

Chapter 25 Research & Writing Assignment

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I have watched the movie Independence Day and the movie kind of depict some not all similarities of the Cuban Missiles Crisis between Castro, Khrushchev and the United States. The movie Independence Day is about an, Extraterrestrial ship that lands over earth secretly, sends out a few of its saucers into earth to hover over New York City, Los Angeles and Washington DC in preparation for war. Almost similar to Khrushchev sending his troops into Cuba along with nuclear submarines. That being said, in the movie Independence Day, a satellite technician intercepts an extraterrestrial signal that submerges into the global satellite. The satellite technician gets word the Presidents Communication Director. As we see here in the movie that communication was quicker than that of the Kennedy's and Khrushchev communication. The President with this knowledge orders for the targeted cities to evacuate however, it was too late. Thereafter, the Defense attorney admits that back in the 1940's he participated in a separate in-house council within the government and withheld valuable information such as, encountering aliens in the 1940's and presented to the president the captured deceased aliens a holding capsule and their ship. They were trying to decode their language and the ships mechanical controls to prepare if they should encounter the aliens again. As the scientist awakens one of the captured alien to be used as sort of an informant if you will to help with communicating with the mother ship and or to help with disarming the mother ship, the alien awakens, sends a signal to the mother ship and other saucers to attack Earth. The saucers that hovered over said cities began to release other fighter ships and target the cities with deadly lasers, killing numerous of people and pilots all because they wanting the economic and natural resources of Earth as they had done in other planets. This is the difference between the movie and what happened in the Cuban Missiles Crisis that, war broke out in the movie versus peaceful agreements by two men who believed in no casualties even though there was one casualty during the Cold War.

To summarize, the president gives the order to send a nuclear missile to the mother ship he reluctantly gave that order however, that missile did not function. The satellite technician thought it was worth a try to implement a computer virus from his laptop into the extraterrestrial ship but, how were they going to get this virus up to the mother ship due to the United States had lost many pilots. The president made a decision to recruited retired veteran pilots and in using the aliens ship from when they encountered the aliens back in the 1940's. The virus is then taken by a former Vietnam War pilot and he sacrificed himself by embedding the virus into the mother ship and it explodes along with the signal allowing the other pilots to end the fight.

Although this movie semi depicts the Cuban Missels event with the Castro, The Soviet Union and the United States being that, in the movie the Aliens wanted Earths economic and natural resources such as the resources that Khrushchev and Castro wanted to benefit from the United States. We see here hierarchies in power wanting economic resources and based on the difference in cultures, aliens did not learn anything except to attack Earth in order to take over and become powerful versus what Khrushchev and President Kennedy learned, to communicate with each other, to hash out the differences, make peace and move on.

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