

## **Cuban Missile Crisis - USA**

### **Introduction:**

Welcome to the Capistrano Valley Model United Nations Conference for 2024. You are in the United States' Crisis Committee where you will work with or against fellow countries in solving the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Hello delegates! My name is Bilal Warsi, and I'll be your head chair for this conference. I've been a part of Capo's MUN Program for 3 years now. Being a junior now, I've been a part of many extracurriculars such as CSF. Apart from that, I'm excited to see all of you in committee and I wish you all the best of luck!

Hello, my name is Amir Saatchi, and I am going to be your co-chair for this conference. This will be my second year in MUN and this is my second time chairing a crisis conference. Besides MUN, I am also in ASB and treasurer this year, as I really enjoy being involved at this school. Crisis is probably my favorite committee because I love playing war strategy games. Can't wait to be your guys' co-chair!

### **General Background:**

The year is 1962, and the Cold War has been raging on. Vietnam has become an increasing problem, and the Soviet Union has installed puppet states in a large portion of Eastern Europe, forming the Warsaw Pact. The Western allies have set up missile silos in Turkey and Greece, which are pointed at the USSR. In response, the Soviet Union installed nuclear missiles right off the United States' shores in Cuba.

This situation is of immense urgency to the United States with the proximity of the bombs to the eastern coast. The installation of the missiles completely alter the landscape of the nuclear standoff. Whereas the scene had been mainly dominated by the Americans with

American missiles in Western Europe and Turkey, these bombs would greatly increase the Soviet's strike capability. The U.S. also has hostile relations with Cuba, especially after the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961.

From this point on, the entire fate of the world is in the hands of you, the delegates. It is extremely important to note that the events that will play out in the conference. DO NOT follow history. The only history that is relevant in this committee is from the beginning of time to June 20, 1962. ANYTHING after this date is completely up in the air. This means that an event such as major US involvement in Vietnam has not happened, and all of the courses of action taken by any country during the crisis are completely undetermined. However, please note that events in the past, such as WWI, still happened, and events that are still taking place, such as West-East tensions, are also still taking place. This only applies to future events, because the idea of this committee is that we are living in October of 1962, and everything in the future is undetermined. Through the course of this conference, we hope that you will strive to create a peaceful solution to the issue at hand.

“World War I was fought with guns, World War II was fought with bombs, I don't know what World War III will be fought with but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones”  
- Albert Einstein.

### **U.S. Politicians for Crisis:**

#### **John F. Kennedy**

Current president in time of event, did not want the Soviet Union and Cuba to know about missiles/discovery of missiles. He relied for advice on a select inner circle—the Executive Committee and ran for the presidency on a pledge that a “new generation” would resist communist aggression and maintain American nuclear superiority.

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/story?id=79831&page=1>

**Robert McNamara**

American business executive and the eighth Secretary of Defense, serving under JFK and LBJ. He was seen to be very successful in his management of the Pentagon and Congress during the early 1960s yet was far less successful within the Johnson administration.

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/story?id=79831&page=1>

**Roger Hilsman**

The US head of intelligence who wrote a book detailing the struggles of the president during the events of the crisis. Seen to be the advisor to Kennedy and argues that the two sides were never on the brink of nuclear war, but that it was a very serious “nuclear crisis.”

[http://openvault.wgbh.org/catalog/V\\_F6628671EEF3409B8D56342174D3707E](http://openvault.wgbh.org/catalog/V_F6628671EEF3409B8D56342174D3707E)

**John Kenneth Galbraith**

One of Kennedy's closest advisers wrote letter describing the situations. US ambassador to India from 1961-1963 and states that the political needs of the Kennedy administration urged it to take almost any risk to get them out.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2013/01/the-real-cuban-missile-crisis/309190/>

**Edwin Martin**

Assistant Secretary of State for inter-american affairs during the event. Worked first as an economist then on the mobilization of the US Economy for the World War.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2013/01/the-real-cuban-missile-crisis/309190/>

**Robert Kennedy**

Devised the plan that ended the superpower confrontation. The individual who the president assigned to work out the secret swap with the U.S.S.R.'s ambassador to Washington, Anatoly Dobrynin.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2013/01/the-real-cuban-missile-crisis/309190/>

**Lyndon B Johnson**

Vice president to Kennedy. He was known to be active within ExComm meetings and known to have a collection of handwritten notes written within the meetings, alongside the notetaker, Bromley Smith.

<https://historyinpieces.com/research/lbj-excomm-notes-cuban-missile-crisis>

**Dean Rusk**

Longest Serving U.S. Secretary of State. Believed that the revolutionary changes and establishment of new nations.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2013/01/the-real-cuban-missile-crisis/309190/>

### **George W. Ball**

Under secretary of state. He served in the management of the State Department from 1961 to 1966 and is remembered most as the only major dissenter against the escalation of the Vietnam War.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George\\_Ball\\_\(diplomat\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Ball_(diplomat))

### **John McCone**

Head of CIA. He was widely credited with being the first Government official to foresee that the Soviet Union would place offensive weapons on Cuba, a move that set off the Cuban missile crisis in 1962

<http://spartacus-educational.com/JFKmccone.htm>

### **Carl Hayden**

Honorary Chairman known to serve 7 terms and worked with President Kennedy when thinking about solutions to this crisis/event. Serving as Arizona's first Representative for eight terms before entering the Senate, Hayden set the record for longest-serving member of the United States Congress more than a decade before his retirement from politics.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl\\_Hayden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Hayden)

### **Richard Russell Jr.**

Served as the Governor of Georgia before serving in the United States Senate for almost 40 years. He was also the founder and leader of the conservative coalition that dominated Congress from 1937 to 1963

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard\\_Russell\\_Jr.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Russell_Jr.)

### **Harry F. Byrd**

An American newspaper publisher, and for four decades political leader of the Democratic Party in Virginia. Byrd served as Virginia's governor from 1925 until 1929, then represented the Commonwealth as a United States Senator from 1933 until 1965.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry\\_F.\\_Byrd](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_F._Byrd)

### **Llewellyn (“Tommy”) Thompson**

The former U.S. ambassador to USSR, was the sole Soviet expert on the ExComm and the only adviser prepared to assess Khrushchev's character. Thompson also influenced the President's decision to respond to Khrushchev's first.

<http://www.cubanmissilecrisis.org/dp-excomm/ambassador-at-large-for-soviet-affairs-llewellyn-tommy-thompson/>

**Dennis Chavez**

A Democratic politician from the U.S. state of New Mexico who served in the United States House of Representatives from 1931 to 1935. Also served in the US Senate from 1935 to 1962.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dennis\\_Ch%C3%A1vez](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dennis_Ch%C3%A1vez)

**Theodore F. Green**

A Democrat who served as the 57th Governor of Rhode Island and in the United States Senate. He was financially interested in numerous corporations and business enterprises and served as officer and director.

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=g000418>

**Styles Bridges**

An American teacher, editor, and Republican Party politician from Concord, New Hampshire. Served one term as the 63rd Governor of New Hampshire before a twenty-four-year career in the United States Senate.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Styles\\_Bridges](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Styles_Bridges)

**Allen J. Ellender**

A U.S. senator from Houma in Terrebonne Parish in south Louisiana, who served from 1937 until 1972 when he died in office in Maryland at the age of eighty-one. A Democrat who was originally allied with Huey Long.

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=e000112>

**C. Douglas Dillon**

JFK's Treasury Secretary, to reassure Wall Street and once had been a staunch anticommunist since the dawn of the Cold War. He was involved in the creation of the Alliance for Progress and helped promote the anti-tariff Trade Expansion Act of 1962.

<https://www.jfklibrary.org/Research/Research-Aids/Ready-Reference/Biographies-and-Profiles/C-Douglas-Dillon.aspx>

**Alexander Wiley**

A Republican who served four terms in the United States Senate for the state of Wisconsin from 1939 to 1963. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits and banking.

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=w000465>

**William Langer**

A prominent US politician from North Dakota. Langer is one of the most colorful characters in North Dakota history, most famously bouncing back from a scandal that forced him out of the governor's office and into multiple trials.

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=l000070>

### **George Aiken**

An American writer and politician. A member of the Republican Party, he was the 64th Governor of Vermont before serving in the United States Senate for 34 years

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George\\_Aiken](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Aiken)

### **J. William Fulbright**

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and argued emphatically in favor of an invasion of Cuba rather than a blockade. Known to be present alongside Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson.

<https://jfk14thday.com/fulbright-cuban-missile-crisis/>

### **Karl Mundt**

An American educator and a Republican member of the United States Congress, representing South Dakota in the United States House of Representatives from 1939 to 1948 and in the United States Senate from 1948 to 1973.

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=m001078>

### **Henry Dworshak**

A United States Senator and Congressman from Idaho. Originally from Minnesota, he was a Republican from Burley, and served over 22 years in the House and Senate.

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=d000585>

### **Frank Carlson**

An American politician who served as the 30th Governor of Kansas, Kansas State Representative, United States Representative, and United States Senator from Kansas. Carlson is the only Kansan to have held all four offices.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank\\_Carlson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Carlson)

### **Everett Dirksen**

An American politician of the Republican Party. He represented Illinois in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Everett\\_Dirksen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Everett_Dirksen)

### **Theodore (“Ted”) Sorensen**

Served as JFK's chief speechwriter and special counsel and is seen to be his most loyal advisor. In 1960 John F. Kennedy appointed Sorensen as his chief speechwriter. He was officially Kennedy's special counsel, wrote a large number of Kennedy's speeches.

<http://spartacus-educational.com/JFKsorenson.htm>

### **Wallace F Bennett**

An American businessman and politician. A member of the Republican Party, he served as a United States Senator from Utah from 1951 to 1974.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wallace\\_F.\\_Bennett](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wallace_F._Bennett)