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*Thirteen Days*: Viewing Guide

1. How are the missiles in Cuba spotted?

2. What is happening in Cuba that concerns the United States?

3. What is the main concern about bombing Cuba?

4. What is the joint chief’s recommendation?

5. What is President Kennedy’s reservation about the consequences of military action?

6. What is the crazy idea Bob McNamara proposes in EXCOM?

7. What does the representative from the Soviet government say to Kennedy about Soviet military action in Cuba?

8. Why does Kennedy maintain his schedule?

9. Why is the press secretary not informed about the missiles?

10. What is the recommendation of the committee?

11. Why is the action a “quarantine” not a “blockade”?

12. What is the plan?

13. How does Kennedy get the editor of the *New York Times* to hold the story?

14. What are the three things President Kennedy informs the nation about in his speech?

15. What is the Soviet response?

16. What is the plan for the approaching Soviet ships?

17. How does the administration feel about the military’s plan for action?

18. Why does O’Donnell tell the navy to not get shot down over Cuba?

19. Why does President Kennedy need a vote of support from the Organization of American States?

20. Why did the Soviets blame the United States for bringing the world to the brink of nuclear war?

21. What was traveling with the Russian ships?

22. What did the ships do at the last minute?

23. What did Adlai Stevenson have to do at the United Nations?

24. What message is passed to Khrushchev through Aleksandr Fomin?

25. Why did the administration feel good about the message?

26. What changed just hours later?

27. What could have been disastrous for the negotiations? (2 issues)

28. What is Kennedy’s final offer?

29. What is the response from Khrushchev?

30. Who bears responsibility for the Cuban Missile Crisis? Give at least two reasons to support your answer.