

0. Indiana Jones 4 - Crystal Skull - Story Preface

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*It is at least 3,600 years old
and according to legend
was used by the High Priest of the Maya
when performing esoteric rites.
It is said that when he willed death
with the help of the skull,
death invariably followed.*

F.A. Mitchell-Hedges
Commenting on the Crystal "Skull of Doom"
in Danger My Ally (1954 edition)

It is 1957, and streaking across the sky a satellite is seen - and heard - for the first time. Its name is *Sputnik*.

Made, and launched, by the Soviet Union, the satellite is a major achievement. The first round of the space race is won by America's cold-war enemy, and the United States government is humiliated.

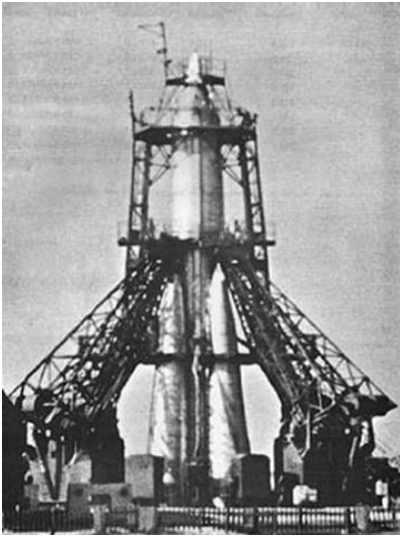
It wasn't the first time the Kremlin surprised Washington, D.C.

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Launch of Sputnik - 1957

Image of Sputnik on the launch pad, online courtesy the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

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Space Race - Who Created Sputnik?

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