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PURPOSE OF THEATER WAR STUDIES

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Question:

"What can be expected to make a difference in the outcome of a NATO war?"

Why Study?

- Attain recognition as expert

How Study?

- Work from detailed scenario
- Evaluate functional areas of air/ground combat
- Identify NATO strengths and weaknesses
- Translate weaknesses as system requirements

Collateral Investigations:

- USSR measures to achieve surprise
- NATO deficiencies resulting from surprise
- NATO damage from surprise air attack
- Rate of advance of tank-heavy units
- Influence of heavy population/ urbanization

(see attached 12 charts for study plan)



The Anatomy of Combat

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AREAS OF INVESTIGATION

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Areas Of Investigation - -

1. NATO Deficiencies
2. Alternate Scenarios
3. Collateral Investigations
4. Fighting Force Comparisons
5. Information Handling
6. Logistics
7. Special Operations

- - Theater Warfare

NATO Deficiencies - -

- POLITICAL
- ECONOMIC
- Source: Other NATO Scenarios
- Approach:
 - Identify Problems
 - Investigate Each
 - Discuss Each

- - Other Than Force Structure & Composition

Alternate - -

- U.S. Counters to U.S.S.R Assault
 - World Wide
 - In Europe

- Alternate Scenarios for U.S.S.R.
 - With attention focussed on Europe - -
 - Possible U.S.S.R. “Dirty Tricks” involving NATO & Others.

- - Scenarios

Collateral - -

1. U.S.S.R. Measures for Surprise
2. Resulting NATO Deficiencies
3. Damage from Surprise Air Attack
4. Tank Unit Rate of Advance
5. Influence of Heavy Populational Urbanization
6. Escalation to Nuclear Operations

- - Investigations

Fighting Force - -

● Fire -

- Infantry Weapons
- Tank - Anti-Tank
- Artillery
- Close Air Support
- Air Defence
- Air-to-Air
- Counter-Air
- Interdiction

● Mobility -

- - Comparisons

Information - -

- Command
- Intelligence
- Signal
- ECM

- - Handling

Logistics - -

- Transportation
 - Inter-Theater
 - Intra-Theater
- Supply
- Maintenance
- Construction
 - Routes
 - Facilities
 - Obstacles (including Mines)

Special - -

- Special Forces
- Civil Affiars
 - (During Conflict)
- Rear Area Defense/Damage Control
- Chemical/Biological

- - Operations

Planned Achievement - -

- Complete item 1. - NATO Deficiencies
- Show Substantive Progress on Remaining Six Items with Priority Emphasis on Items 2 & 3

- - Three Months

Manpower - -

- Identify Principal Investigator for Each of Items 2 through 7.

6 people

Plus 2 people for Guidance & Support

8 people

- - Requirements

