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**The Honorable Jackalyne Pfannenstiel**

Assistant Secretary of the Navy  
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Dear Secretary Pfannenstiel:

The Record of Decision (ROD) has gone backwards on a very crucial decision. This is the Ballistic Missile defense system needed to protect Guam.

The ROD speaks eloquently about Guam's strategic location and purpose in support of our great nation's national security interests. With the Guam military buildup our island will definitely be the "Gibraltar of the Pacific." We will be the "tip of the spear."

More than 20 Billion U.S. dollars will be invested in this 212 square mile island. We will have a strategic impact with our support systems for Global Hawk and nuclear powered aircraft carriers accompanied by their escorts. We will also have a strategic impact with the facilities to support B-52, B-1, and B-2 long-range strategic bombers.

Notice I mentioned the support systems and facilities. Every war planner targets the support systems and facilities, rather than the aircraft or ships which can be present one day and absent another.

North Korea has already spoken of long range ballistic missiles that can reach Guam. Will these missiles have nuclear warheads or chemical warheads? How stable is the succession of power in North Korea? Could one of the elder sons of Kim Jong Il contest the mantle going to his youngest son, Kim Jong Un, for the



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power succession? Could that struggle slip over into firing a rogue missile at Guam?

How can any other site compete with Guam for protection against a ballistic missile attack? Why is further study needed? Is the United States serious about making Guam a militarily significant strategic asset? If so, it must be protected.

Please clarify. Is it no longer the intent of the Dept of Defense to build an army operated missile defense capability in Guam to protect both the civilian and military communities? Please provide immediate clarification. If the buildup is to proceed we in Guam should be entitled to the protections from enemy missile attacks just like any other American community. After all: We are Americans too.

Senseramente,

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Senator