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**ELEMENTS OF A U.S. APPROACH TO STRENGTHENING SECURITY AND CONTROL  
OF SOVIET NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

The center and the republics should:

- Bring into being the single, collective control of all nuclear weapons, with republic participation in command decisions.
- Audit all existing storage sites.
- Verify inventory of all nuclear weapons.
- Assess risks and vulnerabilities at each storage site with a view of taking remedial actions to correct deficiencies.
- Take appropriate corrective actions:
  - Consolidate all tactical weapons at sites offering the most security away from the troops that would use them.
  - Increase the number of security personnel at all existing sites.
  - Upgrade physical security at all existing sites.
- Disable all nuclear weapons to be eliminated.
  - Remove and destroy components critical to function (but not to safety and control).
- Take off alert and deactivate now operational strategic weapons subject to the START reductions.
  - Remove warheads from missiles in silos and deactivate these warheads now.
  - Promptly, pull missiles out of silos.

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**Minimizing the likelihood of a crisis**

- Work out joint arrangements involving republics and central authorities in the physical protection of the storage sites, so that all parties are confident of the activities occurring there and responsibility for security becomes a settled question.
- Review weapon inventory system so that all authorities are confident that all weapons are accounted for.

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-- Ensure that local commanders and troops responsible for security of nuclear sites receive adequate food, pay, and housing.

-- Resolve the issue of the ultimate disposition of nuclear weapons now on the territory of the republics -- when they will be destroyed? What guarantees and certification of dismantlement will be required?

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**Minimizing the impact of a crisis**

-- Establish procedures to exchange information on threats to security of nuclear weapons.

-- Assist in the development of emergency response plans of republic and central authorities for accidents and loss of control of a weapon or an entire storage site.

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**Other Issues for Consideration:**

-- The U.S. should propose formation of a working group to address issues related to reactor operating conditions and reactor safety.

-- The U.S. should propose discussions with the republics about setting up an emergency response organization to deal with reactor emergencies.

-- The interagency should consider how the \$400 million approved by Congress should be spent in support of this approach.

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