

Study Says U.S. Showed Force 215 Times Since '45

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The United States deployed its military forces for political impact abroad at least 215 times in the three decades since the end of World War II, an extensive study by the Brookings Institution reported yesterday.

During the same period the Soviet Union deployed its military units on at least 115 occasions, based on less complete reporting, the study said.

The United States "show of force" by ships, aircraft or troops was successful in most cases from the viewpoint of the policymakers who ordered it — but this usually "bought time" for further decisions or actions without changing the situation in fundamental ways, according to the study by Brookings' Barry M. Blechman and Steven S. Kaplan. Their report was the product of two years research on a \$180,000 contract of the Pentagon's Advanced Research Projects Agency.

The Korean and Vietnam wars as well as routine military operations were excluded from the study, which focused on the use of military force to influence the behavior of another nation without engaging in a continuing contest of violence. In most cases, the action was limited to the threat of

force, with no shots having been fired.

Blechman, who is serving as transition aide for the Carter administration with the Office of Management and Budget, said in an interview that he was surprised at the large number of incidents in which U.S. "show of force" was employed. The Brookings research and report were based on unclassified sources, but Blechman said a study using secret materials by the Center for Naval Analysis produced a strikingly similar list.

Among the incidents listed by Brookings researchers was the positioning of a U.S. naval task force off Brazil in early 1964 to support a coup by that country's armed forces against the leftist government of President Joao Goulart. The maneuver was reported in detail in The Washington Post last week on the basis of recently declassified documents from the Lyndon B. Johnson presidential library.

One of the earliest incidents was the dispatch of the battleship Missouri to Turkish waters in early 1946, ostensibly to return the body of the Turkish ambassador who had died in Washington (but was actually to deter threats

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