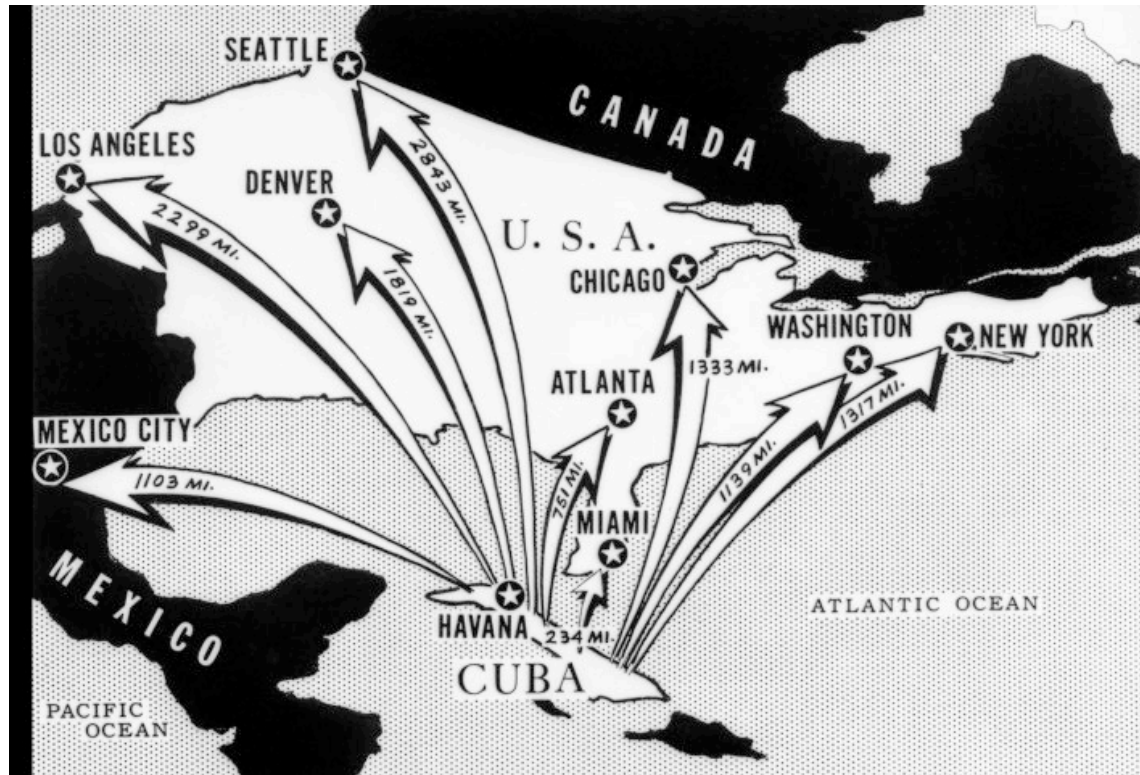




# **Cuban Missile Crisis**

# Sneaky, Sneaky

- Angry that US has missiles in TUR, GRE, UK
- Khrushchev's Motives (Blight & Welch qtd. 495)
  - US Midterms coming (Nov. 1962)
  - Missile Gap
  - Bargaining Chip
  - Berlin
  - China
  - Defense of Cuba
  - Domestic victory
  - Get even



# Why did Khrushchev Do It? (496-498)

- Hurt US, but reality that US would destroy USSR
- Strategic Parity
- Adventure? (Burlatsky)
- Anticipated no JFK Reaction



# Why Does Castro Agree? (499-500)

- Capitalism vs. Communism
- USSR troop presence
- Sharing the risk
- Should he have agreed?



# When Was US Aware? (500-504)

- 8/22/1962 – McCone
- 8/29 – U2 flyover → see SAMs
- 8/31 – JFK says sources invalid (U2 results too late)
  - Nixon's response: Blockade Cuba!
  - Khrushchev doesn't understand why JFK is rejecting claims he must have known to be true.
- 9/3 – JFK speech; Beschloss analysis (503)
  - Kagan on Khrushchev's miscalculations



# Khrushchev & Kennedy Lie (505-507)

“...It looked Back!!”

- Promises CUB or
- Gambler
- Gromyko CUB &  
– Why?
- US lies & believe it
- Hard evi



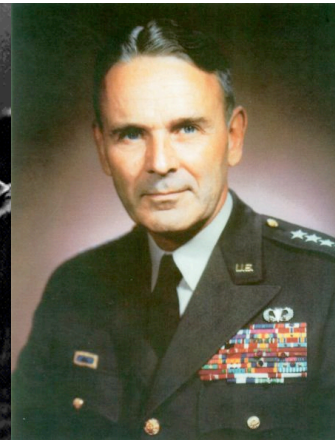
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# ExComm (507-511)

- What options were available?
- With whom did JFK agree/disagree?
- What did they agree upon?
- Why did they think Khrushchev was doing this?
- What did Volkogonov & Schlesinger say the effects were?
- What confused McNamara & JFK?
- What were SIOP, Minimal Deterrence & MAD & what does Kagan think about JFK's & NK's ability to follow them?



# How to Remove a Cuban Missile (513-520)

- What were the options? What were the issues?
  - Stevenson
  - McNamara
  - RFK
  - JFK
  - Taylor
  - Sorenson
  - Russell



# Blockade (521-522)

- Should JFK have told Congress before he did?  
Citizens?
- Are there any other times that could be argued are as close to a nuclear war as Cuban Missile Crisis?
- How did Khrushchev respond?

