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Requirement - agreed

NATO TNF needs modernization badly = All agreed -
SS20 - Backfire threat

Triad: Tactical nuclear weapons - shorter range
Long range tactical nuclear weapons (SW Russia)
Strategic systems

NATO needs these options

Philosophy - agreed

posture - one of deterrence

1. First use of tactical nuclear weapons (NPG)
2. Escalate as necessary to strikes on SW Russia - ie: last signal
3. Strategic nuclear response

Indicate clearly to Soviets that NATO has capability to escalate conflict through all levels if necessary

We differ on UK contribution

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Independent series of options for UK nationally

Lead to NATO

New British declaration to DFC

Not "how little we can get away with"

French have all levels

Arms Control - arms control measures first - Holland

SALT II and III - changing American scene

Better chance of better deal from US on strat-systems

Seen not to be replacing Vulcans - Tornado won't do

Polaris won't really do

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