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Reasons why Rhy favors Blockade

- 1) gives U.S. best chance of controlling consequences of military action ad
- 2) course of action most likely to lead to negotiations with USSR with some prospect of peaceful settlement and with U.S. in position to keep pressure on during negotiations and ^{ultimate} USSR back down in West. | hemispheric leadership
- 3) course of action likely to do least damage to U.S. alliances and world position
- 4) " " " involving lowest price for removal of offensive weapons from Cuba - withdrawal of Jupiters and/or change of Guantanamo base in status but no war
- 5) only course of military action compatible with U.S. principles, traditions and standing in Free World and with U.S. future leadership
- 6) possible attraction of USSR/Castro position on Cuba thru further military action

Disadvantages of Blockade

- 1) prolonged, difficult course of action likely to divide ^{our} civilian and military leadership and strain U.S. patience and allied goodwill
- 2) may give appearance of U.S. lack of determination to stand firm on vital issues and hence weaken alliances and U.S. leadership
- 3) offer no assurance ^{absolute} * of getting rid of Soviet base in Cuba without heavy price - Jupiter missile withdrawal and Guantanamo loss
- 4) will not necessarily lead to downfall of Castro regime

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remaining
* possibilities
for such
evidence

- political action - settlement with USSR
- economic " - breakdown of Castro regime
- clandestine - disabling through sabotage

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Drawbacks of Combined operation

- 1) All disadvantages of initial strike same Pearl Harbor aspect, plus
- 2) loss of tactical surprise
- 3) possibility of political forestalling

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