

Cuban Missile Crisis

The Soviet Union, America and JFK, and Cuba were involved in the Cuban Missile Crisis. An American plane took photos of missile sites on Cuba. JFK told America about the missile sites and said the American warships would turn back the Soviet ships carrying missiles. The Soviet ships were headed to Cuba and the US blockade in October 1962. This event is important because the Soviet ships turned back at the last minute and took a total of 1,600 nukes out of Cuba. America then took a total of 18,600 nukes out of Turkey. This event impacted politics because this event was the closest the world was to full scale nuclear war. In 1963, a hot line was installed between the US and the USSR to help settle similar situations and the two countries signed 2 treaties concerning nuclear weapons.