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From U. S. Naval Attache at Paris Date 27 August 1946  
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Reference See below  
(Directive, correspondence, previous related report, etc., if applicable)

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BRIEF—(Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.)

- References:
- (a) MA Paris report R-476-46 of 22 August 1946, Evaluation B-3, Subject: Soviet Preparations for War.
  - (b) MA Berne, Switzerland Report 3141.0303 of 20 August 1946, Evaluation C-3, Subject: Soviet Preparations for War.

Soviet Preparations for War

Reference (a) is a reply to reference (b) requesting comments confirming or denying referenced report. Reference (a) refers in turn to Top Secret report from MA Paris, cable WB-5198 of 20 August 1946, evaluation B-3. This report states:

- 1) Soviet commanders allegedly directed to eliminate uncertain elements from Soviet Army in order to guarantee maximum discipline by end of 1947.
- 2) Political activities of Soviet government and Communists outside Russia could adjust to local circumstances prior to 1948.
- 3) Potential use and complete knowledge of atomic bomb would be available to Soviet government by middle of 1947.

Furthermore, MA Paris reported in Top Secret R-456-46 of 9 August that Russia is reported likely to solve problem of manufacture of atomic bomb within two years.

Reference (b) had reported that according to reliable source nearly all Soviet marshals, generals and admirals have been in the Crimea at the Sotschi Baths where conferences were held and war plans discussed. During June strategic exercises were held with all front commanders, army group commanders, army commanders and air and naval commanders.

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The following men were forseen as Commanders-in-Chief of Soviet Armed Forces of World War III:

European Front (Stettin-Trieste) - Marshal VASSILOVSKY  
 Balkan Front (Trieste-Constantinople) - Marshal TOLBOUHINE  
 Turkish Front - Marshal ZOUKOV  
 Persian Front - Marshal VOROSILOV  
 Asia Front - Marshals MORESHOVSKI and MALINOVSKY

Soviet military authorities are reported to say that World War III will break out the end of 1947 or the middle of 1948. The Russians will take Europe and Asia as their sphere of power so that Russia will control the eastern hemisphere and the United States the western hemisphere and thus create a stable balance of power which will guarantee a long peace.

NA Comment:

MA Berna had himself pointed out the sensational nature of this report and for this reason had requested the above confirmation or denial from all addressees. It is to be pointed out that a meeting of commanding officers of the armed forces does not necessarily mean the approach of war but merely a routine annual occurrence. On the other hand, the evident increase of Russian impatience at the Peace Conference, together with increased violence of Communist propaganda in Europe, would seem to indicate a hardening of the Russian attitude toward the necessity of recognizing the existence of two hostile worlds. The removal of LITVINOV could also be indicative of the same attitude. I believe referenced reports are to be considered merely indicative of attitude rather than informative and factual.

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