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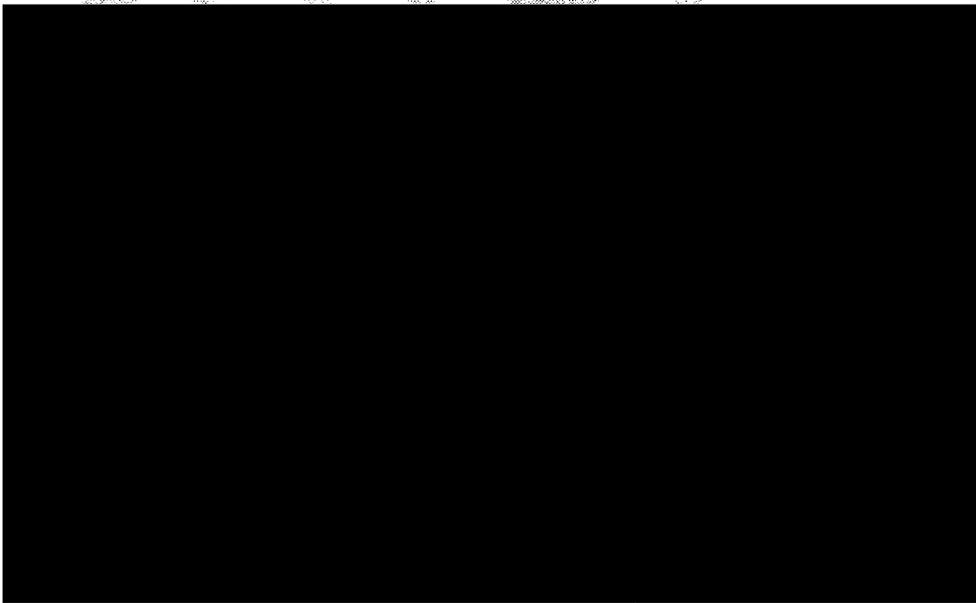
USSR-INTERNATIONAL: New Soviet Campaign Against SDI

[REDACTED] the Soviet Communist Party recently tasked the Novosti press agency to launch an intensive worldwide campaign against SDI in preparation for a possible US-Soviet summit meeting. The campaign involves the dissemination of propaganda on a regional basis to physicians, scientists, and retired military officers who oppose SDI and the use of a newly created Novosti television department that will distribute anti-SDI videocassettes. [REDACTED]

Comment: The campaign will reinvigorate Moscow's longstanding anti-SDI efforts, which recently have been overshadowed by Soviet propaganda on nuclear testing. Moscow's attempt to influence professional groups is designed to improve the credibility of its disarmament initiatives by attracting support from organizations—such as International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War—outside its traditional network of front groups. The new priority accorded to television is another example of the leadership's efforts to modernize the Soviet propaganda apparatus. [REDACTED]



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