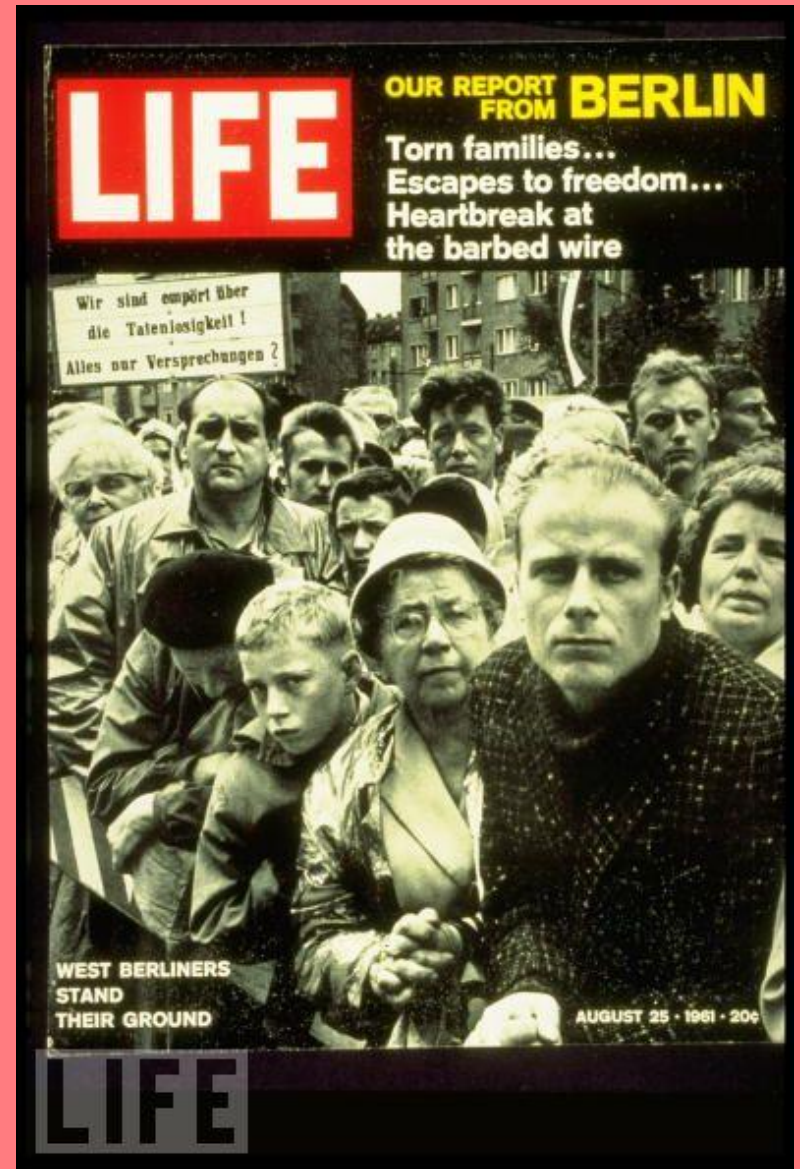


Berlin Crisis – “A Free City”

June 15 – December 31, 1961



East German Exodus



Temporary Border



Berlin Wall

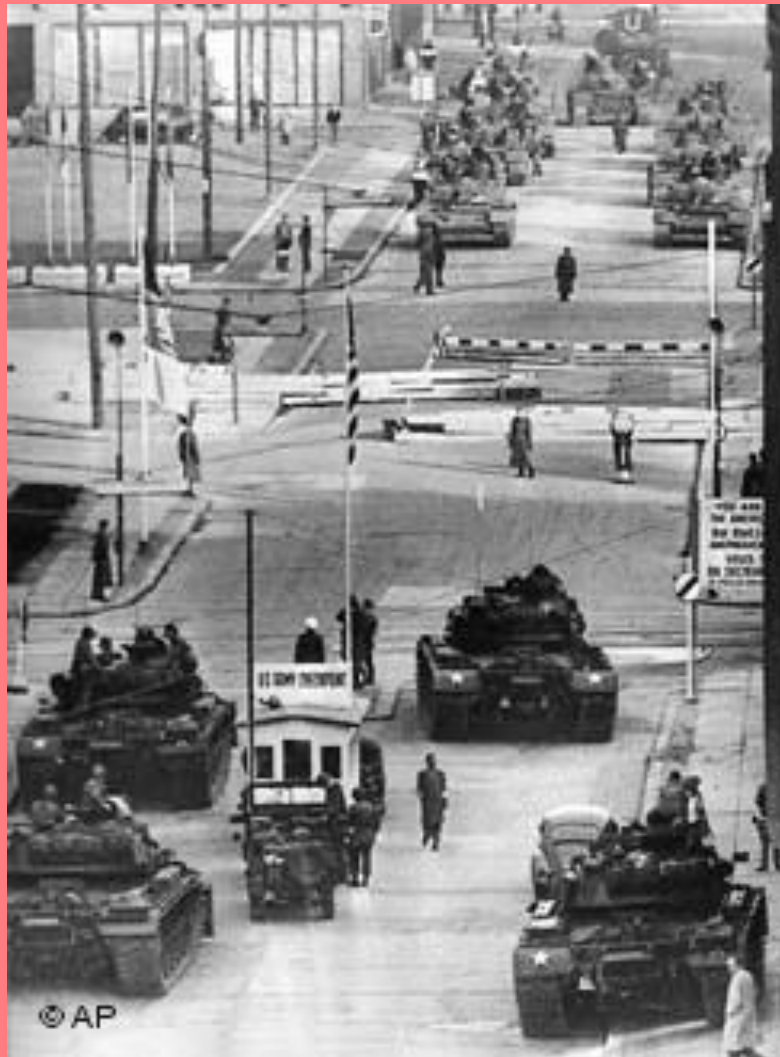
Born August 13, 1961



Checkpoint Charlie October 27, 1961



Checkpoint Charlie



After 16 hours of negotiations, the Soviets agreed:

to withdraw

5 – 10

meters



The Berlin Wall: 96.3 miles

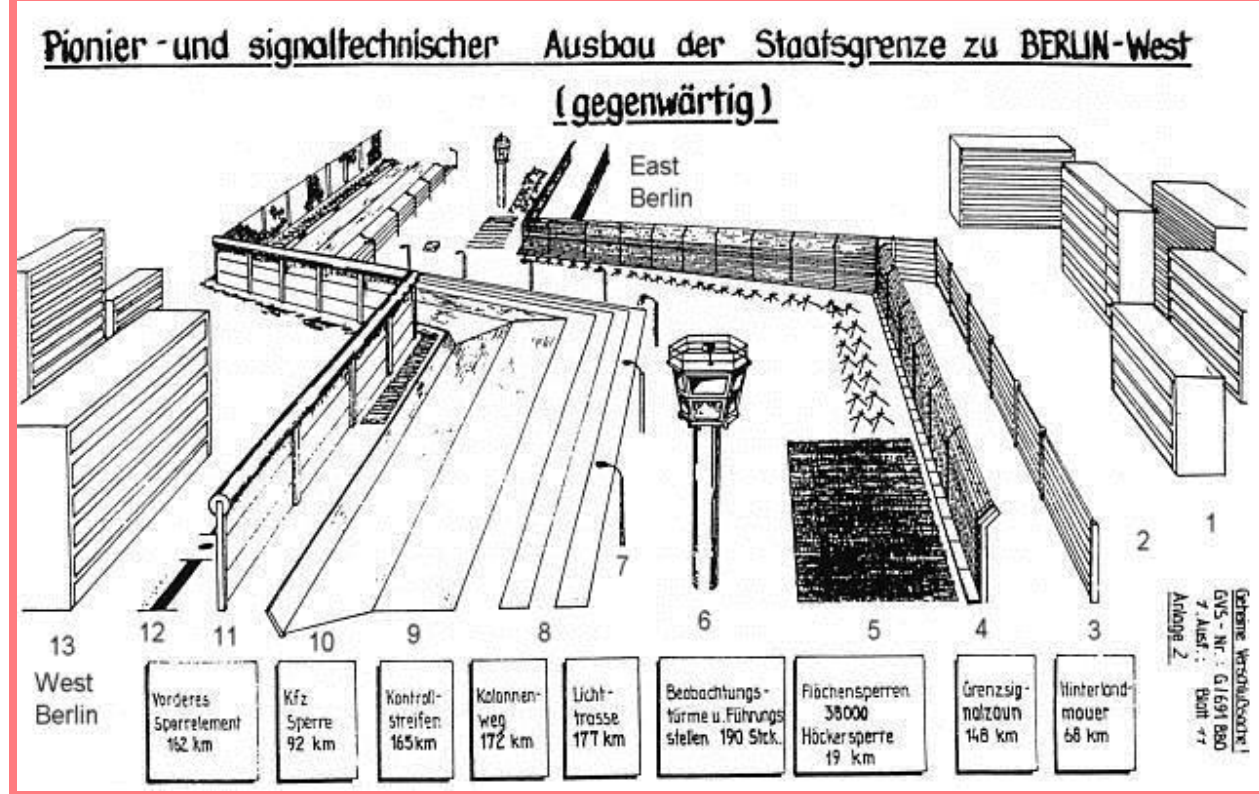
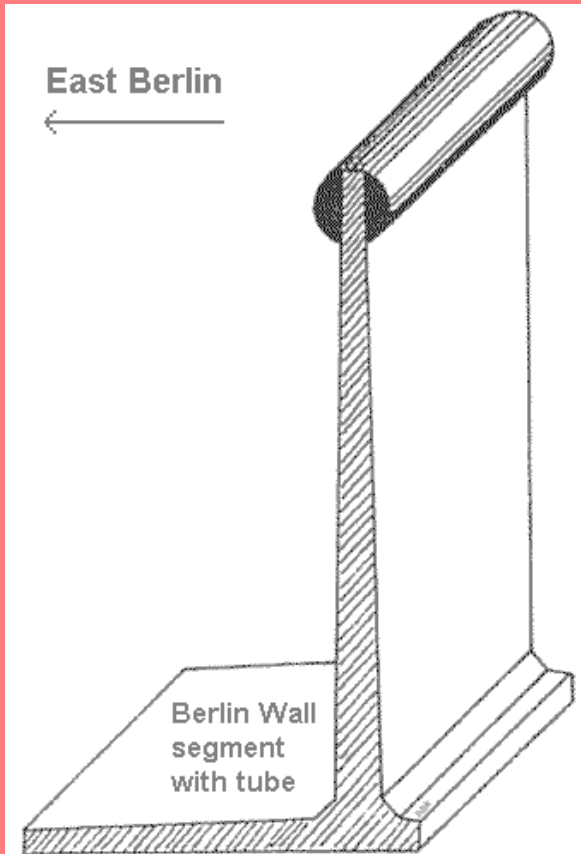


-26.7 miles on East Berlin
border

-69.5 miles around East
Germany border

August 13, 1961 – November 9, 1989

Berlin Wall





JFK and the Wall

“It’s not a very nice solution but a wall is a hell of a lot better than a war.”



JFK in Berlin – June 26, 1963



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"Ich bin Berliner"
(should have said)

"Ich bin ein Berliner"
(actually said)

Kennedy and Vietnam



“South Vietnam is the cornerstone of the free world in South East Asia.”

Kennedy: Sinking Further into the Vietnam Quagmire



Adviser Presence = 16,000
Aid = \$1.5 billion



Green Berets

Standing By Our Man in Vietnam



President Diem vs Buddhist Monks

Quang Duc – June 11, 1963



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

~~TOP SECRET~~- EYES ONLY

October 11, 1963

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 263

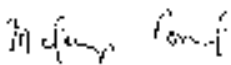
TO: Secretary of State
Secretary of Defense
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: South Vietnam

At a meeting on October 5, 1963, the President considered the recommendations contained in the report of Secretary McNamara and General Taylor on their mission to South Vietnam.

The President approved the military recommendations contained in Section I B (1-3) of the report, but directed that no formal announcement be made of the implementation of plans to withdraw 1,000 U.S. military personnel by the end of 1963.

After discussion of the remaining recommendations of the report, the President approved an instruction to Ambassador Lodge which is set forth in State Department telegram No. 534 to Saigon.


McGeorge Bundy

JFK

-ordered 1,000
troops home by
the end of
1963.

Assassination of President Diem



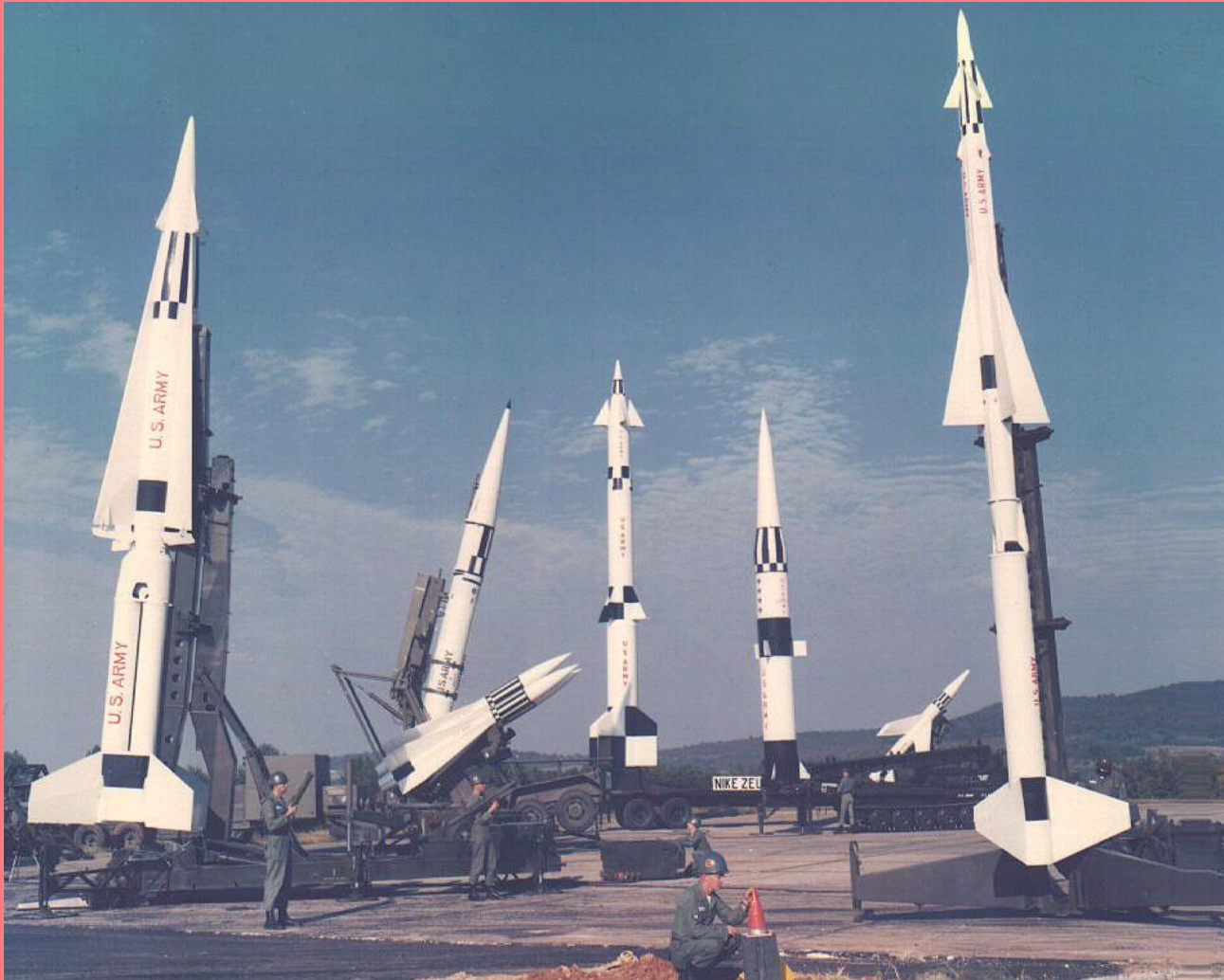
November 1, 1963

Cuban Missile Crisis

October 14 – 28, 1962



US Missile Gap Advantage



United States 27,297 Soviet Union 3,332

US Nuclear Advantage



United States deployed 15 Jupiter missiles in Turkey –could hit Moscow in 16 minutes

Khrushchev Needed to Respond



Reports of Russian Buildup Summer of 1962



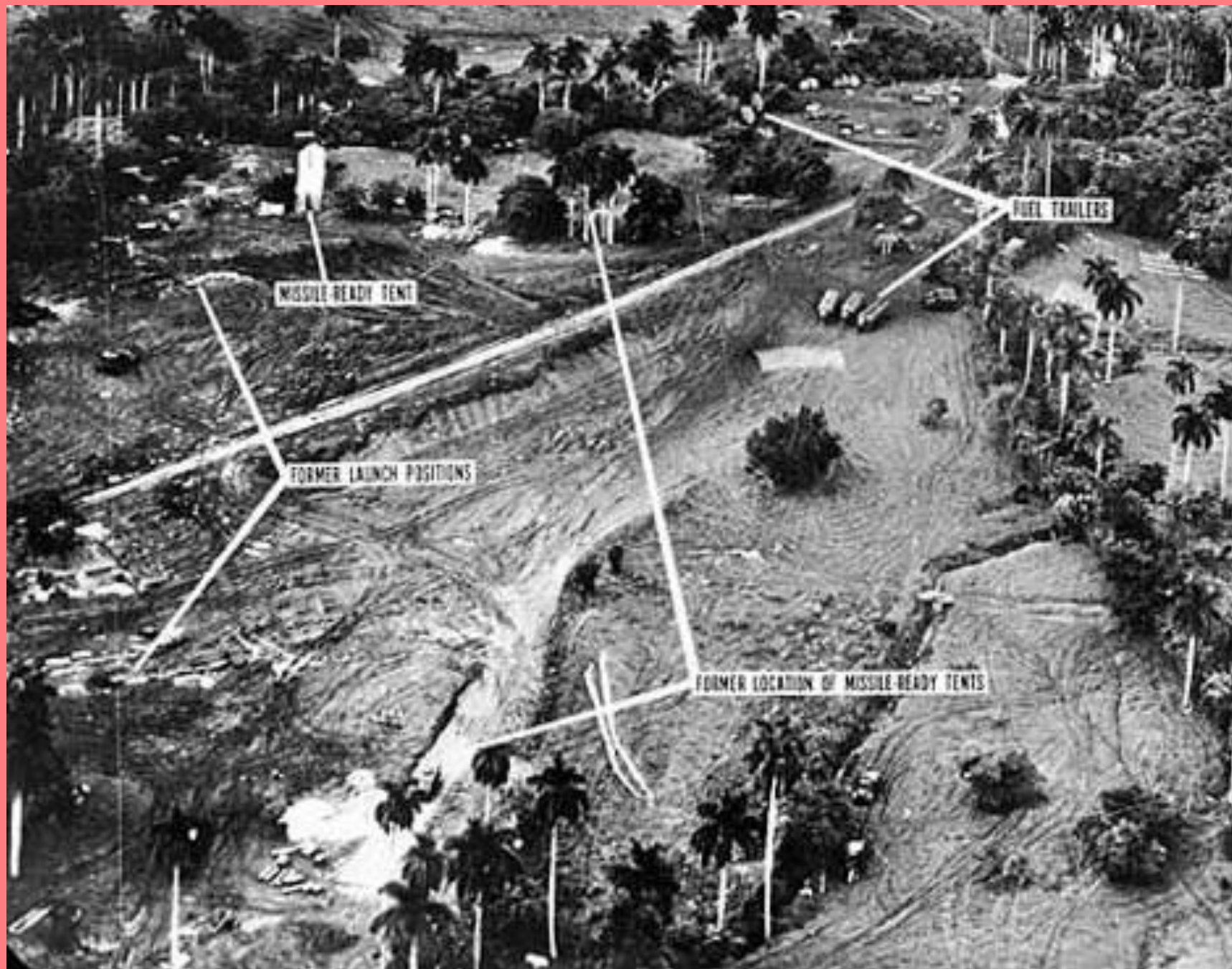
Khrushchev personally communicated with
JFK no offensive weapons in Cuba

Shipments: June 17 – October 22
24 launching pads, 42 rockets, and
45 nuclear warheads



October 14, 1962 (U-2 Pictures)







- Increased Soviet First Strike Capability: 70%

Soviet Missile Range



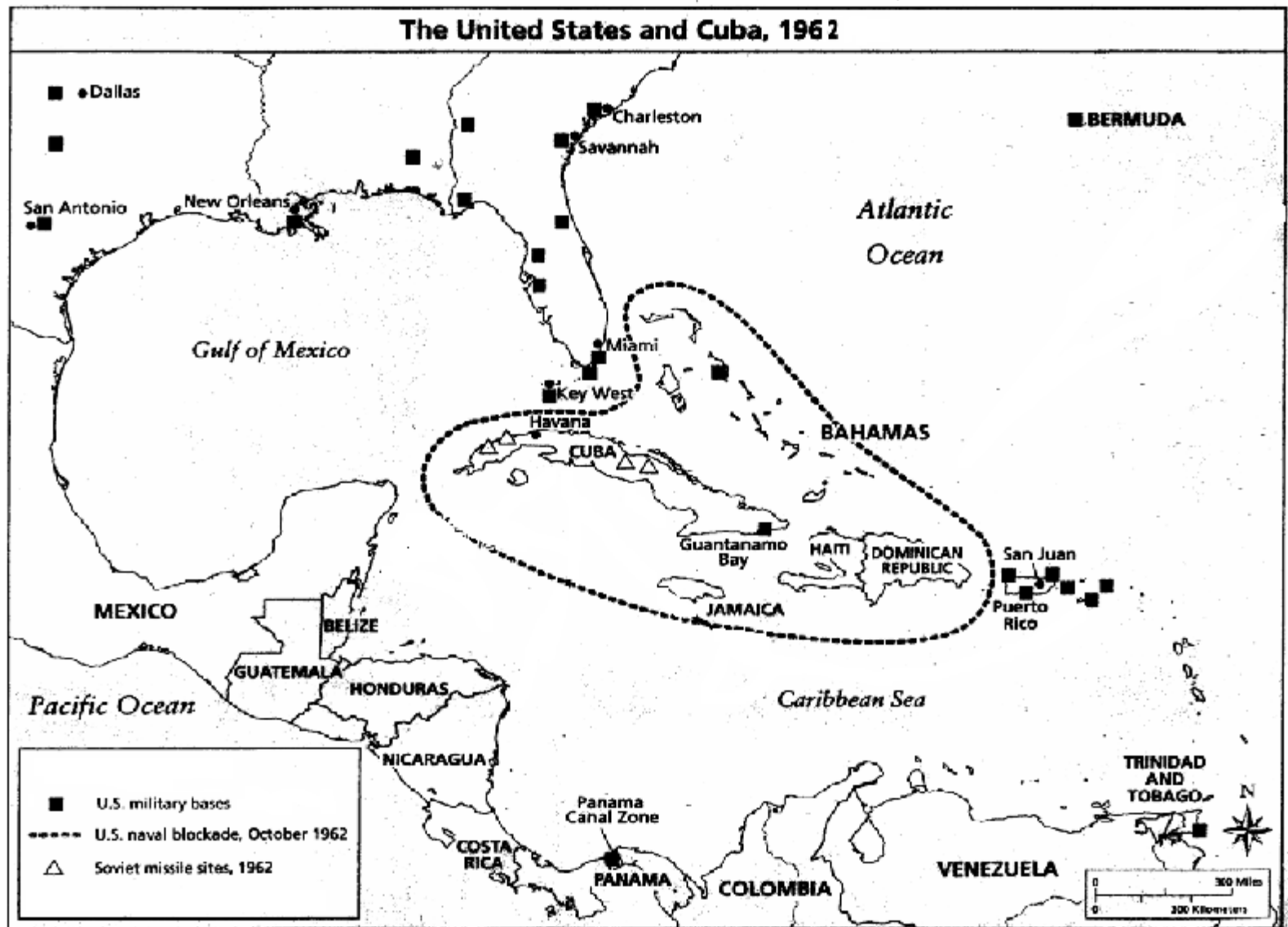
- Each missile has the equivalent of 50 Hiroshima bombs

October 22



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October 22 – Quarantine Line

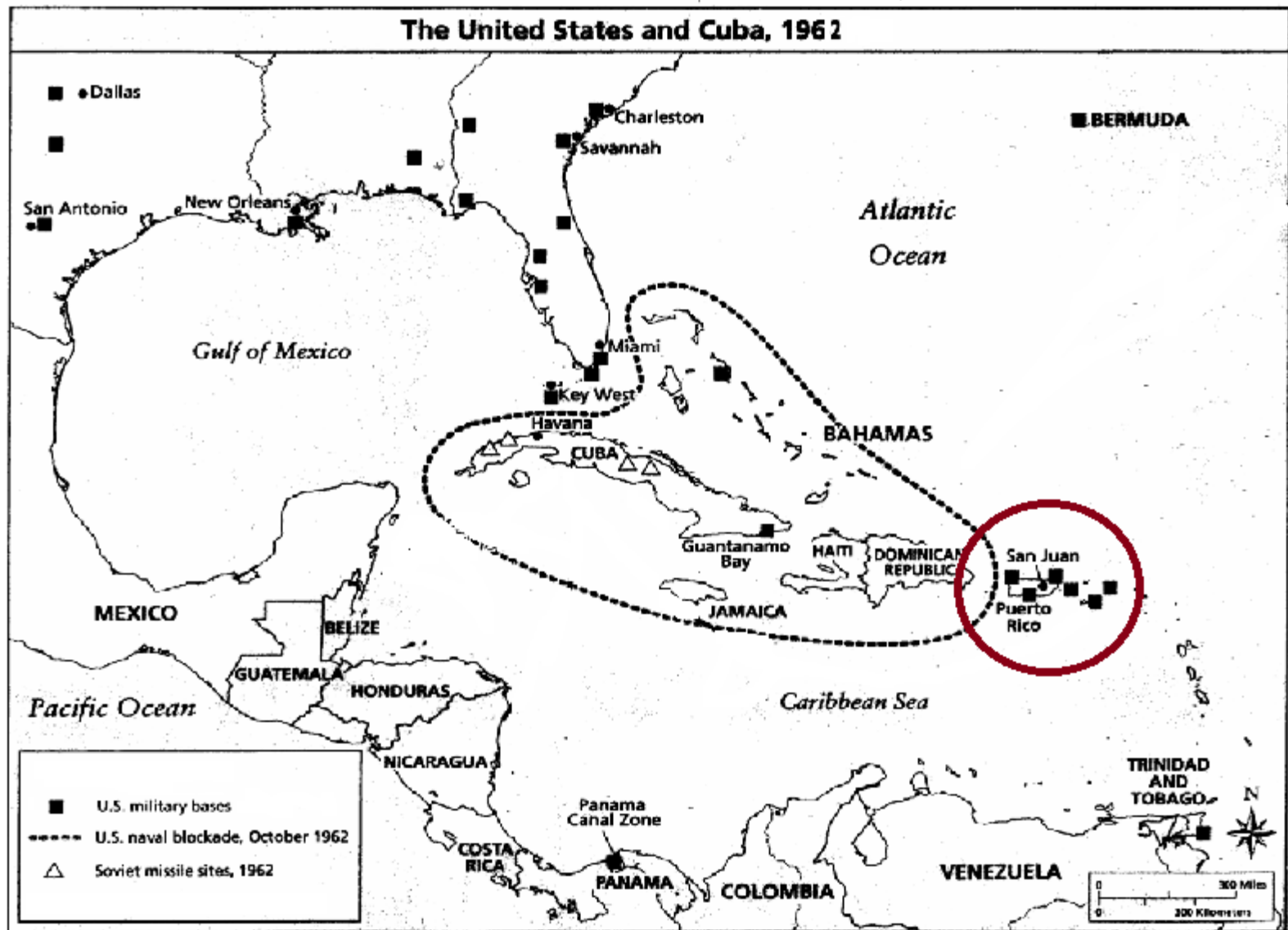


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- DEFCON 3

Defense Condition Ladder

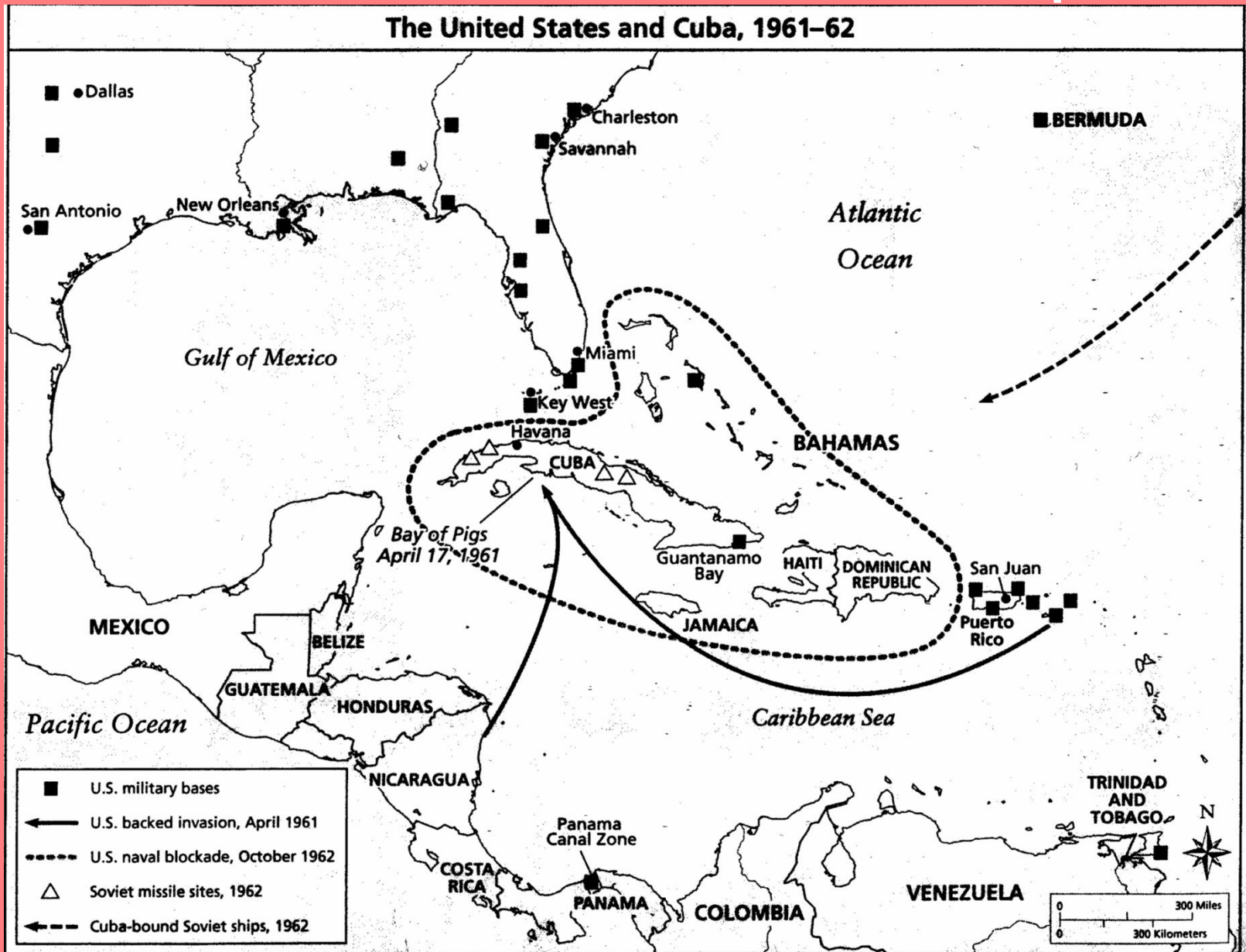
- DEFCON 5: Peacetime military readiness
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- DEFCON 1: Maximum readiness

October 23 –Khrushchev's Warning



US actions could lead to nuclear war

October 24: 19 Soviet Ships



October 24

16 of 19 ships changed course



Still have a problem: Nukes being built in Cuba

October 25: DEFCON 2



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Even Closer to Nuclear War Than We Realized Havana Conference (1992)



October 26
USS Beale vs. B-39 Soviet Sub

CMC: Nuclear War Scenario

- Soviet sub destroys US ship with nuke
- US nukes Cuba
- Soviets nuke Western Europe (Berlin)
- US nukes Soviet Union
- US wins!!!!



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

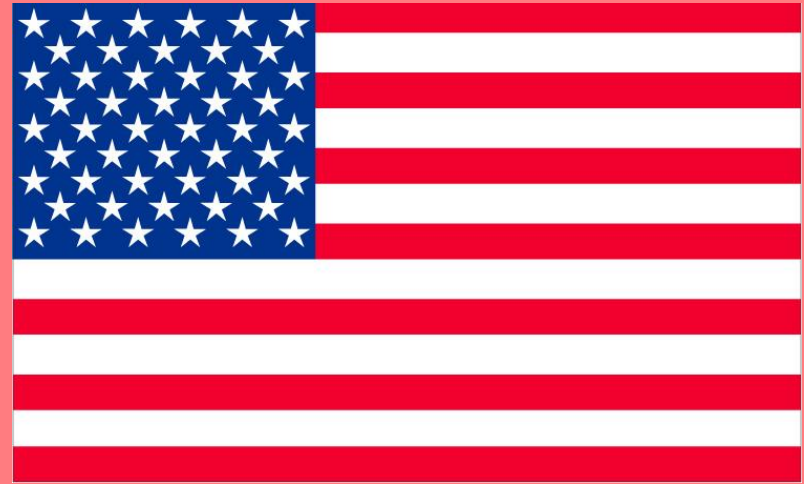
November 11

Last Soviet Supplies Removed



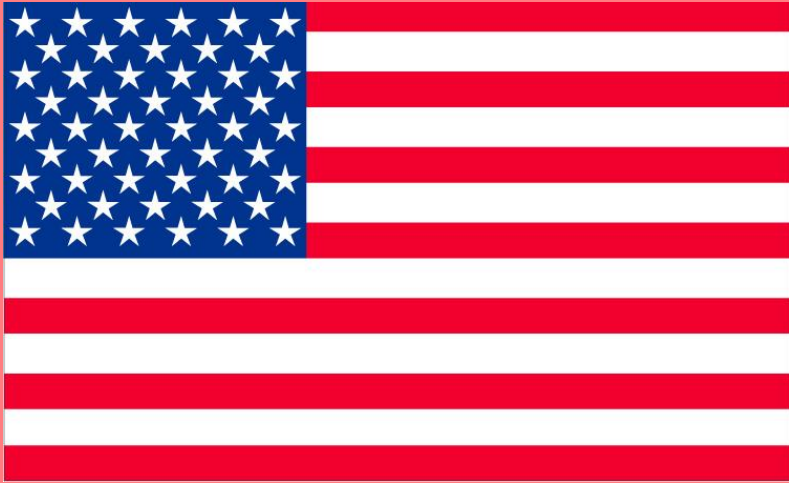
Results of the Cuban Missile Crisis

United States



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

Improved Soviet-American Relations



- No nuclear war –now talking
- Hot Line established
- Limited Test Ban Treaty
- Wheat sales increased

A Confident Kennedy

