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Toward the end of the Cold War, the last great struggle between the United States and the Soviet Union marked the end of détente, and escalated into the most dangerous phase of the conflict since the Cuban Missile Crisis. Aaron Donaghy examines the complex history of America's largest peacetime military buildup, which was in turn challenged by the largest peacetime peace movement. Focusing on the critical period between 1977 and 1985, Donaghy shows how domestic politics shaped dramatic foreign policy reversals by Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. He explains why the Cold War intensified so quickly and how—contrary to all expectations—U.S.–Soviet relations were repaired. Drawing on recently declassified archival material, *The Second Cold War* traces how each administration evolved in response to crises and events at home and abroad. This compelling and controversial account challenges the accepted notion of how the end of the Cold War began.

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Abbreviations

ABC	American Broadcasting Company
ABM	Anti-Ballistic Missile
ACDA	Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
AFL-CIO	American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
ALCM	Air-launched Cruise Missile
ASAT	Anti-satellite Weapons
AWACS	Airborne Warning and Control System
BMD	Ballistic Missile Defense
CBS	Columbia Broadcasting System
CDE	Conference on Disarmament in Europe
CDM	Coalition for a Democratic Majority
CDU	Christian Democratic Union (Federal Republic of Germany)
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CNN	Cable News Network
CPAC	Conservative Political Action Conference
CPD	Committee on the Present Danger
CPSU	Communist Party of the Soviet Union
CSCE	Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe
EEC	European Economic Community
ERW	Enhanced Radiation Weapon
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office (United Kingdom)
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIFA	International Federation of Association Football
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany)

GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GDR	German Democratic Republic (East Germany)
GNP	Gross National Product
GOP	Grand Old Party (The Republican Party)
GRU	<i>Glavnoye Razvedyvatelnoye Upravlenie</i> (Chief Intelligence Office)
ICBM	Intercontinental Ballistic Missile
INF	Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces
IOC	International Olympic Committee
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
KAL 007	Korean Airlines Flight 007
KGB	<i>Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti</i> (Committee for State Security)
LSG	Legislative Strategy Group
MAD	Mutual Assured Destruction
MBFR	Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions
MFN	Most Favored Nation
MIRV	Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicle
MI6	Military Intelligence, Section 6 (British Secret Intelligence Service)
MX	LGM-118A Peacekeeper Missile (Missile Experimental)
NAACP	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
NACIPG	Nuclear Arms Control Information Policy Group
NAE	National Association of Evangelicals
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NBC	National Broadcasting Company
NORAD	North American Aerospace Defense Command
NSA	National Security Agency
NSC	National Security Council
NSDD	National Security Decision Directive
NSPG	National Security Planning Group
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
PAC	Political Action Committee
PD	Presidential Directive
PDPA	People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan
PFIAB	President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board
PRC	People's Republic of China
RDF	Rapid Deployment Force

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RYAN	<i>Raketno-Yadernoe Napadenie</i> (Nuclear Missile Attack)
SACPG	Senior Arms Control Policy Group
SALT	Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (also Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty)
SANE	National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy
SCC	Special Coordinating Committee
SDI	Strategic Defense Initiative
SIOP	Single Integrated Operational Plan
SLCM	Sea-launched Cruise Missile
SPD	Social Democratic Party (Federal Republic of Germany)
START	Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (also Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty)
TASS	<i>Telegrafnoye Agentstvo Sovietskovo Soyuza</i> (Telegraphic Agency of the Soviet Union)
TNF	Theater Nuclear Forces
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics