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War for Peace: The Question of an American Preventive War against the Soviet Union, 1945–1955

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As governor of California and presidential aspirant, Ronald Reagan

frequently lamented America's unwillingness to use its superior military power against the Soviet Union during the early post-World War II era—an unwillingness that he in his inimitable way attributed both to moral superiority and the grossest form of foreign policy ineptitude on the part of the Truman administration. That his interpretation of the early Cold War still remains so popular is evidence of the strength of feeling in the late 1940s and early 1950s that the United States could have dictated political terms to the Soviet Union at the point of a gun—or more accurately, from the bay of a B-29 or B-36 bomber—if only it had possessed the will to do so. Indeed, documentary evidence now available demonstrates that a great many Americans, some of them in the highest ranks...

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