



Resolution

Stressful Times (522-524)

- US threatens blockade of Berlin if surveillance planes shot down
- 10/24 – Blockade of Cuba official
- Rusk Quotation (523)
- 10/26 – *Marcula* first ship stopped
 - Ships w/ nukes called back by NK so they wouldn't be inspected
- **U Thant** begins negotiations in NYC



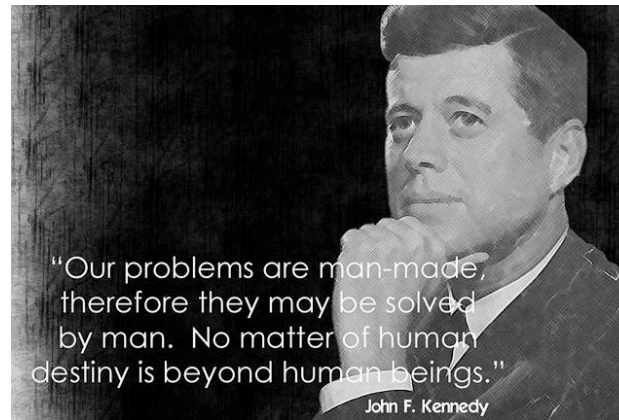
Invade or Trade

- 10/26 – Trade of Turkish Missiles first suggested by **Stevenson** (526)
- **Fomin** suggests missiles dismantled under UN supervision in return for US pledge not to invade
- Khrushchev's “**Knot Letter**”: Was he sincere? (527-528)
- 10/27 – Washington gets word two IRBM sites are operational → NK now says he wants Turkish missiles gone



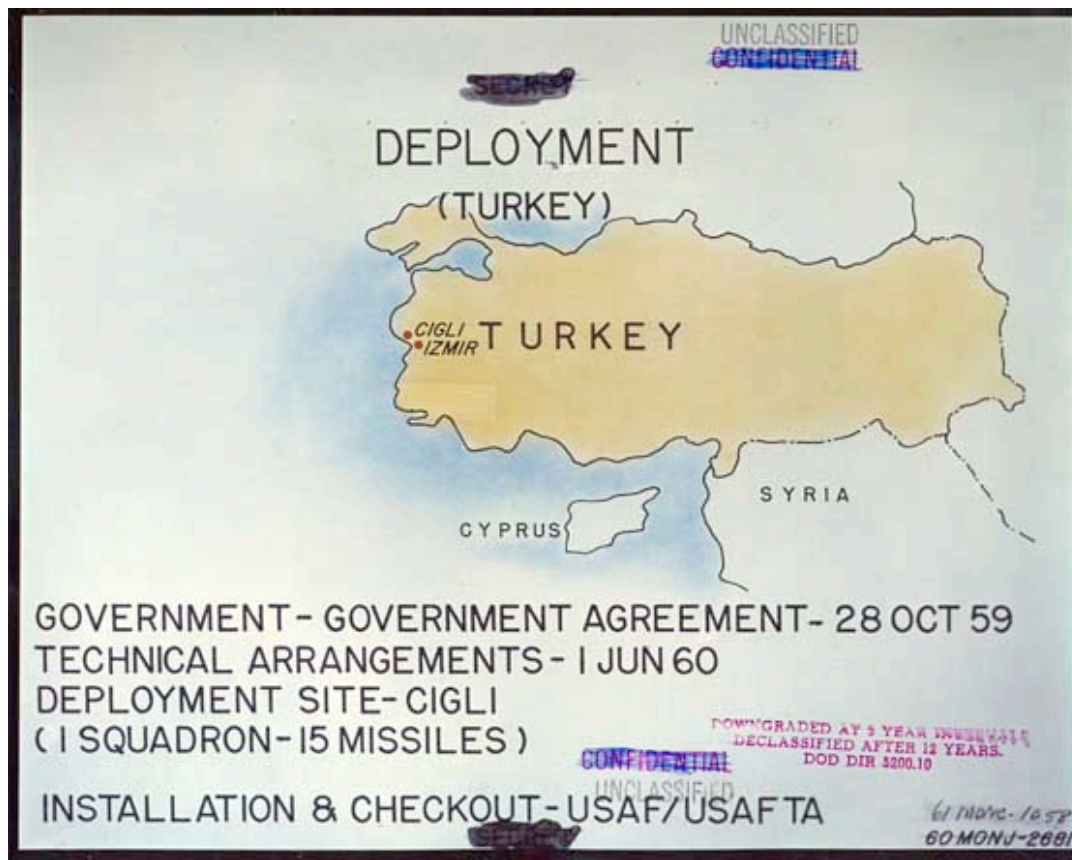
Khrushchev's Failure/JFK's Failure

- **Khrushchev**
 - Why two letters? (530)
 - Kagan; Blight & Welch opinions
- **Kennedy**
 - JFK silence; Lippmann connection
 - RFK's suggestion to Dobrynin in secret meeting of the missile trade → time for D. to get message to NK
 - Insistence that there would be no negotiation over ITA & TUR
 - TUR Response: No deal that doesn't give us nuclear protection is acceptable



Trade Talk

- Why is everyone in ExCom so nervous about trading TUR missiles for CUB missiles?
- Why didn't JFK & crew want to take military action?



Waiting...And Deciding

- 10/27 – U2 shot down over Cuba by SAM without Kremlin permission
 - JFK does not react: Why?
- Why did JFK respond to NK's letters in the way he did? Why was secrecy so necessary?



Whew...That was Close!

- How did the deal get done? (539-542)
 - RFK
 - Dobrynin
 - Anatoly Gromyko
 - Khrushchev
 - Sorenson
- 10/28 – Khrushchev gives radio address with orders to dismantle missiles
 - **KAGAN**: No obvious limit to JFK's concessions (543)



Reactions (544-46)

- Castro is displeased
- Khrushchev ousted in 1965
- Why did he “blink”?
 - Fear of delay?
 - Castro?
 - Unintended war?
 - Different interpretation of how USA works
- Contemporary historians: **RFK, Schlesinger, Sorenson**
- **KAGAN**: NK got off easy, but JFK could afford it

Results

- Mistakes of Khrushchev
 - Missiles could be constructed secretly
 - Misunderstandings of US political environment
- Mistakes of Kennedy
 - Attachment to Fay/Tuchman “miscalculations” didn’t account for Khrushchev’s bluffing
- 1963 – **Limited Test Ban Treaty, Hotline**