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President's Nuclear Initiatives

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September 1991 Initiative

Key Objectives:

Ensure security of tactical weapons through rapid and safe disablement, consolidation, and elimination

Ensure responsible control by a single, unified authority

Reduce most threatening aspects of nuclear balance (high alert rates, MIRVed ICBMs)

Encourage Soviet thinking on defenses to break from past

Bolster democratic reformers and redirect Soviet defense spending toward domestic needs

September 1991 Initiative

Unilateral (with call to reciprocate):

Eliminate ground-launched tactical nuclear weapons

Withdraw tactical weapons from ships, submarines, and P-3 bases

Stand down strategic bombers from alert

Stand down Minuteman II and accelerate elimination under START

Cancel mobility programs for Peacekeeper and Small ICBM

Cancel Short-Range Attack Missile II

Simplify strategic command and control under STRATCOM

Bilateral:

Joint elimination of multiple-warhead ICBMs

Immediate, concrete steps to permit limited deployment of non-nuclear missile defenses

Cooperate on safety, security, C2, and warhead destruction

January 1992 Initiative

What Had Changed:

Dissolution of USSR

Economic pressures on newly-independent republics

Progress in implementing September Initiative

Reassessment of own military requirements

Key Objectives of the New Initiative:

Curtail strategic modernization programs inherited from USSR

Give further incentive to eliminate multiple-warhead ICBMs

Encourage Russian reductions to significantly below START

January 1992 Initiative

Unilateral (with call for CIS to reciprocate by curtailing modernization)

Terminate B-2 at 20 aircraft

Cancel Small ICBM program

Terminate further production of Advanced Cruise Missile

Terminate further production of W-88 warhead for Trident

Bilateral

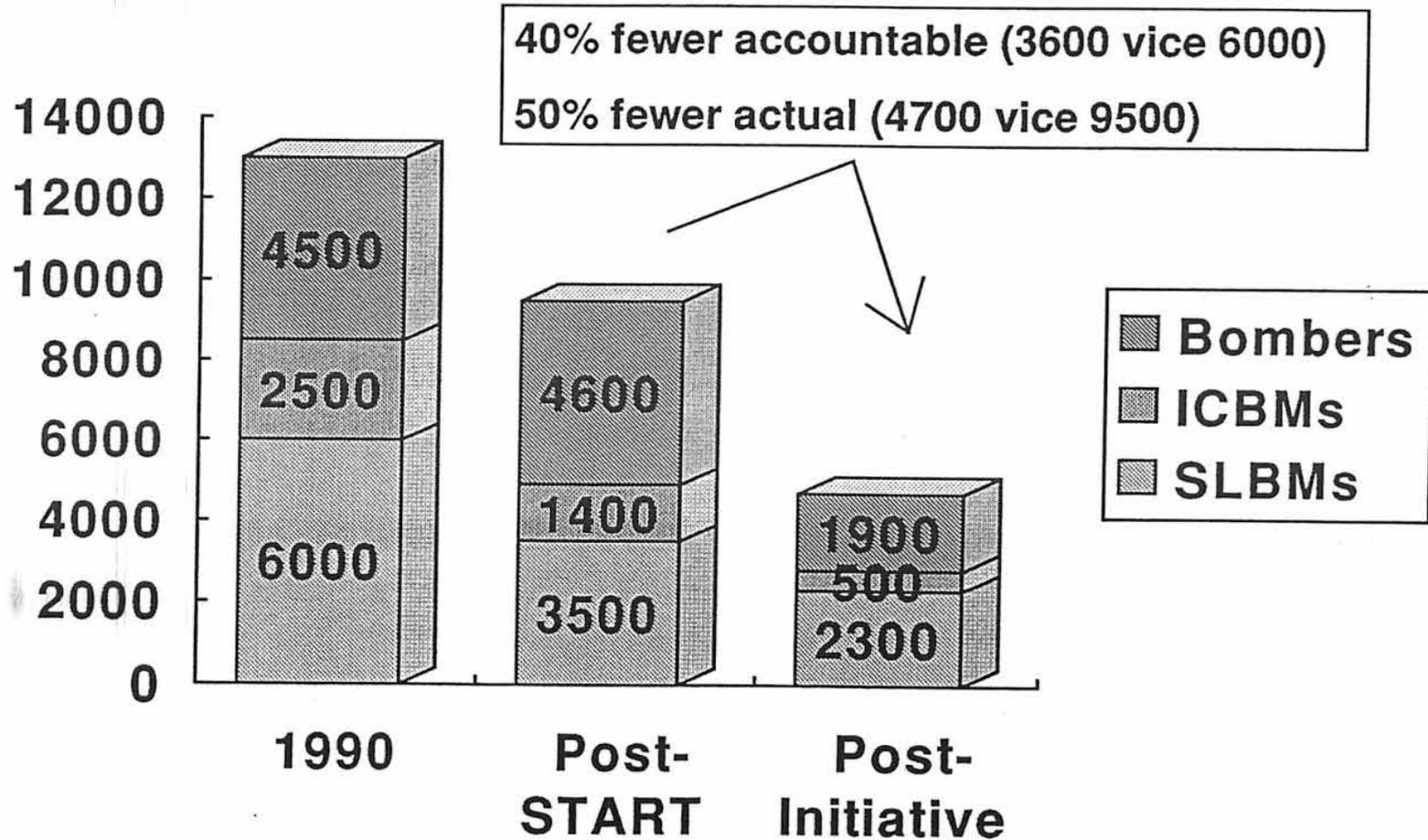
If Russia agrees to:

- eliminate jointly all multiple-warhead ICBMs
- reduce strategic nuclear forces to level consistent with no threat from West

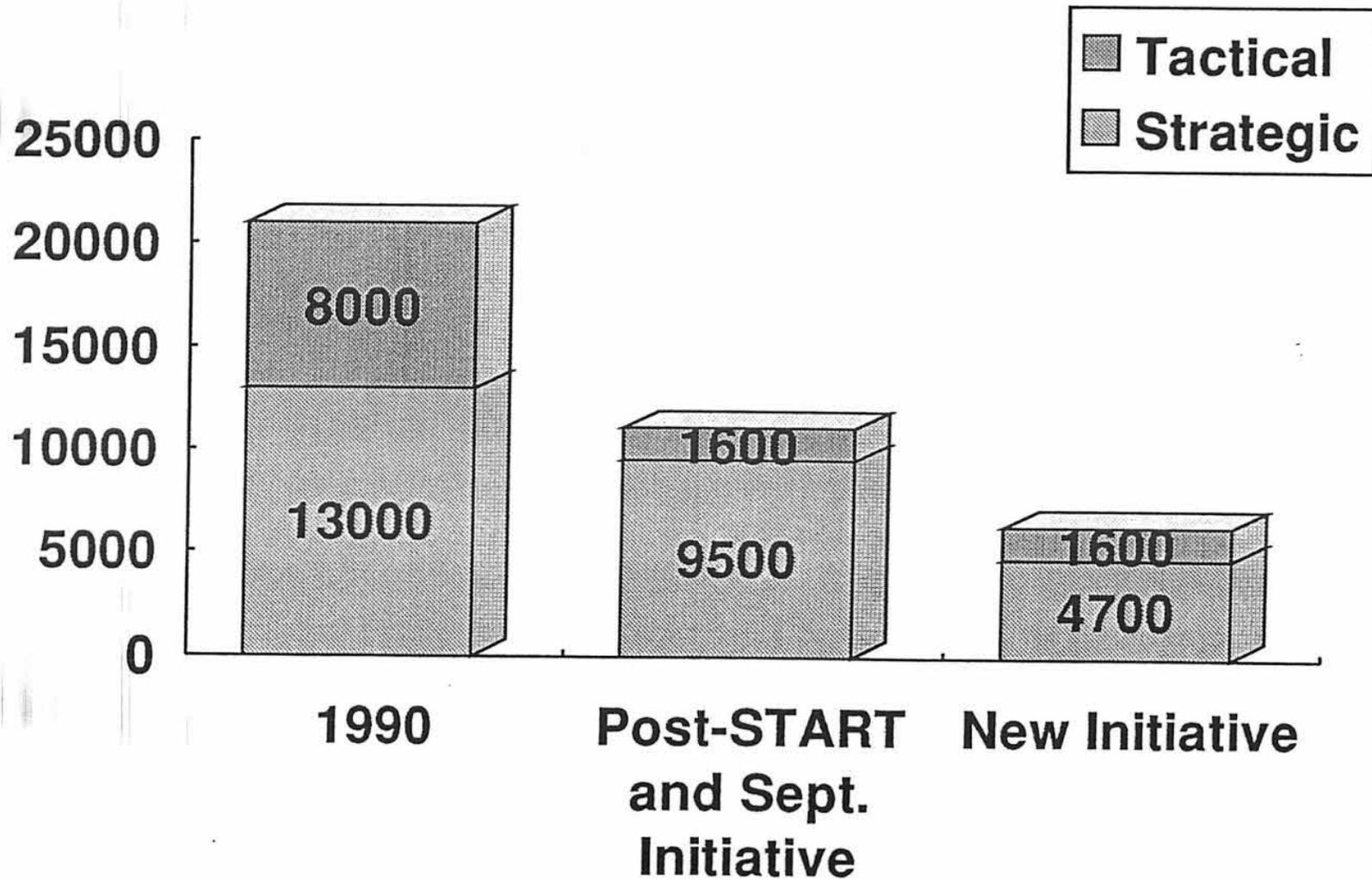
We would:

- reduce planned post-START SLBM warheads by about one third
- reorient a substantial number of bombers to primarily conventional role

Strategic Nuclear Warheads



Total Nuclear Warheads



CIS Response: Key Elements

Unified control under Russia with CIS consultations

Tactical

Land-based weapons withdrawn to 3 republics; now all in Russia

All ground-launched weapons to be eliminated except some for SAMs

50% of air-delivered weapons to be eliminated

Naval weapons off ships by October; 1/3 to be eliminated

Dismantlement by 2000, assuming adequate storage

CIS Response: Key Elements (Cont.)

Strategic

Modernization curtailed, but not stopped

All forces outside Russia to be eliminated under START

Operationally-ready forces reduced to START levels in 3 vice 7 years

Proposed joint renunciation of SSBN combat patrols

Proposed joint reduction to 2,000-2,500 weapons

Proposed joint cessation of mutual targeting after these reductions

New Base Force

20 B-2

97 B-1B

95 B-52

50 Peacekeeper

500 Minuteman III

200 downloaded to 1 RV

18 Trident SSBNs

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planned under START

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and move to lower levels of forces*