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The Cuban Missile Crisis

The Cuban Missile crisis was a very unnerving development in history that had the world wondering what would happen next. If any wrong move was made during that time we would've possibly entered World War 3. It all began in the early 1960s, when tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union were rising rapidly. Through the use of a spy plane, the US noticed that the Soviet Union were covertly placing missiles throughout Cuba. The US had to decide immediately whether they were going to destroy the missile sites or attempt a diplomatic settlement; as this was too close for comfort. After taking time to deliberate, the United States decided to place a naval blockade in Cuban waters and demanded the removal of its missiles.

The two superpowers were locked in an intense standoff because neither the US nor the Soviet Union could bring themselves to act. Secret negotiations ended up leading to the Soviet Union agreeing to destroy the missiles, however, they would only do it in exchange for a promise from the US not to invade Cuba, in addition to removing US missiles from Turkey. As a result of this occurrence, the Cold War evolved; both sides began to see the value of diplomatic communication and collaboration to avoid issues in the future.

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