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In this *spravka* or reference note dated Dec. 24, 1986, Vitaly Katayev acknowledged that the Krasnoyarsk radar was a violation of the ABM treaty, as Gates had charged. He wrote:

The building of the Radar in the city of Krasnoyarsk indeed contradicts the Article 6B of the ABM Treaty because the antenna curtain is oriented toward the inside of the territory (according to the Treaty orientation should be toward outside of the territory) to cover the North-Eastern missile-threat direction.

He also noted:

Numerous explanations have been given to the Americans that the radar station in Krasnoyarsk is being built in the interests of control of the space. The Americans are disputing these explanations.