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During the Cold War, American and Soviet military officers established mechanisms to exchange information about their respective nuclear establishments and operational doctrines. They include both preemptive and retaliatory use of force. .

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But deterrence is not a one-way street, and conventional deterrence itself has limitations. A Romney administration might see confidence-building measures as useful standalone ways to solve particular problems. Resuming nuclear military-to-military exchanges could advance mutual security in multiple ways.

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Russian military strategists see conventional weapons as usable and coercive early on in a conflict or crisis, and naturally they carry far fewer escalatory risks. Military targets tend to include command and control centers; space-based assets; key communication nodes; systems for reconnaissance, targeting, navigation, and information processing; and locations where means of delivery for ballistic or cruise missiles are based. A new and rhetorically hostile nuclear power—North Korea—has emerged on the U.

## President Truman announces the Truman Doctrine

Few countries maintain a no-first-use policy because of the difficulty of making such a pledge credible. It does not, in extremis, impose employment constraints as a no-first-use policy might. As long as military and political leaders are aware of the horrific effects of nuclear weapons and the international outrage that would follow their use, the barrier to crossing the nuclear threshold would likely remain prohibitively high, regardless of what the United States says about when it will use nuclear weapons.

## U.S. Nuclear Declaratory Policy: The Question of Nuclear First Use

A person can possess a car for what she declares to be the sole purpose of driving to work, but if one day she has to drive to the emergency room, nothing will stop her from using the car for that purpose.

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