The World’s Policeman: Crises in Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, and Africa

I. Conduct of the Cold War

A. Foreign Policy (Mirror-Image) Assumptions
   1. They are out to get us
   2. Brinkmanship, Games of Bluff, and Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD)
   3. The Other Empire is Evil
   4. Any action taken in the national interest is moral and justified
   5. We have to maintain a large military force because they do

B. Action-Response Spiral

C. Internal Phenomena Resulting from Cold War Mentality
   1. Zhdanovism
   2. McCarthyism

D. Right-Wing Dictators vs. Left-Wing “Dictators”
   1. “Good” Guys (from point of view of U.S. foreign policy)
      a. Battista (Cuba)
      b. Samoza (Nicaragua)
      c. Christiani (El Salvador)
      d. Marcos (Philippines)
      e. Pinochet (Chile)
      f. Trujillo (Dominican Republic)
      g. Ceaucescu (Romania)
      h. Tito (Yugoslavia)
      i. Noriega (Panama)
   2. “Bad” Guys (from point of view of U.S. foreign policy)
      a. Arbenz (Guatemala)
      b. Castro (Cuba)
      c. Ortega (Nicaragua)
      d. Allende (Chile)
      e. Noriega (Panama)
      f. Jagan (Guyana)

II. Africa

A. Independence of Former Colonies, 1945–1965

B. “Westernization without real modernization”

C. Difficulties of Modernization and Democratization

III. Middle East

A. Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

B. Suez Canal Crisis (1956)

C. Arab Countries’ Relationships with the U.S. and USSR and with Each Other
IV. Europe

A. Revolutions Suppressed
   1. Hungary (1956)
   2. Czechoslovakia (1968)


V. Latin America: Three Case Studies

A. Guatemala
   2. United Fruit Company
   3. Richard C. Patterson, U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala, and the “duck” test

B. Cuba
   1. Fulgencio Batista (1902–1975), President (1952–1959)
   2. Fidel Castro (1926–present), President (1959–present)
   3. The Missile Gap (1960)
   4. Bay of Pigs (1961)
   5. Cuban Missile Crisis (1962)
      b. U.S. maneuvers in Caribbean
      c. Castro’s request from Khrushchev for defense against U.S. invasion

C. Chile
      a. Church Committee Report on Covert Actions in Chile, 1963–1973
      b. Henry Kissinger, The White House Years (1979)

D. Policies and Organizations
   1. Good Neighbor Policy (proposed by FDR 1933)
   2. Organization of American States (OAS), founded 1948
   3. Alliance for Progress (proposed by JFK 1961)