

## Potential Target Coverage of the SS-X-20

A large force of mobile SS-X-20s might diminish the need for augmenting the peripheral missile force with ICBMs. During the late 1960s the Soviets emplaced about 190 SS-11 ICBMs at sites that allowed full coverage of China and the Far East. Other SS-11 sites were oriented so their missiles could be used against Western Europe and the Middle East. A force of SS-X-20s, however, would be better suited for these missions than the SS-11.

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**USSR:** The test program for the Soviets' land mobile SS-X-20 is moving along well; the new missile may be in the field by the middle of 1976. The Soviets are expected to field the SS-X-20 for use against both Western Europe and China.