

# JFK and Cuba(1961-1963)



# The “Alliance for Progress”

- JFK hoped to improve relations with Latin America to prevent the spread of Communism.
- \$20 billion to help the economic development
- Alliance for Progress



# Remember the U2 Incident?



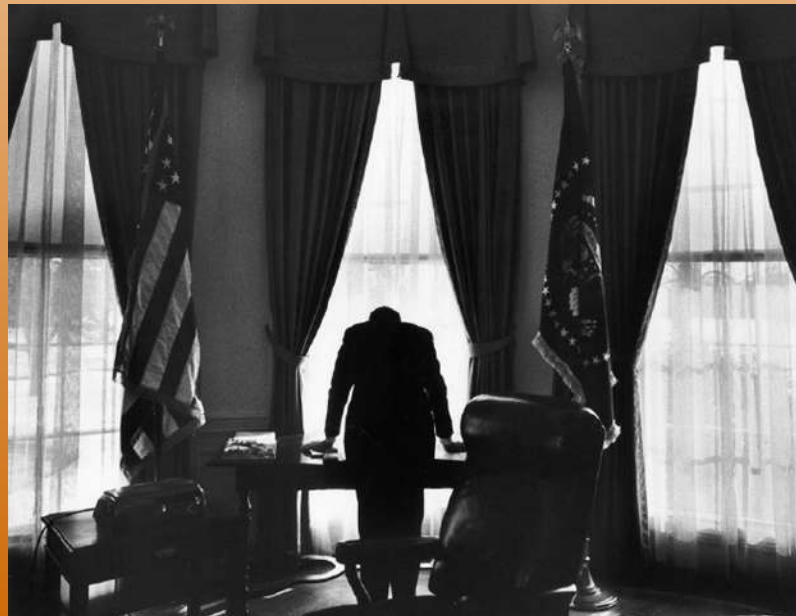
# Bay of Pigs

- JFK and the CIA want **Fidel Castro**, the Communist Dictator of Cuba, to be removed from power.
- **Cuban exiles trained to invade Cuba**
- April 17, 1961.



# A Total Failure

- Kennedy doesn't send air support
- Castro puts an easy end to the Bay of Pigs invasion, defeating the exiles quickly.



# The Cuban Missile Crisis- 1962



The launch sites for the nuclear missile silos



President John F. Kennedy

# Bomb Shelters in Backyards



# Some Specifics

- The Soviet Union feared US invasion of Cuba.
- Castro allows Khrushchev (leader of Soviet Union) to build nuclear missile launch silos in Cuba.
- Navy blockades Cuba, preventing any further supply from USSR.
- Kennedy demands removal of weapons.
- Brinkmanship”



# Blockade of Cuba



# War Avoided

- For the first time the US was at the brink of nuclear war.
- Florida is only 90 miles from Cuba, so an attack would have hurt our homeland without any doubt.
- Soviets remove their missiles, and a potential crisis is avoided.
- US has to promise never to invade Cuba again
- Krushchev has Soviet Missiles removed from Cuba.

# Results of Cuban Missile Crisis

- Hot Line Established



- Nuclear Test Ban Treaty



# Is it time to end the embargo against Cuba?

