The data on the location of Soviet Nuclear Missiles was gathered from the Strategic Missile Forces Directory Website (SMFD 2023), which in turn obtained the majority of their data from the website of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation (MDRF 2023). The location of individual Missile Sites was written out in the format of *location, region* (ex: Kostroma, Kostroma region) if it was within Russia or *location, country* (ex: Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine) if it was in other USSR countries. The locations were originally written out in Russian. I have used the original names within the Google Sheets Extension SmartMonkey (Martinez 2023) which geocodes location names into coordinates. The outcome was in turn checked manually using Google Maps whether the locations generated seemed to match the names.

The data on the location of Nuclear Facilities was gathered from the Nuclear Latency (NL) Dataset constructed by Mathew Fuhrmann, which provided information on “military-relevant nuclear facilities built globally from 1939 to 2012” (Fuhrmann 2016). The dataset provided just the name of the facility and the country (ex: Krasnoyarsk-26, Russia), which made it difficult to use automated geolocation. Majority of the geocoding was thus done manually, through first locating the name of the location and then geocoding the name using Google Maps. Significant part of the facilities could not be located based on the data available.

The data on the Corona Satellite overflights was gathered from the United States Geological Survey Earthexplorer function (USGS 2023), which offers the three waves of declassifications of the US satellite overflights. The Declassified Imagery – 1 available from USGS was a collection of “photographs from the CORONA, ARGON, and LANYARD satellite systems in digital format” (1960 – 1972), with polygon coordinates. The Declassified Imagery – 2 provided the same for KH-7 surveillance and KH-9 mapping satellite systems (1963 – 1980) and the Declassified Imagery – 3 provided the same for Keyhole (KH) satellite system KH-9 (Hexagon) (1971 – 1984).

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