In fact the US-URSS treaty on peaceful use of space 1967 can be seen as reinforcing the inviolability of the atmosphere; and the prohibition of space weapons as a potential source of constraint for a power that decided to make a bold move to control orbital space.

This power may also influence the interpretation of certain potential weapons.

I have thought of a number of possible scenarios—but they may be too sci-fi in tone—and it might be better to work out whether there is purely STAP's business; and to get more focused briefings on current possibilities of these issues, before I and other STAPists exert much more imaginative effort on them.