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The “Star Wars” Defense Program and Reagan Deficit Spending

The Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) or “Star Wars” program first started on March 23, 1983 in the U.S.A. President Ronald Reagan started this program to develop a anti-ballistic missile system that would prevent missile attacks from other countries, especially the Soviet Union. This was started because the U.S. was afraid of nuclear attacks after the Cold War. The Strategic Defense Initiative was never used because of money restrictions and the program was going against the rules of the anti- ballistic missile (ABM) which was in the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks. At the end of it all the Strategic Defense Initiative, had thirty billion dollars invested in it and no laser or mirror system was ever used on land or space.

