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### **The Cuban Missile Crisis is the closest the U.S. and U.S.S.R.**

**1-) The events which led up to the crisis:** After WW2 the United States and the Soviet Union were in a economical, military, and social war against each other. However, due to the progression of NATO members to Soviet Union borders. The relationship between the U.S and URSS started to disintegrate. In 1959 Fidel Castro assumed power through the Cuban revolution. Therefore, as a consequence of Castro nationalizing many of the goods of the country the U.S retaliated with an attempt to assassinate Castro. Due to this Fidel Castro turned to the URSS for their support. This led to a series of events that turned the U.S, URSS, and Cuban relationship under a lot of tensions between these countries.

### **2-) The early options and decisions of the United States & the response of the Soviet Union**

Due to the implantation of missiles in Cuba, these represented a national security threat to the U.S as these missiles were able to target major cities of the U.S including the capital Washington D.C. Therefore, the U.S established a blockade on the island as a preventive measure of further Soviet missiles reaching the coast of Cuba.

**3-) Black Saturday & why it was a point of extreme danger.** During this day Fidel Castro urged the URSS to deliver the first strike to the U.S. However, the URSS came up with a diplomatic resolution that consisted of the U.S removing their missiles on Turkey territory and the Soviet Union would dismantle their missiles from Cuban territory. President Kennedy saw this proposal fair for both parties. However, not a lot of the NATO members would agree with this as it represented signs of weakness from the NATO organization.

**4-)The Resolution and aftermath** The final resolution from the missile crisis was the dismantlement of the URSS missiles in Cuba and the U.S compromising to the secret removal of the missiles in Turkey and aborting their plans to invade Cuba.