

Report's Authors Repeat, Defend Russian Alarm

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Two members of an outside team that analyzed the Soviet threat in concert with government intelligence officers contended yesterday that Russia is striving for military superiority over the United States.

In taking that position Daniel O. Graham and William R. Van Cleave denied that their Team B report is a "worst case" statement about Soviet military capabilities and intentions.

Graham, retired Army lieutenant general who formerly headed the Defense Intelligence Agency, said at a meeting sponsored by the American Security Council that Team B "shouldn't be looked at as a bunch of hawks who bulldozed CIA analysts" as they prepared national intelligence estimates.

Such characterizations in the press, Graham complained, amount to "an accidental attempt to blunt the impact" of Team B's report. He said he and his colleagues on Team B went into the analysis of intelligence data "with questions" but not bias.

Although asserting that the Soviets are driving for military superiority, Graham said they cannot reach that goal unless the United States make a "deliberate" decision to allow it.

"We don't have a strategy," Graham said in decrying how "the Pentagon is run by program managers" rather than strategists. He said a cohesive strategy, not more money for defense, is the key need right now.

Van Cleave, University of Southern California professor who is a frequent Pentagon consultant on strategic issues, said there is "absolutely no question about the seriousness of the Soviet quest for superiority," including ability to fight a nuclear war as well as deter one.

Van Cleave took a swipe at President Carter's inaugural promise to "move this year a step toward our ultimate goal—the elimination of all nuclear weapons from this earth."

Van Cleave said that was "such a silly platitude that one has to wonder why it was worth uttering in an inaugural address."