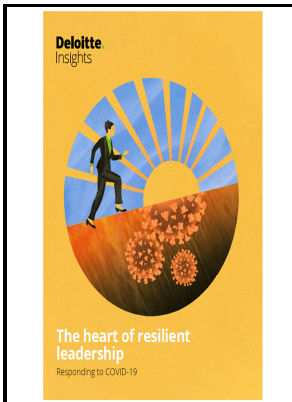


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## Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), 1983

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Subsequent to the President's decision, the release of nuclear weapons is governed by the at all times. The SIOP was a highly document, and was one of the most secret and sensitive issues in U. In an interview only a few days after the announcement, Reagan insisted that SDI was not part of a new arms race but instead a path to ridding the world of nuclear weapons altogether.

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### The Soviet Side of the 1983 War Scare

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### Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)

So this is about the phase of decision-making, and about working out a system that denies the adversary the option of a surprise. This first SIOP

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Gorbachev himself visited the Baikonur Cosmodrome before the launch, to expressly forbid any deployment of the weapon that might be seen an act of aggression by US surveillance. The SIOP was primarily directed against targets in the later Russia but targets in the People's Republic of China, which had been part of the SIOP until the 1970s, were added back into the plan in 1997. Fischer, , Nuclear Proliferation International History Project, November 13, 2014; Nate Jones , National Security Archive Electronic Briefing Book 426 May 16, 2013 ; and Christopher Andrew and Oleg Gordievsky, Comrade Kryuchkov's Instructions: Top Secret Files on KGB Foreign Operations, 1975-1985 Stanford: Stanford University Press 1991 , 67.

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