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## **New Defense Budget Poised to Meet Lower Expectations**

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Comparing Trump's budget with the early years of the Reagan administration buildup, and others, Katherine Blakeley, a defense budget expert with the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, said: "This is not a historic increase." "The political characterization is that we are at the early part, and we should expect an upward drive," Blakeley said. "We won't see a lot of that in [the president's 2018 budget], but they are clearly laying the groundwork for that. "In this budget, you see some trial balloons, like: Can we have an accelerated path to Navy shipbuilding?"