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Transcript

Speaker 1

But when she gets in, I love evil tenderness. You won't Sometimes they don't forget Love is their own happiness But it's all so easy All you gotta do is try Try Don't tease her, never leave her, get to her. Try, try, try, try, try, try, try a little testing days. You've got your buffer, can't you then? All you've got to do, don't lose it. You've got your longer, tease her, don't sweep and try a little testing days.

Speaker 2

Group Captain Mandrick, sir.

Speaker 3

Can't you see I'm bloody well tied up?

Speaker 2

It's General Ripper, sir, on the internal line.

Speaker 3

What'd you say, sir, then? Group Captain Mandrick speaking. This is General Ripper speaking. Standing by, sir.

Speaker 4

Do you recognize my voice, Mandrick?

Speaker 3

Yes, I do, sir. Why'd you ask?

Speaker 4

Why do you think I asked.

Speaker 3

Uh, is it some sort of a test? A trick question, maybe?

Speaker 4

Mandruck, do I sound like the sort of person who would be taking up my time with trick questions?

Speaker 3

No, sir. Unless that was locked.

Speaker 4

This isn't a game, Mandruck. You don't think I'd ask if you recognize my voice unless it was pretty damn important for you?

Speaker 3

No, sir, I do not.

Speaker 4

Good. It is me. Mandruck, has the attack wing confirmed holding at their fail safe points just outside Russian airspace.

Speaker 3

Very good question, sir.

Speaker 5

Sir, the attack wing has confirmed holding at their fail safe points just outside Russia airspace, sir.

Speaker 3

Yes, they have. Incredibly subject just walked past and barked it at me.

Speaker 4

That's good. Now listen to me carefully. The face is being put on condition red. I want this last to all sections immediately.

Speaker 3

Condition red? Righty good idea, sir. Keep the men on their toes. I'm assuming this is some sort of exercise.

Speaker 4

Are you? Mandrake, it looks to me like we're in a shooting war.

Speaker 3

***** O'Reilly, sir. Are the Russians involved?

Speaker 6

I can't tell you that, but yes, the Russians are involved. It just came through on the red phone.

Speaker 3

The red phone? Crikey, you're right, sir.

Speaker 6

Now, my orders are for this base to be sealed tight. No one comes in and no one goes out. Yes, sir. Shut down all communications incoming as well as outgoing.

Speaker 3

Ah, won't that leave us a little bit out of the picture, sir?

Speaker 6

Mendrick. Mandrake, do you want highly trained Russian saboteurs calling up and pretending to be Americans and countermanding my orders? No, sir. Why, they might even hack into this line and imitate my voice.

Speaker 3

Well, if they can imitate your voice, how do I know this is you?

Speaker 6

Because it is. I confirmed it at the start of this call.

Speaker 3

Yet again, sir, it could be a damn good likeness from some sort of Soviet Special Imitation Unit or whatnot. In which case, sir, there's some possibility I'm not actually speaking to you at all.

Speaker 6

Of course you're speaking to me! Are you questing a superior?

Speaker 3

No, sir, I thought we were just having a bit of a chinwag... One second, sir. Sir, is that you talking to me on the telephone just now?

Speaker 6

Who in the hell do you think I'm talking to?

Speaker 3

That settles it, then. Actually, shall I come in and speak to your hair rather than going back to the telephone?

Speaker 6

Good idea. You could have been anyone on the other end of this thing. That is the sort of deviousness that our enemy tries. Mendrick, the Russians are sneaky. They're stupid, but they're clever with it. They think that they are smarter than us, but they're not. But they look like they are, and that's how you spot 'em.

Speaker 3

The fog of war, sir.

Speaker 6

Shut up, Mendrick. Now, now I want you to transmit plan R. R for Romeo. to the attack wing. Uh, attack, sir.

Speaker 3

Is it that bad?

Speaker 6

Yeah, looks like it's pretty hairy.

Speaker 3

Well, plan R for Romeo is pretty hairy, sir.

Speaker 6

A lot of things are hairy, Madric. Freedom is hairy.

Speaker 3

Oh, yes, it is so very hairy.

Speaker 6

Shut up, Madric. Understood. But, sir, attack first. We are neutralizing a Russian sneak attack. Mendrick, why in the hell do you think we maintain our large force of B-52 bombers airborne 24 hours a day, if not but just such an occasion?

Speaker 3

Isn't it part of some multi-pronged deterrent strategy?

Speaker 6

Each of our B-52s is capable of delivering a nuclear bomb load of 50 megatons, equal to 16 times the total explosive force of all the bombs dropped during World War II.

Speaker 3

And as I remember, sir, that was a very loud war.

Speaker 6

And now... Those bombs are just an hour and a half away from their targets inside Russia.

Speaker 3

Indeed, sir. Sir, where is all this again?

Speaker 6

Ninety minutes. They will have our answer to this undetected sneak attack of theirs. Now last, you shut down all phone lines. And I want all privately owned radios on the base to be immediately impounded, without exception.

Speaker 3

Impounded, of course, sir. Uh, sir. Why?

Speaker 6

They also might be used to issue instructions to saboteurs. Misinformation? It's one of the Russians' greatest weapons. Information's a battlefield, Mandrake, and words are bombs.

Speaker 3

Abso-bloody-lutely, sir. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Lie's the truth, black is white. Look over there, no, over there, see? I made you look, I made you stare. They're like magicians, aren't they, sir? Shut up, Mandrake. Understood.

Speaker 6

Now, after you have ordered the attack, and you've rounded up all those transistor radios, you report back to me.

Speaker 3

Ah, yes, sir, on the phone.

Speaker 6

No, you could be someone else on the phone, you just said so yourself on the phone.

Speaker 3

Yes, apologies, sir. I forgot I'd done that, because I haven't actually done it yet.

Speaker 6

That's the fog of war, Mendrick.

Speaker 3

Very funny, sir. I wish I'd said that.

Speaker 6

All right. All right, now, listen up, man. Now, I want to impress upon you all the need for extreme watchfulness. The enemy is coming. He may come individually, or he may come in strength. He may come not looking like an enemy, but like a friend, like someone you know. You may even come as a woman. Maybe it's your wife ringing you up saying, Donnie, Donnie, why don't you come home? Come back for dinner. It's pot roast with minted potatoes, and that's your favorite. But you ignore her! Because she's dead! And those dirty, commie ***** haven't even told you. The enemy may even come in the uniform of our own troops. So anyone... or anything that approaches within 200 yards of the perimeter is to be fired upon. My guess is that once shot and killed, the enemy will be pretty reluctant to reveal what he was up to. And you will know that you killed the right guy.

Speaker 3

Ah, sir, something rather interesting... Sir, something rather interesting just dropped up. Now there, sir, that is the unmistakable sound of hipster music. Yeah? Now, the radio stations wouldn't be playing hipster music if we were under attack.

Speaker 6

Hendrick.

Speaker 3

Yes, sir.

Speaker 6

I thought I issued instructions for all radios on this base to be impounded.

Speaker 3

You did, sir? I was in the process of impounding this particular transistor radio when I accidentally switched it on and... Well, there you go, sir. That's Elvis Presley. You know, the chap who wobbles his leg while he yodels. You know everything's all right when that little fellow pops up.

Speaker 6

Please sit down. Group captain, the officer exchange program that we have with your country does not give you any special prerogative to question my orders.

Speaker 3

No, sir, but we don't want to start a nuclear war unless we absolutely have to do it.

Speaker 6

Well, that Elvis you heard, he was most likely a Russian impersonator. You yourself said that there was a Soviet special imitations unit. Yes, sir, but I'm just being hypothetical. Well, this proves it. Yes, but sir, in my opinion... Sit down, Erik.

Speaker 3

In my opinion, sir. The Russians are simply years, if not decades, away from being able to copy an Elvis. Well, this must be the genuine article. You can practically hear the chap's coccyx oscillating. Surely we need to issue the recall code immediately?

Speaker 6

Group Captain, the planes are not going to be recalled. My attack orders have been issued and those orders stand.

Speaker 3

Yes, but sir, if a Russian attack isn't in progress and your orders to the entire wing are erroneous, well, something's gone dreadfully wrong. Oh, *****. Billy bloody *****.

Speaker 6

Now, why don't you just take it easy, group captain, and please help yourself to a drink of pure grain alcohol and rainwater.

Speaker 3

General Ripper Sarson, Officer of Her Majesty's Royal Air Force, it is my clear duty under the current circumstances to issue the recall code on my own authority and bring back the wing. If you'll excuse me, sir. I've just remembered you locked the door. Therefore, sir, I must ask you for the key and the recall code. Do you have them handy, sir?

Speaker 6

I told you to take it easy, group captain. There's nothing anybody can do about this thing now. I'm the only one who knows the three-letter recall code.

Speaker 3

Then I must insist that you give it to me, sir. Please.

Speaker 6

Mandrake, would you, uh, you pass me that Bible?

Speaker 3

Ah, yes, the Bible. Yes, good idea, sir. Yes, yes. The times like these, eh? Yes, my particular favorite passage is Sir Paul's letter to the gun makers. Jimmy. Sir, do I take it you're threatening a fellow officer with a gun?

Speaker 6

Hendrick, do you recall what Clemenceau once said about war?

Speaker 3

Was it something to do with it best being avoided at all costs, primarily through access to the recall code?

Speaker 6

He said that war was too important to be left to the generals. Now, when he said that 50 years ago, and he might have been right, but today, today, war is too important to be left to the politicians.

Speaker 3

Yes, but, sir, they are elected, you know, give or take.

Speaker 6

I can no longer sit back and allow enemy infiltration, enemy subversion, and an international enemy conspiracy to sap and impurify all of our precious bodily fluids.

Speaker 3

Well, that takes things to a new level.

Speaker 6

Mendrick.

Speaker 3

Yeah.

Speaker 6

I suppose it's never occurred to you that while we've been chatting here so enjoyably, a decision is being made by the President and the Joint Chiefs in the war room at the Pentagon. And when they realize that there is no possibility of recalling the wind, there

will only be one course of action left open to them. Total commitment to all-out nuclear war.

Speaker 3

Yes, well, this has been absolutely fascinating, sir. Plenty of food for thought. Um, you know, if anything, it's just good to get another person's perspective on things. Yeah, yeah. Um, what's that?

Speaker 6

Mandrake.

Speaker 3

Yes, sir.

Speaker 6

That is my personal washroom.

Speaker 3

Yes, sir? And I love the color scheme.

Speaker 1

The boys will shout. The ladies, they will all feel brave. And we'll all feel brave. cheer, the boys will shout...

Speaker 7

Baseman.

Speaker 8

President Muckley, sir.

Speaker 7

Is everybody here?

Speaker 8

Well, the Secretary of State is in Laos, the Secretary of Defense is in Vietnam, and the Vice President is in Denver launching a campaign to get Colorado swimming again. Shall I establish contact with them all?

Speaker 7

Just the first two. Sir! And do we have Dr. Strangelove's whereabouts?

Speaker 8

I will see if I can source him, sir.

Speaker 7

Gentlemen, please, sit.

Speaker 9

What? I am General Buck Ferguson. Of course I have security clearance. Let me through. I will shoot you in half. Sir, I have intelligence.

Speaker 7

About time, General Jorgensen. Sir, what's going on?

Speaker 9

Mr. President, gentlemen, it appears that about 15 minutes ago, General Jack Ripper, the commanding general at Burpelson Air Force Base, issued an order to the 34 B-52s of his wing, which are currently airborne as part of a special exercise we're holding called Operation Dropkick.

Speaker 7

Operation Dropkick.

Speaker 9

Dropkick, yes.

Speaker 7

Uh, why wasn't I told about this? And if I was, why wasn't I gonna sign off on the name?

Speaker 8

It seems the name did not reach your desk, sir. I will ask for its whereabouts. And be assured, I will track.

Speaker 10

It down, retrieve it, and give it you.

Speaker 9

Now, the planes are fully armed with nuclear weapons with an average load of 50 megatons each. Thunder Force! What, sir?

Speaker 3

Let's call it that.

Speaker 11

Yes, sir.

Speaker 9

Uh, sir, I think you'll want to hear the rest of what I have to say. Now, it appears that Ripper ordered his planes to attack their targets inside Russia.

Speaker 7

This is hypothetically.

Speaker 9

No, real-athetically. Actual-athetically, as you can see.

Speaker 7

Wait, you mean Operation Thunder Force is happening now?

Speaker 9

That's what you want to call it, sir.

Speaker 7

I don't care about the name Thunder Force Drop Shot Kick Drop Kick. The point is, we're about to bomb Russia actual-athetically.

Speaker 9

Correct. The aircraft will begin penetrating Russian radar cover in under 30 minutes. If I may draw your attention to the big board, the triangles are their primary targets, the squares, secondary targets, and the squiggles, tertiary targets.

Speaker 7

General, I was under the impression I was the only one in authority to order the use of nuclear weapons.

Speaker 9

That's right, sir. You and nobody else. And although I hate to judge before all the facts are in, it's beginning to look like Ripper exceeded his authority.

Speaker 7

That you just told me he didn't have.

Speaker 9

Well, perhaps you're forgetting the provisions of Plan R, sir.

Speaker 7

Plan R. R for...

Speaker 8

Rita.

Speaker 9

Romeo.

Speaker 7

Now, General, what is... Wait, Rita.

Speaker 8

Well, sir, I assumed you wanted a new R word, but you can stick with Romeo if that's your preference.

Speaker 7

Okay. So, General...

Speaker 8

Oh, now you have both should you wish to make the switch. You have the floor, sir.

Speaker 7

Thank you. So, General, what is Plan R? Does that also imply there are plans A to Q that I don't know about?

Speaker 9

I wouldn't know about that, sir. The Plan R is an emergency war plan in which a lower echelon commander may order nuclear retaliation in the circumstance of a sneak attack if the normal chain of command has been disrupted.

Speaker 7

But I'm still here. In the world, the chain of command is fine. It is not disrupted. Do I look disrupted? No, sir.

Speaker 11

You look a little disrupted. No, he doesn't. Strike that from the record.

Speaker 7

Okay, so who came up with Plan R?

Speaker 9

Dr. Strangelove, sir.

Speaker 7

And again, where is he?

Speaker 9

I gather he's cooking something up over at NASA.

Speaker 8

We could call him on the video link, sir.

Speaker 7

Go ahead.

Speaker 12

Oh, hello.

Speaker 7

Dr. Strangelove.

Speaker 12

Mr. President, you'll find me experimenting at NASA.

Speaker 9

NASA.

Speaker 12

Yeah, NASA. I'm working on the human augmentation. And as you can see, I'm thrilled.

Speaker 7

Mosseltov, doctor, but we need you here in the war room because we have a problem.

Speaker 12

Oh, this problem, is it a biggie.

Speaker 7

It is a biggie. We're aware of your potential chain of command issue, from which you formulated Plan R. R for... Romeo.

Speaker 8

Roger.

Speaker 7

Now, as I see it...

Speaker 8

That's Roger as in I agree? I'm not proposing another R word. I mean, we got enough of those. Again, the floor is yours, sir.

Speaker 7

Now, as I see it, Plan R is only to be implemented if there's been a sneak attack.

Speaker 12

Cracked.

Speaker 7

Well... We need to stand it down because there hasn't been a sneak attack, has there?

Speaker 12

Well, Mr. President, the very nature of a sneak attack is that it is sneaky. Are you not kidding me?

Speaker 9

Mr. President, we must discourage the Russians from any hope that they can escape our retaliation if you are incapacitated.

Speaker 7

But as I keep telling you, General, I'm not incapacitated.

Speaker 12

Not yet.

Speaker 7

Okay, we need to issue an order to our airborne fleet to turn around before they reach Russian airspace.

Speaker 12

How far are they from the Squiggly Lines?

Speaker 8

About 30 minutes, Doctor.

Speaker 12

Oh, this problem is increasingly harmful, is it not? Perhaps it would be easier if I were to join you in the war room.

Speaker 7

No, it would certainly be easier in one way.

Speaker 12

They're faster than a speeding Gonzales.

Speaker 7

General, sorry to drag you away from your homework.

Speaker 12

I think I can bring it with me.

Speaker 7

General, I'm issuing an executive order. There is currently no sneak attack from the Russians. Can I now assume our planes will return automatically once they reach their failsafe points?

Speaker 9

Ah! if only that were so.

Speaker 7

Dear God, what now?

Speaker 9

Well, you see, the planes were already at their failsafe points when Ripper issued the go-code. Now, once they go beyond failsafe, they do not need a second order to proceed. They will continue until they reach their targets.

Speaker 7

Well, then, General, I suggest you dispense with the Tai Chi and... Go radio our planes and tell them we're countermanding the Goku.

Speaker 9

I'm afraid we are unable to communicate with any of the aircraft, sir.

Speaker 7

Why?

Speaker 9

Well, with Plan R, as you may recall.

Speaker 7

I don't recall because you didn't tell me.

Speaker 9

No, but we are doing it now when you need to know, so we are telling you.

Speaker 7

Oh, you are, are you? Is that why it's called Plan R?

Speaker 9

No. That would be an inappropriate designation of the letter. He's got a point, sir. Sir, we are unable to communicate with any of the aircraft, since once the go code is received, the aircraft radios are switched to a special coding device, designated as G-114. Now-- And this is the genius of it. In order to prevent the NME from issuing fake or confusing orders, G-114 is designed not to receive at all. Even from us, unless... And get this! The message is preceded by the correct three-letter code.

Speaker 8

Which we don't have, and that was made very clear.

Speaker 7

General, you need to tell me that we're unable to recall our aircraft.

Speaker 9

That's about the size of it, sir, yes. However, we are currently plowing through every possible three-letter combination of the code.

Speaker 3

How many combinations are there?

Speaker 9

Seventeen thousand. Should take two and a half days.

Speaker 7

And how long before our planes reach Virgin Airspace?

Speaker 9

Thirty minutes.

Speaker 3

Dear General, how the hell did we find ourselves in such an egregious position?

Speaker 9

I know. Tell me about it.

Speaker 8

Did you know about this plan? I did, sir, and I really wish I didn't. And be assured, next time, I will be requesting ignorance.

Speaker 7

Turgeton, are you in contact with General Ripper?

Speaker 9

No. Ripper sealed off the base, and he cut off all communications.

Speaker 7

How'd you come by all this information?

Speaker 9

Well, he called Strategic Command shortly after he issued the go-code.

Speaker 7

Good. What did he say?

Speaker 9

Uh, it was a little, uh, you know... Hazy. Oh, isn't there a record? Yeah, we should all have a telex of General Ripper's communication, General Staines.

Speaker 7

Shut up, General, you read it to me.

Speaker 11

The duty officer asked General Ripper to confirm that he had issued the go code, and Ripper said, Yes, gentlemen, they are on their way in, and no one can bring them back. For the sake of our country and our way of life, please, Jack, I'm begging you. Oh, uh, that was an English voice heard in the background.

Speaker 9

Back to Ripper.

Speaker 11

I suggest you get the rest of the Air Force in after them. Otherwise, we will be destroyed by red retaliation. Do you want me to get on my knees, Jack, to show you how much I'm begging you? English voice again. Back to Ripper. So, let's get going, and God willing, I'm on them, Jack! My knees! My runny red raw knees! Back to Ripper. We will prevail in peace and through the purity and essence of our natural bodily fluids. Then there was an English noise, which they didn't understand, but they're working on it, followed by, Flip me sideways, sweet Harry Helen Jiminy Christ, Jack. And that's the end of the transcript, sir.

Speaker 7

Great.

Speaker 9

We're still trying to work out the meaning of Ripper's last phrase about the purity and essence of our natural bodily fluids.

Speaker 7

There's nothing to work out, General. The man is obviously a psychotic. I'm about to sound it working with an English one. I'm going to need to speak to General Ripper on the telephone personally.

Speaker 9

No, I'm afraid that's impossible, sir.

Speaker 7

General, I'm becoming less and less interested in your estimate of what is possible and impossible. Dear God, can you believe yesterday I was pardoning a turkey? You did it very well, sir. Okay, gentlemen, I was hoping to avoid this, but I think we may need to contact the Russians.

Speaker 9

There are one or two points that I would like to make, if I may.

Speaker 7

Go ahead, I suppose.

Speaker 9

One, our hopes of recalling the 843rd Bomb Wing are quickly reaching a very low order of probability. Two, in under 30 minutes, the Russians will make radar contact with the planes if they are at their squiggly lines. Three, when they do, they are going to go absolutely ***** and will strike back with everything they've got. Four, If prior to this

we have done nothing to suppress their retaliatory capabilities, we will suffer virtual annihilation. Now five, if, on the other hand... We were to immediately launch an all-out and coordinated pre-tack on all their airfields and missile bases. We would stand a damn good chance of catching them with their commie pants down.

Speaker 7

General, is the avowed policy of our country never to strike first with nuclear weapons?

Speaker 9

Well, sir, I'd say, General, Ripper has already invalidated that policy.

Speaker 3

That wasn't an active policy that was the act of a total lunatic. We do not strike first.

Speaker 9

No, we wouldn't be striking first, sir. The Russians will. We'll just be doing it before they do not.

Speaker 3

Please explain to me how it is possible to respond to something that hadn't yet happened.

Speaker 9

Sir, I guess that's one I'll just have to leave to the scientists. I'm sure they're working on it. All I know is it would remove all uncertainty if we pre-taliate.

Speaker 8

Pre-tali what? Pre-taliate. I think this is a new word.

Speaker 9

Conventionally, if the Russians attack us, Our only option is to retaliate! Plan R gives us a second option: retaliate before they even think of taliating. Nuclear returns in a nutshell, sir. Bulletproof.

Speaker 7

General, this is no policy I've ever heard of.

Speaker 9

Well, sir, there are certain things it's best you don't know about to safeguard your independence of thought.

Speaker 7

I will decide what I do know and what I don't know.

Speaker 9

Sir, how will you know what you don't know?

Speaker 7

I don't know. I know what I do know, but not what I don't know. But you know what you know and what I don't know. Please tell me what you know and what I don't know. I'll add that to what I know, and that way I'll know what I don't know. It's that clear?

Speaker 8

Sir, for the record, preach idiot is a new word.

Speaker 7

Thank you. Now, I know.

Speaker 9

Mr. President, we are rapidly approaching a point where it may be necessary to make a choice between two admittedly regrettable but nevertheless distinguishable post-war environments.

Speaker 7

Please don't number them.

Speaker 9

A, where you got 20 million people killed, and B, where you got 150 million people killed.

Speaker 7

You're talking about mass murder, not war.

Speaker 9

I'm not saying we wouldn't get our hair mussed, but I do say no more than 20 million people killed. Pops. Depending on the brakes.

Speaker 7

Okay, General States. Yes, sir. Thank you. Do we have any army units stationed anywhere near Burpelson?

Speaker 11

I'll just check, sir.

Speaker 7

You don't know. No.

Speaker 11

I do know. I'm just confirming what I know. The 23rd Army Division, sir, seven miles away at El Dorado.

Speaker 7

Okay, have him enter the base, contact General Ripper, and put him in immediate telephone contact with me. Yes, sir.

Speaker 9

Mr. President, if I may advise.

Speaker 7

Sure.

Speaker 9

Under condition read, it is standard procedure that the base be sealed off and the base protected by base security troops. Any force trying to enter there would certainly encounter very heavy casualties. That's true, sir.

Speaker 11

General Terjitson, with all due respect to your airborne troops, my army boys can brush them aside without too much trouble.

Speaker 9

And with all due respect to your army girls, Air Force infantrymen are more than capable of busting your mangy *****. Hey.

Speaker 11

Your guys can't even stand to attention, 'cause that's two things at once.

Speaker 9

Well, if your guy swaps their brains for dynamite, they still wouldn't have enough to pop their ears.

Speaker 7

Please, are you going to shout in here? Please do so quietly.

Speaker 8

Hello? Well, Mr. President, they have the Russian ambassador waiting upstairs.

Speaker 7

Okay, have him brought down here pronto, pronto.

Speaker 8

Have him brought down here pronto, pronto. Thank you.

Speaker 9

I'm sorry, the Russian ambassador. As in the Russian ambassador. Yes. to be admitted into the war room.

Speaker 7

As in the war room correct now General Haynes yes sir thank you get me president kiss off on the hotline sir mr.

Speaker 9

President I do not know how to put this the Russian ambassador would see everything he'd even see the big.

Speaker 7

Board that is precisely the idea now General Staines well done sir thank you how are we doing in our attack on USAF Purpleson?

Speaker 13

Move, move, move! Yeah.

Speaker 2

You gotta head into those commies? Their attack force looks just like our army guys.

Speaker 11

Yeah, rippers said they would. See those trucks?

Speaker 2

Exact double the U.S. Army issue, right down to the tires. And they think they can fool us. You see that guy right? He looks like the guy I was training with. Tony. Tony Aven. He even got the same high forehead. The sneaky commie *****. Yeah? There's a snake attack, all right! Hey, open up in 200 yards! They aren't gonna know I hit 'em! Enemy composition, this position and strike, underestimated! Repeat, enemy composition, this position and strike underestimated! This one's for you, Tony.

Speaker 11

He even sounds like Tony.

Speaker 13

I'm sick of that.

Speaker 2

Ah, Jack.

Speaker 3

Do you ever wonder what happened to the plates of the 843rd Bombway? Does that ever cross your mind?

Speaker 6

Mandrake.

Speaker 3

Yes, Jack.

Speaker 6

Have you ever seen a communist drink a glass of water?

Speaker 3

Ah, no, Jack. Can't say it in a hat.

Speaker 6

Vodka. Vodka. That's what they drink, isn't it? Never water.

Speaker 3

Yes, yes, I believe so.

Speaker 6

On no accounts will a commie ever drink water, and not without good reason.

Speaker 3

Yes. Ah, Jack. Ah, Jack. I wonder if Russia's a hard water area. You know, the stuff just clogs up their kettles. If they have kettles, I expect they do. It's such a cold country, they must be crying out for a haulin'. All right, you know, hot Bob Rill.

Speaker 6

Bedrick? I can't just see what I'm driving it. Now, water is the source of all life. Why, seven-tenths of this Earth's surface is water. Why, do you realize that 70% of you is water?

Speaker 3

Is it? Is it? Yes, well, that would make sense. There's rather a lot of it's coming out of me right now as sweat and whatnot. In fact, it's rather hot in here, isn't it? Should I open the window? Shout out to these men. It's been a bit of a mix-up and ask them, does anyone know the recall codes?

Speaker 6

And now, now as human beings, you and I, we need fresh, pure water to replenish our precious bodily fluids.

Speaker 3

Oh, yes, no doubt about that.

Speaker 6

Mandrake, have you ever wondered why I drink only pure grain alcohol with rainwater as a mixer?

Speaker 3

Well, yes, the question has just crossed my mind.

Speaker 6

Drink. Pop it there. Have you ever heard of a thing called fluoridation, the fluoridation of water?

Speaker 3

Yes, and I have heard of that.

Speaker 6

Well, do you know what it is?

Speaker 3

Yeah, but I think you're about to tell me.

Speaker 6

Mandrake, do you realize that fluoridation Fluoridation is one of the most monstrously conceived and dangerous communist butts we've ever had to face. Is it?

Speaker 11

Is it?

Speaker 6

Yeah, yeah. The commies have been fluoridizing and fluoridating our water for years, and it has sucked our bodily fluids, the real American manly bodily fluids.

Speaker 3

Yes, but, Jack, uh, to play devil's advocate, um, you do all have rather splendid teeth. I mean, I can't see any fillings.

Speaker 6

Don't come play at that game, soldier, you dirty communist *****! That's what they all say. I'm coming for you, boy. Do you know what I'm going to use, Mandrake?

Speaker 3

A nine-iron, a putter... It's another gun.

Speaker 6

It's a .30 caliber.

Speaker 3

Very good choice, yes. I can't imagine they'd let you on the golf course for one of those. I don't know, maybe they would. It's all a bit different over here, isn't it? Father proves my point.

Speaker 6

Shut up, Mandrake, and come here and help me with this belt.

Speaker 3

Jack, I'm not very familiar with those machines. You see, I've only ever pressed the button in my old Spitfire.

Speaker 6

Okay Mandrick now feed me this ammunition belt feed me feed me boy.

Speaker 3

I'd love to feed you but uh you see you see the string in my legs gone what yes I never told you but the the string the old hammy uh yes it was pranked by a bullet and it bust like a banjo.

Speaker 6

Mandrill the red toots are coming come on boy.

Speaker 3

I really need to help you this whole moralization business if we can only recall our nuclear bombers.

Speaker 6

Oh, that's nice shooting, boys. Oh, Mandrake, do you realize that-- that in addition to fluoridating water, why, there are studies underway to fluoridate salt and flour and fruit juice and soup and sugar and milk and ice cream? Ice cream, Mandrake. Little children's ice cream.

Speaker 3

Oh, all the flavors.

Speaker 6

Yeah.

Speaker 3

Poor, poor children. And adults, of course, because you mentioned soap.

Speaker 6

Do you know when fluoridation first began?

Speaker 3

Do you know, I'm kicking myself, Jack, because I don't.

Speaker 6

1946. 1946, Nedrick. That makes sense. 15 years. I mean, that's incredibly obvious, isn't it?

Speaker 3

It is that, yeah.

Speaker 6

Yeah, yeah. A foreign substance is introduced into a precious bodily fluid without the knowledge of the individual. I mean, that's the way the ***** comedy works.

Speaker 3

Slippery fluoridating swine and they say.

Speaker 6

They say it's to safeguard our dental house but that's a ploy why else do you think they didn't?

Speaker 3

Give us a choice you're so ***** correct Jack in fact it's making me quite angry how unfair this whole fluoridization business is in fact of a good mind to call the president right now and tell him people's teeth are being intercepted behind their backs do you happen to have his number listen to me if I do get through to the president he's going to want to know when you first became completely do Lally first formulated your essence theory, so obviously I want to give you all the details.

Speaker 6

Well, Mendrick, I first became aware of it during the physical act of love.

Speaker 3

Well, I can just give him a summary.

Speaker 6

Yes, sir. A profound sense of fatigue and a feeling of emptiness followed.

Speaker 3

It just starts, doesn't it?

Speaker 6

Loss of essence.

Speaker 3

Yes, I think you've got some leaflets about that back at the base.

Speaker 6

I can assure you, I can assure you, Mandrake, that it is not recurred. Women, women sense my power, and they seek my life essence. The purity of my essence.

Speaker 3

Yes.

Speaker 6

I do not avoid women, men.

Speaker 3

I should think not a big, strapping fellow like you.

Speaker 6

But I do deny them my essence.

Speaker 3

So you don't fully fluoridate? Yeah! Come on, then, you'll come here! Speeds, we've got to call the president to avoid a nuclear war. So I can watch my children grow up, and they can watch their children grow up, should they choose to have them.

Speaker 5

That's right, Mr. Ambassador, sir! A real full-on nuclear crisis.

Speaker 14

Do you have any French feats?

Speaker 5

I'm afraid not, Ambassador Backoff, sir. Fresh fish, that's Tuesdays and Thursdays. Today happens to be a Wednesday.

Speaker 14

Is there any way we could send out for some? I'm afraid this is a secure environment. The epicenter of capitalist consumerism, and you can't even send out for fish.

Speaker 5

Well... With all due respect, Ambassador Bakoff, sir, this is the Pentagon, not the deli at Penn Street Station.

Speaker 14

Penn Street Station? Ha! In the Moscow Underground, one can have a six-course meal with champagne. It's like a night to the opera. People dress up to go to the underground. Here it's full of discordant buskers and crazy people. Mr. President, the Russian Ambassador, Bakoff.

Speaker 7

Mr. Ambassador, thank you for coming here at such short notice.

Speaker 14

Mr. President, as soon as I got the call, I knew I had to come and join you in this extremely interesting room.

Speaker 7

Isn't it a great space?

Speaker 9

Mr. President, did you hear him? He said the war room was extremely interesting. You're gonna let this red **** * * * ***** just stroll in here and fiddle with us like that?

Speaker 14

I'm not fiddling.

Speaker 7

He's not fiddling. And if it helps prevent war between NATO and Russia, then yes. Excuse me. We're talking about President Kissov at the Soviet Union. The man is cold-blooded and neurotic and short. Three qualities that make him extremely unpredictable. We need someone here he can trust. Thank you.

Speaker 9

Sir, I have a bad feeling about this.

Speaker 7

We have no ch... You have no choice. This is Kisov. His hobbies are suspicion of paranoia. So imagine how he's gonna respond when I tell him, as I'm about to do, that we're gonna drop nuclear weapons on his country, and I don't know why.

Speaker 9

Well, maybe don't tell him that.

Speaker 7

I think he's gonna figure it out pretty soon. And then what?

Speaker 8

He's gonna be pretty upset, is my estimate.

Speaker 9

Sir, I do think the Russian ambassador should not be seeing where we've put all our squares and squiggly targets.

Speaker 14

General, I guarantee I will respect the strictest levels of confidentiality when it comes to all the highly readable information you have up on your big board.

Speaker 7

Thank you, Mr. Ambassador. That's most reassuring.

Speaker 9

How did he know it was called the Big Board?

Speaker 7

Because it's big and it's a board.

Speaker 8

Sir, we haven't been able to reach this off at the Kremlin. He's proving hard to locate.

Speaker 14

He'll be receiving his stimulants. Try B8, 6543, Moscow.

Speaker 7

Faceman, you make that call.

Speaker 8

Sir, I'll make that call.

Speaker 7

Thank you.

Speaker 14

Thank you. Raisin Kism is partial to a chemical boost at this time of day. He's a great man who's achieved great things, but he's a man nonetheless who needs a little boost.

Speaker 9

Mr. Ambassador, anybody who needs stimulants to get to the end of the day is a nutjob, not a man.

Speaker 14

Now, mind you, General, it's an American nutjob man who's gotten us into this mix.

Speaker 9

And it'll be brave American nutjob men who get us out of it. Brave.

Speaker 14

A brave American man? He's an e-bossy-binity.

Speaker 9

Brave American men have been achieved for hundreds of years.

Speaker 7

All men here. Russian men. American men. Canadian men. Thank you, sir. We're all men. And we are just men, which can mean only one thing, that we will figure this thing out peacefully.

Speaker 8

And going forward, we'll be recruiting a better gender balance.

Speaker 7

Great. Let's park that for now.

Speaker 14

General Torjitsu.

Speaker 9

Ambassador Tommy.

Speaker 11

Torjit Torjitsu.

Speaker 7

You can't fight in here. This is the war room.

Speaker 9

Wait a minute. This ***** Tommy ***** was trying to take pictures with this miniature camera oh.

Speaker 14

This clumsy fool he tried to plant it on me.

Speaker 9

Mr President given the seriousness of the situation and the littleness of his equipment I urge that the ambassador gets a first-rate frisking we must examine the orifices no the seven bodily orifices.

Speaker 8

It's eight it can count nostrils separately.

Speaker 14

Hello.

Speaker 8

Mr. President, they have kiss up on the line.

Speaker 7

Okay, back off. I want you to talk to the president, tell him exactly where you are, and that you'll enter the conversation if I say anything that's untrue. But please, don't say anything more than that.

Speaker 14

I don't have a phone. I want my own phone.

Speaker 7

Basement, give him a phone.

Speaker 14

No, I want the red one, sir.

Speaker 7

The red one.

Speaker 14

Huh? Tavares Presidata? President dum murkin muffli y pentigori? Fresh fish, yeah, yeah. Ah! Big board, dog. Ooh. Kerusho. Tavares Presidata. Hello, I'm done as you ask. Be careful of the amphetamine, Mr. President. He is on a big one, huh?

Speaker 7

Hello, Dimitri.

Speaker 12

Yes.

Speaker 7

Now, what's that?

Speaker 14

Well, he's starting to get his joke. He does this. It's good.

Speaker 7

Ah, yes. I see. Well, that's very funny, Dimitri. Well, because I'm laughing on the inside. What's this?

Speaker 8

It's a joke for you to say, sir.

Speaker 7

No. So, Dimitri, here's a funny thing. You know the bomb? The hydrogen bomb? Well, what happened is that one of our base commanders, he sort of, he went a little funny in the head and took a turn and, well, I wouldn't call it a mental breakdown. Sure, we can call it that if you like. He's very good. So this guy, the metal breakdown guy, he did something weird. In fact, it's so weird that when I tell you about it, you're gonna be very angry. Well, I think you are. Okay, okay, but I think you are. I think you are. What he did was he ordered some of our planes to attack your country and bomb it. I was right, wasn't I? Well, you are, you are angry, but Dimitri, the good news is, the good news... Dimitri? Dimitri? Hello? Hello.

Speaker 9

He hung up.

Speaker 7

Yeah, sounds like he's shouting at someone.

Speaker 9

Oh, that'll be some poor ***** getting the blame.

Speaker 14

That'll be Karpov.

Speaker 7

No, no, Dimitri, you do what you have to do.

Speaker 14

Karpov will be demoted. Told you.

Speaker 7

Oh, Dimitri, are you all done? Great. So the good news is our planes won't reach their targets for 20 minutes. About a half hour. But don't worry, we'll give you all the information you need to shoot them down. Would you like to speak to your ambassador? He's right here. That man is a sociopath and * ****.

Speaker 14

I know.

Speaker 7

Hello, Dimitri, how are you?

Speaker 14

Hello.

Speaker 8

Well, sir, it's time for the swim gala. Are you ready? For what? Well, the vice president is queuing you in to address Get Colorado swimming again. Shall I cancel?

Speaker 7

No, no. You... just think something's up. You know what the press are like. You hold the room, and I'll try and think of something stirring to say to people with nose clips and swimming caps.

Speaker 14

You let it... Don? Don? Don? What? What is it? What? The fools. The mad fools. What happened? There were those of us who fought against it, but in the end, we could not keep up with the expense involved in the arms race. Our people grumbled. They didn't want us paying for more missiles and bombs. They wanted more nylons and lawnmowers and Velcro. They all kept asking for Velcro. Next to their meals, a garnish. Then they discovered dishwashers, TV dinners, tupperware, in Pyrex. So we made a budgetary decision. Our new weapon would cost us just a small fraction of our former defense budget. Ambassador, what are you talking about? The Doomsday Machine! The Doomsday Machine? Is that bad? What do you think?

Speaker 8

Well, I need a bit more. What is it?

Speaker 10

Allow me. It is a device which will destroy all of human and animal life on Earth. Good afternoon.

Speaker 8

All human and animal life.

Speaker 10

Correct.

Speaker 8

Okay. Now, the president put me in charge of the room for like five minutes. I'm not sure I can deal with this in that amount of time.

Speaker 9

Listen, back off. Now, this doomsday machine, it's a trick, right? I mean, you ain't got nothing.

Speaker 10

Oh, no, General, I assure you, a doomsday machine is a real pinata. Once detonated, it's a radioactive fallout will be of a lethal capacity at the level of the kicked ***.

Speaker 14

Enough to coat the surface of the earth and within 10 months, make it as dead as the moon.

Speaker 10

Correct. It will destroy everything big time.

Speaker 9

Come on. I mean, even the worst fallout is down to a safe level after two weeks. We can take that. Oh, some of us are out on the beach every day.

Speaker 10

General, you have obviously never heard of cobalt thorium-g.

Speaker 8

Is that a bad cobalt?

Speaker 14

It sounds like a bad cobalt.

Speaker 10

Correct.

Speaker 14

**** Thorium-G has a radioactive half-life of 93 years. If you jack it, 50 H-bombs with it. When they're exploded, they will produce a doomsday shroud with enough lethal radioactivity to encircle the Earth for 93 years.

Speaker 10

Cracked.

Speaker 11

Maloney.

Speaker 10

Will. Chelwal. The rate of dispersal is perfectly stunning. I will show you the figures and you will eat your baloney.

Speaker 14

This is why I never like machines.

Speaker 10

I prefer people. They both have their merits. What is it?

Speaker 11

My God, Dr. Strangelove, what happened to your hand? And for that matter, your legs.

Speaker 10

I broke them.

Speaker 11

Oh, I'm sorry. How did that happen?

Speaker 10

I broke them. part of my work on augmented humanity, to see if damaged limbs would grow stronger with technology. It is first necessary to break them, in my case, with a hammer.

Speaker 11

My God, that must have been painful.

Speaker 10

Well, one cannot experiment on other people anymore. As is correct. As is correct. I thought that was a dreadful business. which I really hated. No! General, let me show you the cobalt-thorium dispersal numbers, but I warn you, when you see the figures, you'll perform the full flabbergast.

Speaker 9

You seem to know an awful lot about this enemy machine. How do we know you're not with the other side?

Speaker 10

General, I assure you I am as American as Appelstrodel.

Speaker 8

Washington 963, how can I help you? President Kissoff.

Speaker 14

We're good, thanks.

Speaker 8

How are you? President Monfly? Uh, no, I'm afraid he can't talk at the moment. He's, um, he's addressing a swimming gala. Well, it's a very important one.

Speaker 14

Oh.

Speaker 8

Oh.

Speaker 10

Okay.

Speaker 14

I see. No, this is good. Bye.

Speaker 8

He wants retribution. He says since we've entered his airspace to cooperate, he now wants an O-O-L-R.

Speaker 5

O-O-L-R! What's that?

Speaker 8

Well, don't look at me.

Speaker 14

It stands for one-off limited reprisal.

Speaker 8

Oh, thank you. That's very helpful.

Speaker 14

He wants terrible vengeance.

Speaker 8

Okay, but that's all the same.

Speaker 11

Reprisal? Out of the question.

Speaker 9

Well, we're gonna have to give the *** ** * ***** something.

Speaker 11

How about offering weapons inspection? Their guys come in.

Speaker 9

No, it's not a reprisal. He's obviously not gonna be satisfied unless we needlessly destroy something of our own.

Speaker 11

Well, that seems fair.

Speaker 8

How about a city? What? Well, if we bum Russia, they're allowed one go at a US city. Don't quote me.

Speaker 14

Ain't like that.

Speaker 8

Somewhere like Salt Lake City.

Speaker 11

That's not a city! It just has city in the name. It's a town with pretensions. How about Pittsburgh?

Speaker 2

Yeah, good idea.

Speaker 11

No, no.

Speaker 9

I got a cousin in Pittsburgh.

Speaker 11

Okay, okay, not Pittsburgh.

Speaker 8

What if there was a way of destroying a city without blowing it up? I mean, withdraw federal fund investment until no one wants to live there anymore.

Speaker 9

Ever been to Detroit?

Speaker 14

Now, it's right. You're going to have to blow something up. It's the only sensible option.

Speaker 11

They're going to want to Chicago or Boston or New York.

Speaker 9

Wait, wait, wait. Why are we offering them American cities? Technically, this is a NATO thing. Should be NATO wide.

Speaker 2

Max.

Speaker 9

Stoke. Leicester. No, no. Toronto.

Speaker 2

Thank you, sir.

Speaker 11

How about Jerusalem?

Speaker 9

Jeru-- Are you insane? We cannot offer them Jerusalem. I just thought that blowing up Jerusalem might bring everyone together. Are you trying to start World War III, General?

Speaker 14

Not appropriate. Oh, my God.

Speaker 9

How about, how about... the moon.

Speaker 11

To blow up.

Speaker 2

Yeah. It's not even ours.

Speaker 14

Do you know what the moon does? Do you know about the tides, huh.

Speaker 9

Tides? I can take 'em or leave 'em. I mean, has anyone ever woken up worried sick, thinking there might be no more tides?

Speaker 8

I have just to let you know I'm starting to panic here but I'm dealing with it.

Speaker 7

Well Godspeed your swimming and God bless your backstroke everything okay oh yeah.

Speaker 8

Everything is fine we're we're offering the Russians a US city to blow up I know it sounds bad but it's not well.

Speaker 9

We're trying to think of a city because President Kisosoff has demanded a one-off limited reprisal.

Speaker 8

I should have mentioned that sir.

Speaker 14

Damn it I'll leave the room for five minutes it felt longer.

Speaker 8

Only to me.

Speaker 14

Hey.

Speaker 11

He's got another camera.

Speaker 14

It's not a camera, it's a croissant. I ordered some fish and it hasn't arrived, so now I'm grazing.

Speaker 7

Frank, will you please go and get some fresh fish for Mr. Ambassador.

Speaker 5

Fresh fish coming in. Even though it's a Wednesday.

Speaker 7

Okay, I'll speak to kiss off again, but we do not, repeat, not destroy American cities. What else did I miss?

Speaker 8

Well, sir, and I realize now I should have mentioned this first, but the Soviets have a machine that will destroy the world if we do not offer retribution.

Speaker 7

We're going to have to destroy an American city, aren't we? Yes, sir.

Speaker 11

I think so, sir, but it's proving difficult to think of a good one.

Speaker 7

What about Phoenix, Arizona? Boring has been pretty good. Okay. I'll stall kiss off with Phoenix. In the meantime, let's get General Ripper here now alive. If we don't get those recall codes off him in the next 20 minutes, we'll be responsible for condemning humanity to years of unimaginable suffering.

Speaker 12

Which would be a dreadful business.

Speaker 5

Where am I supposed to get fish on a Wednesday? Do I look like I have time to go to Georgetown?

Speaker 1

Fall in! Fall in! Fall in.

Speaker 6

Purity, purity of essence. The purity of my essence can lead to peace on Earth, and the purity of... Bandrake! Bandrake, it sounds to me like my boys have surrendered.

Speaker 15

Oh, that's a shame. They were terrific. Really, really good. Now, Jack, listen, while there's still time, let's recall the wings, the planes, Jack.

Speaker 6

Those boys were like my children, Bandrake. Now they let me down.

Speaker 15

No, Jack, not a bit of it. They were wonderful.

Speaker 3

What one lad I saw was really giving it his all. Which in the end, sadly, he did. Well, that's one problem dealt with.

Speaker 6

Now, those cummies, they never drink water.

Speaker 3

Jack, just supposing some water isn't fluoridating. Hey, I mean, look at me. Do I look all clotted and rancid? Look at me, Jack. Lovely. And I drink gallons of the stuff. Yeah, I'm like a water bottle in uniform.

Speaker 6

And drink, were you ever a prisoner of war?

Speaker 3

Uh, yes, Jack. As a matter of fact, I was. Yes, I was held by the Japanese. And did they torture you? Yes, they did, Jack. Yes. It's not a pretty story. And did you, Tom? No, Jack, I didn't, but I don't think they were particularly interested in anything I had to say. I think they're just one of my fingernails. They took the whole set of swines. The thing is, they make such bloody good cameras. They're not just cameras. Jade carvings, calligraphy. I mean, it's a fascinating culture. Anyway, they grew back.

Speaker 6

Those clouds outside, they're gonna give me a pretty good going over in a few minutes for the code.

Speaker 3

Yes, I guess I expect they will.

Speaker 6

I don't know how well I could stand up under torture.

Speaker 3

Well, no one ever does, Jack. That's the thing, you see. In the end, you just think, Bloody well get on with it. So you picture your mother's face.

Speaker 6

Your soldier on through but you you can keep a secret yes I can very good point you know I happen to believe in a life after this one and I know that I'm gonna have to answer for what I've done I think I can.

Speaker 3

Yes I'm a religious man myself Jackie in fact only ten minutes ago I was praying like Billy oh you know I was praying Jack and hoping was that you'd give me the recall code and they'd torture me and uh you know as I said I didn't talk.

Speaker 6

No you never did did you go on.

Speaker 3

Well then Jack that that will be that will be two of us who won't give them the codes Jack that's got to be an improvement I mean we doubled our money.

Speaker 6

I like you Mandrake despite your peculiar manner and words.

Speaker 3

You're being very diplomatic Jack uh Jack Supposing we play a game, Jackie, me lad. Ah? Supposing I try and guess the code, and, uh, if I guess correctly... You make a noise.

Speaker 2

Oh, ***** ****.

Speaker 16

French G114 to all the receiver circuits.

Speaker 15

G114 Swift.

Speaker 16

Set an emergency code prefix.

Speaker 15

Set an emergency...

Speaker 2

Oh, sir. It stuck.

Speaker 16

You getting a little jabby there, Lieutenant?

Speaker 15

Ah, yes, sir. I'm trying.

Speaker 16

Take it easy, Jefferson. You just gotta give her a little snudge. There you go. She's a might temperamental, but she's a good girl.

Speaker 2

Emergency code prefix, sir.

Speaker 16

Yeah, you treat her right, she'll treat you right. You know what I'm talking about, Lincoln.

Speaker 2

Yes, sir, Major Cong. Hey, you still going with that girl? What's her name? Ellen, isn't it?

Yes, sir. Ellen, short time wait to see her.

Speaker 16

Yeah, she has won prime cut double grade eight premium. You treat her with respect. Can't go wrong.

Speaker 2

Three minutes to the Soviet Evers, please.

Speaker 12

Got someone back home, sir?

Speaker 16

You boys ever been to Russia? No, sir. Well, the air don't smell too good there, 'cause it don't smell of freedom. It smells of fear and, uh, potatoes. Don't worry, we won't be breathing in for a long 20 minutes. We'll open the doors for the old pop and drop and then get back home for a cool beer and a pretty girl on your knee. How's that sound?

Speaker 2

Great to me.

Speaker 15

Um, Major Con, sir, shouldn't we leave the channels open in case General Ripper issues the recall code?

Speaker 16

Oh, there won't be no recall code, Lieutenant, though. General Ripper wouldn't have given us Plan R if the Soviets hadn't already clobbered Washington. Yeah, it's a grieving to hear, but we are at war.

Speaker 2

Uh, with Major Collins, sir, uh, we won't be able to confirm if we have war if we close the channels.

Speaker 16

Well, the Soviets just blew up D.C. What confirmation do you need?

Speaker 2

Well, Major, we need more than just a gut feeling about this.

Speaker 16

You'll leave my gut out of this, Jefferson. Hell, just as you can't stop me here at Harvard and frisky class at Flight Academy, You think you're some kind of smart boy, don't you?

Speaker 2

Sir, it's nothing to do with being smart. Darn right it is. It's about making sure we adhere to the protocols set by General Ripper.

Speaker 16

They just blew up the Pentagon. Ripper's head no longer adheres to his body.

Speaker 2

Sir, I have an unidentified radar blip distance 60 miles.

Speaker 16

There you go. Seems my gut has more sappy than your brain, Jefferson.

Speaker 2

Yes, sir. Missile attack! Closing range, distance, 30 miles.

Speaker 16

Okay, autopilot off. Let's keep this girl nice and safe, 'cause we gotta take her to the problem.

Speaker 2

Commence evasive action. Missile tracing, closing distance, range, 20 miles. Come on, honey, we gotta go.

Speaker 16

Never mind with a lipstick here. Pretty enough to it in.

Speaker 2

Range, 10 miles. Oh, now you're talking. Missile tracking, continue evasive action. Range six miles. Oh, she's a dancer. Still tracking. Range two miles. Range one mile. The transfer switches are holding. Oh, I know those switches, Lieutenant. Just give me a little tinkle, won't you? Transfer switch. There you go. There she's laughing. You made her giggle. Missile 200 yards. Oh, they're hot. Yes, sir! We're losing power! Okay, engine, anti-anticing off! Engine, anti-icing off! How you doing back there, proper Dave? Oh, Mr. Cobb, sir! We're heading straight to that mountain up ahead.

Speaker 16

Well, what is it for you, Jefferson? I was trying to find something wrong. Just hold it nice and steady. Okay, shut down non-essential power.

Speaker 2

There are non-essential power. Reason, back and forth.

Speaker 13

Okay, hit emergency power.

Speaker 16

Emergency power up! Okay, fuel valves. Three, four, and six, full power. Give it to her. She can take it.

Speaker 2

You did it, sir! I'm going to be firing seized.

Speaker 16

Okay, let me just keep her flying nice and low underneath the radar. She's a good girl. She won't make a noise.

Speaker 2

Well, I guess. She's the silent type, sir.

Speaker 16

Yeah, you're getting it, Jefferson. Yes, sir. Okay, listen up, boys. I guess this is it. Nuclear combat toe-to-toe with the Ruskies. I guess at this egregious moment, some of you are gonna be grappling with thoughts too big for the human mind, even one as big as Jefferson. Hey! Man, uh, just do what you've been trained to do. Imagine how you're gonna feel when you get back old to your mom and dad, your pretty loved ones. If they're still alive, just make 'em proud. Go make 'em proud. Okay, let's go fry some communists.

Speaker 2

All right.

Speaker 11

All right.

Speaker 13

All right.

Speaker 2

Whoo.

Speaker 1

Can you get that bomb over there? All right! .

Speaker 3

Peace on earth, purity of essence. Peace on earth, purity, rather childish drawing of a toothbrush with a woman's head stuck on it. Poor guy. Peace on earth, purity of essence. P-P-O-E. Oh, my God. That's the recall code. That's the recall code. P-O-E. P-O-E. Put your hands over your head. Like Billy, I will. Who the hell do you think you are shooting your way in here? And who the devil are you? I said put your hands over your head. Like that?

Speaker 15

My name is Colonel Bat Guano.

Speaker 3

Wada, as in birdshit.

Speaker 15

Keep your hands above your head where I can see 'em and stop asking questions about my name. So, what kind of suit do you call that, fella?

Speaker 3

This suit happens to be an RAF uniform and I'll group Captain Lionel Mandrake, General Ripper's executive officer. Where's General Ripper? He went into the bathroom and died. After a tremendous bang, I should have added. Where's the bathroom? Over there. I should warn you, **** it's a pretty ghastly sight. Yes, it does merit a whistle. Um, look, Beth, can I call you Beth?

Speaker 15

No.

Speaker 3

The thing is, I think I knew the recall code and I need to call the warrior at the Pentagon immediately.

Speaker 15

I said put your hands over your head. I'm not going to shoot you at the phone.

Speaker 2

And keep them there.

Speaker 15

Got any witnesses?

Speaker 3

What do you mean witnesses? He went into the bathroom and shot himself.

Speaker 15

Well, he was shaving, huh?

Speaker 3

I'll cut the flannel Colonel back, Guano. Is that really your name?

Speaker 15

It's a family name.

Speaker 3

Excellent. The code is some sort of recurrent theme he kept repeating when he was talking about fluoridity.

Speaker 15

Is that a British word?

Speaker 3

If you like, yes. It's also a variation of peace on earth, purity of essence. I think that's what the recall code is. P-O-E.

Speaker 2

I said put your hands over your head. Start walking other way.

Speaker 3

For Christ's sake, Colonel. Can't you see that General Ripper went as mad as a bent haystack and ordered the entire wing to attack the Soviets? I mean, do you know that?

Speaker 15

Okay, hands down.

Speaker 3

What are you talking about? I'll tell you what I'm talking about, Colonel Batmoire, though. I'm going to pick up this telephone, hopefully connected to the war at the Pentagon, and they'll blast it all, shot away by one of your goons, no doubt. Yes, dead, dead. I just remembered, I disconnected them. It's still bloody annoying.

Speaker 15

All right, Charlie.

Speaker 3

Look, Pat, call me Lionel.

Speaker 15

I've been wasting too much time on you. I've got a lot of wounded men outside. Start walking! Other way?

Speaker 3

Colonel, you really must tell me what the hell you think has been going on here.

Speaker 15

You want to know what I think, Lionel?

Speaker 3

Yes.

Speaker 15

I think you're some kind of deviated pervert. I think General Ripper found out about your preversions and that you were organizing some kind of mutiny of preverts.

Speaker 3

Not even close. General Ripper had some cock-a-doodle planned to start a war, so it was all going wrong and the cacophony blew its breath to Billy Bucking Bronco in that bathroom.

Speaker 15

Now you're getting fancy. I don't want you using any more of those prevert words you keep using.

Speaker 3

What prevert words?

Speaker 15

Cacophony! you shut your mouth and move I don't know anything about any planes attacking Russia all I was told to do was to get General Ripper on the phone with the president of the United States.

Speaker 3

Wait you just said the president what about him wants to speak to General Ripper well General Rip is dead does he know it he saw him with his head on the floor like a mashed up raspberry trifle well I'm general his executive officer so the president will bloody well want to speak to me won't he there's a telephone there and the line may well be open.

Speaker 15

You want to talk to the president of the United States?

Speaker 3

I have to talk to him Colin if you don't stop this Billy Gumbo nonsense the court of inquiry will give you such a pragg you'd be lucky if you end up wearing the uniform of a bloody cinema usher.

Speaker 15

All right go ahead See if you can get the president on the phone.

Speaker 3

Can you try and stop me?

Speaker 15

But if you try any of your pre-versions, I will blow your head off. Hmm.

Speaker 3

That's your answer to everything, isn't it? Guns. Oh, hello, President. No, no, no, just talking to a chap with a gun. I need to put an urgent call through to President ***** Muffley at the Pentagon. Yes, the president. I'm perfectly serious. This is an extremely urgent situation. We're ten seconds from midnight here. Yes, I know it's four in the afternoon. I'm trying to use an analogy to express the gravitas of the situation. An analogy? I'm trying to phrase, an idiom. Hey.

Speaker 15

Don't call her an idiom.

Speaker 3

No operation, it's the chap with the gun again. Oh, Christ, I'm going to change. One second. They may not accept the call. I don't suppose you've got fifty cents?

Speaker 15

You don't think I'd go into combat with loose change in my pockets, do you?

Speaker 3

I don't suppose you could press General Ripper for some change. I'm sure he had something jangled as he smacked the floor. No? All right. I'm sorry, Op. There's a bit of a muddle here. Oh, one second. Colonel, that Coca-Cola machine might well have some change in it. I want you to take your gun and shoot the lock off. Despite what I said earlier about guns, I now see they can be quite useful.

Speaker 15

I ain't shooting at that. It's private property.

Speaker 3

Oh, turn it upside down and shake it. There's any bloody Pepsi?

Speaker 15

Don't say Pepsi. They don't appreciate that. All right, Coca Bloody Cola. If I shook that machine, Coca-Cola inside, might fizz over, constitute a slippery hazard on the hallway forward.

Speaker 3

I promise you, Colonel, nuclear war constitutes a bigger health and safety hazard than a slippery floor. Now shoot it up.

Speaker 15

All right, I'll do it. But if you don't get the President of the United States on that phone, you know what's gonna happen to you.

Speaker 3

What?

Speaker 15

You'll have to answer to the Coca-Cola Company. I'm aware of the risks. Now the floor is wet, as is my face.

Speaker 1

*** **** you, machine.

Speaker 3

Thank you, bat. Your mother would be proud of you.

Speaker 15

Thank you. Still alive? Yeah.

Speaker 3

Excellent.

Speaker 15

This ain't over yet. Let's see if you can get the president.

Speaker 12

That phone? I've never noticed it before.

Speaker 9

Outside line, Mr. President, for non-official business. You know, personal calls, food to go, that sort of thing.

Speaker 14

Perhaps this is about my feats?

Speaker 3

Take the call, General. Pick it up. Pick it up, for God's sake. Pick it up, Sergeant Sir. Get up, you bloody Burke. Hello. Hello. Hello. Hello. Hello.

Speaker 9

Hello.

Speaker 3

Hello. Hello. Hello. Hello. Hello. I need to speak to President ***** Muffley as a matter of sub urgency.

Speaker 9

This is General Buck Turgidson speaking on behalf of President Muffley.

Speaker 3

And this is Group Captain Mandrick speaking from Burbleson Air Force Base.

Speaker 9

Burbleson? Mr. President, I think it's the English noise. For Christ's sake, put General Ripper on the line. We're filling the recall codes for our warplanes.

Speaker 3

I'm afraid General Ripper is dead. Completely.

Speaker 9

Ripper is completely dead.

Speaker 2

What?

Speaker 11

For a moment, I was potentially happy.

Speaker 2

Give me that! Hello? Hello? Hello? Hello? Stop saying hello.

Speaker 3

He likes to say hello a lot. Don't get sucked in.

Speaker 2

Can you hear me? Yeah, I can hear you, whoever you are. Sir, this is Colonel Bat Guano, sir.

Speaker 9

Guano.

Speaker 3

As in bird ****.

Speaker 15

Guano is a family name, sir. This ***** prevert is right. Ripper is dead, but the prevert thinks he has the code.

Speaker 3

Gentlemen, give me that. Hello? Ah, hello. Hello. It's Grand Captain Madrake again. Can't you hear me? Yes! Oh, there's quite a few of you there. Look, I think I know the recall code.

Speaker 11

He thinks he knows the recall code. He thinks he knows the recall code.

Speaker 3

Ripper went tonto, cock-a-doodle-dandy, off the reservation, full set of jingle bells. Is this the code? I don't know. Who could know? I don't know. He thinks floridisation is some sort of communist plot, so he won't give women his essence. His what? His... Essence, his, you know, his man stuff. Yeah. His, you know, his, uh, yeah, his, you know, yeah, his spermat is over. Yeah. ***** prever. That is such a field of *****. Look, I think the recall code is some sort of variation, peace on the purity of essence, and I think that's what the recall code is. P.O.E. And I'm not a prevert. It's pervert! Do you hear that? Sorry, too many cooks. No, that was quite useful.

Speaker 9

And you think that's the code? P.O.E.

Speaker 3

Well, we have no choice. We have to try it.

Speaker 9

All right, you stay on the line, Andre.

Speaker 3

Okay, seems to be working. We're gonna need some more change.

Speaker 2

I think there's a Hershey bar machine down the hallway.

Speaker 1

Come on, Andre.

Speaker 9

Get on the phone to control. Give them this as a recall code. P-O-E. I'll give it to Airborne.

Speaker 8

Yes, sir. Hello.

Speaker 9

Hello.

Speaker 14

Hello.

Speaker 11

We have the recall code.

Speaker 3

It's-- The recall code is P-O-E.

Speaker 14

P-O-E. That's P for party.

Speaker 2

P-- P for Papa. Papa.

Speaker 14

O for Op-p-p-p-penheimer.

Speaker 11

O for Oscar. Oscar. And E is sir. E for. E for sir and panicking.

Speaker 9

Now you got me panicking.

Speaker 2

It is just E. E's just Eve.

Speaker 13

It's just E. Everybody knows that. Everybody knows that. I think they got it. This is a communication for... The recall code which P-O-E, Papo, Oscar, E just E for P, Papo, Oscar, E just E. Plains 40 to 42, 30, and 38 are reportedly destroyed by enemy action. All politicians have acknowledged you all go, Papa, Oscar, E, just E, everybody who's set and are returning. Good one.

Speaker 2

Congratulations. That's our president. You can keep your hand all about you losing theirs, leaving it on you.

Speaker 9

Gentlemen, gentlemen, Mr. President, I think now is the time for us to thank the Lord for our deliverance. So let's all kneel our heads in prayer. Oh, God of shattering light, almighty creator of men, and then also women, Today, today, today, the angel of death came for us, but you, Lord, you protected us and you drove that angel away. Now, admittedly, this was by striking down four of our own angels. So we ask ye, Lord, whether under the circumstances we are entitled to deploy some sort of righteous retributory act against the enemy who you remember is a communist. I mean, shouldn't some of our good angels be going after those sneaky ***** for fright's sake? I just said. Forever and ever. Sorry about the language. Amen. Amen.

Speaker 8

Washington 963? Sir, it's kiss-off again and he's gone extremely *****.

Speaker 7

The president? Yes, yeah, I know Dimitri, but I'm a president, too. Well, no, there must be some mistake. Well, no, no, that's not possible. Oh, I see. Oh, okay, I'll tell him. I will tell him. I will tell him. I will tell them. Stop telling me to tell them and I'll tell them. Don't go far. He said one of our planes hasn't turned back. Good boy. This is very bad again.

Speaker 11

That plane has to turn back.

Speaker 9

Wait a minute, Mr. President. That's impossible. Look at the big board. 34 planes, 30 recalls acknowledged and four splashes. That's four confirmed down.

Speaker 14

He's right. I've been watching the big board extremely closely.

Speaker 7

Dimitri? Oh. Okay, I'll tell him. I won't. No, I will tell him. Okay. He said according to their air defense, they have three planes confirmed, but a fourth may be damaged, but flying in low underneath the radar.

Speaker 9

Mr. President, I'm beginning to smell a big, fat commie rat.

Speaker 7

He's not a commie rat.

Speaker 9

Suppose Kissoff is lying about the fourth plane. You may just be looking for an excuse to clobber us.

Speaker 7

Well, that's not the kiss-off I know. I've met him, remember? And I can assure you, he really is a lovely guy. I love you.

Speaker 14

I love you! I've got a guy for a coming rat. No. No, no, no, no, no. What? The doomsday machine. What? If that fourth brain gets through...

Speaker 7

What? What if it gets through? Oh, Dimitri, can we call you back?

Speaker 14

The doomsday machine, you know.

Speaker 7

Everything is just fine. Mr. Ambassador. Yeah? Look.

Speaker 8

Hello? Oh, sir, it's the vice president asking, What's up? Should I say nothing? Oh, lots of terrible things. I know I can phrase either of those a lot better.

Speaker 7

No, I'll talk to the vice president. He's gonna need to know what to do. If anything happens to me, this will be his big break.

Speaker 8

I can't help feeling that the vice president's big break is going to be a very short one.

Speaker 11

Ambassador Bakov, is Kisov threatening to explode the doomsday weapon?

Speaker 14

Yes, and destroy the world? You think the Soviet president is mad? Hey, hey, only a madman would choose to trigger that thing. President Kisov may be cruel and overstimulated, but he's not mad. Thank God! Why the machine has been designed? To trigger itself without human intellection. Everything inside me collapsed, but I don't know what it is.

Speaker 11

But surely you can untrigger the Doomsday Machine?

Speaker 14

No, it's also been designed to explode if any attempt is made to untrigger it.

Speaker 11

This Doomsday Machine sounds incredible. We should get one. What? You know, for next time.

Speaker 14

The Dogsnap weapon is programmed to trigger itself the precise moment it senses it has been attacked by even a single bomb.

Speaker 9

We are wasting valuable time. Look at the big board. It's a trick, I tell you. He is getting ready to clobber us.

Speaker 11

Hey.

Speaker 14

It's out of my hands. Wait.

Speaker 8

Are you saying that this thing is easy to trigger but impossible to untrigger? Yes. Well, that is a terrible design flaw.

Speaker 11

Incorrect.

Speaker 10

The design is infallible. It is deterrence of the most primordial nature. Man and machine forced to embrace each other in the frozen paroxysms of terror, forever. A perfect symmetry. Horrific, but also really cool.

Speaker 13

No, no, please, on your side. Doctor, are you okay?

Speaker 10

Doctor, do you need a glass of water tonight? I mean, no, thank you. As I was saying, it would be really cool, but for one little fly in the hand cream. People can only really pierce a domestic machine if they know it exists. For it to work, it cannot be kept a secret. Back off.

Speaker 14

Why did you not tell the world? It was to be announced to the party of Congress on Monday. As you know, President Kissov was a big announcement.

Speaker 10

He could have announced it last Wednesday. We announced a thousand-year Ike on a Wednesday. No, no. I mean, that was a dreadful business. Which I really hate it. Not now!

Speaker 2

Honestly, there's always someone who wants to spoil it, but everybody has.

Speaker 13

What's Kong?

Speaker 9

He's the best. Best is bad. Boy, Congo's gonna get the Medal of Honor for this, huh? Dinner at the White House, even.

Speaker 11

Not if the Soviets shoot him down, he won't, which they will.

Speaker 9

Well, then I suggest we invite his widow and family. It would still be a lovely evening.

Speaker 11

There won't be any more lovely evenings because your flying clowns went schizoids.

Speaker 9

Only because your army boys couldn't get us the recall codes. We have to rely on some David Niven English noise guy to give them to...

Speaker 5

Fresh fish locally poached! There's a little lemon on the side and some spinach.

Speaker 7

There's no need to pray for me, Mr. Vice President. You can do that when I'm dead. Okay, gentlemen. think I know what to do. Mr. President? Yes, I know, Dimitri, that this time I meant you. Okay, we're gonna give you the precise coordinates for the remaining plane. What?

Speaker 9

Now it'll be hard to catch Major Kong, sir. I mean, he talks like a doberman sleeping on a porch, but he's real whip smart.

Speaker 7

The plane should be there, Dimitri. The target was Laputa. No destination, sir, Laputa. See, even the tannoy agrees with me. Oh, look, Dimitri, I don't want the doomsday machine to go off just as much as you... the doomsday machine. I'm sorry, we thought you knew. Oh, God! No, we thought you knew that we knew. We know that you know. Your ambassador has been keeping us informed. No! A terrible thing is happening.

Speaker 2

Has it been over a post?

Speaker 7

No, Dimitri, don't hang up just because he hung up.

Speaker 14

He thinks you've double-crossed him. Oh! And now he believes I have been complicit. And he knows where I am, and will send the KGB to come here and kill me, and then I will die.

Speaker 7

Well, we're all gonna die.

Speaker 14

Yes, but I'm going to die much more immediately. Very unpleasant way. I'm getting fracked off you are.

Speaker 7

Oh, back off control of yourself.

Speaker 14

Hey, you don't know Kissov. He's ruthless. An opponent of his gets on a plane, and the plane drops on the sky. A political rival shuts his eyes to sneeze, and he's falling backwards out of the 10-floor window.

Speaker 9

There is no way the KTB can get in here. Security has strict instructions to detain anyone looking suspiciously like he's got a tripod stuck up his ***. It may already have started.

Speaker 7

General, is there really a chance one of our planes can get through defenses by flying in underneath the radar.

Speaker 9

Mr. President, if I may speak freely. Now, the Ruski talks big, but you cannot expect a bunch of farmers to understand how to fly a killing machine like our boys can. So if Kong is as good as I think he is, if he's really sharp, he can barrel that baby in so low. You ought to see it sometime, sir. It's a sight. Big machine now like the 52. Yee-haw! jetting salt burning and frying chickens in a bar yard.

Speaker 7

Well, has he got a chance? Has he got a chance?

Speaker 11

You bet.

Speaker 9

He's gonna knock that ball out of the park so hard it dings the Liberty Bell.

Speaker 11

Hell, yes, he's got a good chance.

Speaker 14

Oh.

Speaker 7

You know, there are days in this job when I really wish the other guy had won.

Speaker 14

Sir, he still maintains he did.

Speaker 5

Sir you look a little pale would you like a glass of water is.

Speaker 14

Insecure I don't know sir then I can't drink it from now on I can't eat or drink anything that's been touched by anyone else but me.

Speaker 5

Oh would you like me to remove the fish God hey where did it come from outfish stall in Georgetown we got it in special like you asked.

Speaker 14

And who's out has been cleared I don't.

Speaker 5

Know he's just the only one who put on a Wednesday.

Speaker 14

I have a very bad feeling about this can't we try and stop Kong?

Speaker 16

Just under 10 minutes from battle, man. Survival kit contacts, chick. One 45 caliber automatic, two boxes of ammunition. Four base emergency rations, tin. Two chicken sandwiches wrapped with garnish. Morphine, pet pills, tranquilizer pills, \$100 in rubles, \$100 in dollars. Nine packs of chewing gum, three packs of proplactics, two lipsticks, and a pair of nylon stockings. Guy could have a pretty good weekend in Vegas with all that stuff.

Speaker 7

Hey, Lincoln. Can you quit playing that thing?

Speaker 2

Sir? The missile attack caused a fuel leak. We've only nine minutes flying time left. When the pool is no longer a reachable target, do we get somewhere?

Speaker 16

Our negative. Hell, we didn't come all this way just to dug the good lady in the drink. And I was lolling around Russia with nothing but prophylactics and chicken between us. How's that gonna look in our citation? What's the nearest target of opportunity, Lincoln?

Speaker 2

Well, with remaining fuel, sir, we could make it to the missile complex at Kotla. There you go.

Speaker 16

One last dance, girl, and I'll take you home. Designated new target. 384, missile complex at Kotla.

Speaker 2

Target 384, designated. No, wait! Wait! Major Cobb, sir! We received the code! To the code that was hit, but I decided it! P-O-E! Papa, Oscar, E, just E! That's the recall code! And sir, if you look at the code book, there... P-O-E says recall, turn around immediately. Repeat, turn around immediately.

Speaker 16

Well, that makes sense. If I turn around, then I repeat the turn around, I'll be flying in the same direction.

Speaker 2

What do you say? No, no, no, it's obvious. Look at the punctuation.

Speaker 15

It says repeat, colon, turn around immediately.

Speaker 2

Tells you it's an emphasis.

Speaker 7

No, no, no. The column means repeat the maneuver and keep flying to the destination.

Speaker 2

Is this about the Oxford Glamour? Because my mom keeps going on about that. No! No!
It's just about a simple understanding of the rules of against them.

Speaker 16

Oh, it's not being so pedantic, Lieutenant. It's not your job to bring grammar into a time like this.

Speaker 2

I'm not being pedantic, and it's about punctuation, not grammar.

Speaker 16

Well, maybe what I'm here is some kind of communist clock.

Speaker 2

What do you mean he's about to get us to turn around?

Speaker 16

You a communist, Lieutenant?

Speaker 2

No, I'm not a commie. Sir, we have been flying together for 12 years. I don't know that.
You do. We met 12 years ago. You said, Can I have him? He's the smart one.

Speaker 16

According to you-- I mean, you.

Speaker 2

Even came to my wedding.

Speaker 16

Just as you say so.

Speaker 2

Okay, I'll let you stay on the bomb run. Well, approach your new target at distance 10.10 miles. Switch from green brick to target orange.

Speaker 16

Okay, roger that. Let's get this honey ready for a final bomb run check. Sir.

Speaker 2

How's my big baby doing back here, Mama Dia? Oh, sir, for the last time, we have been ordered to turn back. You did not order me, son, and that's an order. Okay, bomb arming test, lights on one through four. Bomb arming test, lights on one through four. This, for the love of God! Engage primary trigger switch, override. You're not engaged! You're engaged, darn it. Primary trigger switch, override engaged.

Speaker 16

Okay, release verse safety.

Speaker 2

Do not release! Still release! Safety, release! Release second safety! I repeat, do not release.

Speaker 16

And I repeat release, but use the word repeat for emphasis.

Speaker 2

Second safety. safety release okay check bump door circuits no please yes please uh bump door circuits negative function help drop the bomb you must have been compromised in the attack those doors must have taken a hell of a pounding bombadam okay let's turn back we need to go home Link set coordinates through International Aerospace I'm relieving you of your command major.

Speaker 16

No! The thing is, I actually kind of like the guy. Okay, Lincoln, you're in the hot seat.

Speaker 2

Sir, where are you going?

Speaker 16

I'm just gonna take my big baby for a ride. You know what I'm talking about, Lincoln.

Speaker 2

Target distance, three miles. Target distance, two miles. There you go, girl.

Speaker 16

It's okay, I'm gonna stay with you.

Speaker 1

Target distance, three miles.

Speaker 2

There she is, Papa dear. What the hell? It's made your car. You boys go home.

Speaker 16

Easy now.

Speaker 2

Release the law.

Speaker 1

Come on. Good girl. Not long now.

Speaker 2

Giddy up. Come on, honey.

Speaker 1

Whoo.

Speaker 15

You're a big girl now. Come on. Whoo, give 'em freedom. Give it to 'em. Give it to 'em, baby.

Speaker 1

Yeehaw.

Speaker 11

All got through.

Speaker 8

It's over.

Speaker 5

Shall we just see what happens?

Speaker 11

No, it's over.

Speaker 8

I always thought this moment would feel more momentous than it actually is.

Speaker 14

Oh, don't you worry.

Speaker 11

Momentous is coming.

Speaker 16

No, gentlemen.

Speaker 10

Stop with all the negativity. You are Americans, apart from you and you. Well, if you can do it vibes. Well, if you get up and go over there attitude. So I have for you a positive.

Speaker 9

Well, you think you can stop the doomsday machine?

Speaker 10

No, don't be silly. I explained that earlier. But there is a chance I could preserve a nucleus of the human specimen. Well, it would be easy to survive in the bottom of some of our deeper minds, Charlotte. Yes, yes, radioactivity could never penetrate a mind some thousands of feet deep. Dwelling spaces could be easily provided.

Speaker 11

Sir, that's plan S, the mine shafts. There should be some located here.

Speaker 9

Wait, wait, wait. How long would we have to stay down there?

Speaker 10

Let me see. Cobalt, thorium, G, radioactive half-life, about 100 years. Yes, yes, about 100 years.

Speaker 5

This is sounding positive.

Speaker 10

Yes! Oh, yes, nuclear reactors could provide power almost indefinitely, which is nearly as good as definitely. Greenhouses could maintain plant life and animals could be bred and slaughtered. Oh! They would feel no pain. Oh.

Speaker 11

What? Who decides who stays up and who goes down?

Speaker 10

Well, under Plan T, it would be vital to include top government and military officials to foster the required fuhrer principles.

Speaker 9

What?

Speaker 10

Uh... Principles of leadership, you know? It's very informal. Not like last time. I mean, that was a dreadful business. Which I really hated, yes.

Speaker 9

How many can the South hold?

Speaker 8

Am I included?

Speaker 10

About 10,000.

Speaker 8

I still don't know if that includes me.

Speaker 10

Let me go make the calculations. I will have to prepare the algorithm. What? Algo-what? An algorithm, a computerized way of enacting decisions free from human bias.

Speaker 9

But wasn't the doomsday machine one of those?

Speaker 10

Yes, it was, yes. But this is different because it's just different, isn't it?

Speaker 2

Hi, Dr. Staines.

Speaker 9

Hello. General, listen. Now, the Russians will be thinking the same thing as us, read the shafts. Now, you can bet me, sweet Tootsie, if we take 10,000 of our top people down, they'll be taking 20,000 of theirs. That's right. Okay. We should take 30,000. We cannot have a top people mind shaft gap. That's plan you.

Speaker 8

General Staines, do we have 30,000 top people?

Speaker 5

Sure we do. Well, I'm looking around, and I only see four or five. At the very most.

Speaker 9

All right? Plan B. To get to our 30,000, we'll need the next level down, people. Our congressmen, businessmen, sheriffs with guns.

Speaker 7

We don't need sheriffs with guns. We're at the bottom of the mind shaft. So no sheriffs, indefinitely no guns.

Speaker 9

Well, you gotta have guns. How are you gonna keep things civilized? Yeah.

Speaker 8

Sir, in terms of allocation, shouldn't we reserve spaces for the Supreme Court?

Speaker 7

Let's leave them off for the moment.

Speaker 9

Sir, Mr. President, under Emergency Plan W. Sir! For your own personal safety, we need to get you to the nearest mine shaft.

Speaker 11

Chaffinch is on the wall. Chaffinch? Well, where am I going? Sir, for security reasons, you and your family will be sealed in a presidential mine shaft of your own. For a hundred years, have you met my family? I have.

Speaker 2

Make a hole.

Speaker 5

Sir, you should know your shaft has a very good coffee machine, and there'll be plenty of fresh fruit to begin with.

Speaker 14

Gentlemen, I'm sorry to bring this up, but I'm about to become violently ill and turn bright blue if the KGB is using their preferred toxin. So excuse me, okay? Thank you. Get out of here.

Speaker 11

Not yet.

Speaker 7

You will stay down! Why the hunt?

Speaker 10

Hello again, generals. I've been making the calculations. In order to restore population numbers in the shafts, we would need to breed prodigiously underground. I estimate we could do this with a ratio of one man to 9.5 females. Rounded up to 10.

Speaker 9

Okay, now this is sounding like a hell of a good idea.

Speaker 8

I'm very nervous around women.

Speaker 9

Doctor, doctor, to get to this ratio of 10 women to each man, now, now wouldn't that necessitate the abandonment of the so-called monogamous sexual relationship? I mean, as far as men were concerned.

Speaker 10

Oh, you're old. I mean, yes. Yes, regrettably, each man would be required to perform prodigiously along these lines. If they have any qualms, we could always fill the shafts with Mormons.

Speaker 11

No, I'm sure we can find some sort of sweet spot in there somewhere.

Speaker 10

Yes, yes. To maximize the efficiency of the process, I recommend that we cluster women into specially designated conception camps. What? Just an idea. You could call it Plan X.

Speaker 9

Wait a minute, change it. What if the Russians took more women down than us?

Speaker 11

How would they be popping out red progeny like they were shelling peas?

Speaker 9

I suggest we get down there now and get the womenfolk in. After all, what is this about if not protecting our womenfolk? Absolutely. And let's start breeding very respectfully and at scale. At scale.

Speaker 8

We should hurry up. I think we got about 10 minutes tops. What am I thinking?

Speaker 5

Start at 10.

Speaker 8

Hang on, hang on. Where do we go? Where's the entrance to our man shaft?

Speaker 2

Don't you know? No.

Speaker 8

I haven't known anything.

Speaker 10

I've never known. I know where the entrance to this. This is planned Y. I know where the entrance to the man shafts are. They're there.

Speaker 7

No, there.

Speaker 2

Oh, gentlemen, move it. You found it. Yeah, this is it.

Speaker 11

God, I can't get the damn thing open. Let me try.

Speaker 8

Oh, hang on. It won't open without the correct code.

Speaker 9

Code? Who in God's name asked for a code to be put on an emergency hatch that, by definition, is there to be opened at maximum speed?

Speaker 8

I think that was me.

Speaker 11

Damn it! I don't think we've got time to get the women in! That's probably a good thing.

Speaker 9

Uh, get the president back. He's got the code. General, the president has been shafted! Ah, gentlemen... Every single one of you in here did your very best. Thank you, sir. And so I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed working with you all. And God bless the United States of America. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

Speaker 8

No, wait! The Reciprocity Treaty. Plan Z. As an act of faith, we gave the emergency shaft codes to our opposite Soviet number, which means there was the chief negotiator of the time, who was... Back up! Hello? Hello! That's good, you're all still there.

Speaker 1

Did the plan work? Did we save the world? Oh, *****! I'm running out of change.

Speaker 11

Is there another plan?

Speaker 8

I think we've run out of letters.

Speaker 10

I have a plan.

Speaker 11

Oh my god, I can walk.

Speaker 10

Human augmentation awakes. Van Fure, this is not the end. It is just the beginning.

Speaker 13

We meet again Don't know where Don't know where But I know So we'll need to get some sunny day Keep smiling through just like you always do Till the blue skies drive the dark clouds following So will you please Please say hello to the folks that I know Tell them I won't be alone Very happy to know That as you saw me go I was singing this song Keep smiling through Just like you always do Till the blue skies drive The dark clouds fall away We'll meet again Don't know where Don't know where.

Speaker 1

But I know we'll meet again Some sunny day We'll meet again Don't worry, don't worry But I know.

Speaker 13

We'll meet again Some sunny day