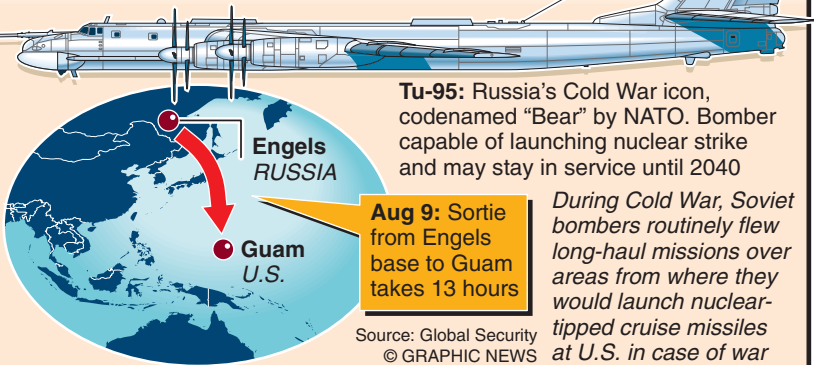


# Russia sparks Cold War scramble

Two Russian bombers have flown to the U.S. island of Guam in the Pacific in a surprise manoeuvre reminiscent of the Cold War era. The sortie comes as Russia is adopting a more assertive posture on the international stage



**Tu-95:** Russia's Cold War icon, codenamed "Bear" by NATO. Bomber capable of launching nuclear strike and may stay in service until 2040

**Aug 9:** Sortie from Engels base to Guam takes 13 hours

*During Cold War, Soviet bombers routinely flew long-haul missions over areas from where they would launch nuclear-tipped cruise missiles at U.S. in case of war*

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