**Current Event Analysis #2**

**Are People being attacked by a Mysterious new Weapon?**

**Is ‘Havana Syndrome’ Real or in the Mind?**



Over the past several years, dozens of American and Canadian officials have reported hearing strange sounds and feeling unwell. Some scientists believe that they are the victims of a secret weapon that causes brain damage. Because it was first reported in Havana, Cuba in 2016, it was given the name ‘Havana Syndrome.’

**Task 1:** Listen to the news report summarising the story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbFRomflb2M&t=7s>

# Task 2: Read the article: ‘CIA Skeptical of ‘Havana Syndrome’ in *Psychology Today* Magazine, January 20, 2022’ at: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/nz/blog/its-catching/202201/cia-skeptical-havana-syndrome>

# Create a series of key dot-points that make the case that ‘Havana Syndrome’ is an imaginary illness. We will work on this assignment on class together.