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FILM ANALYSIS SHEET-*Thirteen Days*

1. Which Presidential administration in the middle of the crisis?
2. What is the connection between Cuba and Berlin?
3. Why was there a problem with putting Soviet Missiles in Cuba?
4. How was the President informed of the possibility of missiles in Cuba?
5. What are the estimates of the capabilities of the missiles? What is the tone of the cabinet discussion about what action to take? What options are presented? What is Kennedy's position on the matter?
6. What course of action does the President's Cabinet wish to choose and why?
7. Why is the word "quarantine" used instead of blockade?

13. The National Security Archives Web site contains the following statement:

"If the Cuban Missiles Crisis was the most dangerous passage of the Cold War, the most dangerous moment of the Cuban Missile Crisis was the evening of Saturday, 27 October 1962, when the resolution of the crisis – war or peace- appears to hang in the balance."

How effectively is this portrayed in the Movie?

14. In your opinion how close we to WWII, why do you feel this way, explain in detail.
15. How important do you feel is diplomacy, especially in matters of National Security, or "should we shoot and ask questions later"? Explain your answer
16. Cuba's leader Fidel Castro attempted to justify the Russian actions, saying his island needed nuclear weapons to defend itself against aggression by the U.S.A., major source of confrontation between the U.S. and Iraq was Saddam Hussein's past desire to develop nuclear weapons (in the early 1990s); today it is North Korea and Iran. Should every country "have the right to defend itself with nuclear weapons," or are such weapon a special case, requiring international control of these weapons (by authorities such as the International Atomic Energy Agency)? **EXPLAIN your answer.**