

China and Nuclear Weapons

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Traditional Deterrence: “NOT TODAY COMRADE”

- Years ago when we were discussing nuclear weapons issues with Congressman Les Aspin than the chairman of the HASC he would always tell us “Yes, it’s important to tell me what nuclear beans you’re counting in the Russian arsenal.”
- But he would continue, “It is much more interesting is for you to tell me if they didn’t have these new beans what would they be unable to do” that they are” now capable of doing” with the new weaponry or what do they **think or believe they’re capable** of doing with the new beans which may play into their willingness to engage in what we would consider reckless or provocative or aggressive behavior.
- Much of Reagan’s peace through strength strategy was to convince the Soviet Union as well as other adversaries of the US that whatever they think their military capability is they cannot achieve the war aims they have in mind because the United States forces are simply too capable, too credible, too formidable--that is what we hoped to convey to the Soviet Union.
- Paul Nitze used to tell me that he viewed Americas nuclear deterrent in this light: whenever some smart colonel in the Soviet Rocket Forces or 21st Artillery in China rocket forces would dream up some ingenious idea to attack the United States and particularly our nuclear capability, Nitze wanted to make sure that the Colonel’s commanding officer would look at him after hearing about the attack plans and shake his head from side to side and say very clearly, “Not today comrade.”

The China Context: Back to 2016 SOCOM BRIEFING

- In all of South and Central America the Chinese go to countries and provide \$1 billion in credit to purchase Chinese goods with Chinese currency;
- In return the Chinese ink deals building port infrastructure and railroad lines to the port;
- In addition, they provide loan forgiveness in return for a monopoly over the nation's banking system and IT systems.
- China will then have control over a nations trade, investment, banking and information

The Objectives of the CCP in Asia/ME

- I. Get USA out of ROK
- II. Reduce USA forces in Japan
- III. Reverse USA support/cooperation with Taiwan
- IV. Blackmail SE Asian and Indo-Pacific nations to bow to China through
 - loan indebtedness and gobbling up infrastructure including banking and
 - IT resources (control investment flows and info that gets to the population) and port control.
- V. Military bases follow —
- VI. Nuke policy: Proliferate nukes to Pakistan to counter India; nukes to DPRK to split US/ROK alliance; and replace KSA with Iran as regional hegemon and undo USA-Israel cooperation

Conventional Wisdom: Peaceful Rise Narrative: China Can't, Won't, Wouldn't, Isn't.....

- I. China can't build large numbers of nuclear weapons
 - I. Except its building to 700-1000
- II. China won't develop multiple and maneuverable warheads
 - II.Except it did using “peaceful” space technology
- III. China wouldn't use nuclear weapons first
 - III. NFU: “Drive a truck through loophole” says Stratcom's Admiral Richard
- IV. China isn't interested in building more nuclear weapons
 - IV: Now not 700 but 1000 is the goal
- V. China only seeks to deter US bullying
 - V: US hostile policy—the always blame America first

China Echoes Disarmament Lobby

Is it a coincidence that all China's public nuclear policy declarations mirror positions of US disarmament community?

- No First use
- Minimum Deterrent
- Retaliatory Only
- Warheads large Megaton class only
- Accuracy unimportant
- Triad not necessary
- City busting strategy
- Stop US Bullying
- Non-Proliferator

Getting Away with Nukes

- Tom Reed's Nuclear Express: In 1982 China's Deng Xiaoping made conscious decision to arms its allies with nuclear weapons despite a senior Chinese official "China will never proliferate nuclear weapons technology to other countries." A parallel and duplicative decision was also made in Moscow in 1982 by Andropov.
- Deng's government deliberate proliferation of ballistic missile and nuclear technology to Muslim and Marxist world...nuclear agreement with Algeria, full "dose of nuclear support" to DPRK, centrifuges to Libya, and nuclear weapons to Pakistan. (pg.249)
- Khan's "Nukes 'R Us" delivers technology to Libya, Iran and Iraq (pg.254)

Gertz: Deceiving the Sky: How the USA Helps China's Drive for Global Supremacy

Transfer Guidance Technology

Keep China missiles from blowing up on the launch pad when putting satellites in orbit

Viewed as Emerging Nation

Receives billions under Paris Climate deal

Not viewed as totalitarian communist dictatorship armed with nuclear weapons

Smart dispenser technology

Speeded up adopting of ASAT capability

Led to post-boost vehicle for multiple warheads

Gertz: More Deceiving the Sky

PLA EMP Plans

PLA discovered with plans for detonating nukes in space to deliver EMP attack

Stolen US technology 2010-12

“...accelerated massive Chinese military build-up of nuclear and conventional forces...”

China Penetrated US Labs

Loss to PRC of 6 American nuclear weapons designs most notably W-88 Trident

What Are the Nuclear Bread Crumbs?

--Why would you build submarines if you were storing warheads apart from your delivery platforms?

--Why spend \$65 billion on 3000 kilometers of inaccessible tunnels to hide missiles if you store the warheads separately from the missiles?

--Why are the launch platforms adjacent to the tunnel entrances located the exact range of the DF-41 from Minot, Malmstrom and FE Warren USAF bases?

- China is building a genuine robust triad of forces including fixed and mobile ICBMs, submarines and strategic bombers...
- Such a nuclear posture is not necessarily consistent with a minimum deterrent posture devoted solely to retaliatory city "busting"
- China has a wide variety of land-based and sea-based nuclear-armed missiles that could deliver an EMP attack. Chinese military articles and training describe making an EMP attack upon Taiwan and U.S. aircraft carriers. China has frequently conducted military exercises firing nuclear-capable missiles into the waters around Taiwan on trajectories consistent with EMP attack. Chinese and other open sources claim Beijing has Super-EMP weapons

New China Nuclear Strategy ?

- China's nuclear arsenals has doubled in the last decade and is projected to double again in the next decade to near 600-800 warheads;
- China is moving toward a Putin like strategy of threatening to “escalate to win” in regional crises with the United States hoping to avoid military conflict but to get the USA to stand down before fighting with China begins;
- But this does not mean China will refrain from using military force against lesser powers allied to the USA but will work to sever relation with our allies; (similar to Putin strategy in Eastern Europe and Russian/Europe border, especially re the Baltic's or region in and around Ukraine);
- Conventional Chinese military capability is designed for power projection to hold and support port and trade facilities and maintain key infrastructure and maritime trade routes.
- All in part of Chinese plan to have multiple nations supply China the raw materials and supply chain and industrial production to make China the worlds -#1 economy. In short, every nation is an element in supplying China part of its economic empire. Nuclear weapons are to remind governments “China is a ‘big’ country...”

Some Future Excursions.....

- Grab more SCS islands reefs...
- Economically blackmail SE Asia nations re ports and railroads and key transportation modes to control trade...
- Launch campaign to finish Kashmir issue with Pakistan....
- Terror campaign support to Iranian and Taliban militias to encourage USA to leave Afghanistan and Iraq faster than planned.....
- Grab key Western Hemisphere port...
- Claim USA is too weak to be the leader of the world—double down on globalism remains great, it's USA system that doesn't work (Zachariah et al panda huggers)...
- Top Chinese politburo member writes memo that predicts when USA finds out Chinese responsibility for virus outbreak the result will be military conflict—
- Key issue: does China move up its planned hegemonic strategy timeline seeing pandemic as opportunity. Will they risk doing so prior to their full nuclear modernization and conventional projection capabilities have been completed...

The Current Turmoil—One Explanation

- Pandemic brought into stark reality that continued and serial virus outbreaks in Chinese factory towns made maintenance of a supply chain untenable; Companies were certain to move the supply chain from China to other places in Southeast Asian, South Asia or the Western hemisphere that's potentially reducing Chinese GDP from \$13 trillion to under \$10 trillion over time and completely undo China's goal in 2048 of completing its 100 year marathon objective of being the world's number one hegemon.
- They thus brought down the whole world economy thinking (1) there would be no place to move the supply chain to and (2) all economies would be taken down so relatively China's-#2 standing would not change; and (3) the chaos would provide China an opportunity to engage in some opportune mayhem while other powers (the USA) remained preoccupied.