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U.S. was afraid the Soviet Union might use Cuba as a base to attack the U.S. and spread Communism into Latin America.



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January 20, 1961 – John F.

Kennedy became president

He wanted to help Latin

America become Democratic,  
especially Cuba.

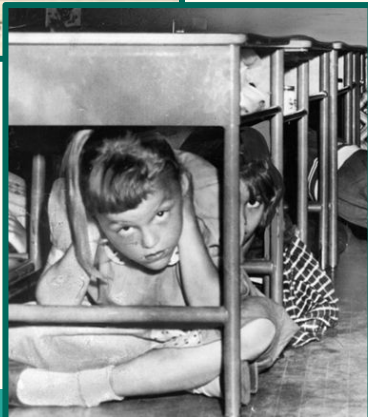
Cuba is 90 miles from Florida

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**1961** – Soviet Union sending increased numbers of military personnel to Cuba

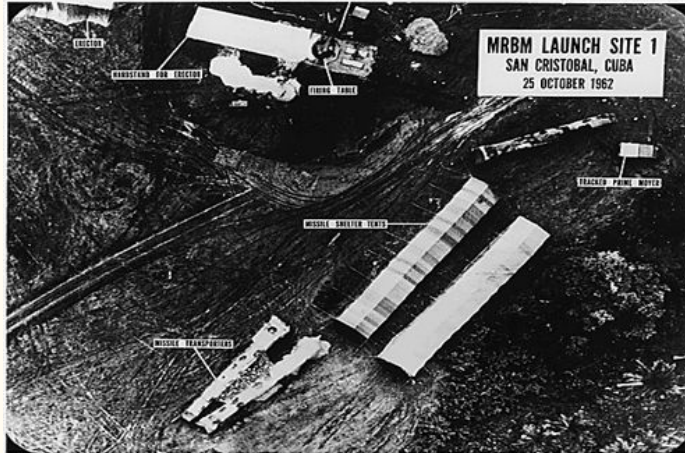
**Summer 1962** – Soviets started arming Cuba with missiles, Soviets said missiles were to protect country from future invasions







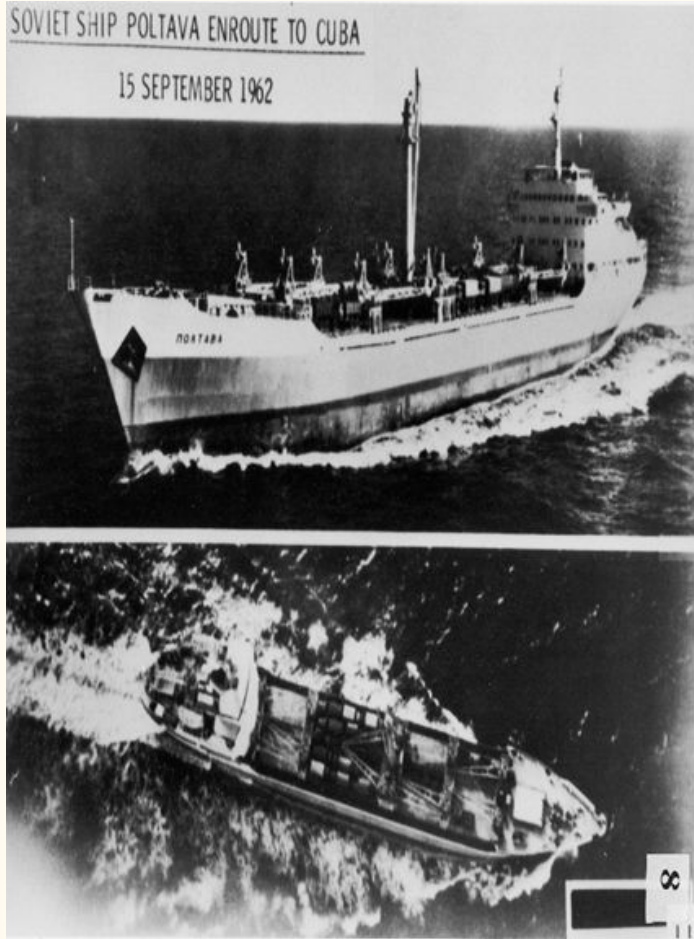
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September 1962 – Kennedy warned Soviet Leader Khrushchev not to place missiles in Cuba that could attack U.S. targets

- Khrushchev denied anything being there
- U.S. spy planes took photos proving otherwise

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October 22, 1962

Kennedy demanded Khrushchev remove missiles.

–U.S. would attack the Soviet Union if they fired missiles anywhere in Western Hemisphere

–Kennedy ordered the U.S. navy to surround Cuba and stop Soviet ships. (U.S. Blockade)

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- The Soviets removed missiles, and the U.S. promised not to invade the island.
- November 22, 1963 – Kennedy assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald – Lyndon Johnson takes office.
- Soviets and Cubans worried they're suspects.



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