

Mobility and Modernization

In the American proposal, as with the Soviet proposal, restrictions on modernization leave somewhat obscure the question of what modernization is allowed. In the American proposal, however, it seems clear that the ban on mobility would preclude the Soviet SS-24 (A ten-warhead missile due to be deployed in silos in 1986 and made road-mobile in 1987), and the single warhead SS-25. The ban would also preclude the American Midgetman, a single warhead, mobile launcher due to be deployed in 1992. The ban on new heavy missiles might also apply to the SS-24 if it were deployed only in a fixed basing mode, but it would not apply to the MX, which will be the centre of the American ICBM modernization programme if the Midgetman programme was cancelled, because the weight of the MX is below that listed in SALT II as defining a "heavy" missile.

Table 12 indicates the effect of the American proposal if all American ballistic missile modernization programmes now planned (the Midgetman, the MX, the Trident D-5, and the advanced technology (Stealth) bomber were deployed in conformity with the US reduction proposal.

Table 12

<u>Modernized US Forces</u>	
<u>Launcher ceiling 1250+</u>	<u>Warhead ceiling 4500</u>
50 MX (10 warheads)	500
370 Midgetman ( 1 warhead)	370
450 Minuteman II ( 1 warhead)	450
100 Minuteman III 12A ( 3 warheads)	300
(970)	(1620)
216 Trident D-5 (8 warheads/9 submarines)	1728
144 Trident C-4 (8 warheads/9 submarines)	1152
(360)	(2880)
Total 1330	4500