• Why didn't the invasion go well?

Why does the CIA blame Kennedy?

Why does Kennedy blame the CIA?

What did the invasion lead to:

1. Strengthened

2. Castor aligned with

3. Castro was open to

## **CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS**

Top Secret Intelligence Packet #1					
Notes:					

Should we send another flight to gather more photo intelligence?

Top Secret Intelligence Packet #2					
Alpha	Bravo	Charlie			
Notes:	Notes:	Notes:			
Are there nuclear missile sites in Cuba?	Are there nuclear missile sites in Cuba?	Are there nuclear missile sites in Cuba?			
Is there nuclear missile supporting equipment?	Is there nuclear missile supporting equipment?	Is there nuclear missile supporting equipment?			
What types of missiles are present?	What types of missiles are present?	What types of missiles are present?			

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Top Secret Intelligence Packet #3				
Notes:				
Are the MRBM sites operational?				
If they are, how much time is there between command and launch?				

How does intelligence inform policy?

# Primary Source Activity: Why did the Russians pull their missiles out of Cuba?

### **Analyzing the Documents**

#### **Document A: Letter From Chairman Krushchev to President Kennedy**

- 1. What deal does Krushchev propose to Kennedy?
- 2. What is the tone of this letter? Provide a quote to support your claim.
- 3. Do you think Krushchev has the upper hand? Why or why not?

#### **Document B: Letter from President Kennedy to Chairman Khrushchev**

- 4. In this letter Kennedy restates Krushchev's proposals. Does Kennedy include everything Khrushchev proposed? In not, why might have he left something out?
- 5. What is the tone of this letter? Provide a quote to support your claim.
- 6. Do you think Kennedy has the upper hand? Why or why not?

#### **Document C: Russian Ambassador Cable to Soviet Foreign Ministry**

- 7. What new information do you learn from Robert Kennedy?
- 8. Why do you think this exchange happened in a private meeting (rather than in an official letter)? [Remember, Document B was published in the *New York Times*].
- 9. How do you think Robert Kennedy felt during this meeting? Provide evidence.

Debrief (Homework):  • According to these documents, what deal did the U.S. strike with the U.S.S.R.?	
Why was this deal kept secret?	
• Is this deal mentioned in the classroom textbook (hint: look at the next question)?	
Why might the textbook not have mentioned this deal?	
Who seems more scared or on the defensive in these documents?	
What does this event show you about how people felt during the Cold War?	