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the Initiative
to Reduce
Post-Cold War
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About The Committee

THE COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR POLICY is a collaborative effort organized by project directors of several independent non-governmental organizations, in the United States and Europe, who research nuclear weapon policy issues. The directors formed the Committee in January 1997 to facilitate cooperation among their various research projects as a way to make their expertise and analyses available to policy analysts, policy-makers, and journalists in a timely and coordinated manner. The Committee was also formed to call greater attention to post-Cold War nuclear dangers and to the need for new policies to deal with nuclear dangers.

The Committee is composed of nuclear weapon experts, scholars, scientists, and researchers from many renowned academic institutions, policy institutes and centers. The Committee's members also include retired military leaders and national lawmakers who are dedicated to working on these important issues. Committee members join as individuals, and their affiliation in no way implies any formal association with the Committee on the part of their institutions.

During its first year, the Committee's activities involved joint promotion of members' project reports and studies. The Committee also commissioned and published a comprehensive survey on public attitudes towards nuclear weapons policy.

In March 1998, the Committee began to look primarily at the U.S.-Russian nuclear relationship, with particular emphasis on: 1) the process of phased reductions; 2) the alert status of U.S. and Russian forces; and, 3) doctrinal issues regarding possible use of nuclear weapons. The Committee began a series of focused meetings to produce a new set of initiatives encompassing all of these areas, aimed at retaking the initiative to reduce post-Cold War nuclear dangers. The Committee met with U.S. government officials, Russian experts, and elders of the U.S. arms control community. The accompanying proposal is the result of the Committee's deliberations.

While all members of the Committee support the general thrust of this report, it should not be construed that every member is in total agreement with all of the specific points presented in the pages that follow. One member, Alexei Arbatov, not only is the head of the Center for Political and Military Forecasts in Moscow, but is also a distinguished member of the State Duma, Russian Parliament. Because of his position as a national legislator, he asked, and the Committee agreed, to include his additional comments which can be found in Appendix V.

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Introduction

The Berlin Wall fell a decade ago. The Cold War ended almost nine years ago. The old nuclear standoff between the United States and the Soviet Union has been transformed. Nevertheless, the nuclear arsenals and attitudes of the United States and Russia still reflect Cold War postures. Worse still, terrifying new nuclear dangers have emerged as these postures are maintained in the face of Russia's ongoing economic collapse.

If the notion of either side launching a deliberate, massive nuclear attack against the other is wildly unrealistic, why have the nuclear doctrines of the United States and Russia not changed? Why are thousands of nuclear weapons on both sides still on hair-trigger alert even though they no longer target each other's territory? If Presidents Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev could agree that a nuclear war could not be won, and must not be fought, why have the United States and Russia not moved faster in the post-Cold War period to reduce the risk of a nuclear exchange precipitated by a breakdown of authority or miscalculation?

One answer may be that the formal treaty negotiation process, used by the United States and the Soviet Union/Russia Federation to manage their Cold War nuclear rivalry, has not dealt effectively with new post-Cold War realities. The START II Treaty, signed in 1993, aims at force levels (3,000–3,500 deployed strategic warheads) that are no longer appropriate for today, let alone for the 21st century. Russian Defense Minister Igor Sergeev has stated publicly that Russia is likely to have no more than 500 deployed strategic warheads by 2012 for economic reasons. Yet, START II still has not gone into force because of opposition in the Russian Duma, where it has languished for the past six years. Moreover, formal negotiations for a follow-on START III pact (with further reductions to levels between 2,000 and 2,500) are likely to be time-consuming and, according to the Clinton administration, cannot begin until START II is formally approved by the Duma.

Treaties have served U.S. national interests well, but the pace of this process simply has not kept up with the expansion of nuclear dangers inside Russia. Senior

Russian officials have publicly acknowledged that 70 percent of Russia's early warning satellites are either past their designed operational life or in serious disrepair. Senior Russian military officials also have acknowledged that 58 percent of Russia's ballistic missiles are well past their operational life span. Vast amounts of bomb-making materials—plutonium and highly-enriched uranium—are poorly protected. These grave conditions invite catastrophic accidents or proliferation.

Neither the United States nor Russia has been willing, in recent years, to complement the slow and cumbersome process of treaty negotiations with actions that could be implemented far more rapidly. The time has now come to supplement treaties with parallel, reciprocal, and verifiable steps to reduce these dangers; dangers that directly threaten vital U.S. national interests.

Following a careful and painstaking examination over the past few months of the formal treaty negotiating process, the Committee on Nuclear Policy has concluded that the START process must be augmented with immediate, parallel, and reciprocal actions. The Committee strongly calls upon the Clinton administration to: reduce nuclear forces to levels far lower than currently envisioned under a START III treaty; take the majority of U.S. forces, alongside Russia, off hair-trigger alert; and, secure, monitor and greatly reduce fissile materials and warhead stockpiles. Concerted effort to achieve these goals could pave the way for formal negotiations at a later date and lock in these initiatives with treaties.

The Committee acknowledges the Reagan, Bush and Clinton administrations' efforts to advance the START process. Even before the end of the Cold War, Presidents Reagan and Gorbachev acted prudently to end the U.S.-Soviet strategic rivalry by declaring that a nuclear war must never be fought. They followed up that declaration with the elimination of an entire class of nuclear weapons in Europe by signing the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty.

Presidents Bush and Gorbachev continued to pull back from the strategic competition by concluding the

START I Treaty in 1991, obligating the United States and the Soviet Union to deploy no more than 6,000 strategic nuclear weapons. President Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin kept that momentum going, agreeing to further reduce deployed strategic forces by half in START II.

The Clinton administration has made great strides in implementing START I. The U.S. arsenal has now dropped below 7,000 accountable warheads. The administration persuaded Ukraine, Belarus, and Kazakhstan to allow ex-Soviet nuclear warheads to be removed from their territories, and to join the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) as non-nuclear weapons states. The administration worked hard to get START II ratified by the U.S. Senate, and successfully engaged President Boris Yeltsin at Helsinki by outlining a START III framework in 1997. The Clinton administration's efforts to secure the indefinite extension of the NPT and the completion of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) are equally laudable. All of these efforts have contributed to reducing nuclear dangers of the 21st century.

These notable achievements can be nullified, however, if Russia's continued decline leads to vastly increased nuclear dangers. The Committee believes strongly that more can and must be done to radically reduce the number of U.S. and Russian nuclear weapons, reliance on them, and the political value attached to them. While the Committee supports effective nuclear treaties, and the START process, it believes that new impetus is required to reduce nuclear dangers.

After meeting with Clinton administration officials, and with Russian civilian and military leaders, the Committee crafted, and now proposes, a set of initiatives to serve as the basis for supplementing the

formal treaty negotiating process—initiatives similar to those undertaken by Presidents Bush and Gorbachev in 1991. Keenly aware of the threat posed by a quickly disintegrating Soviet Union—one nuclear power dangerously on the verge of splitting into multiple nuclear powers—President Bush moved creatively and boldly. In September 1991, he announced that the United States would withdraw to its territory U.S. non-strategic, or tactical, nuclear weapons—artillery shells, short-range missiles, gravity bombs and nuclear weapons aboard U.S. surface naval vessels. He also ordered a thousand U.S. warheads deployed on strategic bombers and ballistic missiles that were slated for dismantlement under START I be taken off alert, even before the treaty was ratified. He further proposed new negotiations on strategic reductions.

President Gorbachev responded in kind, withdrawing all tactical weapons from Warsaw Pact nations and non-Russian republics, removing most categories of tactical nuclear weapons from service and designating thousands of nuclear warheads for dismantlement, while taking several classes of strategic systems off alert. The Soviet president also agreed to the negotiations that Mr. Bush proposed, which resulted in START II.

Mr. Bush's action successfully paved the way for larger nuclear reductions by taking the initiative to reduce an immediate nuclear threat. So, too, should the Clinton administration now take a similar leadership role in advancing creative and bold new steps to address newly pressing nuclear dangers within Russia. The Committee is convinced that such an approach provides the much-needed flexibility for adapting to the pace of the political, economic and military realities of the post-Cold War period.

Nuclear Dangers

Consider the following scenarios. Russian strategic rocket forces commanders, unable to reach their ailing president, come dangerously close to launching Russian missiles because an aging early warning radar erroneously indicates their country is under nuclear attack by the United States. A Russian nuclear weapons designer, who has not been paid for nearly a year, sells his services to Iran or Libya. A worker at a facility in one of Russia's once-closed "nuclear cities," now suffering severe economic conditions, delivers enough bomb-grade plutonium or uranium for one or two weapons to a terrorist organization or a rogue state.

These are no longer the scenarios of science fiction. They are real and present dangers that are no longer improbable. The following anecdotes demonstrate just how imminent these dangers are.

- January 1995, a scientific rocket launched by Norway was mistaken for a missile attack on Russia by the West due to a malfunction of Russia's aging early warning system. The Russian president's nuclear briefcase containing Russian forces' launch codes was activated for the first time before the Norwegian launch was deemed peaceful.
- September 1998, five soldiers from the 12th Main Directorate at Novaya Zemlya—Russia's only nuclear weapons test site—killed a guard at the facility, took another guard hostage and tried to hijack an aircraft. The soldiers seized more hostages before being disarmed by other Ministry of Defense forces and Federal Security Service commandos.
- September 1998, a 19-year-old sailor went on a rampage on an Akula-class nuclear-attack submarine, killing seven of his fellow sailors. He barricaded himself inside the torpedo bay for 20 hours, threatening to blow up the submarine with its nuclear reactor. He either committed suicide or was shot by Russian security forces. Russian officials insisted there were no nuclear weapons on board at the time, but unofficial accounts suggest otherwise.
- September 1998, a Ministry of Internal Affairs sergeant at the Mayak facility, where over 30 tons of separated weapons-usable plutonium is stored, shot two fellow soldiers and wounded another before escaping heavily armed. The incident led President Boris Yeltsin to order a review of nuclear security at the site.
- September 1998, a team of U.S. experts visiting Moscow was shown a building containing 100 kilograms of highly enriched uranium—enough for several nuclear bombs—that was completely unguarded because the facility where the fissile material was stored could not afford the \$200-a-month salary for a security guard.
- September 1998, some 47,000 unpaid nuclear workers joined in protests at various locations around Russia over what the workers' trade union said was over \$400 million in back wages owed to the nuclear sector.
- December 1998, the Chief of the Federal Security Service (FSB) in the Chelyabinsk region told the Itar-Tass that FSB agents had prevented the theft and illicit appropriation of 18.5 kilograms of nuclear materials suitable for use in nuclear weapons from one of the nuclear facilities in the Chelyabinsk region.
- Today, Ministry of Internal Affairs guards at several nuclear facilities have left their posts to forage for food. Others have been reluctant to patrol facility perimeters because they did not have winter uniforms to keep them warm on patrol.
- Today, at some nuclear facilities, entire security systems—alarms, surveillance cameras, portal monitors, etc.—have been shut down because electricity was cut off to the facilities for non-payment of bills.

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- Today, in hundreds of silos across Russia, sit over 20-year-old ICBMs, with service lives of only ten years, that are so unstable they pose risks of catastrophic proportion to life and the environment.

These examples represent only the tip of a nuclear iceberg. Clearly, time is of the essence. Waiting on the START process not only exacerbates these dangers for Russia but increases the risks of a nuclear accident, unauthorized launch, or nuclear materials falling into

hostile hands. Waiting for the Duma to ratify START II also weakens the NPT, which requires a good faith effort toward meeting nuclear disarmament obligations.

The Committee on Nuclear Policy calls on the Clinton administration to lead, and, to engage Russia in parallel, reciprocal, and verifiable measures to reduce post-Cold War nuclear dangers. The Committee calls on the administration to establish a new nuclear relationship with Russia for the post-Cold War era.

Recommendations

I. Deep Reductions

Russia can no longer afford to maintain the huge nuclear arsenal that it inherited from the former Soviet Union, and its civilian and military leadership have publically acknowledged that Russia will not be able to deploy the forces allowed under START II or START III. Because of serious concerns over safety and control of Russia's arsenal presented above, and because both Russia and the United States have arsenals well in excess of that needed to deter an attack, the United States should:

- Supplement formal arms control treaties with parallel, reciprocal, and verifiable reductions;
- Immediately declare U.S. intention to reduce, alongside Russia, to 1,000 deployed strategic nuclear weapons within a decade;
- Offer cradle-to-grave transparency on the status of all U.S. and Russian nuclear weapons as the basis for reciprocal reductions;
- With reciprocal verification, subsequently reduce to 1,000 total nuclear weapons on each side;
- Seek agreement from the other nuclear weapons states on a ceiling on their current deployment levels and begin multilateral talks on reductions once the United States and Russia reach 1,000 total nuclear weapons.

Rationale

The formal treaty process is stalled. There is no telling when START II will be ratified by the Russian Duma. The Clinton administration's posture of waiting for the Duma to act before proceeding to negotiate START III is untenable. Even if the Duma did act, it is highly unlikely that START III negotiations would result in a complete agreement before Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin leave office. That means more time lost.

Supplementing the formal treaty process with parallel, reciprocal, verifiable, and deep reductions serves U.S. national security interests. By proposing reductions down to 1,000 deployed strategic weapons, well below currently proposed START III levels, the United States opens the door for Russia to move more quickly in the direction that it has to go anyway. Willingness by the United States to cooperatively reduce strategic forces down to this level sends a signal that Washington seeks a new post-Cold War nuclear relationship with Moscow. Consequently, Russia may be more likely to agree to greater openness and transparency on its weapons, which the United States must insist on for deep reductions. The Committee advocates this positive-sum tradeoff: Russia secures rough parity at lower levels, while the United States secures transparency in Russia needed to make reductions irreversible.

Cradle-to-grave transparency, the tracking and accountability of every warhead from its production to its dismantlement and destruction, must be the linchpin of a deep reduction regime so as to make it maximally verifiable and irreversible. Russia has been less than enthusiastic about greater openness for its nuclear holdings. This must change, and is more likely with the offer of parallel deep reductions.

Agreement between the United States and Russia to reduce to 1,000 deployed strategic weapons would also include an agreement to second stage reductions down to 1,000 total weapons, which would include the tactical nuclear weapons that concern the United States and our European allies. In return for addressing Russian concerns of asymmetry at the strategic level, Moscow must shed light on its inventory of tactical nuclear weapons, which are aging and reaching obsolescence, in any event. Reductions to 1,000 total weapons on each side coincides with the proposed limit called for in the 1997 report by the National Academy of Sciences, *The Future of Nuclear Weapons*.

Moreover, bilateral reductions to this level would then pave the way for five power nuclear negotiations to deal with residual nuclear forces. This reduction regime could also reap major non-proliferation benefits.

It moves the P-5 states significantly toward meeting their nuclear disarmament obligations under the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty.

II. Removing the Hair-Trigger

That a large, powerful and unstable Russian nuclear arsenal is also on hair-trigger alert, capable of being launched within a few minutes of an attack warning, greatly heightens the risk of an accidental or unauthorized launch. U.S. forces are equally poised for quick launch. Neither the United States nor Russia can be secure with so many nuclear weapons on hair-trigger alert. No other single measure would more clearly signal the end of the mutual suspicion carried over from the Cold War than taking these weapons off quick launch status. The Committee calls on the United States to:

- Immediately stand down, alongside Russia, nuclear forces slated for destruction under START II;
- Declare its intention, with a parallel, reciprocal commitment from Russia, to eliminate the launch-on-warning option from nuclear war plans;
- Begin discussions among the five nuclear weapon states on verifiably removing all nuclear forces from hair-trigger alert;
- Declare its intention, with a parallel, reciprocal commitment from Russia, to verifiably eliminate massive attack options from nuclear war plans.

Rationale

Despite the 1994 Clinton-Yeltsin pact not to aim nuclear missiles at each other, U.S. and Russian forces still are loaded with their wartime targets that can be reactivated within seconds for Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) and minutes for Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missiles (SLBMs). Therefore, if a launch order were sent under current circumstances, 4,000 ICBM warheads (2,000 on each side) could be

on their way to their targets within a few minutes and another 1,000 SLBM warheads could be en route to targets shortly thereafter.

Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin also agreed in 1997 at their Helsinki summit to “de-activate” missiles slated for destruction under START II by 2004. The dangers posed by having so many weapons on hair-trigger alert demand that these missiles be stood down immediately. An immediate stand down would reduce the number of weapons on hair-trigger alert from 2,500 (on each side) currently to 500—the number Russia would retain on quick-launch under the START II provisions.

The stand down could be monitored by national technical means, as well as by existing extensive rights for random, short-notice missile inspections under START I. Above all, the stand down would benefit U.S. national security interests and the safety of its citizens. This action would also achieve a major psychological benefit by breaking with the Cold War psyche. So, too, would the declaration to eliminate the launch-on-warning option. The declaration could be implemented by procedural changes similar to those that now preclude the launch of U.S. missiles directed at China. Like the existing de-targeting declaration, these procedural changes could not be readily verifiable. Confidence in and verifiability of the declaration could be achieved gradually as transparency arrangements and other de-alerting measures, such as removing warheads from missiles, are implemented.

The alert levels of French and British nuclear forces are low. China does not appear to have strategic nuclear forces on alert. Including the forces of these nuclear weapons states in talks to verifiably remove all nuclear forces from hair-trigger alert is pivotal to Russia’s acceptance of such a move.

The elimination of massive attack options goes to the heart of transforming Cold War postures. Taking this step would be the first material acknowledgment that a deliberate, premeditated, mutually suicidal bombardment is both implausible and unthinkable. The Committee believes that launch-on-warning postures and massive nuclear targeting options are no longer suitable in contemporary circumstances.

III. Fissile Material and Warhead Controls

Central to U.S. security is ensuring that nuclear weapons and the essential ingredients to make them do not fall into hostile hands. With the escalating economic crisis in Russia, immediate action is needed to consolidate, secure, and account for all stockpiles of nuclear warheads and weapons-usable nuclear materials. A comprehensive accounting and monitoring regime for warheads and fissile materials is critical to the verification of the deep reductions the Committee proposes, and, to making them irreversible. This regime would also provide an urgently-needed defense against the proliferation of nuclear weapons and fissile materials to other states or sub-national groups. The Committee calls on the United States to:

- Help install modern security and accounting systems and provide resources and incentives for sustaining effective security at all Russian nuclear facilities;
- Help consolidate Russia's weapons-usable materials into the smallest possible number of locations;
- Help shrink the Russian nuclear weapons complex;
- Promote alternative employment in Russia's nuclear cities;
- Build a cradle-to-grave transparency and monitoring system for all warheads and fissile materials;
- Negotiate reductions in fissile material stocks in excess of that needed to support a 1,000-warhead stockpile;
- Triple current funding for fissile materials controls.

Rationale

With nuclear guards walking off their posts to forage for food and thousands of workers with access to fissile materials striking to protest months of unpaid wages, improving the security at Russia's nuclear facilities is warranted on an emergency basis. The expanded scope of assistance that the Committee

proposes is essential not only to control missiles and launchers as in the past, but also to expand controls over nuclear warheads and fissile materials.

Fissile materials are stored at over 100 buildings located in over 50 different sites throughout Russia and the former Soviet Union. It is essential to consolidate this material at as few sites as possible. It is equally essential that all remaining facilities are equipped with modern security and accounting systems, and are provided with the resources and incentives necessary to sustain security well into the future, including a new focus on the "human factor" to help instill a new safeguards culture.

The sheer size of Russia's vast nuclear weapons complex poses a monumental challenge in controlling and safeguarding fissile materials and warheads. In Russia's ten "nuclear cities," tens of thousands of nuclear scientists, engineers and technicians, are in dire economic straits. An investment of roughly \$500 million over the next five years by the United States—with Russian contributions as well—could be used to downsize this giant complex and provide alternative employment to its workers who might be tempted not only to steal fissile materials, but also sell their services to others.

Cradle-to-grave transparency needed to achieve deep reductions requires a credible, detailed exchange of data on stockpiles of warheads and fissile materials. Reciprocal monitoring of sites where warheads are stored pending dismantlement would be required as well. Relaxing nuclear secrecy would require a major change in psychology, particularly on the Russian side. Russian transparency will be difficult to secure unless the United States is willing to make the kinds of reductions in its arsenal that Russia is now forced to make because of its economic crisis, and to permit equivalent transparency.

Both to ensure that excess warheads are dismantled as rapidly and as safely as practicable, and to increase the incentive for Russia to accept cradle-to-grave transparency, the United States should provide financial assistance to defray Russian dismantlement costs, including costs to increase its dismantlement capacity if necessary.

To avoid having to secure vast stockpiles of excess fissile materials indefinitely, and to make deep reductions irreversible, the Committee calls on the United

States and Russia to agree on a level of plutonium and highly enriched uranium stocks sufficient only to maintain the maximum 1,000 total warhead-stockpile. While en route to this fissile material stockpile, the United States and Russia should move as quickly as possible to establish arrangements to transform current excess fissile material stocks into forms that would make it far more difficult to ever convert them for use in weapons again. As a first step, the United States could offer to purchase additional amounts of Russia's HEU from weapons that has been blended down to non-weapons usable form, with the proceeds going back into consolidating and improving security at fissile material storage sites. The United States could also offer Russia financial incentives to blend down all its excess HEU to less than 20 percent as quickly as possible, thereby reducing risks of proliferation.

The United States could encourage the conversion of excess plutonium to forms that are no more weapons-usable than the plutonium in commercial spent fuel, using the method preferred by each side that could be implemented quickly and with stringent safeguards and security throughout the process.

As the United States and Russia reduce their stockpiles of fissile materials, it is vitally important to ensure that no new materials are being produced. The Committee calls on the United States and Russia to establish transparency at each other's enrichment plants to ensure that no additional HEU is being produced. The two countries should also complete the conversion of Russia's plutonium production reactors so that they no longer produce weapons-grade plutonium. These measures would provide valuable experience and impetus for concluding an international fissile material cutoff treaty.

The expanded scope and level of effort proposed by the Committee would require a tripling of the funds currently spent on fissile materials controls in Russia. The cost to address this threat is small compared to the cost and risk of failure to control fissile materials in the former Soviet Union.

Finally, effective management of a new US-Russian nuclear relationship also involves addressing differences over the issue of ballistic missile defenses (BMD). Members of the Committee have strongly held views on the utility of BMD. Many members seriously question the efficacy of a national missile defense (NMD) and seek to maintain the Anti-ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty as the cornerstone of U.S.-Russia strategic stability. Others are inclined to support a limited NMD, if combined with deep cuts in offensive weapons. Realizing that another significant debate over defenses and the ABM Treaty is in the offing, the Committee agreed on a set of criteria by which to evaluate objectively any NMD proposals and against which a deployment decision should be weighed. The Committee believes that national missile defense deployment proposals should:

- Have a clearly defined, achievable mission;
- Prove missile defense technologies under repeated, rigorous testing;
- Be affordable;
- Be cost effective at the margin;
- Be pursued in a balanced fashion along with other measures to reduce nuclear threats;
- Have an overall impact that should reduce nuclear dangers, taking into account their potential impacts on nuclear arms reductions and non-proliferation.

Conclusion

The Committee does not believe that the START process of formal treaty negotiations is irrelevant, or that it should be jettisoned. The Committee believes, however, that the START process should be supplemented with new initiatives to directly address the new nuclear realities and risks of the post-Cold War period. The Committee calls on the Clinton administration to break the current six-year logjam on START II ratification; radically reform the management of the U.S.-Russian nuclear relationship; and, to take the lead in reducing both reliance on nuclear weapons and the political value attached to them.

To continue to rely solely on the stalemated START process is to needlessly increase the costs and risks of maintaining U.S. and Russian nuclear arsenals at levels well in excess of what is needed to deter an attack.

The Committee's initiatives for deep reductions, removing nuclear forces from hair-trigger alert, safeguarding fissile materials and warhead controls, not only would reduce these costs and risks, but could also set the stage for a larger, more cooperative multilateral security framework for the 21st century.

Prior to the disintegration of the Soviet Union, President Bush responded quickly and successfully to an immediate nuclear danger. Immediately following the disintegration of the Soviet Union, Senators Sam Nunn and Richard Lugar acted quickly to harness U.S. funds and expertise to consolidate scattered Soviet warheads under Russian control and to destroy the delivery vehicles for those warheads. Even more far-reaching measures, to be implemented just as quickly, are now needed by the United States to respond to even greater post-Cold War nuclear dangers.

Appendix I

Committee on Nuclear Policy Question and Answer

Deep Cuts

Q. Why not stand pat while Russian nuclear forces go down?

A. For one thing, it's expensive. Maintaining U.S. nuclear forces at START I levels, as now required by Congress, instead of making parallel reductions with Russia, can cost an extra \$1 billion annually that the Pentagon does not want to spend. No good national security purpose is served by deploying several thousand additional nuclear warheads that are not needed. More importantly, standing pat invites backsliding and worse: nuclear dangers not diminished by passivity.

Q. Why do you propose parallel, reciprocal, verifiable reductions down to 1,000 deployed warheads on strategic forces instead of securing these reductions by mean of treaties?

A. Because the process of negotiating and ratifying treaties has fallen far behind the increased pace of nuclear dangers within Russia. The United States is now waiting for the most reactionary elements of the Russian Duma to proceed on an agenda that serves U.S. national security interests. That makes little sense.

Q. Aren't treaties verifiable? How do you verify parallel and reciprocal reductions?

A. The United States and Russia would use the agreed verification arrangements under START I—a treaty ratified by both countries—and simply apply these procedures to deeper cuts.

Q. Isn't the Committee's proposal undercutting the administration's efforts to encourage START II ratification by the Duma?

A. START II was signed in January 1993. Ever since, the Clinton administration has been applying leverage on the Duma without success to ratify START II by withholding negotiations for deeper cuts. The

Committee, like the administration, would like the Duma to ratify START II. Unlike the administration, the Committee is no longer willing to wait for the Duma to act in order to secure much deeper cuts. Even if START II and III were quickly ratified, as presently configured, both treaties would still not catch up to the reality of deteriorating conditions within Russia.

Q. What does the United States receive in return for following Russia down to 1,000 deployed warheads on strategic forces?

A. Two very important benefits—deeper cuts in dangerous Russia nuclear forces, and cradle-to-grave transparency for the Russian inventory of nuclear weapons and fissile material.

Q. What if the United States doesn't get the transparency it wants from Moscow? Should the United States still go down alongside Russia?

A. The United States could reduce its forces prudently, as national security and budgetary priorities suggest. But the United States may not reduce to the much lower levels projected for Russia. It is, therefore, in Russia's interest to provide the transparency the United States needs for deep, mutual cuts.

Q. Isn't the Committee cutting the Congress out of the loop by pursuing parallel, reciprocal, verifiable steps?

A. Not at all. Congressional consent in annual authorization and appropriation bills would provide oversight and consent to this process. Clearly, the steps the Committee proposes would require close executive/congressional consultation.

Q. Why jettison treaties? They have served U.S. security interests well in the past.

A. The Committee does not propose jettisoning treaties. The Committee hopes that treaties will eventually

catch up to and reaffirm the process of reciprocal and verifiable reductions.

Q. Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin have agreed to reduce deployed strategic nuclear forces under START III to between 2,000–2,500 warheads. Why does the Committee propose 1,000 warheads?

A. Because 2,000–2,500 warheads—with triple that number in reserve—are unnecessary for any realistic purpose, and dangerous under current circumstances in Russia.

Q. How long would it take to reduce to 1,000 deployed strategic warheads?

A. Warhead dismantlement is proceeding in Russia and the United States at a rate of between 1,500–2,000 per year. The reductions the Committee proposes could take three to four years.

Q. After this step, the Committee proposes even deeper bilateral cuts. Is it possible and prudent to reduce all U.S. and Russian nuclear weapons—strategic and tactical, deployed and non-deployed—down to 1,000 per side?

A. This step, which would follow reductions to 1,000 deployed strategic nuclear warheads, would require the cradle-to-grave transparency the United States seeks.

Q. How long would this step take?

A. This step could be accomplished within a decade.

Q. What about the other nuclear weapon states?

A. While the process of bilateral nuclear arms reductions is underway, the other nuclear weapon states need to exercise restraint. While their replacement programs would not be precluded—as with the United States and Russia—the Committee proposes that the United States call on the other nuclear weapon states to pledge not to increase their number of deployed nuclear weapons.

Q. Is the Committee proposing unilateral disarmament?

A. No, the Committee is proposing reciprocal, parallel, and verifiable steps to reduce nuclear dangers—steps that would supplement formal treaties with Russia.

Q. How low would the Committee propose going on deep cuts? Is the Committee advocating complete nuclear disarmament?

A. Every U.S. president since Harry Truman has supported the ultimate goal of nuclear disarmament, but that goal is a long, long way off. The United States, along with other nuclear powers, needs to move step by step, as national security and political conditions allow. Right now, nuclear dangers are proceeding faster than current reduction measures.

Removing Nuclear Weapons from Hair-Trigger Alert

Q. How many nuclear warheads are now on hair-trigger alert?

A. Approximately 4,500. Russia retains around 2,000 land-based missile warheads on hair-trigger alert because its submarine and bomber forces are almost entirely unready for duty. The United States retains approximately 2,000 warheads on alert on land-based missiles, and another 600 on sea-based missiles. U.S. bombers have been completely off alert since the order was given by President Bush.

Q. How many nuclear warheads would be on hair-trigger alert under the Committee's proposal?

A. A stand-down of forces slated to be reduced under START II would leave approximately 1,500 weapons on alert: 1,000 on U.S. missiles, 500 on Russian missiles. If the United States matched the Russian stand-down, a total of 1,000 weapons (500 on each side) would remain on alert. While this would be a major advance, the resulting Russian forces that would remain on hair-trigger alert are still troubling, which is why the Committee also calls for the mutual U.S. and Russian elimination of launch-on-warning and massive nuclear attack options.

Q. Why does the Committee propose a stand-down to START II and not START III levels?

A. Because START II numbers reside in a negotiated treaty, unlike START III, and because for purposes of de-alerting, there would be no difference between the two treaties: START III would off-load warheads from the same number of launchers as permitted in START II.

Q. Why are so many warheads now on hair-trigger alert?

A. Because U.S. strategic forces have been directed by the President to remain prepared for a sudden, massive, deliberate Russian attack and, apparently, to be prepared to retaliate immediately on a massive scale. The rationale for Russia's hair-trigger posture is similar, but with the additional justifications that it relies on nuclear weapons more heavily than ever to compensate for other military weaknesses, and because U.S. nuclear forces remain at such a high state of readiness. Elimination of massive attack options and launch-on-warning postures would facilitate de-alerting, as well as very deep cuts in nuclear weapon deployments.

Q. If the United States “stood down” nuclear warheads on hair-trigger alert to START II levels, would Russia do likewise?

A. There are no guarantees that Russia would follow the U.S. lead, but Russian alert levels will degrade over the next decade with their aging nuclear forces. As a matter of nuclear safety, it is very much in the U.S. and Russian interest to reduce alert rates sooner rather than later. It's also a dead-cinch certainty that if U.S. nuclear forces remain on high levels of alert, Moscow will do what it can to launch quickly, despite the weaknesses in Russian early warning and command and control.

Q. What does “launch-on-warning” mean?

A. This term refers to the operational plan to launch one's own missile forces after an enemy missile launch occurs, but before the arrival of the enemy missiles, with the hope of averting the wholesale destruction of one's own missile forces in their silos or other launch positions. This option has been important in U.S. and Russian nuclear strategy for many decades.

Q. What would be required to take nuclear weapons off launch-on-warning posture?

A. Procedural changes would eliminate this option as a practical matter. To illustrate, the United States does not possess an option to launch-on-warning against China. Current practices preclude such an option. Changes in procedures would mainly involve emergency decision-making, the grouping of targets in the strategic war plan, and other emergency war operations (EWO).

Q. How can the elimination of launch-on-warning posture be verified?

A. Initial procedural changes would not be verifiable with high confidence, although it should be emphasized that launch-on-warning is not essential to project a sufficient retaliatory threat and, therefore, verification of its elimination is not vital to deterrence. Its elimination would become transparent, in any case, as Russia and the United States implemented verifiable de-alerting measures, such as the removal of warheads from missiles. Comprehensive de-alerting would practically remove the capacity for rapid launch; effective monitoring of de-alerting would establish the diminished capacity for launch-on-warning.

Q. Why should the United States eliminate a launch-on-warning posture even if Russia does not follow suit?

A. As noted earlier, the United States will retain an invulnerable nuclear deterrent on submarines at sea that can respond in a devastating fashion. Moreover, while there is no guarantee that Russia will follow the U.S. lead, there is every reason to believe that Russia will keep many dangerous nuclear weapons on hair-trigger alert if the United States fails to lead.

Q. What are “massive attack” options?

A. Options that involve the firing of many thousands of nuclear weapons certainly fall into this category. Currently, the options in the U.S. strategic war plan that are designated as “major attack options” involve this scale of employment. In the Committee's view, many of the options in the U.S. plan designated “limited attack options” also involve large-scale, or massive employment (as many as about 100 weapons) of nuclear weapons.

Q. What would be required to remove massive attack options from nuclear war plans?

A. The same kinds of procedural changes that would eliminate launch-on-warning as an option could also ensure the elimination of massive attack options. Of course, very deep reductions in the arsenals could also produce this effect.

Q. How can the removal of massive attack options from nuclear war plans be verified?

A. The procedural changes could not be verified with high confidence. Verification of very deep cuts would be necessary to establish the elimination of massive attack options.

Q. Why should the removal of massive attack options be mutual and not unilateral?

A. If one side cheated and launched a massive strike, the victim would be unable to retaliate in any cohesive manner if it had relinquished its options for large-scale retaliation. A conservative assessment might conclude that such asymmetry would undermine stable deterrence.

“Loose Nukes” and Fissile Material Controls

Q. Why should the United States pay for reducing nuclear dangers in Russia—safeguarding fissile material, storing warheads, and dismantling missiles, submarines and bombers?

A. Because it is in the U.S. national security interest to safeguard dangerous nuclear materials and dismantle weapon launchers. And, because Russia would give these tasks a much lower priority than the United States. If the United States does not help, these problems will grow much worse.

Q. How much is the United States now paying to help reduce nuclear dangers in Russia?

A. Under the so-called Nunn-Lugar program, the United States has previously spent approximately \$425 million annually. The United States is also allocating approximately \$200 million more to its own nuclear laboratories to assist scientists and technicians at Russian laboratories safeguard nuclear materials.

Q. Is this enough, too much or not enough?

A. Given the threat and consequences of diversion, the United States is spending far too little to address these dangers. Congress adds billions of dollars every year to the Pentagon budget for projects the Pentagon doesn't want. For example, Congress gives the Air Force a gift equivalent in size to the Nunn-Lugar program every year for C-130 transports for the Air National Guard. The United States spends ten times this amount for missile defenses every year. Even a tripling of funding for these programs, which the Committee proposes, would still result in an imbalanced effort to reduce nuclear dangers within the former Soviet Union.

Q. If the primary problem is economic distress in Russia, why not propose another Marshall Plan?

A. Because unlike the leaders of post-World War II Europe, Russian leaders are unwilling to make the structural changes and sacrifices to transform their economies with U.S. assistance. While a new Marshall Plan would not work, a more focused effort directed at reducing and eliminating nuclear dangers can work, because it is in Russia's national security interest, as well as in the U.S. national interest.

Missile Defenses

Q. Does the Committee support or oppose missile defenses?

A. Many of the Committee members are very skeptical about the utility of missile defenses; others are inclined to support defenses. All Committee members agree that missile defenses should meet common sense criteria.

Q. What are the Committee's criteria?

A. 1) Missile defenses should have a clearly defined and achievable mission; 2) The effectiveness of missile defense technology should be proven under rigorous and repeated testing; 3) Defenses should be cost-effective at the margin; 4) Defenses should be affordable; 5) Defenses should be pursued in a balanced fashion along with other initiatives to reduce nuclear dangers; 6) The net effect of defensive deployments should be to reduce nuclear dangers.

Q. Given the dangers the Committee is concerned about, why not support defenses unconditionally?

A. No program deserves a blank check. Defenses need to be of proven effectiveness.

Appendix II

Committee on Nuclear Policy Joint Statement

The United States and world security are threatened by the continued existence of nuclear weapons and by the efforts of states to rely on nuclear weapons to meet their security objectives.

Therefore, our ultimate objective must be the elimination of all nuclear weapons by all nations through a verifiable and enforceable international agreement. Keeping in mind this goal and recognizing this will be a long and arduous process, the United States should now:

- Restate forcefully its commitment to the ultimate goal of eliminating nuclear weapons by verifiable international agreements.
- State clearly that the United States will no longer plan for the use of nuclear weapons to deter or respond to non-nuclear attacks and that it maintains nuclear weapons only for the purpose of deterring their use as long as they are held by other states.
- Reduce the danger of nuclear war and the perception that we continue to rely on nuclear weapons by exploring with other nuclear states a series of

measures that will immediately remove land and sea-based ballistic missiles from hair-trigger alert, and then progressively extend the time that would be required to return them to rapid response postures.

- Negotiate and implement deeper reductions in nuclear weapons with Russia and make clear its willingness to do so immediately.
- Begin discussions with all nuclear-weapons states on measures, such as comprehensive accounting for nuclear weapons and materials, that would facilitate agreements to reduce nuclear weapons stockpiles and the enforceable verification of an agreement to eliminate all nuclear weapons in all nations.

We believe these steps merit the support of all those concerned with the dangers of nuclear weapons, including those who may not at this time favor the elimination of all nuclear weapons.

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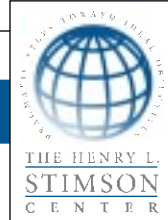
I consider it essential to add a few points. They mainly are related to three big subjects directly adjacent to the realm of offensive nuclear arms. One is anti-missile defenses. The recent U.S. proposal to revise the ABM Treaty should be supplemented by a “grand plan” of jointly developing, testing and commanding this system (while accelerating and upgrading current cooperation on Theater Missile Defense (TMD) and joint early warning systems and command centers).

Another is related to huge and growing Russian inferiority in conventional forces and Russia’s concerns about out-of-area application by U.S./NATO unilateral decisions. It goes without saying that all U.S. nuclear proposals would be scrutinized through this prism. Hence, Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) Treaty collective ceilings should be deeply reduced (at least by 50 percent). A nuclear-free zone should be legalized by a treaty in Central-Eastern Europe (including the Kaliningrad region). NATO should make a pledge not to use force out-of-area for peace enforcement, unless

under United Nations or Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) resolution.

Third, proposals on nuclear de-alerting and eliminating hair-trigger and massive strike options seem too declaratory, unverifiable, and may be treated with suspicion in Russia. How about limited decapitating or counter-force strikes? Why not start by declaring a no-first-use concept? What about hair-trigger alerts of submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs) on patrolling nuclear submarines (SSBNs)? How do you take off alert U.S. weapons slated for reduction under START II when most of those reductions are to be implemented through downloading of Minuteman III and Trident II? I’d prefer proposing a program of gradual “merging” and making transparent Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence (C3I) systems (inspectors and monitors at bases and command posts), which would make surprise attack even physically impossible and remove the need for launch-on-warning (LOW)/launch-under-attack (LUA) options and exercises.

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