

Debating the Cuban Missile Crisis

The Cuban Missile Crisis remains one of the most widely written-about confrontations of the Cold War. For various views on the reasons behind the Soviet decision to place the missiles in Cuba, on the decision-making during the crisis and on the impact of the crisis, readers should consult A. Fursenko and T. Naftali, *'One Hell of a Gamble'* (New York, 1997), Michael Beschloss, *Kennedy versus Khrushchev: The Crisis Years* (New York, 1991) and Graham T. Allison, *Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis* (Cambridge, 1999). For an in-depth 'insider's' view of decision-making, an indispensable source is E. R. May and P. Zelikow, *The Kennedy Tapes: Inside the White House during the Cuban Missile Crisis* (Cambridge, 1997).