

TOPIC 1: WHY AMERICA DID NOT LAUNCH THE FIRST SATELLITE

1 Beter recalls the shock of Sputnik I on October 4, 1957.



2 Sputnik II follows, while America's Vanguard program suffers setbacks.



3 Beter says he once joined a group seeking Lyndon Johnson's support for spaceflight.



4 He describes the Army's Redstone team and Wernher von Braun as ready earlier.



5 In Beter's account, presidential approval instead favors the Navy's Vanguard.



6 He alleges outside pressure helped block von Braun's project.



7 Explorer I finally reaches orbit on January 31, 1958.



8 Beter closes with von Braun's role in America's eventual Moon victory.



TOPIC 2: WHY AMERICANS DOUBT BETER'S WAR WARNING

1 Beter recalls James Schlesinger's departing warning in 1975.



2 He argues that isolated news reports hide the larger military picture.



3 He contrasts Soviet Backfire deployment with debates over the American B-1.



4 Beter criticizes reductions in US air defenses and questions late reversals.



5 He discusses Soviet submarine missiles and tests of the SSNX-18.



6 He disputes an editorial framing Soviet MIRV progress as good news.



7 Beter cites Danish concern over Soviet naval maneuvers in the Baltic.



8 He invokes NATO warnings that the military balance favors the Warsaw Pact.



TOPIC 3: FOUNDATIONS AND BETER'S ALLEGED ROAD TO WAR.

1 Beter contrasts the spirit of Christmas giving with the pursuit of power.



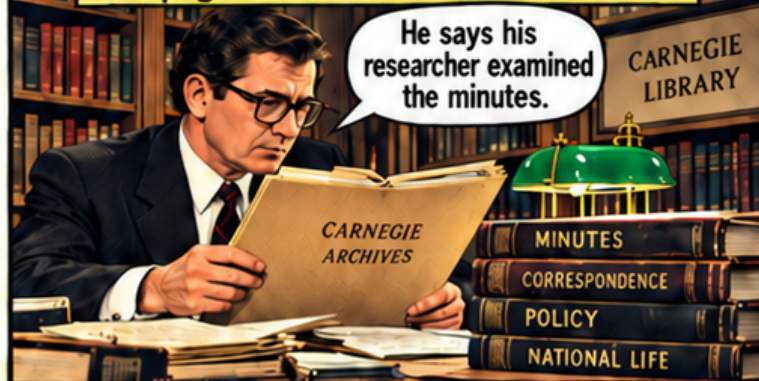
2 He introduces Norman Dodd, research director of the 1953–54 Reece inquiry.



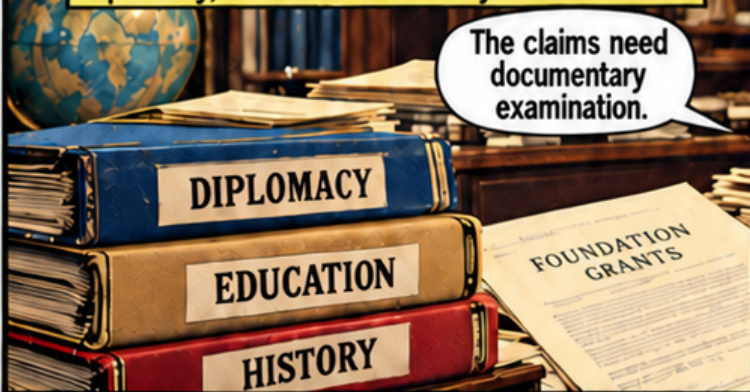
3 Dodd alleges Rowan Gaither described grants aimed at merging US and Soviet life.



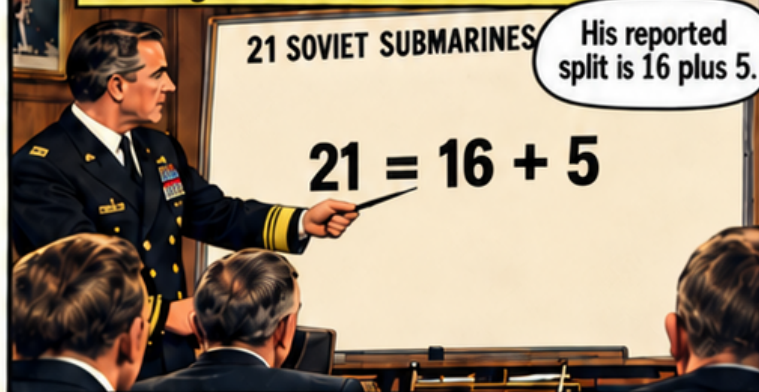
4 Dodd says Carnegie records linked war with reshaping national life.



5 He alleges foundations sought influence over diplomacy, education and history.



6 Beter then alleges a new plutonium operation involving 21 Soviet submarines.



7 He alleges 57 new seabed missiles added to 36, for a total of 93.



8 He releases coordinates for nine alleged missiles near Oahu and Pearl Harbor.

