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- 1. Arms Control Problem:
 Nuclear weapons cruise missiles
- 2. Verification Type:
 Remote sensors
- 3. Source:
 Inglis, D.R. "Freeze the Cruise". Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists
 40 (January 1984): 48-50.

4. Summary:

The author suggests that the requirements for verification of a cruise missile "freeze" are different from those for a general nuclear weapons freeze. Verification of a cruise freeze would require only detection of whether the Soviets have produced and deployed massive numbers of cruise missiles. Such massive production could be detected adequately with national means of verification since "strict" verifiability would not be necessary. A freeze would be a temporary agreement pending more formal agreements containing explicit provisions for verification. Demands for strict verifiability would delay or eliminate the possibility of a quick freeze on cruise missiles.