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PROPOSED NEW PAR. 21 TO BE INSERTED

21. For some time the USSR has been systematically strengthening its own and Satellite forces in Eastern Europe to maintain its relative advantage over growing Western strength. The highly mechanized Soviet group of armies in Eastern Germany is being maintained in an advanced state of combat-readiness and is being supplied with the most modern equipment. Soviet and some Satellite air units are being rapidly re-equipped with jet aircraft and an airfield expansion program is well under way.

PROPOSED NEW PAR. 31 TO REPLACE PRESENT PAR. 31

31. Although Soviet air defenses are steadily improving and ~~will be capable of inflicting correspondingly heavier losses on attacking strategic air forces,~~ it is tentatively estimated that Soviet vulnerability to atomic attack on the Soviet Union should not be critically reduced, at least through mid-1953.

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