



Impacted Safety Goal

Potential Global Nuclear War November 1983

Mis-interpretation of Wargames Exercises

Planned NATO Exercises in progress

Evidence: Multination multi-week Reforger Exercise. Return of Forces to Germany. 19,000 US troops were airlifted to Germany during exercise.

AND

Able Archer exercise practiced authorization of Nuclear weapons

Soviet Union on high state of alert

Political tension within Soviet government

General Secretary was ill

Evidence: Yuri Andropov had Renal failure requiring daily kidney dialysis, he was in the Hospital from August 1983 until his death in February 1984

AND

Head of KGB suspicious USA First Strike intentions

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Soviets had access to Presidential Directive 59

Evidence: Presidential Directive 59 laid out the criteria for a survivable nuclear war. Predicated on first strike of other side. See Timeline

USA President had recently made speech calling for end to Evil Empire

Evidence: Ronald Reagan's speech at UK House of Commons March-1983

Soviet Union had penetrated secret US Communications

US Code Systems had recently changed

Walker/ US Navy spy active for many years prior

High Level penetration of NATO leadership by Soviets