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In a sense, American power was based on the myth that there was little downside to nuclear proliferation, only endless potential.

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The United States, with a vastly smaller army, then and since has refused to make a similar promise. This gave the Soviets a leg up in the propaganda war, but most Western analysts considered the pledge a public relations gimmick and never believed that the Soviets would refrain from using nuclear weapons in case of attack. .

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Their contacts with key insider elites are likely to be limited if they exist at all. General Accounting Office GAO , Nuclear Nonproliferation: Limited Progress in Improving Nuclear Material Security in Russia and the Newly-Independent States Washington, DC: GAO, March 2000 , p. In May 1988, a Russian official report voiced alarm at the situation in the Adreyev Bay area used as a dumping ground for nuclear waste.

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One source of contamination was located in 1997 in a military base outside the Georgian capital Tbilisi, after soldiers mysteriously began to fall ill. The blast measured as a Level 6 disaster on the International Nuclear Event Scale, which places the Kyshtym disaster behind Chernobyl and Fukushima both Level 7s as the third-most significant nuclear disaster ever. Other unwitting villages had astonishingly high levels of radiation as well.

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