

Critics argue that, in a crisis or conflict, the LRSO could be used in a role “beyond deterrence” to initiate a “tactical” nuclear war which may escalate to a major, nuclear exchange.^{56, 57, 58} While little is known about the LRSO’s attributes, some have speculated it may utilize stealth technology.^{59, 60} When coupled with a stealthy, penetrating bomber such as the B-2 or B-21 in development, the LRSO may create the possibility of a no-warning nuclear strike. Faced with this possibility, the capability of a delivery platform to carry both conventional and nuclear forces may create warhead ambiguity for adversaries leading to unintended nuclear war.^{61, 62, 63}