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Opener: Based on Figure 2 of Nuclear Proliferation Reader

1. **In what year were the stockpiles of nuclear weapons the greatest?**

* 1986

1. **For how many years was the U.S. the only country that had nuclear capability?**

4 years

1. **When did Russia stockpile its first nuclear weapon?**

1949

1. **In what year did Russia’s stockpile first surpass the United States? For how many years did it stockpile more weapons? When did the trend end?**

Surpass in 1978. 23 years. It ended in 2001

1. **In what year did nuclear weapon stockpiles first spread to eight countries?**

* 1998

1. **Why is there no report on North Korea?**

They keep their stockpile information secretive.

**Analysis:**

**Based on this information, what observations can you make about nuclear proliferation?**

It’s basically a modern day arms race with less tension than the arms race during the cold war.