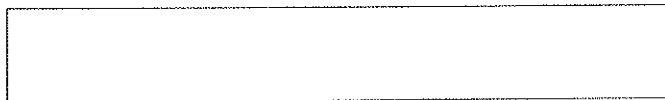




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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. Soviet Union

The Soviet ICBM deployment program continues at a vigorous pace. Satellite photography shows about 390 new dispersed "single-silo" launchers under construction at the present time.

This number, added to those already completed, brings a total of at least 660 launchers identified. Of these about 270 are now operational and, given the current rate of completion, all 660 should be operational by mid-1968. Although the number of operational launchers at present lies somewhat below our earlier estimate for mid-1966, the present pace of deployment will carry the Soviet force on the order of ten percent beyond the upper range of our estimates for mid-1968.

The new launchers come in two sizes. We have identified about 120 large silos for the SS-9, roughly comparable to an advanced Titan. There are also some 320 smaller silos for the SS-11, comparable to a liquid-fueled Minuteman.

2. Dominican Republic

In a speech last night Balaguer served notice that he intends to proceed with military reforms aimed at reducing the political potential of the armed forces. He also announced that General Wessin y Wessin has been given a job with the United Nations delegation, an honorable sinecure that may reduce dissidence among Wessin's rightist friends.

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