

The Bush (I) Administration

1989-1992

The Setting: 1989

- Soviet Union Overextended
 - Economy “shrinking”
 - Technology lag with West growing
 - Overseas adventures
 - Drain political and economic resources
 - Soviet Leaders implement “Kissinger strategy”
 - Disengagement
 - Accommodation
 - Arms Control

Events

- Eastern Europe Unrest (1989)
 - Poland
 - Solidarity movement
 - East Germany
 - East German government collapses
 - Destruction of the Berlin Wall (11/89)
- Warsaw Pact Dissolves (6/91)
- Soviet Union Dissolves (12/91)

Bush National Security Orientation

- Less Aggressive than Reagan
 - USSR & E. Europe political and economic capacity in decline
 - New Soviet leadership cooperative
- Is the Cold War ending?
 - How can we manage the possible end of the Warsaw Pact (& USSR?) to a “soft landing?”
- Solidify gain viz USSR
 - Reduce risk of a reversal
- Reduce US Defense Burden
 - “peace dividend” for domestic economy
 - recession

National Security Policy Implementation

- Arms Control
 - START I
 - START II
 - Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE)
- Diplomacy & Economic Aid to USSR
- Operation “Just Cause” (1991)
- Persian Gulf War (1991)

Gulf War Background

- Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988)
 - Each side loses 300,000-400,000 troops
 - Iraq spends \$500 billion
 - 40% of annual GDP
 - \$30 billion reserves → \$80 billion debt
 - Price of oil drops \$21/barrel → \$13/barrel
 - Kuwait & Saudi Arabia hold price down
 - Aid U.S. economy
 - Iraq blames Kuwait for its financial problems
 - Also want Kuwaiti oil to rebuild its treasury

Gulf War Background

■ U.S. Deterrence Failure

- Iraq threatens Kuwait

- US Mixed Signaling as Iraq mobilizes against Kuwait

- *"...We do not have any defense treaties with Kuwait, and there are no special defense or security agreements with Kuwait." US State Dept.*

- *meetings with US ambassador & Saddam give same message*

- *"US. defense commitment [since Iran-Iraq War] to Kuwait has not changed" Pentagon*

- Naval deployments to Gulf to signal concern are then disavowed by U.S. Navy

Desert Shield

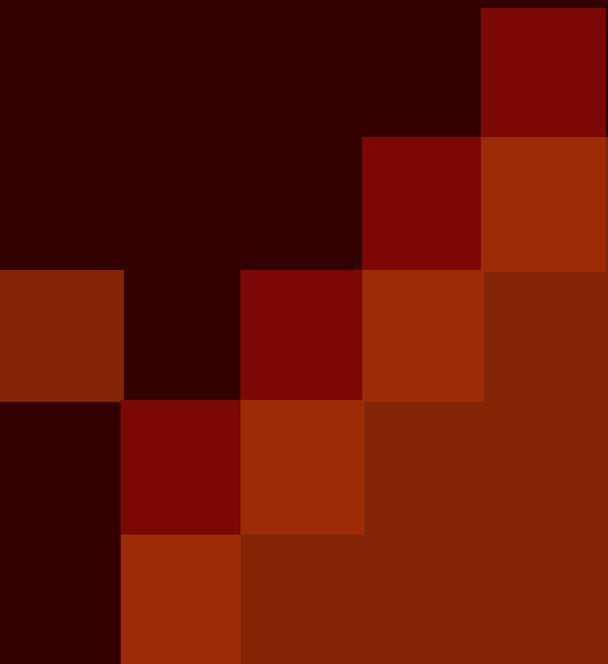
- Iraq Invades Kuwait (8/2/90)
 - 120,000 troops
 - 2,000 tanks
- Four Month U.S. Buildup in the Theater
 - 500,000 US troops massed in M.E.
 - US gets other states to pay ½ bill (Japan, Saudi Arabia)
 - Much debate in Congress
 - narrowly passes resolution supporting transition to war

Desert Storm

- 43 Day campaign
 - 23 Nations in UN Coalition
- Casualties
 - 100,000 Iraqi troops killed
 - <200 coalition casualties
- Saddam left in Power
 - U.S. fears a power vacuum viz Iran

Air Campaign – Bomb Tonnage

	Total Tons	Duration (months)	1000 tons/month
WW II	2,150,000	45	48
Korea	454,000	37	12
Vietnam	6,162,000	140	44
Gulf War	60,624	1.5	40



END

START I (1989)

■ Offensive Weapons

- 1600 SNDV limit
- 6000 RV limit (30% reduction)
 - Ballistic missile RVs <4900
 - MIRVed missile RVs =50% reduction

■ Defensive Weapons

- U.S. “gives up” SDI
 - Pledging adherence to ABM Treaty

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START II

- Implementation
 - Signed by Bush: Jan. 3, 1993
 - Ratified by U.S. Senate: 1996
 - Ratified by Russian Duma: 2000
- Strategic RV limit of 3000-3500 by 2003
 - Amended in 1997 to extend date to 2007
- Eliminates MIRVed ICBMS & Heavy ICBMs
- Limits SLBMS to 1700-1750
 - May be MIRVed

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CFE (1990)

- Grew out of MBFR talks (1973)
 - Scale of effort: withdrawal by each side of ~30,000 troops & equipment
- 1986 Soviets Propose New Approach → CFE
 - 1988 Soviets announce unilateral reductions of 500,000 troops
- CFE Agreement [in wake of WTO dissolution]
- 195,000 Troop limit in guidelines area
 - Limits on forces, deployments, exercises in specific areas
 - Equipment Limits
 - 20,000 Tanks
 - 20,000 artillery pieces
 - 30,000 armored combat vehicles
 - 6800 combat aircraft
 - 2000 attack helicopters

CFE

■ CFE Agreement (cont.)

- Sets country-specific limits within the above caps
- All equipment above the limits to be destroyed with 40 months
 - Intrusive verification
 - On-site inspections
 - Challenge inspections
 - Monitoring of equipment disposal

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Gulf War (1991)



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