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... Escalation Dominance ...

Your paper is magnificent!

I'm about 1/2 way through; and
already wanted to acknowledge it.

My letter of Jan 5. echoes some of
the same ideas (little wonder). Your
writing leads me to some self-criti-
cism about not expressing my
full meaning. We all internalize
dialectic and compromise for tactical
persuasion at the margin. I am
glad you did less of that!

I will have to discuss with you
further why we do need, as I believe,
more theater-capable forces. Demos-
tration

kind of resolve and commitment to
positions we value (but less than
to risk mutual suicide) are part
of it. Perhaps slightly different is
to avoid loss of initiative, loss to
facts accomplis. At theater level is
there such a sharp line between
deterrence by denial vs. by cost?
In combat there is usually a
tradeoff between gains and costs.
More anon.

