

THE INTERMEDIATE RANGE NUCLEAR FORCES AGREEMENT

The INF agreement signed at the Washington Summit on December 8, 1987 obliges the USA and USSR to eliminate over 2600 missiles. The USSR will eliminate almost 4 times as many warheads as the USA. While this will reduce the nuclear stockpiles of the superpowers by only about 5%, the concept of asymmetrical reductions is one of the most important achievements of the negotiations. In addition, the associated verification regime is unprecedented, including prior exchange of data, baseline inspections of facilities, challenge inspections, and the establishment of permanent monitoring stations by each side at the production facilities of the other.

INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES TO BE ELIMINATED

	SYSTEM	RANGE (km)	NUMBER	WARHEADS
<u>LRINF</u>				
USSR	SS-20	5000	650	1950
	SS-4	2000	170	170
	SS-5	2500	6	6
USA	Pershing II	1800	247	247
	GLCM	2500	442	442
<u>SRINF</u>				
USSR	SS-12/22	900	726	726
	SS-23	500	200	200
USA	Pershing I	750	170	170
<u>AGGREGATE TOTALS</u>				
		USSR -	1752 missiles	
			- 3052 warheads	
		USA -	859 missiles	
			- 859 warheads	