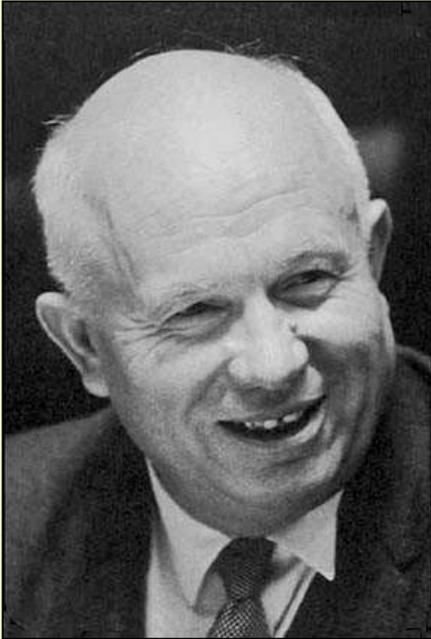


The Cuban Crisis



**Who are these people?
What might they be saying to each
other? (Consider their beliefs)**

LO:

Describe the Cuban Crisis

Explain causes

Evaluate the outcome

Cuban Revolution 1959



USA Reaction 1959 - 61

Broke off diplomatic relations

Supported Cuban Exiles

Bay of Pigs

1500 Cuban Exiles

Given support and weapons

No air support

Met by 20 000 Cuban troops

Embarrassing failure for JFK

**Showed USA was prepared to invade.
Determination to stop communism**

Missiles in Cuba!

1. To test

with the USA to get them to remove their missiles in Turkey if missiles from Cuba are removed

2. To protect

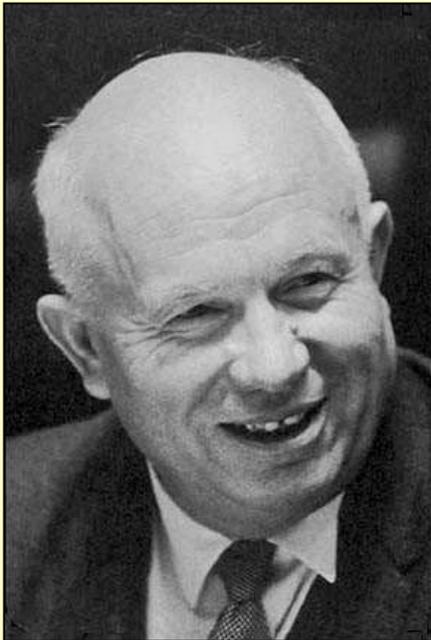
the new communist regime in Cuba under Castro, and ensure that any future attacks by the USA can be stopped

3. To bargain

the missile gap. The USSR had less ICBM's and so to ensure it could attack the USA, put more of its cheap MRBM on Cuba

4. To close

the new, young President JFK and to see if he would buckle under international pressures



Cuban Missile Crisis 1962



Options:

Air Strike
Blockade
Do Nothing
Invasion

PMI each one!

What happened next?

NO MORE THAN TEN WORDS

Was containment successful?

RANK IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

Outcomes:

- USSR removed missiles from Cuba
- USA removed missiles from Turkey (secret from the world)
- HOTLINE set up between USSR and USA
- Cuba remained Communist in USA's 'backyard'
- JFK seen as a hero and peacemaker – tough on communism
- Nuclear arms talks began in 1963. Test ban treaty signed
- Khrushchev lost his job as Soviet leader
- Led to reduction in nuclear arms

Question a)

- Describe the events of the Cuban Crisis
- Describe US and Cuban relations from 1959-61
- What happened in the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961?

Question b)

- Explain why news of Soviet missiles in Cuba caused so much concern in the USA
- Explain why the USA was so concerned about events in Cuba 1959-61
- Explain why Khrushchev placed missiles in Cuba

Question c)

- “The USA won the Cuban Missile Crisis” How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer

- The outcomes of the Cuban Missile Crisis were **equally successful** for:

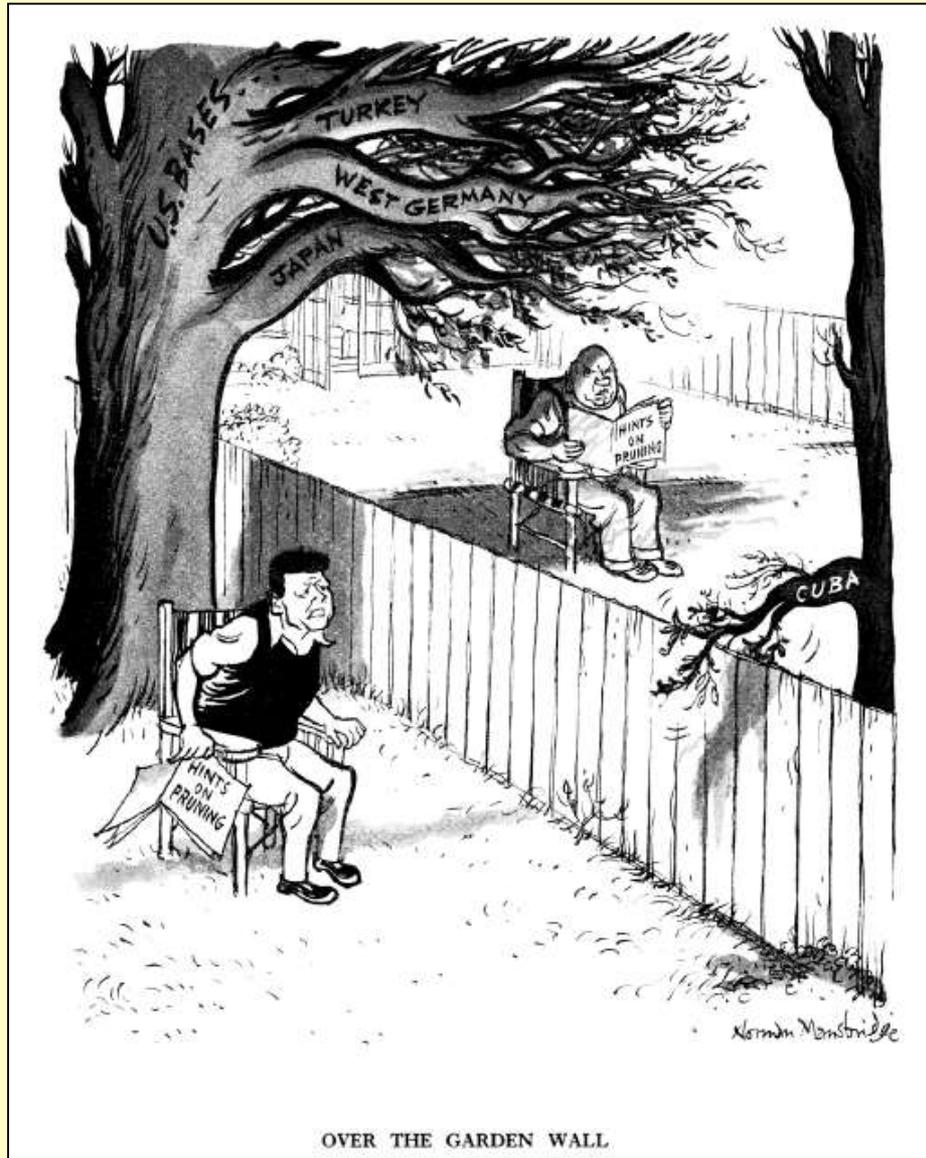
(i) the USA;

(ii) the USSR;

(iii) Cuba.

How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer referring only to **(i)**, **(ii)** and **(iii)**.

- ‘Kennedy handled the Cuban Missile crisis better than Khrushchev did’. How far do you agree with this statement?



OVER THE GARDEN WALL

