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
• 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