

The Soviet Union is genuinely
concerned to prevent NATO
deployment of Pershing II and
ground launched cruise missiles and
the massive propaganda campaign to
threaten them will continue. The
opponent of initial deployment may
bring some flexibility in the Soviet-
negotiating position.

In START - major breakthrough
not imminent - but believe U.S.S.R.
wants eventual agreement on strategic
arms reduction. M.R.F.R. progress less
likely.

The Soviet Union does not regard disarmament as an end in itself, but it displays a strong and continuing interest in arms control and disarmament discussions. It seeks to use negotiations to maintain or achieve a degree of military superiority; to foster the impression that the Soviet Union is a peace-loving nation; to contain both western defense capability and its own defense costs and to seek visible endorsement by the U.S. of its superpower status.