

CONSIDERATIONS

On issues relating to “violations”  
of the ABM Treaty

On the Krasnoyarsk Radar

The U.S. continues to point the accusation at us that this radar is a missile attack warning radar and in violation of the ABM Treaty is being built not on the perimeter, but inside the country with an orientation towards the inside part of its territory.

They reject the explanations and proposals offered by the Soviet side in an attempt to settle the controversy with the Krasnoyarsk radar and they assert that “nothing short of its dismantling will solve the problem of its unlawful deployment.”

However, a new large radar with a phased array has been put on combat duty by the U.S. outside its territory, in Thule (Greenland). Besides, the U.S. has begun the construction of similar radar in Fylingdales (Great Britain), though article 6 of the ABM Treaty forbids the deployment of a Missile Attack Warning System (SPRN) with a phased array outside the national territory. The radar in Thule and the one under construction in Fylingdales are of the PAVE PAWS type, deployed on the U.S. territory, which are similar in their characteristics to ABM radars.

To justify its actions, the US claims that they are manufacturing a modernized version of the already existing BMEWS type radars.

The USSR has come out on numerous occasions and at different levels with proposals to settle the problem of radars on a mutually acceptable basis (mothballing the Soviet radar in Krasnoyarsk and American radars in Thule and Fylingdales. Mutual claims in relation to these radars to be dropped).

In particular, to drop the issue of the Krasnoyarsk radar, we could declare our readiness to observe for more than a year a moratorium on all kinds of work there if similar measures are taken in relation to the U.S. radars in Great Britain and the American side agrees to conduct talks on their radars.

As a measure of last resort, we could also look into the following variant: to inform the American side that on condition we agree the U.S. and the USSR do not

use their right to withdraw from the ABM Treaty for 10 years, we would be prepared to dismantle the equipment of the Krasnoyarsk radar.

All other “accusations” on the part of the U.S. are biased and do not correspond to reality. This relates to the claims that the USSR is allegedly building a foundation for the territorial ABM system by constructing missile attack warning radars with phased arrays, “capacitating Air Defense to fulfill missile defense functions” and deploying mobile ABM radars.

It seems advisable not to touch upon these issues at the summit. They can be discussed at the Soviet-American Permanent consultative commission.

The CPSU CC draft resolution is enclosed.

Please, look into this.

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