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## Preface

This collection of documents covers the relations of the great powers between 1968 and 1975, the dates being fixed by the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia and the signing of the Helsinki Agreement on European security respectively. In selecting from the very wide range of printed sources available we have kept purely illustrative material to a minimum and printed only those documents which either indicated a change in the policy of a particular country from its established position or recorded a substantive and agreed change in the structure of great-power relations. The coverage in the various sections of the volume is not in all cases, therefore, bound by the period covered by the collection as a whole: if there was no major structural change after, say, 1973 the continuing diplomacy on that subject will not be documented. Even using these criteria we have had to keep the scope of our selection in line with the realities of publishing costs. Where we have been forced to exclude supporting documents to major agreements or material which might have helped to complete the picture, we have cited the appropriate references in the Introduction or in Editor's Notes which are printed following the documents to which they refer. Otherwise we have attempted to keep footnoting to a minimum: as a general rule, cross-references have been confined to documents which fall within the 1968–75 period and which appear in *other* sections of the volume. We have defined the great powers as the five major wartime allies: Britain, China, France, the Soviet Union and the United States, together with their major opponents, Germany and Japan.

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## Source Abbreviations

<i>Bull. EC</i>	<i>Bulletin of the European Communities</i> (Brussels, Secretariat of the Commission)
<i>Bulletin</i>	<i>The Bulletin</i> (Federal Republic of Germany, Press and Information Office)
Cmnd.	Command Papers (London, HMSO)
<i>DSB</i>	<i>The Department of State Bulletin</i> (Washington, DC, USA Government Printing Office)
<i>Europe Documents</i> <i>Europe, Bulletins</i>	<i>Europe, Documents, Bulletins quotidiens et Suppléments</i> (Brussels, Agence Internationale d'Information pour la Presse)
HC Deb.	House of Commons Debates (Hansard)
<i>OJ</i>	<i>Official Journal of the European Communities</i> (Luxembourg, Office for official publications of the European Communities)
<i>SWB</i>	<i>Summary of World Broadcasts</i> (British Broadcasting Monitoring Service)
<i>USIS</i>	<i>United States Information Service</i> (London, United States Embassy)
<i>WEU Political Year in Europe</i>	<i>A Retrospective View of the Political Year in Europe</i> (Brussels, Western European Union, General Affairs Committee)

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