

Reading Like An Historian – Cuban Missile Crisis

Guided Questions

Document A: 2nd Letter from 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.

Document B: Letter from President Kennedy to Khrushchev

1. In this letter Kennedy restates Khrushchev's proposals. Does Kennedy include everything Khrushchev proposed? If not, why might have he left something out?

2. What is the tone of this letter? Provide a quoted to support your claim.

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)? [Document B was published in the NY Times]

3. How do you think Robert Kennedy felt during this meeting? Provide evidence.