

## TOPIC 1: THE PANAMA CANAL TRAP FOR WAR

**1** Beter returns to the Panama Canal debate in August 1977.



**2** A new treaty places control of the canal at the center of public debate.



**3** Beter alleges that treaty politics could be used to provoke a wider conflict.



**4** He claims powerful interests want conservatives to defeat the agreement.



**5** BETER'S ALLEGATION: Soviet influence in Guyana threatens the canal.



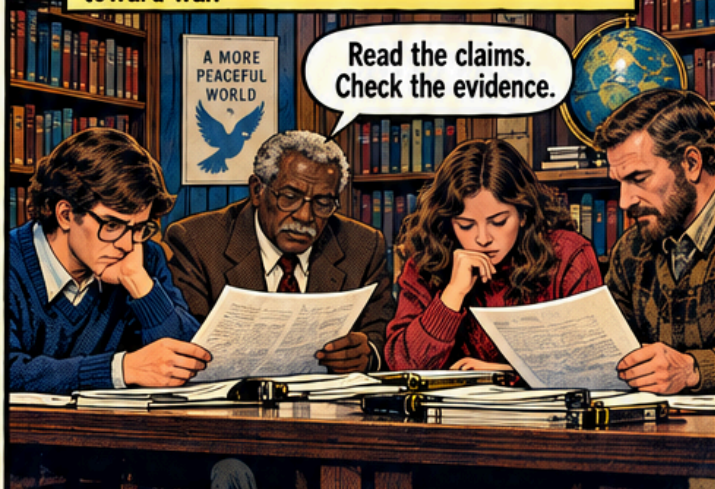
**6** He links Carter's political troubles to a loss of public confidence.



**7** BETER'S ALLEGATION: secret weapons shipments pass through Canada.



**8** The letter urges listeners to question the path toward war.



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## TOPIC 2: THE SECOND BATTLE OF BRITAIN

**1** Beter contrasts Munich in 1938 with Britain's resistance in 1940.



**2** In 1977, he portrays Britain as resisting Soviet pressure.



**3** He discusses reports of large Soviet submarine exercises.



**4** British defense concerns include mines and vulnerable sea routes.



**5** BETER'S ALLEGATION: sonar equipment is diverted and examined by Soviet agents.



**6** He describes efforts to protect airfields and military installations.



**7** Beter interprets monetary policy as a sign of British independence.



**8** The letter presents national resolve as the answer to intimidation.



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## TOPIC 3: MAN-MADE EARTHQUAKES AND NUCLEAR WAR

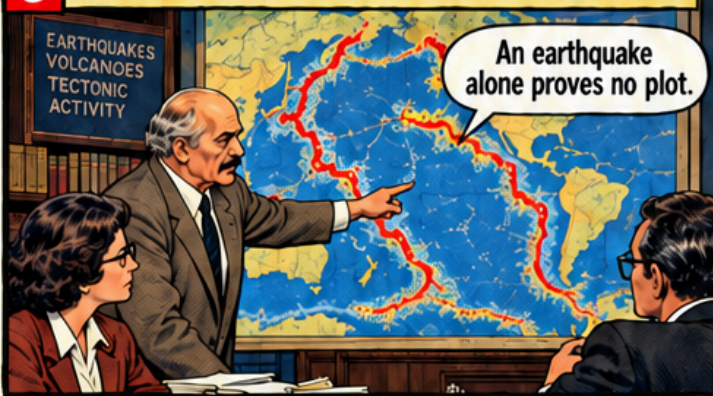
**1** Beter warns that hidden threats could lead to nuclear war.



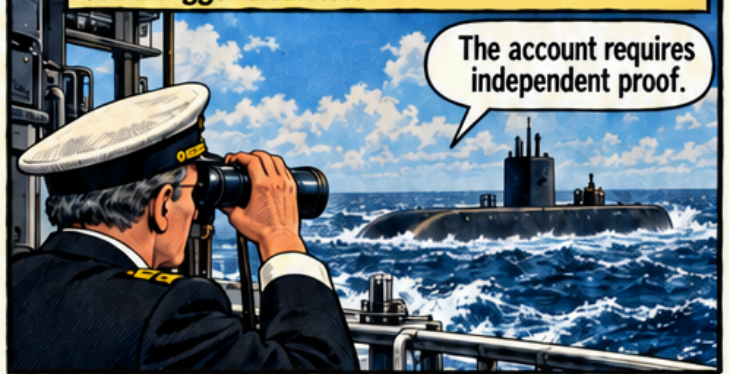
**2** BETER'S ALLEGATION: explosive devices are concealed in American waters.



**3** He connects his warning to the Pacific Ring of Fire.



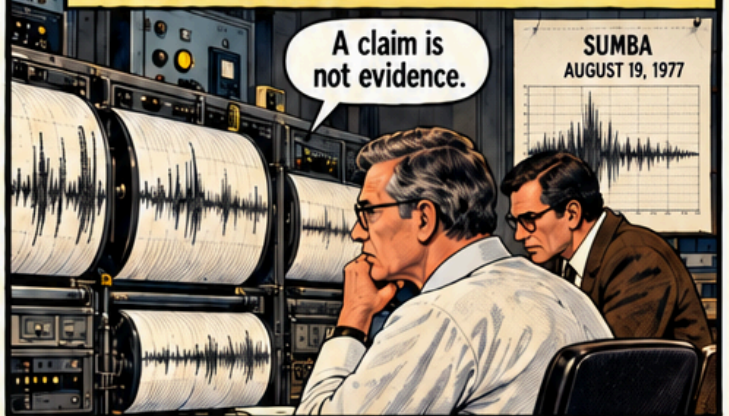
**4** BETER'S ALLEGATION: huge underwater explosions could trigger disasters.



**5** The imagined danger includes destructive waves along coastlines.



**6** Beter interprets the August 19 Sumba earthquake as a deliberate attack.



**7** He fears an emergency might be used to accelerate confrontation.



**8** His closing appeal asks listeners to act with conscience and judgment.

