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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/OCI

SUBJECT : OSR List of Developments and Events  
Subject to Prediction

Listed below is a selected group of developments or events that OSR had a hand in estimating, assessing or predicting would or would not occur. The list is certainly not all inclusive, but is intended to be representative.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Comments</u>	
1960-75	✓ Soviet ICBM Force Deployment Projections	See [redacted] article in Studies in Intelligence. Overestimates and Underestimates	25X
1962	Cuban Missile Crisis ✓	Initial predictions of offensive missile deployment were inaccurate	
1962-70	Soviet Development and Deployment of ABMs	Both numbers and characteristics were overstated	
1964-70	Projections of Soviet SSBN Force	See [redacted] article in Studies in Intelligence. Predictions ranged from good to bad. CIA alone predicted the advent of the "Y" class.	25X
1965-70	Projections of Chinese Strategic Nuclear Force	Validity of predictions varied-- initial assessments were rather accurate	25X



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1965	New Soviet Aircraft Carrier	Agency estimated that these vessels would be for helicopters. Assessment was accurate
1966	Soviet SA-5 Deployment	Accurately assessed that this system would be a SAM, not an ABM. Pattern of deployment accurately predicted
1968	✓ Soviet Invasion of Czechoslovakia	Reported that forces were ready to invade, but did not predict the precise date of invasion
1969	Possibility of Sino-Soviet War	Assessment that a major conflict would not occur proved accurate
1971	✓ India-Pakistan War	Military buildup reported along with judgment that war was likely
1973	Mid-East October War	Egyptian military buildup reported, but political judgment on likelihood of war was inaccurate. Possibility of Soviet intervention was accurately assessed. Outcome of war predicted.

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1974	Turkish Invasion of Cyprus	Accurately predicted
1974	India's First Nuclear Test	Agency reported that India had the capability- date of first test not predicted

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