Argued the following:

- Soviet policy was driven by insecurity
- USSR desired to establish Stalinist regimes in Eastern Europe as protective buffer
- USSR would only respond to threat of force

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- Iron Curtain Speech
  - Delivered by Winston Churchill in Mar 1946
  - Publically criticized Soviet actions in Eastern Europe and referred to an iron curtain that had descended across Europe from the Baltic to the Adriatic

- Developments in Middle East and Mediterranean
  - Iran Crisis
    - After war, USSR left troops in Iran and supported establishment of Communist puppet states in northern region
    - Under pressure from US, Soviet troops withdrew (Apr 1946) and Iran regained control over its territory (Dec 1946)
  - Turkish Straits Crisis
    - In Aug 1946, USSR sent warships to Turkish Straits to try to force acceptance of its proposal for joint Soviet-Turkish control of Straits
    - US responded by increasing its own naval presence in region and USSR backed down
  - Greek Civil War
    - In Mar 1946, civil war began between Communist and ant-Communist forces in Greece
    - USSR refused to intervene, and anti-Communists eventually won with help from Britain and US