

These days the media is filled with dire warnings about a missile test North Korea plans to conduct in the near future. The headlines read that North Korea will launch the missile "in the direction of" Hawaii, and follow-up stories report how nervous the people living in hawaii are that there may be some additional fireworks on the Fourth of July.

To read the news or watch the TV media you would think the outbreak of a new world war is imminent, waiting only a a replay of [the attack on Pearl Harbor](#).

But let us put things into perspective with a few facts.

The straight line distance between Honolulu and Pyongyang is approximately 7397 kilometers (4596 statute miles).

The specific missile being test fired by North Korea, the Taep'o-dong 2, has two variants. The two stage variant has a range of around 4,000 km (2,500 statute miles) and the three stage variant has an estimated range of 4,500 km (2,800 statute miles). In other words, the missile being test fired by North Korea cannot actually reach Hawaii. Let me repeat: the missile being test fired by North Korea cannot actually reach Hawaii.

As a side note, the North Koreans have had a great deal of trouble with the multi-stage Taep'o-dong 2. The last test exploded just off the launch pad. Now, take a look at a map of North Korea.



If North Korea were to launch their test missile to the north, there is a real possibility that it might land on either China or Russia if there is a failure. South might but debris from a mishap into Malaysia, or Australia. Even a successful launch westward would have the missile coming down on occupied lands belonging to other countries.

That leaves East, and while while Japan has a right to be concerned about an over flight of a notoriously cranky launch vehicle, an east launch inevitably points the North Korean missile "in the direction of" Hawaii.

But It means roughly the same thing as "in the direction of" the moon. It might point that way, but reaching it is another target.

Now then, take a look at this stuff.



This material is called Trinitite. It is a piece of desert sand melted into green glass by the heat of the world's first Atomic Bomb, Project TRINITY.

North Korea is not going to attack the United States. North Korea is not a threat to the United States. Neither was Iraq for that matter. Nor Iran. It does not matter whether a foreign nation has a nuclear weapon or not; they will not attack the US and for a simple reason. The US maintains the largest nuclear arsenal on Earth, with warheads, ICBMs, stealth bombers, submarines and so forth. One strike on the US and the US will turn the offending nation into a giant slab of the green glass you see above you. And remember, for all the talk about the "threat" from Iraq, Iran, North Korea, etc. one and only one nation has ever actually used nuclear weapons of mass destruction against the civilians of another country, and the nation that has used nuclear weapons to kill civilians.. is the United States

There is another Reason Kim Jong-II is not going to attack the US. Heads of state have monstrous egos. They dream of statues raised in their honor, of their faces on the coinage and postage, and the last thing they want to do is trigger a war that will kill the future generations that will admire and worship their image on statues, coinage and postage.

Finally, please consider the simple reality of our situation here in the United States. The economy is in dire straights. Between the government-sanctioned exporting of manufacturing to other countries, the repeal of Glas-Steagal, and deregulation, we face the gravest economic crisis in history.

They say that history repeats, and therein lies a motive for the US Government to want a new war. After all, the US Government got out of the depression that resulted from the crash of 1904 by getting into WWI. The US Government got out of the depression that resulted from the crash of 1929 by getting into WWII. Now we are seeing the aftermath of the crash of 2008. If you see an obvious pattern here, rest assured, so does the US Government, which has a long history of using wars to correct, or at least to distract the people from, economic turmoil. From the point of view of Washington DC, it is far better that the taxpayers believe Iran and North Korea are the threat to our way of life, rather than Wall Street and of course, Washington DC itself.

So, the US Government and the servile corporate media are trying to kick up a new war, any war; and in a [real-life repeat of Michael Moore's "Canadian Bacon", it doesn't matter who gets attacked!](#) Iraq and Afghanistan are bogged down, and a new war will take the people's minds off of those failures (it is hoped by the DC boys).

So, any enemy will do right now, and North Korea will do just fine, as long as the American people can be tricked into believing that North Korea is a danger to the United States. But we have been down this road before, with Iraq, and therein is the very best reason not to be worried about North Korea, because the people who are trying to claim that North Korea is a danger to you are the very same people who insisted that Saddam had 'nookular' bombs!

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