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Carlucci says military threat from Soviet Union is growing

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TOKYO — Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci said yesterday that the Soviet military threat was growing despite the signing of an arms-reduction treaty at the Soviet-American summit.

"The dialogue is a healthy one, but we as yet see no tangible change in Soviet force structure, in the offensive configuration of their forces," he said. "Nor do we see any change in the massive amounts of investment going into the Soviet military machine."

"Until we see some tangible change, we should not change our defense policy. We are still facing a very substantial military threat," he said.

Mr. Carlucci, on his way home from last week's Moscow summit, told a press luncheon in Tokyo, "Better relations must be built on a strong foundation: our ability to defend ourselves and our interests. Summitry is no substitute for security."

"The Soviet threat to this part of the world [East Asia] is significant — and it is growing," he added.

Mr. Carlucci said Mikhail S. Gorbachev had made it clear his reforms were aimed not at changing the basic structure of the Soviet system, but at trying to make that system more efficient.

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Frank Carlucci talks at Japan's National Press Club in Tokyo.

et Union that is less expansionist in its foreign policy, that stops its human-rights violations and comes to respect fundamental human-rights values and that is more open to a dialogue with the West, then we will all be better off.

"If sometime in the 1990s, it ends up as a society that can produce enormous quantities of weapons even more effectively than it does today, then we will have made an enormous miscalculation," Mr. Carlucci said.

He said it was too early to tell which way the Soviet Union was going.

"Let me emphasize that as of today we have not seen any tangible impact of perestroika on the Soviet military establishment," he said.

Mr. Carlucci also praised Japan for its contribution to the U.S.-Japan security arrangement, adding that Japan often failed to get credit for what it did.

Nevertheless, he said Japan could do more.