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LunaTick <chuckadams05@xxxxxxx> wrote:

WASHINGTON (CNN) — China last week successfully used a missile to destroy an orbiting satellite, U.S. government officials told CNN on Thursday, in a test that could undermine relations with the West and pose a threat to satellites important to the U.S. military.

According to a spokesman for the National Security Council, the ground-based, medium-range ballistic missile knocked an old Chinese weather satellite from its orbit about 537 miles above Earth. The missile carried a "kill vehicle" and destroyed the satellite by ramming it.

What's the news? Satellites can't be defended against a determined attacker. The only reason there no deployed anti-sat systems is the the US and the USSR have (wisely) chosen not to, long ago.

The United States logged a formal diplomatic protest.

In case an American satellite is attacked the US will do more than that.

It could well be a casus belli,

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