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AS the literature on the Revolution in Military Affairs (RMA) has expanded rapidly in the last decade, RMA has turned out to be a hugely contestable concept. The rationale behind the RMA was originally a grand strategy developed during the Cold War.¹ In the early

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1. For a review of the military-technological developments that took place in the post-World War II period and led to the current Revolution in Military Affairs, see

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