

# Gen. Danny Graham caught lying again

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Investigation over the past year has established that the deliberate falsification of Vietnamese and Vietcong troop-strength numbers was done not by Gen. William Westmoreland, but by Lt.-Gen. Daniel Graham, then head of the Defense Intelligence Agency (see *EIR*, Oct. 9, 1984). Today a front man for a lesser agency, the "High Frontier" project run by the Fabian socialist Heritage Foundation and the "Aquarian" L-5 society, Graham continues to deliberately distort the truth to suit the careerist's false image of quick success.

In the latest "High Frontier" booklet, issued in a national mailing to conservatives last month, Graham takes misinformation about the President's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) to the level of a massive service to the Soviet Union.

Wherever President Reagan insists, "I did not say Star Wars, nor was I talking about putting weapons in space," Danny Graham replies: "I wrote the President's program, and it's a program for the militarization of space—Star Wars."

The Soviets, who have been forced to the realization that the real SDI can only be negotiated on President Reagan's terms at Geneva, now have only two Western reeds to cling to in support of *Pravda's* lies: the falsehoods of the Pugwash scientists who claim that the SDI is "only to defend missile sites," and the falsehoods of Danny Graham, who claims that the SDI is rocket launchers and other weapons to be placed in space by the Shuttle.

Graham does not scruple to claim in the introduction to the pamphlet that "the defense system called for by President Reagan is the same in concept as the one proposed and developed by High Frontier." Then he claims that "given already committed development resources, the system could be launched, deployed and serviced by the space shuttle in five to six years"—at a cost of \$3 billion per year. This is less than the amount President Reagan has proposed for SDI research alone by fiscal 1989!

Not only is High Frontier not the SDI, as Secretary Weinberger has repeatedly and bluntly insisted to the press; Danny Graham is lying broadly about the very nature of the SDI, lying to strengthen the congressional budget cutters and to strengthen the Pentagon special interests who don't want a "big SDI" interfering with their "career management."

It should also be noted, as collateral evidence of the massive circulation of falsehoods involved in "High Frontier," that the same Heritage Foundation currently circulating Graham's Space Shuttle fantasies, opposed the entire Space Shuttle project, in league with Sen. Walter Mondale, in 1971.

Yet, Graham's latest pamphlet asserts that the President's SDI program is nothing but the use of the Shuttle and other U.S. space engineering assets to place anti-missile, heat-seeking rocket interceptors in orbit. "Our technological capability in space far surpasses anything the Russians have," prates Graham; this is demonstrably false, and reinforces precisely the image of an aggressive U.S. space weapons program circulated by the Soviets. "The time has come to take advantage of that superiority before it vanishes," Graham elaborates, "to eliminate once and for all the threat of the Soviet missile arsenal. . . . Most of the technology for Global Ballistic Missile Defense already exists."

The facts of the Soviet military space program are known to the cleared-access circles of Danny Graham: The Soviet experience in large-scale space engineering, both manned and unmanned, exceeds that of the United States. In particular, Soviet testing of the coordination of Earth and space-based systems to develop breakthroughs in laser- and particle-beam generation, propagation, aiming and tracking, large-mirror fabrication and testing in space, etc., constitutes a larger and more aggressive testing-experience base than that of the United States. These are the real technological challenges of the SDI, not placing rockets and sensors in orbit—routines perfected by both superpowers over 30 years of ICBM and related development.

In short, the Soviet Union is ahead of the United States across the board in developing anti-missile defenses, contrary to Graham's crude fundraising pitch.

## SDI goals

The crucial strategic tasks of the SDI, already partly successful, are: to force the Soviets to admit their own massive ABM program; to develop a crash program, with worldwide allied participation, of technological breakthroughs in directed energy, plasma, optics, and computer technologies to catch and pass the Soviets in this defensive arms race; and on the basis of these first two accomplishments, to force superpower negotiations for Mutually Assured Survival.

Now, as during the Vietnam War, Danny Graham is attempting to substitute for real national objectives, the careerist's fantasy of easy pursuit of a phony objective—in this case, the "militarization of space." The difference is that, this time, Graham is defying a President and defense secretary who have stated the true strategic interests of the United States, its allies, and the non-aligned nations, and who are pursuing those interests in the face of extremely harsh intimidation tactics from a Kremlin backed by a superior Soviet military machine. On President Reagan's deck, Danny Graham is a loose cannon, made in 1960.