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**Cuban Missile Crisis: Read like a Historian Activity**

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| **Document A – Letter from Chairman Khrushchev to President Kennedy**  |
| 1. What deal does Khrushchev propose to Kennedy?
2. What is the tone of this letter? Provide a quote to support your claim.
3. Do you think Khrushchev has the upper hand? Why or why not? Explain your answer.

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| **Document B – Letter from President Kennedy to Chairman Khrushchev**  |
| 1. In this letter, Kennedy restates Khrushchev’s proposals. Does Kennedy include everything Khrushchev proposed? If not, why might he have left something out?
2. What is the tone of this letter? Provide a quote to support your claim.

 1. Do you think Kennedy has the upper hand? Why or why not? Explain your answer.
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| **Document C – Russian Ambassador Cable to Soviet Foreign Ministry**  |
| 1. What new information do you learn from Robert Kennedy?
2. Why do you think this exchange happened in a private meeting (rather than in an official letter)? [Remember, Document B was published in the *New York Times*.]
3. How do you think Robert Kennedy felt during this meeting? Provide evidence.

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