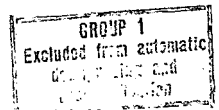


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26 May 1965**PRIMARY ASSUMPTIONS**For the full period (1966-1980)

- No all-out nuclear conflict.
- No universal disarmament with true safeguards.
- Radically new--and increasingly expensive--weapons and space systems are developed, but no technological break-through occurs of a magnitude to alter the balance of power dramatically between U.S. and USSR.
- U.S. economic expansion continues without major setback; U.S. continues as the leader of the world's democratic forces.
- Gradual proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
- Gradual proliferation of power centers (U.S., USSR, Communist China, Japan, Europe, and perhaps others), with attendant complications and dangers to the world scene.
- Gradual proliferation of international abrasive, crisis, and small war situations (spurred variously by communism, nationalism, racism, and radicalism).
- The industrialized nations grow richer, while most of the underdeveloped nations' difficulties (population explosion, economic, and social disarray, etc.) increase.
- U.S. influence and presence recede in various cases in Europe, Asia, and Africa.
- U.S. becomes more discriminating in its commitments abroad; stakes more on certain key allies and neutrals.

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- USSR remains the principal threat to U.S. national interests.
- Communist China acquires both increased stature and influence in Asia and the world, and a modest nuclear missile capability.
- The U.S.-USSR space race burgeons.
- "wars of national liberation," encouraged or fostered by Communist states, continue to occur.
- Polycentrism increases among the Communist states, but does not significantly lessen Communist threats to free societies.
- NATO shaken to its foundations, if not dissolved; French and West German assertiveness rise; disunity increases in the Western Alliance.
- No definitive solutions are achieved with respect to major international problem areas (such as Berlin, Indochina, Kashmir, Arab-Israel, etc.).

For the following ten-year period (1971-1980)

- An ambitious, irresponsible, and increasingly powerful Communist China poses the major threat to peace and to U.S. national interests.
- Hostile Soviet competition with the U.S. continues; the USSR nevertheless explores detente with the U.S.
- Weapons race enters space.
- Local armed clashes increase in the world.
- Severe economic dislocations occur in individual countries.

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- Solutions are reached for some present international crisis areas, but others arise, especially in Africa.
- Growing cooperation between Western and Eastern Europe.
- U.S. interests come under increasing threat from

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