



ANSWERS

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
military aggression	potentially quickly neutralize the threat	could start WWII and invite a nuclear strike on the U.S.
blockade and quarantine of Cuba	prevents additional offensive weapons from reaching Cuba; makes Cuba more vulnerable; prevents Soviets from providing Cuba with material support	may not end the threat; may not work
diplomacy	avoids military conflict	may not work; may end in a Soviet attack before the U.S can respond

Kenney chose a combination of all three: the blockade while diplomatic negotiations were ongoing, backed by the threat of military aggression. This was most likely to avoid military engagement, weaken Cuba and thus the Soviets, and still allow the U.S. to be prepared to defend itself if needed.