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1. [Excerpt] For one week, civilian and combat planes and helicopters displayed their abilities in the skies near Moscow, while some 300 Russian and foreign firms displayed their latest products to visitors at a huge airport near the town of Zhukovskiy. Some of the aircraft had radical new designs suggestive of flying saucers. The Russian aerospace industry presented the TU-160 strategic bomber, which carries air-to-surface missiles, the IL-102 ground attack aircraft, the SU-27M fighter aircraft, and many specialized aircraft for sports, fire fighting, and agriculture. Visitors were able to see the C-300 antiaircraft rocket launcher, which had been interesting foreign specialists for years but until now had been classified as a top secret weapon. Its designer Boris Kodriatsev describes the potential of the C-300 unit:

2. [Begin Kodriatsev recording in Russian, fading into French translation] On the whole, we have reason to believe that the system is superior to the American Patriot system. It also has the advantage of being able to fly anywhere, while Patriots can only fly in the direction of the orientation of the launcher. [end recording]

3. Among new products there is the MiG-31, nicknamed the mini-AWACS in comparison with the famous American reconnaissance aircraft. The chief designer, Rostislav Beliakov, describes its potential:

4. [Begin Beliakov recording in Russian, fading into French translation] It has advantages as a weapon: It has a very advanced detection system allowing it to sweep a large beam, 900-km wide, for four aircraft. [end recording]

5. According to well-informed sources, the (Obovono) Export and Avia Export signed a number of agreements on the supply of military aircraft and equipment during the MosAeroshow-92 exhibition. [passage omitted]

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