In purely US terms, a blockade of Cuba is likely to lead to negotiation with the USSR with the prospect of a peaceful settlement and with US in control of ultimate presence in some agreement and USSR halt in West. Nonmilitary leadership. 3) Course of action likely, at least damage to US alliance and willingness further...

-4) Undoubtedly, least price for removal of offensive weapons from Cuba, withdrawal of Jupiter and Albion, changes in status.

5) Only course of action compatible with US, principles, tradition, and standing in Free World and with US future leadership.

-6) Possible attention to USSR/Canada problem. Cuba than further beneficial support. Blockade

1) Perhaps difficult course of action likely to divide factional and military leadership and it is to have and allied problem.

2) May give appearance of US lack of determination to stand firm on missile and hence weaken alliance and US leadership.

3) Offer advantage of getting rid of Soviet base in Cuba without heavy price - Jupiter, missiles withdrawal and maintenance loss.

4) Will not necessarily lead to downfall of Castro regime.

TOP SECRET

- Political action - settlement with USSR

For each incident economy - blockade of Castro regime

Clandestine - disabling through sabotage
Francke's Combined Operation

- All disadvantages of initial strike on Pearl Harbor expected.
- Loss of tactical surprise.
- Probability of political forestalling.