ANALYSIS: THE HYDROGEN BOMB
UNIT 7 - DAY 11

BRINKMANSHP &

THE ARMS RACE
1949 - A CRUCIAL YEAR IN THE COLD WAR

Desperate to match US power, the USSR spied on the US military.

Soviet spies successfully steal the plans for the atomic bomb.

In 1949, the USSR test detonates its own atomic bomb.

And so begins...
The US and Soviet Union were the world's two nuclear superpowers. To top Soviet power, the US tested the first Hydrogen Bomb in 1952. The H-Bomb is 1 mil tons of TNT, 67 times more powerful than Hiroshima. The US & USSR stockpile nuclear arms in order to be top the other. The immorality of the arms race is lost in the quest for power and influence.
LET'S ANALYZE
EISENHOWER'S COLD WAR POLICIES
BRINKMANSHIP

Cold War policy that threatened ALL OUT NUCLEAR WAR in order to deter the Soviets.

3 Key parts of brinkmanship

Created by Sec. of State JOhn Foster Dulles

Both US & USSR cut their LAND & SEA forces & built up their AIR FORCES [Drop bombs by air]

Used MUTUAL ASSURED DESTRUCTION (MAD): Any nuclear attack will be returned in kind
Central Intelligence Agency used spies for espionage & secret missions abroad.

1951 - CIA begins covert missions to weaken/overthrow unfriendly govs.

While showing force w/ nukes, Ike turned to the CIA for covert ops.

CIA funds the overthrow of Muslim P.M. so pro-US Shah can return.

CIA trains rebel army to bring down pro-communist Guat. gov.

Installing pro-US govs prevented unstable nations from going Comm.
AS THE DECADE MOVES ON...

THE COLD WAR HEATS UP
1953 - Stalin dies, US & USSR relations improve & tensions calm until a series of international crises...

**THE WARSAW PACT**

West Germany rearms & joins NATO, the USSR forms its own def. alliance - the alliance of USSR & 7 satellites threatened war if NATO attacked.

**THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION**

1956 - The people of Hungary revolt against USSR & try to set up dem. gov.

US risks all out war if they send help so no aid is sent despite promises to do so.
THE WARSAW PACT
The Suez Crisis (1956)

Egypt, backed by the Soviets, cuts off access to the Suez Canal. UK, France, Israel invade Egypt to regain control of the Suez and restore oil flow.

The Suez Crisis is ended when the UN intervened to negotiate peace.

The brief war ended with Western withdrawal and Egyptian control of Suez.

1957 - Eisenhower Doctrine

pledges the US would fully defend the Middle East from any communist attack, dictating US involvement in the region for the next 60 years!

Ike is disturbed by Soviet influence in the Middle East & wants to stop it if the Soviets can spread to Middle East, they'll control oil and important routes.
LASTLY, LET’S LOOK AT

A NEW ERA IN THE COLD WAR
1953 - New Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev changes the game. He wants economic/scientific competition.

**Sputnik & The Space Race**

1957 - Soviets win the race to space by launching 1st satellite, Sputnik. Sparking fear in America, US rushes to catch up & launching its own in 1958.

**The U-2 Incident**

1960 - US high altitude U-2 spy plane is shot down over USSR, pilot captured. US admits it was spying but refuses to apologize, negotiations break down.
By 1960, Eisenhower was finishing his second term as President over his presidency, defense spending rose 40% to keep up w/ Soviets. Before leaving office, Ike warned of the influence of what he called: the Industrial Military Complex.

Despite his remarkable warning, the stage was set for escalation in the Sixties that would bring the world to the brink of annihilation!

Ike feared that in the race to beat the Soviets, the US was sacrificing too much. The goy was relying on the power of the military & spending too much on defense he feared this would endanger rights.
ANALYSIS: IKE’s FAREWELL