

Re: Pentagon to Shoot down Spy Sat

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Sylvia Else <sylvia@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

:Fred J. McCall wrote:

:> Sylvia Else <sylvia@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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:> :So I'll accept that most of the material won't become a long term

:> :threat, but some of it can.

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:> Yes, and when you let go of a pencil all the molecules in it might

:> coincidentally be moving in the same direction and it might fall up.

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:I don't think that's possible unless you're thinking in terms of the QM

:uncertainty in a pencil's momentum attribute.

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If they're all heading in random directions, there is some small but finite possibility that they could all head in the same direction.

:> Pretty unlikely, though...

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:The probability levels are, to use an Irishism, incomparably different.

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Not so much, no.

That's sort of the point...

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"Some people get lost in thought because it's such unfamiliar territory."

—G. Behn

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