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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photograph located at the above link while answering the questions below in order. The questions are designed to guide students into a deeper analysis of the source and sharpen associated cognitive skills.

Level I: Description

1. What type of source is this?
2. What can you tell of the landscape in the image?
3. Is this source dated, if so, when is it dated?

Level II: Interpretation

1. Where is this image taken?
2. How does image relate to the conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union?
3. What components of destruction are noticed in the image?

Level III: Analysis

1. Why do you believe this source was important to American intelligence?
2. How do you believe the American people would have reacted at the time to viewing this image?
3. What response would you suggest for the United States government to have taken after viewing this image?



MISSILES

INITIAL IDENTIFICATION OF
MRBM MISSILES IN CUBA
MRBM LAUNCH SITE 1
SAN CRISTOBAL, CUBA

14 OCTOBER, 1962

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