SUPER WEAPONS –
An Analysis

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INITIAL DEFINITION

• A weapon designed to generate decisive military effect
Constantinople 1453
Mons Meg 1449

- Threave Castle
Mary Rose
Tsar Cannon - Moscow

40 tonnes
890mm
Jaivana – Jaipur 1720

50 tonnes

1716 – 1770 Andrew Schalch
Mallet’s Mortar

914mm
The Paris Gun
Gustav – 800mm
V3 - MIMOYECQUES

MIMOYECQUES EASTERN SITE
RECONSTRUCTED VIEW OF MAIN WORKINGS
HARP - SRC
350mm BABY BABYLON
1000mm BABYLON GUN
The Deterrent
Norham 1497
1453 – The Truth
Mary Rose
Sebastopol
V3- Mimoyecques
Babylon to Brussels
1928 - 1990
Characteristics

• Weapons that have soaked up a nation’s resources beyond their apparent operational worth
• Strategic Battle
• Largely Indiscriminate
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Other Evidence of the Psychological Effect of Super Weapons

- Attacks on Japan WW2
- Cold War
- SDI – End of Cold War??
- “Shock and Awe”
Precision Attack – More than a Super Weapon?