Carter Seeks Ban On Killer Satellites

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WASHINGTON - The United States has asked the Soviet Union to begin negotiations next month on banning hunter-killer satellites in space, despite strong reservations in the Defense Department over starting talks at this time.

The Pentagon is unhappy about the White House's decision to proceed with space talks because, at present, only the Soviet Union possesses the capability to seek out satellites in orbit and destroy them.

Government officials said that the proposal was only recently relayed to Moscow and no formal reply has yet been received. But Moscow is expected to agree to the idea and the officials said that it was likely that the first round of talks would begin in April with Paul C. Warnke, the director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, heading the American delegation.

Preventing an arms race in space has become an important goal of the Carter administration in view of growing American reliance on satellites for a variety of civilian and military tasks, such as monitoring compliance to arms control agreements and providing early warning in the event of missile attack. However, officials fear that the use of satellites in these roles has been threatened by the Soviet development of a hunter-killer satellite system.

The Soviet weapon, known in the Pentagon as an Asat, for antisatellite, has been under development for almost a decade and, last year, Secretary of Defense Harold R. Brown

East Rapist In Stockton

The east area rapist has struck for a second time in Stockton, attacking a woman in her early 20s after awakening her and her husband in bed, the Stockton Police Department reported Saturday.

In the last 22 months, the rapist has victimized 29 women and girls in Sacramento County in addition to the two in Stockton.

Stockton Police investigators said the man entered the single-family residence in the Parkwoods neighborhood at about 11 p.m. Friday through a back door with a broken lock.

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Raped two teen-age girls in their home near American River College.

Grude said the rapist's method of operation was a "carbon copy" of earlier attacks. The assailant wore a ski mask and gloves and carried a knife, gun and flashlight.

No children or pets were in the home when the rapist struck.

The Stockton assault marked the 11th time the east area rapist has attacked married couples, each time tying the husband in bed before sexually assaulting the wife.

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that require a declaration of candidacy form leave absolutely no discretion with the secretary of state unless it is filed and then lost by a state or county worker or official. He said he is confident having investigated the matter, Riles' case was never filed at all.

"We think the courts have a vast reservoir of equitable powers, and the courts can do, perhaps, what the state can't," Miller said.

Miller said Riles signed a receipt Feb. 22 at the Sacramento County Registrar's office acknowledging that he had received a packet of required forms, including the missing declaration of candidacy. But he said Riles apparently gave the packet to his campaign manager, Ann Marcus, in declaration of candidacy—form from the registrar in Los Angeles.

"Part of the problem was he (Riles) used two different offices to file in, rather than do it all in one shot," said Miller, assessing the situation.

Miller said the Los Angeles registrar apparently didn't give Mrs. Marcus a new declaration of candidacy form because she showed the person there the receipt from Sacramento that showed Riles already had one.

He said Mrs. Marcus told him she still had the form on her desk when he called her last Thursday when the problem was discovered but she later denied it. Bleasle said Miller misunderstood Mrs. Marcus, who actually told him she had some of the documents but not the missing required

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One important factor, officials said, was the possibility of Moscow developing a new generation of anti-satellite weapons. The United States needs first to develop a hunter-killer satellite of its own. Despite this, White House officials are said to have relented to State Department and arms control agency arguments that the talks should begin without delay.

So far, the Soviet Union was said to be developing a new generation of anti-satellite weapons that could use ground-based lasers to shoot satellites.

To counter this threat, the United States is undertaking programs to reduce the vulnerability of its satellites to attack, according to officials. The United States has also begun building new generation of two different hunter-killer satellites.

The first, which is said to be a prototype, is designed to launch into an orbit where it would stay for a period of time. It would then use an infrared sensor to detect the presence of other satellites and would be able to attack them from great distances.

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