Multipolar Trends in Bipolarity: Ostpolitik and the Strategic Triangle

I. Multipolarity in Bipolarity
   ♦ General characterization of the Cold War system in the era of détente
   ♦ Shift in power relations—erosion of superpower authority to dictate policies

II. Europe: Ostpolitik and Euromissiles
   A. Ostpolitik and European Détente
      ♦ De Gaulle’s decision to withdraw from NATO integrated command (1966)
      ♦ Willy Brandt’s Ostpolitik,
      ♦ Treaties with USSR, Poland (1970), Ulbricht Ousted, Four-Power Agreement on Berlin (1971), Treaty with GDR (1972)
      ♦ Recognition of borders (Oder/Neisse), human/economic interaction, GDR/FRG admitted to UN membership (1973)
      ♦ CSCE (Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe)
      ♦ Helsinki Final Act (1975)/3 Baskets
   B. INF (Intermediate-range Nuclear Force) and the Dilemma of European Security
      ♦ extended deterrence (disparity of theater nuclear forces taken for granted)
      ♦ Soviet modernization (SS20, replaced SS4 and SS5)
      ♦ Impact of SALT Treaties
      ♦ Helmut Schmidt’s concern
      ♦ Neutron bomb issue
      ♦ 1979 NATO decision: US Euro-missiles (108 Pershing II and 464 GLCMs)

III. Strategic Triangle: China
   A. Background: Sino-Soviet conflict
      ♦ Korean War/Offshore Crises/Vietnam War/Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia
      ♦ Damansky Island (Zhenbau Island) military clash (1969)
      ♦ Cultural Revolution (Kosygin’s telephone call)
      ♦ Soviet military buildup in the Far East—12 divisions (1961), 25 (69), 45 (73)
      ♦ Possibility of preventive nuclear strike
   B. Sino-American Rapprochement: Kissinger-Nixon
      ♦ linkage
      ♦ backchannel diplomacy/ping pong diplomacy
      ♦ Kissinger’s secret trip to China (July 1971)
      ♦ China’s internal debate/Lin Biao’s abortive coup and airplane crash
      ♦ Nixon’s trip to Beijing
      ♦ Shanghai communique
   C. Normalization of Relations: Carter-Brzezinski and China
      ♦ China in turmoil (1976-78), Gang of Four, Mao’s death—Deng Xiaoping’s return
      ♦ Four modernizations
      ♦ Carter administration divided on China policy: Cyrus Vance vs Brzezinski
      ♦ Brzezinski’s trip to China
      ♦ Normalization of relations with China (1978)
      ♦ Deng Xiaoping’s visit to US (January 1979)
      ♦ Vietnam’s invasion of Cambodia, Chinese attack on Vietnam