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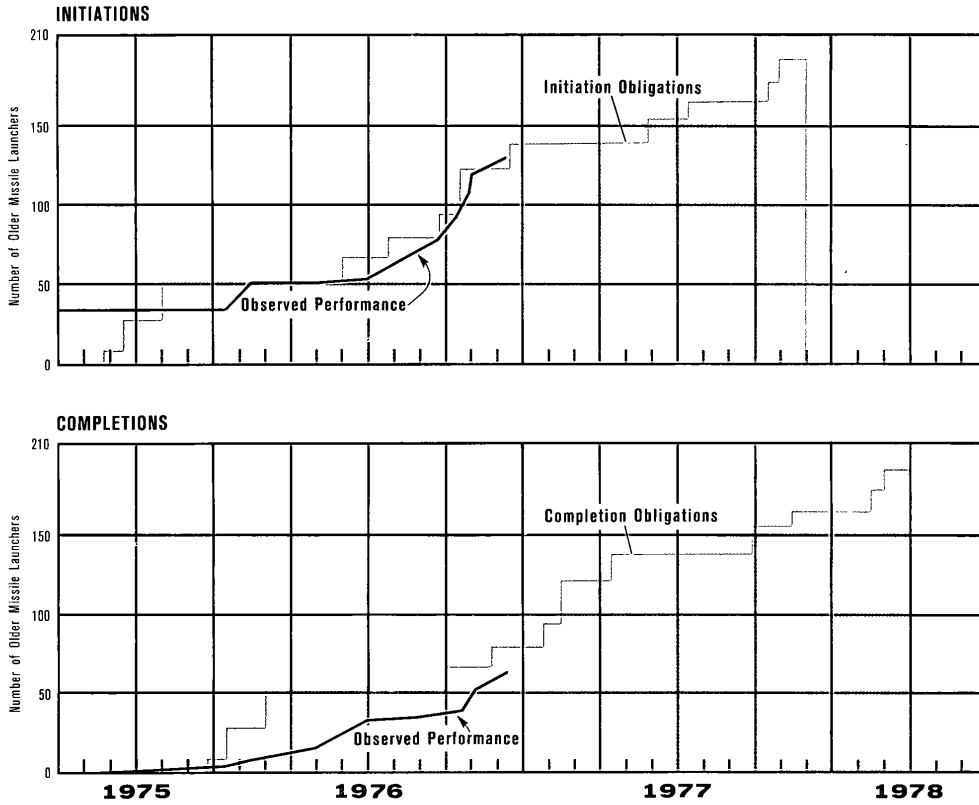
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**STATUS OF DISMANTLING OF OLDER SOVIET MISSILE LAUNCHERS**



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**Status of Soviet ICBM Dismantling**

Obligations	March 1	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Required number of launchers with:								
Dismantling Complete	51	51	51	51	51	67	67	79
Dismantling Initiated	0	16	28	28	44	56	56	60
	51	67	79	79	95	123	123	139
Observed Performance	(Dec 4- Mar 29)	(Mar 22- May 17)	(Jul 9- Aug 3)	(Aug 4- Sep 6)	(Sep 7- Oct 19)*	(Oct 12- Nov 5)*	(Nov 9- Dec 9)*	
Dismantling Complete	8	13-16	33	33	39	51	63	
Dismantling in Progress	43	38-35	20	46	69	70	69	
	51	51	53	79	108	121	132	

\*Photographic coverage of the 209 SS-7 and SS-8 launchers was incomplete.

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USSR: *Satellite photo-*  
*graphy* [redacted]

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*shows that the Soviets have started dismantling at least 11 more of the older SS-7 and SS-8 ICBM launchers and have completed dismantling at least 12 others. Additional dismantling activity could have occurred, however; of the total 209 older ICBM launchers, only 113 were photographed in the course of this mission.*

Available information indicates that at least 132 Soviet launchers are in varying stages of dismantlement; 63 are considered fully dismantled and 69 in process. Of the 69 partially dismantled launchers, 20 are unusable in the sense that none could be returned to operational status in less time than would be required for new construction.

By early December, the Soviets should have finished dismantling 79 launchers and have had 44 others in the process of dismantlement. During December, they should have started dismantling 16 additional launchers for a total of 60 in process.

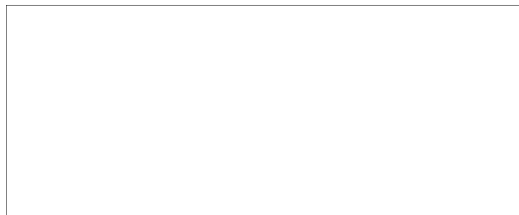
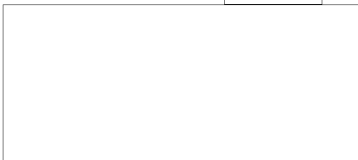
A D-1 submarine with 12 missile tubes may have been launched in September and could begin sea trials this spring. When it does, the total number of launchers in the process of dismantlement should be 72. We do not expect the Soviets to launch another ballistic missile submarine before spring.

By the end of April, the Soviets should have completed dismantling a total of 139 launchers. 25X1

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SOUTH AFRICA: [redacted]



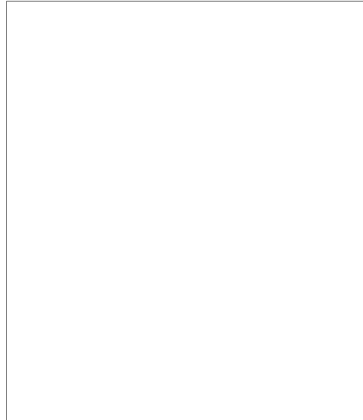
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NIGERIA: Nigerian head of state Obasanjo recently outlined his government's views on relations with the US and its policies toward southern Africa.



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Speaking to Senator [redacted] Obasanjo expressed Nigeria's hope for good relations with the incoming US administration. He also expressed the hope that the US will accept Nigeria's view of its special role in Africa.

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In discussing efforts toward black majority rule in southern Africa-- a prime aim of the current Nigerian military regime--Obasanjo emphasized that US influence is a key factor. He expressed the hope that the US would increase diplomatic and economic pressure on the governments of Rhodesia and South Africa.

By stressing the US role, Obasanjo may well have been preparing to blame the US if there is no progress toward black majority rule in southern Africa.

Obasanjo pointed to the Angola issue as the main factor in US-Nigerian policy differences over the past year.

He questioned whether the US had stopped supporting rival Angolan groups. Obasanjo said the next

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move in Angola is up to the US, which should formally recognize the Popular Movement government.

Obasanjo urged the US not to treat African affairs--such as Angola--within the context of East-West competition.

The Nigerian head of state reaffirmed Nigerian skepticism about US initiatives on Rhodesia. He acknowledged that some progress has been made in the recent Geneva talks, however, and said he expects further progress under the incoming US administration.

Obasanjo said he hopes the US will work with the British to establish an interim Rhodesian government in which the UK would have the main role, fortified, if necessary, by a Commonwealth defense force.

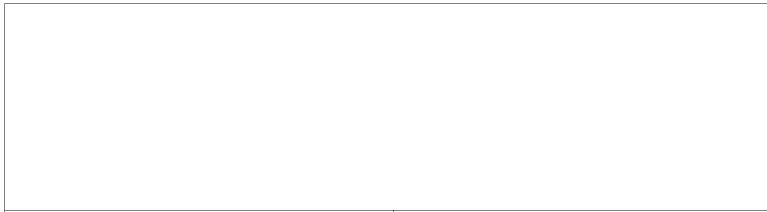
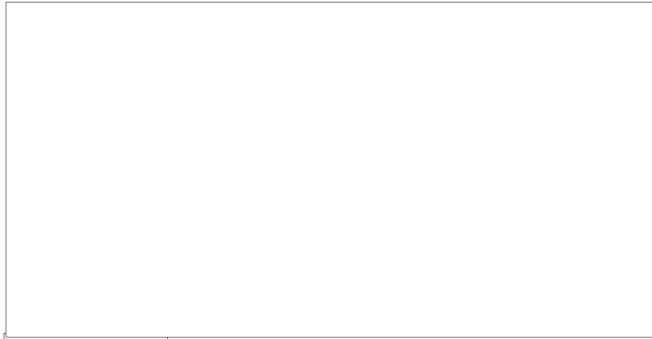
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