



WAR HEADS DRAFT 3.

THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS 1962



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Radar 1 ; so , we need a home run to win the World Series , what are the chances ,

2 ; Radar 2 ; not good , I'd say , not good

3 ; radar 1 I mean , they guy you need in this situation is Babe Ruth , ya know what I'm sayin

4; radar 2 ; yeah , I hear ya , Babe Ruth is the only guy ..a legend

5; Radar 1 ; so they pitch , he swings , it's a curve ball , but guess what ...

6 ; Radar 2; what , he misses ? he drops the bat ?

7 Radar 1 ; no , just as the ball arrives , he swings and bammm (door knocking ,loud)

8 ;Radar ; 2 What the ... (spills coffee) who is ...

9 ; Radar 1 ; it better be important , , it better be important (opens the door)

10 ; Runner ; Sorry Sir , I'm from aerial photographic department and I've been told that this information is critical and high priority . It has to get to

11 ; Radar 1 ; just hold on soldier , who do you think you are , going banging down the door while we are conducting a high level meeting which is highly classified (Radar 2 smirks)

12 ; Runner ; I'm really sorry sir but you see a U2 plane has just located some vital information which shows some ...

13 ; Radar 2 ; yeah , a private banging on the door like that , of a high level meeting , you could get a week in the brig , do you know that

14 ; runner ; yes sir , sorry sir , but I was told to get these to you A.S.A.P. and to emphasize how important it is If you just take a look at the photos

15 ; Radar 1 ; oh yeah , how important could they be , what is it ,
Pearl Harbour again ? Everybody who comes here tells us that everything is
classified and important . (grabs envelope throw it on the table)

16 ; radar 2 ; yeah , It's probably just the usual circular , all units must be
aware that , blah blah blah ..(looks at photos , drops coffee cup)

17 ; radar 1 ; I have a good mind to write you up private on this one ...do you
hear me ,you ought to know your place and rank kid , do know how long I
have been in the military ,

18 ; Runner ; yes sir , sorry sir . I didn't mean to barge in like that but if you
just take a look at ..

19 ; Radar 2 ; hey Ralph , you better take a look at this ...(stares) Good God
... are they what I think they are ?

20 ; Radar 2 ; , sure looks like it , ... you got these from aerial intel soldier ...
when

21 ; Runner ; five minutes ago sir . He said I was to tell you to get them to
Robert Mc Namara , secretary of Defense right away ... sir ...grabs a phone
, you're dismissed soldier .. and hey ... good work soldier ..

22 ; runner ; yes sir , thank you sir .. (leaves)

23 ; radar1 ; get me the secretary of Defense , yes it's urgent , very urgent .

Scene 2 ;--sec of Defense office.

1 ; scene 2 ; Sec of Defense Office

Mac Namara ; good morning gentlemen , no point in explaining how urgent this meeting is , you all saw the photos from the U2 plane , we better sort out what we are going to say to the president .

2; Le may ; Castro has always been a problem Bob and it's not one that's going away anytime soon , I say we take care of this now , the sooner the better.

3 ; Navy ; Yeah , but he is just an unhinged loudmouth , good for stirring up trouble . But if he gets his hands on nukes we are in big trouble . He got where he is by pure luck and he plans on staying there .

4 ; Mac ; maybe , but he sorted out the Bay of Pigs invasion fairly promptly too. Remember , Washington is only minutes flying time from Cuba

5 ; Army ; The bay of Pigs that was a suicide mission , the less said about the better , the Cubans are fanatical about two things , hating us and defending Cuba . If they have Russia to help them we really have a bigger problem

6 Mac ; that maybe , but look at the photos , we are not talking rifles here , these are launch sites for missiles , pointed at us , this didn't happen yesterday , what were you guys doing ? Had we no intelligence ? How did they get the hardware in ,

7 ; Navy ; we did detect a lot of shipping movement recently , but they must have unloaded it all at night ,

8 ; Le May ; early strike , it's the only way and it send a clear message to Castro and Khrushchev , if you wanna mix it with us , it will cost you .

9 ; Mac ; yeah Curt , but it could cost us too , do you wanna start a damm war , a nuclear one . We are gonna take a few hits too ,

10 ; Army ; Bob , the first to hit in a nuclear might just be the winner , wait and see tactics don't apply with nuclear warheads , ask the people of Hiroshima or Nagasaki . We don't know how many they have , or where they have them hidden .

11; Navy ; no matter what we have to be ready, remember they might strike first , just like Japan did , while we slept ,

12 ;Le May ; like I said , get your retaliation in first , sitting around waiting for something to happen is a victim's game , please don't pick on me attitude .

Don't tell em , show em . (phone rings)

12 ; Mac ; yeah , when ? Right now . Okay send around a car in five minutes . Kennedy wants us all at the White House , now ! He'll want ideas to solve this one so get thinking . Sue , send around a car , thanks , lets go .

SCENE 3 ; AMERICAN HOUSE/ KITCHEN

1 ; mom ; hurry up you guys or you'll be late for school ,

2 ; dad ; you know , no matter how many times you say that each morning,
they never get any quicker

3 ; mom ; I know , why do I bother , hurry up you guys , or you'll have to go
without your breakfast dad wont wait for you . Brush your teeth , Tim wash
your face , properly , hurry Ben

4 ; eoghan ; okay mom , I had to get my sports bag ready , I didn't have it last
week and I was given two extra laps of the track to run . not fair

5 ; dad .; well hey , now your are fitter , you should forget it every time

6 Sean ; hey dad , will you be late home today , I want you to see me ride my
bike , no stabilers , none , cool or what ,

7 dad ; that is cool , don't fall , I will be home early , just to see you

8 sean ; you never saw me when I rode my bike for the first time
without stabilisers dad ,

9 ; mom ; dad has to work late guys sometimes , it's his job , it pays for your
bikes and all your school books too

10 ; Eoghan ; what do you do dad , my teacher asked me and I didn't even
know.

11; Sean ; he is the president silly , aren't you dad ,

12; Eoghan; no he is not , we would be in the White House if he was the president

13 ; dad ; okay guys, let me explain I work as a translator at the White House , sometimes I get to speak with the president , but not every day , just some days .

14 eoghan ; what do you translate dad ? documents ?

15 ; dad ; eh well , I translate Russian to english , when a Russian man is speaking to the president

16 ; mom . Guys will you let dad eat his breakfast and you eat yours or you will all be late .

17 ; Eoghan ; what are Russian people like dad , our teacher said that they are evil and want to hurt us and invade us too.

18 ; dad ; naw , I 'm sure she didn't mean it that way , they are just like us , just a family who love the weekends , sunny weather , holidays and Christmas too , there are lots of boys and girls like you in Russia , now hurry up or you might have to walk to school cause I 'm going .

Sean ; but dad , we can nuke them can't we ,

Eoghan ; no we can't just nuke them , there are innocent children in Russia too , and parents as well would you like if we were nuked ?

Eoghan ; Why can't we just live in peace , I hate fighting

Sean ; I love fighting ... I wish I had nukes ,

Dad; okay no more talking about nukes , now if you guys are not ready I'm leaving without you

19 ; mom ; okay get your bags and don't forget your lunches , I hope you have all your homework finished,

20 ; dad ; see you later honey , nothing much happening so I will be home early .

21 ; mom ; sure , maybe pick up some extra milk on the way home , we were short yesterday .

22; dad ; okay , flight leaves in two minutes , doors closing soon , calling all passengers please

23 ; children ; wait for me dad , hold it I m coming too , bye mom , see you later , wait dad

SCENE 4 ; White house Round room

JFK ; hey Ted can you get over here , we have an issue .Thanks Ted

Bobby ; looks like they crept in right under our nose Jack , they were planning this for a long time , this was no sudden decision .

JFK ; question is how did they do it , they lie , they just sat there and lied plain and simple .

Bobby ; those missile silos are not for conventional weapons Jack , they wouldn't go to all that trouble for a standard warhead .

JFK ; I hope you're wrong Bobby , but I know you're not , do we react with a military or political response , or do we do nothing and hope it's just barking .

Ted enters ..

Finn ; hi Jack , hi Bobby ,

Jack ; have a seat Ted , what are our options here , this is no bluffing game , this time we are all playing for keeps .

Ted ; well Jack , the Russians are putting it up to us for sure . No question about it . Now we can hope that it's a gauntlet they've thrown down as a challenge just to get talking .

Bobby ; true Ted , but maybe this is Khrushchev telling us he is in charge .

Jack ; the American people wont like if we look like we are being pushed around by the Big Bear

Ted ; We could set up a blockade Jack and stall things , buys us some time , lets them know we are serious too and not going to take this lying down ,

Jack ; what if they run it Ted , what if they ignore it and charge past us ?

Bobby ; do we attack them , then it's war , and they will say we began it

Jack ; I am not letting him put missiles on our doorstep , not without a price

Ted ; you do know that the hawks will want a war Jack ,

Bobby ; I bet they were thrilled when they heard about the U2 photos , they are just looking for a reason to strike

JFK ; they will be hear shortly , we better have a few arrows to fend them off ,

Ted ; personally Jack , and I hope I' m wrong , Khrushchev is not just window dressing on this one,

Bobby ; thousands of options and only one right one, but which one .

Ted ; they are going to push hard for strike Jack ,

Jack ; I know Ted ,

Ted ; especially Le May ,

Jack ; trouble about guys like him is that they wont be around when it' s all over to tell them they were wrong . (knock)

Runner ; Mr President , the joint chiefs of staff are here for the meeting .

Jkf ; thank you Ron , tell them I'll be there in a moment .

Scene 5 RUSSIAN KITCHEN

Cathal ; (phrase in Russian 0

Jack ; hey , no Russian in the house , I told you before

Cathal ; but why dad ?

James ; we are Russian papa , why don't we speak Russian at home like all my friends do ? we just talk English all the time

Jake ; listen to your father when he is speaking to you

Jack ; we speak English at home so you will be fluent one day , and you can get a good job in the Kremlin , not may Russians speak English fluently , it is a difficult language boys .

James ; what good would it do us anyhow papa ? We don't live in America or England papa ,

Jake ; your father has already told you , weren't you listening ?

Jack ; it's okay , in a few years maybe we will be allowed to travel like the rest.... There are a lot of places that speak English and they are beautiful , with lovely cities and countryside

Cathal ; where papa .

Jake ; Canada , I'd love to visit Canada

Jack ; ehh England , they have lots of football there , America maybe

James ; America ? the enemy ?

Jack ; America is full of boys like you , playing baseball , soccer , laughing , families just like us , so keep practicing your English , but don't tell your friends or your teachers

Cathal ; why papa ?

Jake ; just do as papa says , must you always question

Jack ; I might get into trouble , some people in the kremlin don't like English , and there are lots of people who carry stories back to the high officials . so let's just keep it our secret .

James ; if we ever go to America papa can you get me candy floss? And Mac Donalds too , a big mac

Jake ; how do you know about candy floss ?

James ; my friend in school tasted it , he said it was cool

Cathal ; wow ice cream , yeah

Jack ' of course you can have some..

Cathal ' and me

Jack ; and you too , now , quick get your bags and big coats the snow is starting to fall , quick

Jake ' will you be home at six ,

Jack ; yeah , all is quite dead in the diplomatic office these days . Bye .see you soon ,

Scene 6; EXCOMM MEETING

JFK okay , sorry for the short notice but you know what level this is at, we have the photos here and Dino and Tim to explain them .

Daniel ; thank you Mr President , gentlemen , this is the U2 photo reel we got back yesterday and if you look here we see a number of clearings in the heavy growth, the missile launchers are quite clear ,it seems as if they have quite a number Mr President .

Emmett ; on closer inspection we confirmed that these are missile launch areas with some prep sites ready . We have been surprised by the amount of machinery they have to clear the site. We don't know where it all came from .

Daniel ; I have checked and they are SS4 missiles , the same ones we saw on display in Red square on parade . These are long range missile sir and as yet we think they have no warheads attached , at least from what we can see.

Emmett ; but these missiles carry nuclear warheads when armed Mr Pres.

Daniel; There are many of these sites around the island , we have seen a much larger number of troops on the ground than before , we think Mr Pres that they may be Soviet troops

JFK ; other than missiles , any basic hardware Dino

Daniel ; yes sir , troops, anti aircraft , helicopters , heavy artillery .

Emmett ; large movements around the island Mr Pres ,the place is a hive of activity , these guys are buys sir .

Bobby ; had we no intel on all of this , this has to be all Russian made hardware

JFK ; looks as if this has been ongoing for some time, was there nothing suspicious

Luke F. no sir , we figure that it was all night movements

Jack ; our aircraft did notice an increase in shipping , but given their shortages in some areas it wasn't a surprise Mr Pres

Elliot ; we think they may a have Russian troops in place Mr Pres

JFK how many ?

Elliot ; perhaps forty thousand sir

Bobby ; what !

JFK we can deal with troops , and even the hardware , the Russian are getting ready to put in nuclear warheads on those missiles , that's if they haven't already got them

Ted ; what we need to find out is if they have them yet , but how do we find out for sure

Denzel ; if they don't have them on the island yet , we are still ahead of them , all we have to do is prevent them getting them onto Cuba

Ted ; and if they do get them , they are ahead , and we are the targets .

Jack ; sir , I say we go in and hit them , hard . We can take out the sites and the hardware and take control of the whole island .

Luke ; we can be ready sir in three days for a land invasion . Just give us the go ahead sir and we will look after the rest .

Ted ; if this war starts , and it will , when we launch or even when the first shot is fired , there will be no stopping it , that's it , it is out of control and out of Russia's control

JFK ; why did he do this , Why did Khrushchev cross the line ? he knows we wont just sit here and watch him taunt us , he knows it will cost him as much , more than it will cost us . He's risking war , nobody wants a war .

Denzel ; there are enough missiles to erase humanity a thousand times over .

Bobby ; here we are on the brink of all out war and no one knows what to do.

Le May ; I know what to do , I will fry them if it comes to it .

Mac N ; we need a strike plan Mr President

Bobby ; remember , they have missiles too , what if one gets through , lands in New York , how many people will it kill ,

Luke ; their long range take hours to prepare and are effectively useless , no accuracy .

Ted ; but what if they have short range missiles in Cuba already , they can hit Washington in minutes , or Miami or Chicago

Le May ; all the more reason to hit first , we have a 17 to 1 ratio in missiles

JFK ; what damage would we sustain ?

Navy ; well Mr president , about one third casualty rate in the end

Bobby ; that's 100 million Americans ,

JFK ; if we go in with surgical air strikes , can you guarantee that we will get all of the missiles .

Army ; I can't guarantee that we will Mr President , there may be ones we don't know about or are well hidden , maybe even underground .

Le May ;which is why we need to act and stop sitting on the fence

Elliot ; if Castro has warheads Mr President who knows what may happens , he is always on the edge , unhinged is what I call him

Ted ; if Castro is taking large steps toward the edge of this abyss , why should we go with him . He'll drag us into the grave too,

JFK ; Khrushchev knows what Castro is like , why would he hook up with a loose canon like him.

Conor ; the missiles in Turkey didn't endear us to him , this is his answer to our Jupiter missiles .

Denzel ; we could enforce a blockade Mr President , means he can't get the warheads in , all he has are the bodies of the missiles .

JFK ; provided the don't challenge the blockade ,

Le May ; a blockade makes us look weak , the weak Americans ,

Luke ; I agree ,

Elliot ; why even the public will be laughing at us .

Le May ; you're in quite a pickle Mr President

JKF ; what did you say ?

Le May ; I said , you're in quite a pickle .

JKF ; really , am I , well I have news for you , you are in it with me ,

...personally. that is all gentlemen we will meet later when we know more.

Scene 7 ; Russian Meeting , Kremlin

Luke ; we have our troops in place in Cuba with all our backup artillery and transport as well as our short range missiles. This will prevent any American land attack on Cuba .

Finn ; Comrade Khrushchev , what will the Americans do when they find out ?

Marcus ; as of now , it appears as if they don't know . There would have been a reaction , but they will take some sort of action when they discover them .

Kai ; there has been a big increase in U2 flights over Cuba , they may have spotted something comrade.

Ted ; we have the short range missiles in Cuba , they should be ready and primed within a few weeks . We have the troops and they are training the Cubans , we are well prepared if the Americans invade comarade.

Max ; at that stage we are in the dominant position and within range of their cities .

Luke . I was walking on the shores of the Black sea , at my holiday home with my son and I looked across the water and thought , the Americans have missiles pointed at my country , we cannot accept this .

Finn ; well done comrade Khrushchev , and now we will have missiles pointed at them , let them feel what it is like to be the target.

Kai; we have shown great courage comrades , but we must show wisdom too, the Americans will not sit by and let us mock them with our Soviet power.

They have been expecting this too.

Ted ; you are right comrade , there will be a price to be paid , we cannot expect Kennedy to let us away with everything . We would be unwise to take him for a fool , he is a military man , he has proven himself .

Finn ; they will have plans in place and remember comrades , we are talking weapons , 200 times the power of Hiroshima ,

Marcus ; both sides will suffer greatly comrades . Look at the numbers we lost in WW 2 compared to the Americans , they think they have the monopoly on suffering .

Luke ; we have suffered the most , we lost 26 million in world war 2 , the Americans lost less than 300 thousand , we know suffering if any nation knows it . We have more to lose in an attack

Kai ; what will they do comrade Khrushchev , the Americans

Luke ; they may try to block our ships bringing in the long range missiles . They may invade Cuba , they may want to talk , but I doubt it . We must be strong .

Finn ; remember what the Japanese admiral said as they left Pearl harbour

Max ; what did he say ?

Finn ; someone said to him , Admiral we have done a great thing today , and he said , no , we have just woken a sleeping giant .

Marcus ; The giant will awaken again soon enough , that much is certain , we better have our answers ready when it does,

SCENE 8 ; WHITE HOUSE OVAL OFFICE

Bobby ; I didn't expect anything less than that from the Hawks , they've been sitting around waiting for this day for years.

JKF ; you could tell from the minute they walked in what they wanted .

Bobby ; we could set up a blockade and wait and see if they try to break it , then we will know they are serious

Finn ; there is a chance that they don't want a war no more than we do . They might be willing to talk.

JFK ; true Ted , but what if he wants war and this is his way of telling us .

Bobby ; but Jack , Khrushchev know the kind of hardware we have , we invented it , his spies have told him , why would he be crazy enough to risk it all on a guy like Castro .

Ted ; he doesn't love Castro that much Bobby , he just loves where he lives , gives him a perfect launch platform and can claim that he was only helping the small guy from being bullied by the big guy .

JFK ; is Khrushchev even still in power ?

Bobby ; but he has a family too , what kind of future does he want for them ?

Ted ; why don't we put out a feeler , see if they are willing to negotiate , a top secret meeting in Paris , just to see if we can resolve this without reducing the planet to dust .

Bobby ; it's worth a try Jack , might buy us some time too .

JFK ; at the moment , they don't know that we know about the missiles

Ted ; won't stay that way for long , something will leak eventually , the press have seen the Hawks coming in earlier , they will know something is up .

JFK ; ok Ted , arrange covert talks in Paris right away , send a diplomat and a translator ,any more will raise suspicions .

Ted ; I 'll get on right away .

Bobby ; you know you will have to tell the country soon .

JFK . I'll do a tv broadcast in a day or two.

USA KITCHEN /SCENE

Hugh ; I want all your dinner eaten before you go out to play , no fighting now ,
and don't come in full of mud , like yesterday

Sean ; my friend said that vegetables are very bad for boys

Eoghan ; you never say which friend and it's always just at dinner time ,

Eoghan ; they make you strong . You will be the best runner in your class .

Sean ; I don't want to be , can I leave them mom

Hugh ; no ! eat all of them or no dessert .

Sean ; why mom ?

Dad ; do as mom says and I might have a surprise for you guys later

Mom ; so , how were things in work today , nothing new .

Dad ; no , just the usual day , but I did notice a lot of coming and going and
rumours flying here and there . Not sure what was happening .

Hugh ; some scandal maybe

Dad ; no this all seemed very serious , we are always the last to know . (phone)

Sean ; hey dad , that's the red phone , it never rings , will I get it , please]

Eoghan ; no let me dad , it might be the president , I want to talk to him

Sean ; can I , can I , mom please , I'll eat all my vegetables and his too .

Hugh ; quiet , dad will answer it , shhh , it must be important .

Dad ; hello ,Dean how are you it has been a long time how....., yeah , when , ...
now , ok . See you then.

Hugh ; is everything ok , you look ..

Dad ; yeah , everything is ... fine . Look you guys , I have to go on a short trip ,
so I need you to be really good for mom , do you promise .

Eoghan ; sure dad , I'll look after mom and the guys for you .

Dad ; knew I could depend on you

Sean ; and me , I'll watch them all dad in case they act up , I'll give you a call ,
but I've got this one .

Eoghan ; God , the commander in chief himself .

Hugh ; okay , out to play for a while .

All ; see you dad , be careful , miss you , love you dad , leave this with me dad .

Dad ; good to know tiger , need a good man like you here

Eoghan ; tiger ... more like pussycat

Sean ; heard that ...

Eoghan ; okay baseball , I'm batting (runs out)

Hugh ; what 's the matter ?

Dad ; look there is a big crisis , really big , I have to travel to a high level meeting , maybe two or three days . I 'll call you and let you know how things are going . I can't say any more it's all highly classified . You know how they are in there . See you soon .

Hugh ; ok , bye . Be careful .

SCENE 9 ; KITCHEN / MOSCOW

Jack ; ok , your move , I think the end is coming , I can see a check mate .

James ; stop it dad , I am going to win , you always put me off

Cathal ; we are going to win , I am playing too .

James ; I know , but don't move any pieces without telling me

Cathal ; okay , okay .(knocking)

Jake ; da , da , there is a man from the Kremlin here to talk to you .

Jack ; da , da . Hey boys we will have to finish the game later , I have to go into Moscow to the Kremlin , a very important meeting has come up

James ; what is so important dad at eight o'clock at night ?

Jake ; watch your tongue , dad often has late meetings .

Jack ; I might be away for a few days , be good and do what mom says

Cathal ; yeah , did you hear dad

James ; says he , you are ...

Jake ; are going to start fighting just as dad is leaving , now say goodbye and off to your room and do your homework .

James /cathal ; bye dad , bye dad , bring home candy floss will you

Jack ' If I am near a candy floss machine , you bet I will .

Cathal ; thanks dad (both leave)

Jack ; I will be a few days , it sounds serious , I can't contact you but say a prayer .

Jake ; I'll say lots of prayers .

Jack ; good , (leaves)

SCENE 10 ; WASHINGTON , WHITE HOUSE EXCOMM MEETING

JFK ; Do we have any updates on the missing U2 ?

Navy ; the plane is overdue Mr President , it looks like it may have been shot down over Cuba

Le May ; I think it might be time to act Mr President , we have intel that work is still continuing on the missile sites .

Army ; the ships are still on course too , they seem to be ignoring the blockade .

Bobby ; but they haven't reached the blockade line yet .

Elliot , we have B52 s circling the Soviet borders armed and ready Mr President.

Luke ; we have 120 thousand troops ready in Florida as well , should you need them Sir .

JFK ; there'll be time enough for all that later .

Runner ; Mr President , this has just arrived

JFK ; Thank you . looks like a SAM missile took down our U2 , pilot Anderson is missing . We need to contact his wife , I hear she is expecting their third child .

Luke ; I 'll see to it Mr president .

JFK ; why did Khrushchev write two letters , the first one seemed as if he was reaching out for peace talks .Then , another one that made it seem he wanted war .

Luke ; is he even in charge at this stage or has there been an overthrow ?

Le May ; the longer we wait , the higher the price we pay to find out .

Finn ; why don't we break for coffee , I think we all need a rest .

Bobby ; good idea Ted , we'll meet back here in an hour .

JKF ; any word on the covert meetings in Paris ?

Bobby ; not yet , they have been talking for a long time , I'll call and see if we can get an update .

Ted ; Jack , if we get any hint of progress from Paris , Khrushchev might be willing to trade .

Bobby ; trade what Ted ,

Ted ; our missiles in Turkey for the ones in Cuba , as well as the ones that he plans to put there ,

JFK ; you mean the long range missiles on the ships heading to Cuba right now .

Ted ; yeah , the Jupiter missiles in Turkey are old and need replacing , pretty useless in the grand scheme of things .

Bobby ; it means Jack that he wont lose face on this one , we get the better half of the deal Jack , and avoid an all out war .

JFK ; the final war .

Ted; Castro is the one who wants the war more than Khrushchev .

Bobby ; the Hawks outside want one too , how will you keep them at bay

JFK ; it will all come down to what happens in Paris , if they can convince the Russian to talk , we are as good as home on this one , the next hour will decide.

SCENE 11 ; PHONE CALL SCENE USA /PARIS

Sean ; hi hon , how are you , how are the boys

Hugh ; oh it's good to hear you , we are all fine . Where are you or can you say .

Sean ; I'm in Europe , a city we said we would visit one day .

Hugh ; will we ?

Sean ; maybe , look hon , if I don't call you by midnight ... pack up the car and take the boys and yourself out to my parents .

Hugh ; in Kansas ?

Sean ; yeah , don't ask why , I can't explain now , just do as I say , it will be best for everyone .

Hugh ; the war is going to begin soon , isn't it .

Sean ; if we can do anything to change it , we will . There is one meeting left , I'm going in to it now . We still have some hope , remember , I'm doing this for you guys ,

Hugh ; I know that , we wouldn't want anyone else in our corner , You'll be the difference ;

Sean ; thanks ,

SCENE 12 CAFÉ / PARIS

JACK ; Can I have a coffee please , and do you have a cake as well

Sean ; hey , Ivan , didn't expect to see you

Jack ; oh we normally always eat in the Soviet embassy but I needed a bit of space to think .

Sean ; here let me get that , this one is on me .

Jack . thank you kindly , it is hard to get cakes like this in Moscow

Sean ; trouble is , we get too many cakes like this back home . Do you wanna join me or are you allowed .

Jack ; they don't know I am out alone , we usually have a minder , we he usually follows us , to make sure we don't defect , over to the other side (laughs) I have a family and they would ... well , I would never desert them .

Sean ; I have a family too , three boys ,

Jack ; hey me too , but two boys and a baby on the way , we are very excited about it .

Sean ; I hope it all goes well , have you photos of them

Jack ; yeah , would you like to see , we don't have a camera but I borrowed one from a friend

Sean ; hey they look a bit like my boys too , less noisy I'd say , my guys are crazy , you know boys , the same in Moscow I bet .

Jack ; all boys are a bit crazy , the world over . Funny , we are not different really .

Sean ; these talks are exhausting , I can't wait to get home

Jack ; me too , these cakes are so good , I wish my wife was here to taste them

Sean ; how long have you been a translator ?

Jack ; oh , fifteen years now , I always loved English

Sean ; you have perfect English , better than my Russian , I need to come and live there .

Jack ; maybe one day you can come and visit ,

Sean ; oh I'd love that , so much history and architecture , you are lucky .

Jack ; well , trouble is you can't eat it , (laughs) some days there are shortages.

Sean ; well , someday you have to visit us in Washington , you would love it , especially in Spring ,

Jack ; my boys want candy floss ,

Sean ; we can arrange that .

Jack ; I better get back , it's been great talking to you , not so different

Sean ; not so different at all Ivan , just two families really .

Jack ; yes , just two families .Let's hope our leaders understand that .

Sean ; we'll make them , See you later

Jack ; thanks for the cake and coffee .

FINAL SCENE ; PARIS TALKS RUSSIA / USA

Cormac ; we have been here now fifteen hours and you have conceded nothing , you want US to give all the ground , no deal ,

Oscar ; yes but what concessions have you made , none at all , nothing , your greed again wants everything

Cormac ; we are not the ones bringing in nuclear weapons to a country 90 miles from the most powerful country in the world .

Oscar ; do you want a nuclear war ?

Cormac ; no , but if we have to fight one we will , could be one our enemy will regret .

Oscar ; maybe , but both sides will lose too many innocent people

Cormac ; all wars have losses and casualties .You should know that better than most

Oscar ; tell that to the mothers and fathers of boys and girls who caused no one any harm at all , they are not politicians

Cormac ; in that case we may have no choice

Oscar ; (IN RUSSIAN) if we have to we can wipe out your great country !

Cormac ; what did just say , tell me now , what did say ,

Sean ; eh ... sir ... he eh said ... that he thinks we can both find peace

Cormac ; is that what it translates as Ivan ?

Jack ; eh ... yes sir .. that is what it means , he thinks we can reach a peace settlement tonight .

Cormac ; okay then , lets put this to bed and get home to our families , I'm tired of all of this conflict ,

Oscar ; okay then , peace it is . now about these Jupiter missiles .. you will remove them from Turkey , correct ,

Cormac ; yes we will , you have the word of the president on that but we wont admit to it , not in public . We will look like we caved in .

Oscar ; okay , we will keep our side of the deal .

cormac ; and you will remove all nuclear warheads from Cuba and turn back the ships , and remove all soviet troops too.

Oscar ; absolutely , and we will set up talks between our governments . This way is easier , for everyone .

Cormac ; good , then I think we have a deal gentleman or should I say comrades .

Oscar ; right , now as we say in Moscow , I think it is time for some Wodkaa , what do you say ,

Cormac ; Wodka , I 'll drink to that . (all laugh)

