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Situation - CRITICAL

NATO armed forces have begun a military buildup along the Russo-Latvian and Russo Estonian borders. NATO member states have mobilized air, naval, and ground forces and are preparing for a full scale invasion if demands are not met. **Operation KILLiningrad** demands that Russia and its Iranian accomplices cease any and all offensive measures and allow for an independent international investigation, complying with its ruling. Should these actors fail to respond, NATO has effectively illustrated its willingness to pursue a conventional conflict.

Recommended Action

DEFENSE CONDITION 2 RECOMMENDED - The United States as the primary benefactor of NATO must provide for the common defense while ensuring that a large-scale or uncontainable conflict remains unlikely to grow. Significant diplomatic actions should be taken by the United States to emphasize both the validity of NATO demands as well as the desire to negotiate rather than enter into unrestricted warfare with another nuclear capable power. U.S. military assets should be moved to the region to prepare. **If diplomatic approaches begin to sour, DEFENSE CONDITION 1 is recommended.**