

August 1983		Andropov enters the Central Clinical Hospital in western Moscow on a permanent basis, where he would spend the remainder of his life.
September 1, 1983		KAL 007 Airline flight shot down by Soviet Union forces in Pacific, raises tensions diplomatically
September 3, 1983		War Game Autumn Forge 1983 begins. Massive multi-nation war game involving unit exercises and airlift of 19,000 U.S. troops from mainland U.S. to Germany.
October 23, 1983		United States invades Grenada (former British Colony)
end-October 1983		Increased coded traffic between the U.S. and U.K. alerts Soviets and sets off concerns of a nuclear first strike plan being developed/executed. In reality, U.K. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was fussing at U.S. President Ronald Reagan for not alerting the U.K. about Grenada invasion plans.
November 7, 1983		Able Archer exercise begins—it's also a major Soviet Union holiday
		Soviet Union detects unusual coded message traffic and misinterprets purpose as First Strike Missile preparations.
		Soviet Union increases readiness alert levels of all armed forces (unconfirmed reports - former Soviet Union archives are still classified)
November 11, 1983		Able Archer exercise ends
February 9, 1984		Yuri Andropov dies from kidney failure at age 69
		Konstantin Chernenko becomes General Secretary and dies in office after 13 months
May 4, 1984		U.K. sends diplomatic memo to U.S. State Department informing about close call event during Able Archer exercise. Misunderstood Soviet Union perceptions and near-miss aspects of Nuclear War.