**A Bit of History**

**RSA Formation**

Anton Volkov, a respected Federal Councilman, supports a transnational Asian currency like the Euro. He also promotes open borders with surrounding nations. He slowly gains influence in the same way Chancellor Palpatine of the Star Wars franchise did- convincing people that small changes are necessary. He uses the Australian War and its effects on the inhabitants of the future RSA region as evidence that they must unite more. He says that greed and division motivated the war, and he calls for a centralized government in which citizens will share their precious resources for the good of the nation (A Communist Dictatorship).

Volkov is a charismatic and influential leader in a Hitler sort of way, so the citizens call for him to be the leader of the newly formed Republic of Socialist Asia. He promises security and prosperity for them and their children.

Volkov blames Western ideology for many of the world’s problems and tensions gradually rise between the RSA and USA.

**In Game**

The nuclear arsenal reduction treaty signed between Presidents Marshall and Volkov appears to mark the beginning tensions easing. This notion is disproved when the attack on Washington D.C. is found to be coordinated and executed by the RSA. This attack prompts the US to declare war on the RSA and the world is forced to choose sides.

It is unclear why the RSA would attack after signing a treaty. Later in the game, Volkov defends the attack. During a speech in (Insert Mission Location Here), he calls the attack a necessary tragedy. He says that he wishes to see peace on a global scale, but that the US stands in the way of that goal. He restates his support of the treaty and what it stands for, but argues that America’s involvement in other countries both governmental and corporate and its rejection of Communism make its involvement in the treaty hypocritical.

Volkov’s speech is cut short when he is assassinated on stage. The killer, a young native rebel, is connected to a network that extends within the RSA and eventually aids the US Special Forces team code-named the Iron Eagles in their attempts to destroy an experimental weapon.