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Conclusions of the NSAM 156 Committee regarding
Soviet capability to intercept US satellites:

"At present, the USSR probably has the hardware and the knowhow necessary for devising a method of intercepting a US reconnaissance satellite. However, we have no evidence that the Soviets have actually integrated the components for this purpose. They could have such a capability in being; if not it could be acquired soon. An early capability is more likely to require the use of a nuclear than a fragmentation warhead, although it would be difficult politically to use nuclear warheads repeatedly. As elements of the USSR's anti-ballistic missile systems are developed further, Soviet ability to counter hostile satellites will increase. The USSR will probably be able to intercept US satellites of current models within the next year or so. The odds favoring such an interception would diminish with the adoption of available counter-measures."

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