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**From the Office of the President of the United States**

**For Mr. Nikita Khrushchev**



**Delivered to the U.S.S.R.**

**From US President John F. Kennedy**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mr. Chairman Khrushchev,

I have read your letter with great care and welcomed the statement of your desire to seek a prompt solution to the problem. As I read your letter, the key elements of your proposals are as follows:

1) You would agree to remove these weapons from Cuba under United Nations observation and supervision; and halt further introduction of such weapons systems into Cuba.

2) We, on our part, would agree (a) to remove the quarantine (blockade) now in effect and (b) to give guarantees against an invasion of Cuba, I am confident that other nations of the Western Hemisphere would be prepared to do likewise.

There is no reason why we should not be able to complete these arrangements and announce them to the world within a couple of days. The effect of such a settlement on easing world tensions would enable us to work toward a more general arrangement regarding "other armaments", as proposed in your letter.

But the first step, let me emphasize, is the **cessation** (end) of work on missile sites in Cuba. The continuation of this threat by linking these problems to the broader questions of European and world security, would surely be a grave risk to the peace of the world. For this reason I hope we can quickly agree along the lines outlined in this letter and in your letter.

John F. Kennedy

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**Read the above letter then answer the following questions:**

1. What is the tone of this letter? Provide a quote to support your claim.
2. In this letter Kennedy restates Khrushchev's proposals. Does Kennedy include everything Khrushchev proposed? If not, why might he have left something out?
3. Do you think Kennedy has the upper hand? Why or why not?