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Wilma - Bud will want to review these analyses which relate to Gorbachev's statement in Paris today. WA

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: DONALD MAHLEY/ROBERT ^{DM}LENHARD ^{RL}

SUBJECT: Early Intelligence Analysis of Gorbachev's SS-20
Statements in Paris

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WHILE THIS AN INFORMATION
MEMO. DUE TO THE TRACE OF
ACTIVITY, IT IS WORTHY OF
EARLY CONSIDERATION. *RL*

Attached for your reading and information are two "spot reports" we received analyzing Gorbachev's statements in Paris on SS-20's and a cable reporting the text of his statement.

These reports basically point out that our intelligence counts more than 243 SS-20's in the Western USSR now, but we see some movement that could presage Soviet actions to make their posture conform to Gorbachev's statement.

We do have good evidence that the bases are still active (rather than empty as Gorbachev implied at one point). One report speculates on how the Soviets could align SS-20's to "match" UK/French nuclear forces.

Attachments

Tab A Spot Reports and Cable

cc: Ron Lehman
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SPOT COMMENTARY: Gorbachev Announcement on INF

At a reception in Paris today, General Secretary Gorbachev announced that the Soviets have proposed to the US the "total prohibition" of "space-strike arms" and cuts of 50 percent in US and Soviet strategic weapons capable of reaching each other's territory. He then stated that the USSR believes it is possible to reach an INF agreement separate from space and strategic issues and said Moscow is prepared for direct talks with the British and French.

According to TASS, Gorbachev announced that the number of SS-20's on "standby alert" in the European zone is 243, the same as in June 1984 when the "additional deployment" of SS-20s was begun in response to US INF deployments in Europe. Gorbachev said the SS-20s "additionally deployed" have been withdrawn from standby alert and that the stationary sites for these missiles will be dismantled within the next two months. He concluded his remarks on INF by saying that Europe is now "entitled" to a "reply step" by the US--the termination of further INF deployments--but he did not call for withdrawal of US systems already deployed. He made no reference to INF systems in the East.

Comment: While the Soviet proposal in Geneva Monday called for a halt in further deployment of US and Soviet INF systems in Europe, it excluded SS-20s from the strategic aggregate on the Soviet side. Gorbachev's statement today, taken in conjunction with the Soviet proposal Monday, indicates that the Soviets are attempting to remove the issue of SS-20 reductions from the Geneva talks and make it a subject for separate negotiations with the British and French. The eventual level of US INF systems would be negotiated in the strategic arms talks in Geneva.

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FROM: [REDACTED]
Deputy Chief, Arms Control Intelligence Staff

SUBJECT: Gorbachev Announcement In Paris Regarding SS-20 Deployments

1. Today, October 3, 1985, Soviet leader Gorbachev stated that Moscow was prepared for direct talks with France and Britain on the placing of their nuclear deterrants in the European balance of forces. He also said that the current number of operational SS-20s in the European zone of the Soviet Union is 243, the same as in June 1984. In addition, Gorbachev also stated that SS-20 missiles which were deployed in a supplementary way in the European zone in response to US deployments are now withdrawn from operational service and the fixed installations of these missiles will be dismantled in the next two months.

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We are uncertain which bases Gorbachev is referring to as "supplemental" although it is possible that they are the ones constructed since the Soviet "walkout" in Geneva in November 1983 as an "analagous response" to US deployments in Europe. Since November 1983 (as well as June 1984), the Soviets have completed twelve bases in the Western USSR with one additional base [REDACTED] not yet operational.

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3. Gorbachev also stated that the term "European Zone" referred to that area in which medium-range missiles capable of striking targets on the territory of Western Europe are deployed. [REDACTED]

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5. If there is anything further we can do to assist you here, please call and let me know. [REDACTED]

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