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## Film Summary

Upon watching the film, it is evident that The Cuban Missile Crisis was a military and tense diplomatic stalemate between the Soviet Union and the U.S. in October 1962. Events resulting in the standoff started when the United States discovered the construction of Soviet missile sites in Cuba. Because of this, the United States decided to place a naval blockade around Cuba to stop the Soviet Union from sending any additional nuclear weapons to the country. (The Life Guide,2021). The Soviet Union responded by sending more military ships to Cuba, further escalating the tension. This discovery led to a series of political and military maneuvers between the two superpowers, with the U.S. demanding the removal of the missiles and the Soviet Union denying their presence.

At that time, the then President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, proposed a trade-off by suggesting that Soviet missiles be removed from Cuba in exchange for removing from Turkey the U.S. missiles. The Soviet Union rejected this option. The U.S. considered invading Cuba but instead decided to continue the naval blockade. The Soviet Union responded by increasing its military presence and threatening to retaliate against any U.S. aggression. This brinkmanship led to a point of extreme danger known as Black Saturday when Soviet forces and United States forces engaged in a tense standstill that could have quickly escalated into a full-scale nuclear war (The Life Guide,2021). The crisis peaked after a U-2 spy plane shooting over Cuba on October 27, referred to as Black Saturday. The United States feared that this would be the trigger for a Soviet offensive, and the two countries were now on the brink of nuclear war. The negotiations between the two sides eventually led to a resolution of the crisis. The U.S. agreed to lift the blockade in contemplation of withdrawing the Soviet missiles from Cuba and

the Soviets agreeing not to introduce violent weapons to Cuba again. The Cuban Crisis was a significant moment during the Cold War, and both sides learned valuable lessons, such as the consequences of escalation and the catastrophic consequences of nuclear conflicts.

### References.

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