



## Timeline

**14 October 1962**

An American U2 aircraft took photos of ballistic missiles on Cuba

**16 October**

Shown the photos, Kennedy convened his Executive Committee advisers

**19 October**

Further photos revealed more missile sites in preparation

**22 October**

US military chiefs informed Kennedy that a single attack on the missile sites would not guarantee their destruction

**22 October**

Kennedy announced a blockade of Cuba to prevent more Soviet missiles arriving

**24 October**

Khrushchev sent Kennedy a positive message, implying the worst of the crisis was over

**26 October**

Kennedy said the USA would not invade Cuba and again demanded the withdrawal of missiles from Cuba

**28 October**

A private deal was made between the superpowers and Soviet radio announced the weapons would be dismantled