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*The Soviets are approaching a milestone under the Strategic Arms Limitation Interim Agreement. A second lengthened D-class submarine, launched in May, should have begun sea trials out of Severodvinsk. If so, the Soviets will be over the limit of 740 launchers on nuclear-powered submarines to which they are entitled without compensating reductions of older sea- or land-based launchers. Some dismantling apparently has already begun.*

The Soviets are allowed 950 modern ballistic missile launchers on submarines under the provisions of the Interim Agreement. For every launcher above 740 on nuclear submarines, however, they must dismantle one older land- or sea-based launcher.

Lengthened D-class submarines carry 16 tubes. Counting the first lengthened D-class submarine now on sea trials, the Soviets apparently have 730 launchers accountable under the Agreement. A second lengthened D-class on sea trials would bring the total of sea-based launchers to 746.

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The Soviets said last March that they were dismantling 34 older ICBMs in accordance with the procedures agreed to by the Standing Consultative Commission. Four SS-7 launchers [redacted]

[redacted] already have been dismantled; dismantling of two more may be in process. The six would bring the Soviets within the provisions of the Agreement.

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The remaining 28 older ICBM launchers are in a reduced state of readiness, and would appear to be prime candidates for dismantling when additional lengthened D-class submarines go on sea trials.

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