

HARVARD - Defense Policy Seminar
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1. Definition of G.W. & L.W. Undeveloped areas. Clausewitzian war. "Der Krieg ist eine blosse Fortsetzung der Politik mit andern Mittel." "Die politische Absicht ist der Zweck, der Krieg ist das Mittel und niemals kann das Mittel ohne Zweck gedacht werden."
2. Position between Cold War & General War.
 - a. Cold War - no overt use of military force. Threat of use. Rattling of sabres, bombs & missiles. Spreading of fear of war, large & small. May be preliminary to limited war. Creates dangerous climate.
 - b. General War - may be an outgrowth of the cold war or an escalation of limited war. Latter more likely. Effect of dangers on cold & limited war. Raises level of provocation and loss in cold war before resorting to limited war. Raises level of intensity of L.W. before resorting to G.W. Rules out deliberate choice of G.W.
3. Effect of definition of L.W.
 - a. NATO area. Planning. Berlin.

4. Characteristics of L.W.
 - a. May occur anywhere.
 - b. May be limited as to objective, geographical location, types of weapons used. Not necessarily small, short, or cheap ~~or~~ and decisive.
 - c. Most likely in S.E. Asia, ME, Africa, S.A.
 - d. Most dangerous potential enemy; Red China.
5. Preparations to wage L.W.
 - a. Neglect in past. Inapplicability of big weapons.
 - b. Modernization of equipment. Fire power. Communications. Transport.
 - c. Adaptation of organization & training. Pentomic div. Either/or.
 - d. Logistics. Lebanon. Forward stock piles.
6. Unified command in U.S.
7. Tac A weapons. Why needed? What are they? Deters. Prevents massing. Sov. Convent. at K. Will stalemate front. Main depend on conv. weapons.
8. How much is enough?