TABLE II Soviet Strategic Nuclear Forces

System	Missiles	Warhead(s)/ Missile	Total Warheads	Yield/ Warhead (Mt)[k]	Total Yield (Mt)	Range (km)	Throw-weight (×1000 lbs)	*Counterforce Characteristics* CEP (nm)	SSKP (H = 2000 psi)
ICBMs									
SS-11 Mod 1[a]	28	1	28	0.95	26.6	10000	2.2	0.75	0.05
SS-11 Mod 2/3	420	1	420	1.00	420	13000	2.5	0.59	0.08
SS-13 Mod 2	60	1	60	0.60	36	10000	1.3	1.01	0.02
SS-17 Mod 3	150	4	600	0.75	450	10000	6.4	0.19	0.48
SS-18 Mod 4[b]	308	10	3080	0.50	1540	11000	16.7	0.13	0.65
SS-19 Mod 3	360	6	2160	0.55	1188	10000	7.5	0.21[l]	0.35
SS-25[c]	72	1	72	0.55	39.6	10500	1.6	0.11	0.79
SS-X-24[d]	0	10	0	0.10	0	10000	8.0	0.11[m]	0.40
	1398		6420		3700.2				
SLBMs[e]									
SS-N-5[f]	39	1	39	1.00	39	1400	n/a	1.49	0.01
SS-N-6 Mod 1/2	152[g]	1	152	1.00	152	3000	1.5	0.80	0.04
SS-N-6 Mod 3	152	1	152	0.35	53.2	3000	1.5	0.48	0.07
SS-N-8 Mod 1/2	292	1	292	0.80	233.6	7800	n/a	0.48	0.10
SS-N-17	12	1	12	1.00	12	3900	2.5	0.80	0.04
SS-N-18 Mod 3	224	7	1568	0.20	313.6	6500	2.5	0.32	0.09
SS-N-20	80	9	720	0.50	360	8300	5.6	0.25	0.25
SS-N-23[h]	32	7	224	0.25	56	7240	3.4	0.32[n]	0.10
	983		3159		1219.4				
Air-launched missiles									
AS-15 ALCMs[i]	160	1	160	0.25	40	3000			
Bombs	280	1	280	1.00	280	n/a			
	440		440		320				
Bombers[j]	Number						Payload		
Bear Tu-95 B/C/G	100					12800	2 Bombs		
Bear Tu-95 H	40					12800	4 ALCMs		
Bison Mya-4	20					11200	4 Bombs		
	160								

Total launchers (ICBMs, SLBMs, Bombers)	**2541**	**Total Warheads**	**10019**	**5239.6**	**Total Yield (Mt)**

a SS-11 Mod 1 missiles first deployed in 1966 are being dismantled to compensate for the deployment of the SS-25. The SS-11 Mod 2 is a single-warhead missile and the SS-11 Mod 3 carries 3 MRVs. SIPRI lists 30 Mod 1, 360 Mod 2, and 60 Mod 2 and 3 with 3 MRVs.

b NATO estimates provided at the NATO Nuclear Planning Group meeting in October 1986 apparently put the SS-18 at 310 missiles. See: G. Manners, "SACEUR's plans for nuclear stockpile," *Jane's Defence Weekly (JDW)*, 25 October 1986, p. 948.

c The SS-25 is a single-warhead, road-*mobile* missile now deployed at two sites, Yurya and Yashkarola. CIA estimates (National Intelligence Estimate NIE-11-3-885) suggest that 20 bases are being prepared for the SS-25, and that ten missiles will be deployed at each base for a total of 200 missiles by the mid-1990s.

d The SS-X-24 is a ten-warhead missile. NIE-11-3-885 suggests the SS-24 is being deployed out of bases at Plesetsk and Kostroma. *Soviet Military Power* (SMP) 1986 states that the SS-X-24 could be deployed in a rail-mobile mode "as early as late 1986" (p. 27). Other estimates seem to agree that SS-X-24 deployment may have begun. See, for example: G. Manners, "SACEUR's plans for nuclear stockpile," *JDW*, 25 October 1986; and P. Samuel, "Big Soviet Buildup Foreseen," *Defense Week*, 17 June 1986, p. 15. IISS estimates the SS-X-24 warhead yield as 100 kt, the figure used in the table, while SIPRI suggests 550 Kt.

e The USSR currently maintains the following 61 SALT-accountable strategic submarines:

4 Typhoon with 20 SS-N-20 missiles each
18 Delta I with 12 SS-N-8
4 Delta II with 16 SS-N-8
14 Delta III with 16 SS-N-18
2 Delta IV with 16 SS-N-23
18 Yankee I with 16 SS-N-6
1 Yankee II with 12 SS-N-17

On 6 October 1986 a Yankee II submarine with 16 SS-N-16 SLBMs sank in the Atlantic Ocean. This loss is taken into account in the numbers given. The Soviet total for Soviet SLBMs is 992, of which 352 are MIRVed. See: "The Armament of the USSR and the US: Data to Compare," *op. cit.*

f Although included in this table, the SS-N-5 is deployed on the Golf II submarine which is currently assigned a theatre role.

g SIPRI 1986 suggests the distribution between the SS-N-6 Mod 2 and the SS-N-6 Mod 3 is about 50-50. None of the other sources used attempted a distribution estimate. The SS-N-6 Mod 3 has 2 MRVs.

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