

# Cuban Missile Crisis Scene

Read the following selection from the *Killing Kennedy* script.

01:2 5:03	NBC News broadcast	<p>NEWS ANNOUNCER: At a Pentagon briefing here this evening, we were shown pictures taken by a high flying U2 plane, of two types of missiles. Some of them already installed in Cuba, and pointed at the U.S. heartland. One group of missiles, with a range of 1200 miles, the other group with ranges up to 2500 miles. And there was a broad hint they do have nuclear warheads. We have increased the number of planes in our air defense along the east coast. And we have placed all U.S. forces around the world on an alert status.</p>
01:2 5:34	<p>Pan up from surveillance photos to White House meeting</p> <p>JFK arises; everyone gets up too</p>	<p>ADMIRAL BURKE: I say we launch a full-scale attack and invasion, B52s out of Archdale.</p> <p>AIDE: Commandos...</p> <p>ROBERT KENNEDY: What, start a war with Russia? You, you, you really want to risk an all-out nuclear war?</p> <p>McGEORGE BUNDY: In a matter of days, those missiles will be operational. We have to act.</p> <p>JOHN F. KENNEDY: I will not be pushed. Not by Khrushchev, not by you. Or anyone else. One thing's for certain, I'm not gonna allow nuclear missiles in my backyard. I want to see limited military option, I want to hear something out of State. You haven't said a word the whole meeting. I want options. 40 minutes.</p>