**Task:** Read sources A – D and answer the guiding questions that follow.

**Guiding Questions:**

**Document A: Letter from Chairman Khrushchev to President Kennedy**

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

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

1. In this letter Kennedy restates Khrushchev’s proposals. Does Kennedy include everything Khrushchev proposed? If not, why night have he left something out?
2. What is the tone of the letter? Provide a quote to support your claim?
3. Do you think Kennedy has the upper hand? Why or why not?

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

1. What new information do you learn from Robert Kennedy?
2. 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*]
3. How do you think Robert Kennedy felt during this meeting? Provide Evidence.

**Document D: President Kennedy’s address to the American Public**

1. What does Kennedy maintain is the purpose for Soviet military buildup in Cuba?
2. What steps does Kennedy propose be taken against the Soviet actions?
3. What date was this announcement made to the American public? what date did the previous three letters/Cables take place? How did the tone of this announcement compare to the previous letters/Cables?

**Conclusion:**

1. Why did the Russians pull their missiles out of Cuba?
2. What does the Cuban Missile Crisis show us about how people felt during the Cold War?
3. Who seems more scared or on the defensive in these documents?