**Fantastic Cuban Scenarios and Where to Find (the answers for) Them!**

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| **Background/ Scenario** | **What do you think the US should do?** | **What really happened?** |
| **#1:** The year is 1949. WWII is over and many US citizens find that Cuba provides a luxurious space for casinos and a great source to buy sugar. However, President Batista of Cuba controls a corrupt anti-communist dictatorship that causes many of the people of Cuba to suffer. ***What should the US do about Batista’s actions? Should we support Batista and continue economic ties?*** |  |  |
| **#2:** The year is 1960. A group of insurgents, led by Fidel Castro, led a full-fledged revolution in Cuba, to overthrow the corrupt Batista. Castro had strong socialist leanings, but was not a declared communist. He has seized American properties and declared us imperialists. ***What might the US do punish Fidel Castro and his new regime?*** |  |  |
| #3: The year is 1961. Castro has successfully established a strong socialist regime 90 miles from Florida. Cuban exiles have armed themselves and wish to retake their homes. The American people want to see a strong stance against communism. ***What should the US do about a communist country so close to America?*** |  |  |
| **#4:** The year is 1963. With the Bay of Pigs invasion a failure, Castro has sought protection from the Soviet Union. U2 spy planes have noticed nuclear missile sites on Cuba. We have discovered that Soviet ships are on their way to Cuba with more nukes. If installed, we could be nuked with barely a few minutes’ warning. ***What should the US do in response to this threat?*** |  |  |

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(cheat sheet!)

**#1 -** HINT: Fulgencio Batista’s US support: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fulgencio_Batista#Support_of_U.S._business_and_government>

**#2 -** HINT: Cuba Embargo: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_embargo_against_Cuba#History>

**#3 -** HINT: Bay of Pigs Invasion: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bay_of_Pigs_Invasion>

**#4 -** HINT: Cuban Missile Crisis: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuban_missile_crisis>