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Cold War Countdown

Directions: Read each event below and number them from 1 (earliest) to 8 (latest) to show the order in which they happened during the Cold War. Be sure to think about how one event led to another as tensions grew and finally began to ease.

1. ____ The fall of the Berlin Wall ends decades of division in Germany and symbolizes the Cold War's conclusion.
2. ____ Winston Churchill delivers his famous "Iron Curtain" speech, warning of growing divisions in Europe.
3. ____ The United States and Soviet Union come dangerously close to nuclear war during the Cuban Missile Crisis.
4. ____ The Berlin Airlift delivers food and supplies to a blockaded West Berlin.
5. ____ The Soviet Union launches *Sputnik*, the first artificial satellite, beginning the Space Race.
6. ____ The Vietnam War intensifies, drawing in the U.S. as part of its containment policy.
7. ____ The Korean War begins as North Korean troops cross the 38th parallel.
8. ____ The U.S. and USSR sign the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT I), easing nuclear tensions.