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1. The political-military situation of the Soviet Union has made direct intervention in North Korea inadvisable. This situation has been caused by developments unfavorable to Communism in many parts of the world; namely, the weakening of Communist parties, the general social improvement, the resurgence of nationalist sentiments, the religious revival, and the anti-Communist measures adopted by many governments. Furthermore, the Soviet position has been compromised by the lack of full support from Communist parties abroad, which has hurt the Soviet Union more than the United States arms program.
2. Moscow accords with MAO Tse-tung have not given the Soviet Union clear predominance in China. The Chinese regime has worked Titoist tendencies. Despite Soviet pressure, Communist China has remained passive toward the Korean conflict and Formosa. The real danger to the Soviet Union lies in an eventual soft approach of the United States and Great Britain toward China, together with Asiatic nationalism as represented by Nehru.
3. Military aid to China, North Korea and Indo-China has seriously depleted the Soviet Union's Far East reserves, especially tanks and artillery, and a building-up of stock-piles will take some time. It is essential that the Soviet Union study United States methods and arms as revealed in the Korean war.

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5. In the Middle East, the Soviet Union plans to draw off Western strength by small-scale conflicts in that area.
6. In East Germany, Communist control is still weak, a fact which threatens the Soviet Union with a grave security problem in the event of war. Only by the end of 1951 can a neutral attitude on the part of East Germans be assured.
7. In the field of nuclear weapons, the Soviet Union has made progress but is still short of United States achievements.
8. The Soviet Union must, above all, concentrate fully on the preparation for total war, but in view of all the factors outlined above, she cannot face war now. Hence the Soviet Union must embark on a temporizing program, using every means in the United Nations Organization and by diplomacy to encourage conferences purporting to seek a general peace. This program of conciliation is a change in tactics only. Meanwhile the Soviet Union will whittle away United States strength through localized conflicts in the Middle East and in Southern Asia.

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