**Document 1**
George Bryson, the Journal's special reporter at Havana, writes that it is the secret opinion of many people in Havana that the warship Maine was destroyed by a mine and 258 men were killed on purpose by the Spanish.

**Document 2**
Secretary Long was asked whether he thought this was the work of the enemy. He replied: “I do not. I am influenced by the fact that Captain Sigsbee has not yet reported to the Navy Department. It seems he is waiting to write a full report. So long as he has not made a decision, I certainly cannot. I should think from the signs however, that there was an accident – that the magazine (where the weapons are stored) exploded.”

**Document 3**
The Spaniards, it is believed, arranged to have the Maine drop anchor over a harbor mine. Wires connected the mine to the magazine* of the ship (where weapons were stored). If this is true, the brutal (violent) nature of the Spaniards will be shown by the fact that they waited to explode the mine until all the men had gone to sleep.

**Document 4**
Captain Schuley, who knows a great deal about war ships, did not entertain the idea that the Maine had been destroyed on purpose. He said that fires would sometimes start in the coal bunkers (that power the boat), and he told of such a fire on board another war ship that started very close to the magazine.

**Document 5**
This newspaper is also offering a $50,000 reward for exclusive evidence that will convict whoever is responsible... The suspicion that the Maine was purposely blown up grows stronger every hour. Not a single fact to the contrary (opposite view) has been produced.

**Document 6**
Captain Schuley did not believe that the Spanish or Cubans in Havana had either the information or the equipment necessary to blow up the magazine, while the Maine was under guard.