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The Cold War, initiated by the arms race, pride, and a desire for political power—caused a chain of events that lead to the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. With Cuba being a common tourist attraction to many wealthy Americans, it soon became a place of national urgency once Fidel Castro had risen to communist-based political power in 1952. With Castro siding with Nikita Khrushchev and the Soviet Union, they partnered in advancing in the arms race through a secret development in nuclear weapons. In later finding out about the nuclear missiles just a month later, President John F. Kennedy worked out early options and decisions, with his most trusted advisors. With the first being a defensive option of blocking the naval passages in preventing more shipments from arriving, the second option would have been to send airstrikes on these missile camps in order to prevent the project to be completed. In choosing the former option of a passive blockade, President Kennedy announced to the nation this issue. In response, Khrushchev makes the decision to turn back their ships as the nation sat in their homes, waiting in anticipation of the nation's future.

Black Saturday was a point of extreme danger due to the many events that had taken place within less than 24 hours. Beginning the day with Castro insisting on Khrushchev to send the first nuclear bomb, Nikita Khrushchev declines the fatal start of a war. In wanting to negotiate with Kennedy, there were two proposals sent in having the United States stand down on their Jupiter missile threat as they would turn down their Cuba missile threat. In response to

the plane being shot down with crucial intel on the whereabouts of the missile base in Cuba, Kennedy's brother alongside other members had drafted together a proposal in negotiations—instead of a nuclear war. The final major event that had taken place consisted of a Soviet submarine that had been targeted for two days. In wanting to initiate a missile attack, one member single-handedly declines this decision. In the end, everything resolves as negotiated in dismantling missiles alongside stepping away from any more threats and invasions. In allowing for better communication between the two parties, hotlines were installed in order to prevent these kinds of crises from happening again!