President Bush: Affirmation of the Total Force Policy

As we successfully argued in past Force cases in 1988 and 1989, however, this is exactly upside down proper equation is this. When active forces are to be significant vastly increased in size, the size Guard and Reserve should go up either in percentage terms or actual terms. In most instances would occurred because part or all Guard and Reserve had been used for actual wartime requirements or in response to a deterrence for a military buildup such as occur in the Berlin Crisis of 1961.

However, when the threat is diminishing, such as when a war has concluded (the Vietnam War, the Korean War), the size and force structure of the active components can go down. However, this is the very time when the residual missions forces required to be fulfilled by forces deployed, active Army or Air Force units can be shifted properly to Guard and Reserve units. Such units can respond to such contingencies with adequate forces, good times, and the prospect of success and zeal to reach important them in time to make a difference.