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The Cuban Missile Crisis: A Fifty Year Retrospective Assessment 25-27 October 2012



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Ar ran y Ganolfan Astudiaethau Cudd-wybodaeth a Diogelwch Rhyngwladol (CIISS) hoffwn eich gwahodd i Gregynog i gynhadledd 'The Cuban Missile Crisis: A Fifty Year Retrospective Assessment', 25-27 Hydref 2012. Yn ystod yr wyth mlynedd diwethaf, rydym eisoes wedi croesawu nifer ohonoch i'n digwyddiadau. I'r rheiny ohonoch fydd yn ymuno â ni am y tro cyntaf, 'Croeso i Gymru!' Ond i bob un ohonoch, gobeithiwn yn fawr y bydd y digwyddiad deuddydd yma mor fuddiol a phleserus â digwyddiadau eraill y gorffennol, a gobeithio y byddwch yn gallu mwynhau perthynas hir a hapus gyda'r Ganolfan, Gregynog ac Aberystwyth am flynyddoedd lawer i ddod.

R. Gerald Hughes
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Welcome

On behalf of the Centre for Intelligence and International Security Studies (CIISS) I should like to welcome you to Gregynog for 'The Cuban Missile Crisis: A Fifty Year Retrospective Assessment', 25-27 October 2012. In our eight-year existence we have already welcomed many of you to our events. For those of you joining us for the first time I can only say 'Welcome to Wales!' To all of you, we sincerely hope that this two-day event will prove to be as fruitful and as enjoyable as all of our many past events, and we hope that you will enjoy a long and happy relationship with the CIISS, Gregynog and Aberystwyth for many years to come.

R. Gerald Hughes
CIISS Director • 25th October 2012

*'We were eyeball to eyeball and I think
the other fellow just blinked'*

Dean Rusk

The Cuban Missile Crisis: A Fifty Year Retrospective Assessment

In October 1962 political leaders shared with ordinary people around the world the fear that nuclear war might break out. If global nuclear war had broken out in October 1962, scores, if not hundreds of millions of people, would have been killed. If ideas about the climatic effects of nuclear war are correct, life itself could have been extinguished across the northern hemisphere. Those of us who were alive in 1962 would be dead. Those of us not born in 1962 would not have been born.

The Cuban missile crisis remains one of the most intensely studied events of the twentieth century, which continues to engage the attention of scholars from various disciplines. Fifty years of scholarship have generated new insights into events and fuelled debates about the nuclear history of the Cold War

and about nuclear deterrence, nuclear crises and crisis management. Since the 1980s, the study of what in Moscow was termed the Caribbean crisis, was informed by access to Soviet officials and Soviet archives, and became the forefront of the 'new historiography' of the Cold War. In East and West the central role of intelligence has been evermore apparent.

Previous anniversaries of the crisis have generated new information and interpretations, and brought dramatic new evidence to light. The fiftieth anniversary of the events of October 1962 provides an opportunity for us to reflect and review our understanding of the debates about the crisis and its meaning.

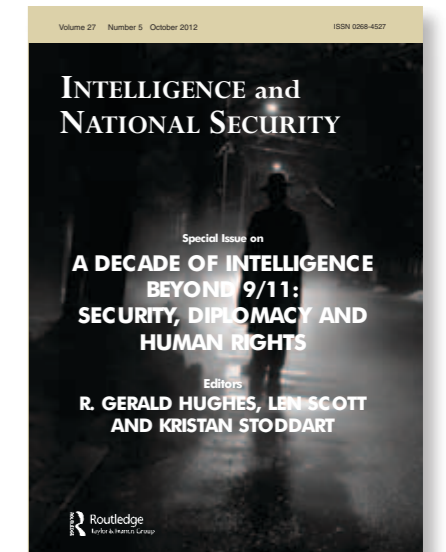
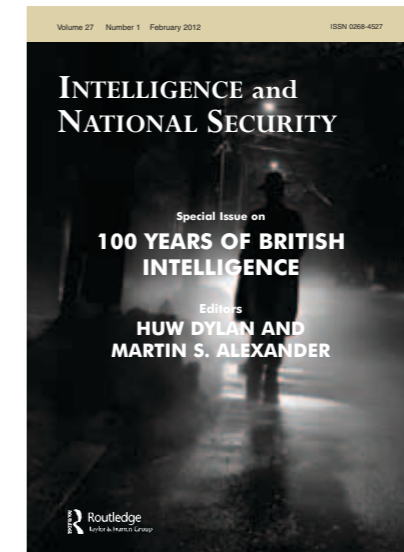
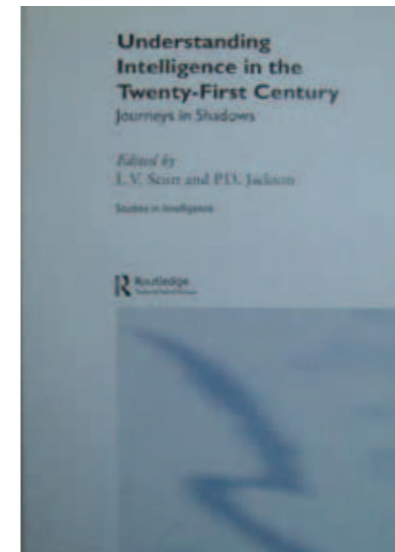
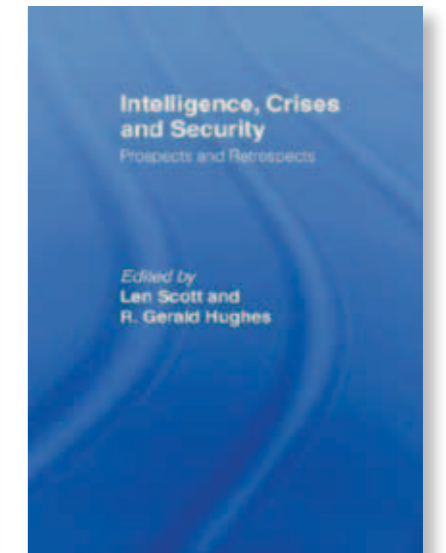
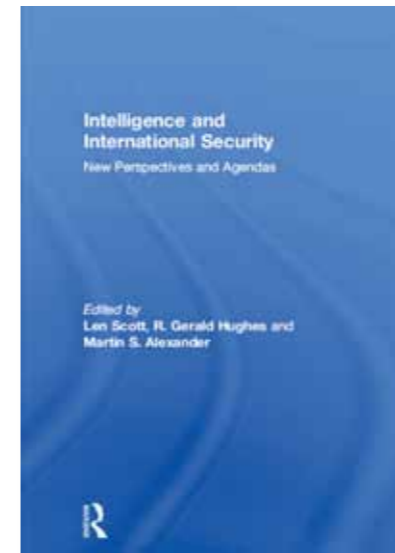
Len Scott
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*'They can only take away
our sovereignty
by wiping us
off the face of the earth'*

Fidel Castro

CIISS Publications

- R. Gerald Hughes, Len Scott and Kristan Stoddart (eds)
'A Decade of Intelligence Beyond 9/11: Security, Diplomacy and Human Rights', INS 27/ 5 (2012)
- Martin S. Alexander and Huw Dylan (eds)
'One Hundred Years of British Intelligence', INS 27/ 1 (2012)
- Len Scott, R. Gerald Hughes and Martin S. Alexander (eds)
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Diolch i Chikara Hashimoto 橋本 力 am ei waith yn trefnu'r gynhadledd hon a diolch i holl staff Gregynog am eu cymorth a'u heffeithlonrwydd gwerthfawr fel arfer. Diolch i Gwenan Creunant hefyd.

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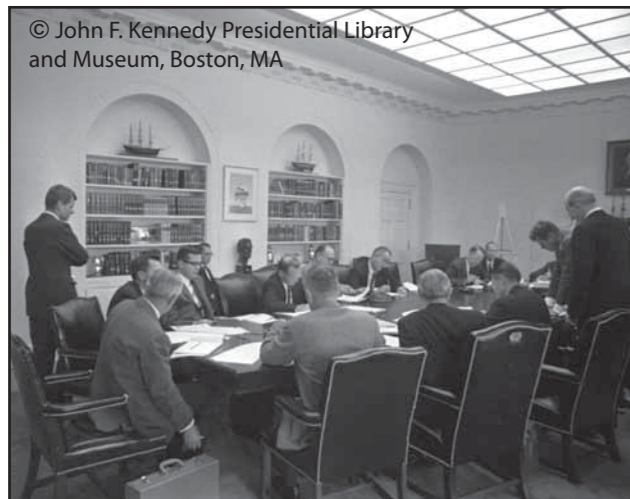
The Centre for Intelligence and International Security Studies

The CIISS is based in the Department of International Politics at Aberystwyth University. It was established in 2004 to facilitate and promote the study of intelligence and international security by acting as a nucleus for research in the area. The creation of the centre built upon over a decade of teaching in intelligence studies in the department at the undergraduate and postgraduate level. The current director of CIISS is Dr. R. Gerald Hughes, UK reviews editor of the journal *Intelligence and National Security (INS)*. In November 2004 the inaugural annual lecture of the CIISS was delivered by Sir Stephen Lander, former head of the Security Service (MI5). Subsequent annual lectures have been given by Professor Keith Jeffery, Sir Michael Quinlan, Sir David Omand, Lord (Robin) Butler, Dr. John Prados, Lord (George) Robertson and Lord (Peter) Hennessy.

The CIISS has held a number of major international conferences at the University of Wales Conference Centre at Gregynog:

- *Journeys in Shadows: Understanding Intelligence in the Twenty-first Century* (2002)
 - *Intelligence, Crises and Diplomacy: Lessons from History?* (2005)
 - *Choices for Western Intelligence: The Security Challenges of the Twenty-first Century* (2007)
 - *One Hundred Years of British Intelligence* (2009)
 - *A Decade of Intelligence Beyond 9/11: Security, Diplomacy and Human Rights* (2011)
- These international events have brought together academic and professional intelligence experts from across the world. A number of volumes of conference proceedings have been published:
- Len Scott and Peter Jackson (eds), *Understanding Intelligence in the Twenty-first Century: Journeys in Shadows* (Routledge, 2004)
 - Len Scott and R. Gerald Hughes (eds), *Intelligence, Crises and Security: Prospects and Retrospects* (Routledge, 2008)
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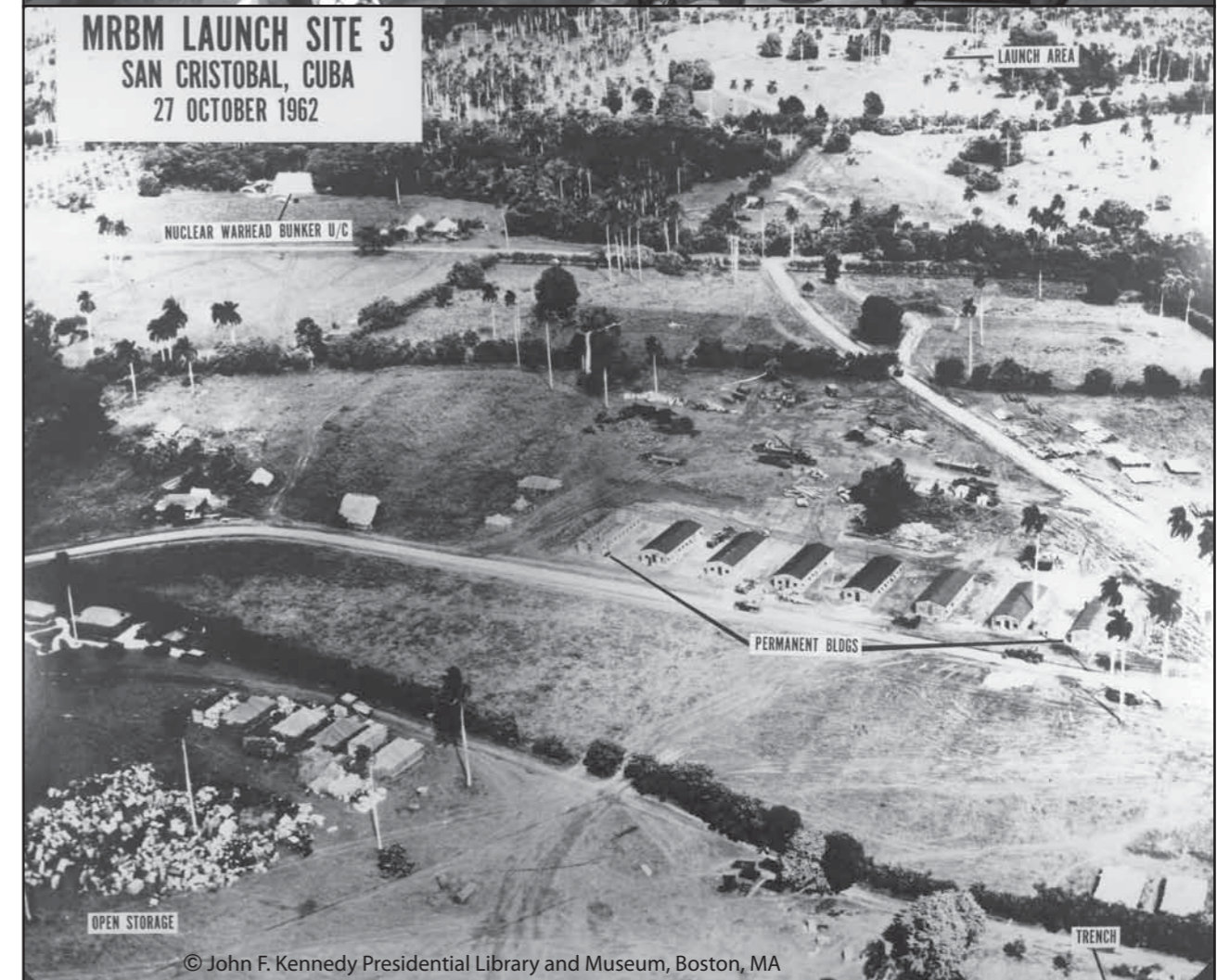
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'Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind'

John F. Kennedy



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CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

· Thursday 25 October ·

14.30-16.00	Arrival and Registration
16.00	Afternoon Tea (Blayney Room)
16.30	Opening Remarks and Welcome (Room: Seminar 1) Professor Len Scott (Aberystwyth University)
16.45	Keynote Speech (Seminar 1) Professor Christopher Andrew (University of Cambridge) 'Remembering the Cuban Missile Crisis'
18.00	Wine Reception (Blayney Room)
19.00	Dinner (Dining Room)
21.30	Bar

· Friday 26 October ·

08.00-09.00	Breakfast (Dining Room)	
09.00	Panel 1 (Seminar 1)	Professor Jean Seaton (University of Westminster) & Dr. Rosaleen Hughes (Independent Researcher) 'The BBC Public Service and Private Worlds: How the Corporation Informed the Public, Related to Government and Understood the Cuban Missile Crisis' Dr. Peter Catterall (University of Westminster) 'Macmillan, the UN and the Cuban Missile Crisis'
10.45	Morning Coffee (Blayney Room)	
11.15	Panel 2 (Seminar 1)	Dr. Robin Woolven (Independent Researcher) 'What Really Happened in R.A.F. Bomber Command during the Cuban Missile Crisis?' Professor Len Scott (Aberystwyth University) 'Intelligence and the Risk of Nuclear War'
13.00	Lunch (Dining Room)	
14.00	Panel 3 (Seminar 1)	Professor Campbell Craig (Aberystwyth University) 'Armchair Brinkmanship: Thomas Schelling's Crisis Compellence in Theory and Practice' Professor Harry Gelber (University of Tasmania) 'Are the Doomsday Interpretations of the Cuban Missile Crisis Exaggerated?'

'We had installed enough missiles already to destroy New York, Chicago, and the other huge industrial cities, not to mention a little village like Washington'

Nikita Khrushchev

15.45	Afternoon Tea (Blayney Room)	
16.15	Panel 4 (Seminar 1)	Dr. Michael Petersen (National Intelligence University, USA) 'Trial By Fire: A New Perspective on Military Intelligence in the Cuban Missile Crisis' Dr. Michael Goodman (King's College London) 'The Joint Intelligence Committee and the Cuban Missile Crisis'
17.45	Panel 5 (Seminar 1)	David Gioe (University of Cambridge) 'Handling HERO: Joint Anglo-American Tradecraft and Oleg Penkovsky' Robert Holmes (British Diplomatic Service, retd.) 'The Kennedy Assassination and the Continuing Influence of Stalinism as a Legacy of the Cuban Missile Crisis'
19.15	Drinks (Blayney Room)	
20.15	Conference Dinner (Dining Room)	
21.30	Bar	

· Saturday 27 October ·

08.00-09.00	Breakfast (Dining Room)	
09.00	Panel 6 (Seminar 1)	Dr. Toshihiko Aono (Hitotsubashi University, Japan) 'Leading from Behind: Anglo-American Diplomacy and Third Party Mediation during the Cuban Missile Crisis' Laura Stanley (Victoria University, Australia) 'An Antipodean Perspective: Australia and the Cuban Missile Crisis'
10.30	Morning Coffee (Blayney Room)	
11.00	Panel 7 (Seminar 1)	Dr. Leonardo Campus (University of Rome) 'Italian Political Reactions to the Cuban Missile Crisis' Professor Don Munton (University of Northern British Columbia) 'Resolving the Missile Crisis: the Jupiter Deal, the Allies and Berlin'
12.30	Round Table: 'Lessons from the Cuban Missile Crisis' (Seminar 1) Professor Christopher Andrew (University of Cambridge) Professor Len Scott (Aberystwyth University) Professor Don Munton (University of Northern British Columbia)	
13.30-14.30	Lunch (Dining Room)	

'The missile crisis was not only the most dangerous moment in the Cold War. It was the most dangerous moment in all human history'

Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.