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The end of the Cold War

- Jack F Matlock, Reagan and Gorbachev: How the Cold War Ended
- Mark Galeotti, Gorbachev and His Revolution (European History in Perspective)
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