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Dear Niles,

By chance, I watched the documentary "[The Man Who Saved the World](#)" over the weekend. It seems that the protagonist, Soviet Col. Stanislav Petrov, when confronted with electronic signals indicating that six American nuclear missiles had been fired against the Soviet Union, insisted on waiting for radar or visual confirmation before notifying the higher-ups, and thereby prevented nuclear war (it turned out that the signals were a glitch of some kind). This occurred on Sept. 26, 1983, which means that today is the anniversary of a day that we didn't all die. Some group proclaimed that Sept. 26 is henceforth to be designated Stanislav Petrov Day. It's quite an amazing film, available on Amazon Prime.

Best regards,

Susan