

McCone: [*aside to Arthur Lundahl*] Could I just share—Just show these two or three pictures tomorrow [*unclear*].

Bundy: In a broader sense, I don't think the country's reaction is that we've done too little.

Robert Kennedy: The people are going to start thinking today about the fact that they're there, and what we—

President Kennedy: Well, what I was going to say—that's what I was going to say—I think we ought to get an analysis from CIA or from someone as to what the effects of a blockade of everything but food and medicine would be on Cuba, given their known supplies and what it would do to the country's economy, and what the political effects would be, in Cuba as well as outside. Because we should certainly have to have that as one of our possible courses of action.

Robert Kennedy: Do we want that on Berlin too?

President Kennedy: Yeah, I think probably, what the effect would be of a blockade in Berlin by them.

Robert Kennedy: The same kind [*of blockade*].

Unidentified: Yes, there's much work that has already been done.

Arthur Lundahl prepares to show a few additional items of photographic intelligence.

Arthur Lundahl: Missiles up there, the MRBMs. You'll recall four of them. There's three of them here. The coverage of yesterday.

President Kennedy: This was photographed yesterday, or the day before?

Lundahl: Yesterday, sir. So the four of them were back there; there's only one of them at the forward position, so two of them have gone.

President Kennedy: I see.

Lundahl: And where they might have gone, we don't know at the present time. They could have been right back there in the trees. They could have been [*unclear*] to another locale.

President Kennedy: I think that you, Bob, ought to have this point of this, emphasizing the mobility of these and the way they could have flown them in or taken them in by submarine and nobody would have known.⁹

9. President Kennedy is concerned again that his administration might be accused of dilatory discovery of the Soviet missiles. In fact, the MRBMs were much too large to have been carried in a Soviet airplane or inside a Soviet submarine. Only cargo ships with specially designed holds or deck layouts (such as those used in the lumber trade) could carry the nearly 75-foot-long missiles.