Nagy demanded greater independence – withdrawal from Warsaw Pact, power share with non-communists
Khrushchev intervened – Kadar became leader – made deal of greater independence whilst remaining in
Warsaw Pact
[occurred as result of Suez Crisis – Khrushchev feared Soviet influence lost in Middle East, couldn't risk loss of
influence in Europe]

**Sputnik (1957)**
Launched by USSR – world’s first satellite

**CIA Gaither Report (1957)**
Belief in Soviet superior ‘Missile Gap’
Report claimed USSR held lead of 3 to 1, $44 billion defence budget needed over 5 years to close gap/build
civilian ‘fallout’ shelters

**Khrushchev’s ultimatum (1958)**
Khrushchev proposed German peace treaty – end of 4 power control in Berlin, West becoming demilitarised self-
governing city
If not agreed in 6 months – USSR would hand control of access routes to West Berlin to GDR
West refused, organised further talks on Germany issue

**Camp David (1959)**
First visit to US ever made by Soviet leader – Eisenhower invited Khrushchev
Visit achieved nothing – papering over few cracks by agreeing to disagree
Khrushchev’s cancelled visit to Disneyland due to ‘security risks’
Khrushchev did not withdraw ultimatum

**Paris Summit (1960)**
Designed to readdress Germany/Berlin issue
FRG leader (Adenauer) very concerned about potential concessions at expense of FRG
Eisenhower refused to apologise for spy plane incident – led to Khrushchev’s exit before anything had been
achieved

**U-2 spy plane (1960)**
Shot down during Paris Summit – embarrassment of both sides
For the USSR
- Data exposed Khrushchev’s ‘nuclear bluff’
For the US
- Caught in act of spying – something Eisenhower claimed they didn’t do

**Space Race (- 1961)**
USSR superiority confirmed – launched first man into space aboard Vostok I

**Angered Khrushchev at meet (1961)**
Kennedy came to office in 1961 – Khrushchev saw as possible fresh start but was wrong
Met in 1961 – Khrushchev renewed ultimatum, Kennedy unmoved, appeared on national TV in US to re-confirm
US commitment to West Berlin

**Berlin Wall (1961)**
Faced with continuing stalemate – Khrushchev decided to act
GDR sealed of East Berlin from West (with Soviet backing) – permanent wall almost immediately constructed
when became clear that division would not prompt retaliation from West

Permanent division marker beginning of period of stability in Europe