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a useful and politically defensible approach to minimizing the chances of inadvertent war and reducing tensions. The better informed of these analysts likely would have been aware of the limitations of Soviet conventional military capabilities (and the Soviet system more generally), realizing that the threat was less substantial than portrayed in many Western circles. As is the case with Central and East European analysts, this is a subject that warrants closer study although it may no longer be possible to gauge these issues accurately.

16. *Confidence (and Security) Building Measures in the Arms Control Process*, p. 90. Italicised in the original.

17. *Ibid.* Emphasized in the original. Again, it is striking (and embarrassing) to observe how clear the need to focus on the operation of confidence building, seen as some sort of process, was in the second half of the original study and how totally it failed to penetrate the development of a conceptual understanding of confidence building in the first half of that same study!