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- o The US has recently decided to allow sides:
  - to demand (without right of refusal) short-notice inspections at any site where illegal ballistic missile activity is suspected, provided that the suspect site is on a previously agreed list; and,
  - to request inspections (with right of refusal) at any other facility at which illegal ballistic missile activity is suspected.
- o In this regard, the US position still requires that, since START is strictly bilateral, all Soviet inspections will be on US territory.
- o No inspections will be conducted on British submarines regardless of whether they carry the Trident missile or use US facilities.

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