

The End of the Cold War

A CWIHP Document Reader

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We are pleased to present to you this document reader, intended to facilitate the discussion at the upcoming international conference on the *End of the Cold War*, in Paris, on June 15-17, 2006. The electronic reader contains of a collection of selected documents from US, Russian, and East European archives. This collection, compiled by the Cold War International History Project (CWIHP), is by no means comprehensive. In selecting the documents, we sought to include some of the most important materials available. The reader is organized chronologically. However, all documents have been tagged with the geographic coverage of the subject within the software provided with this CD.

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