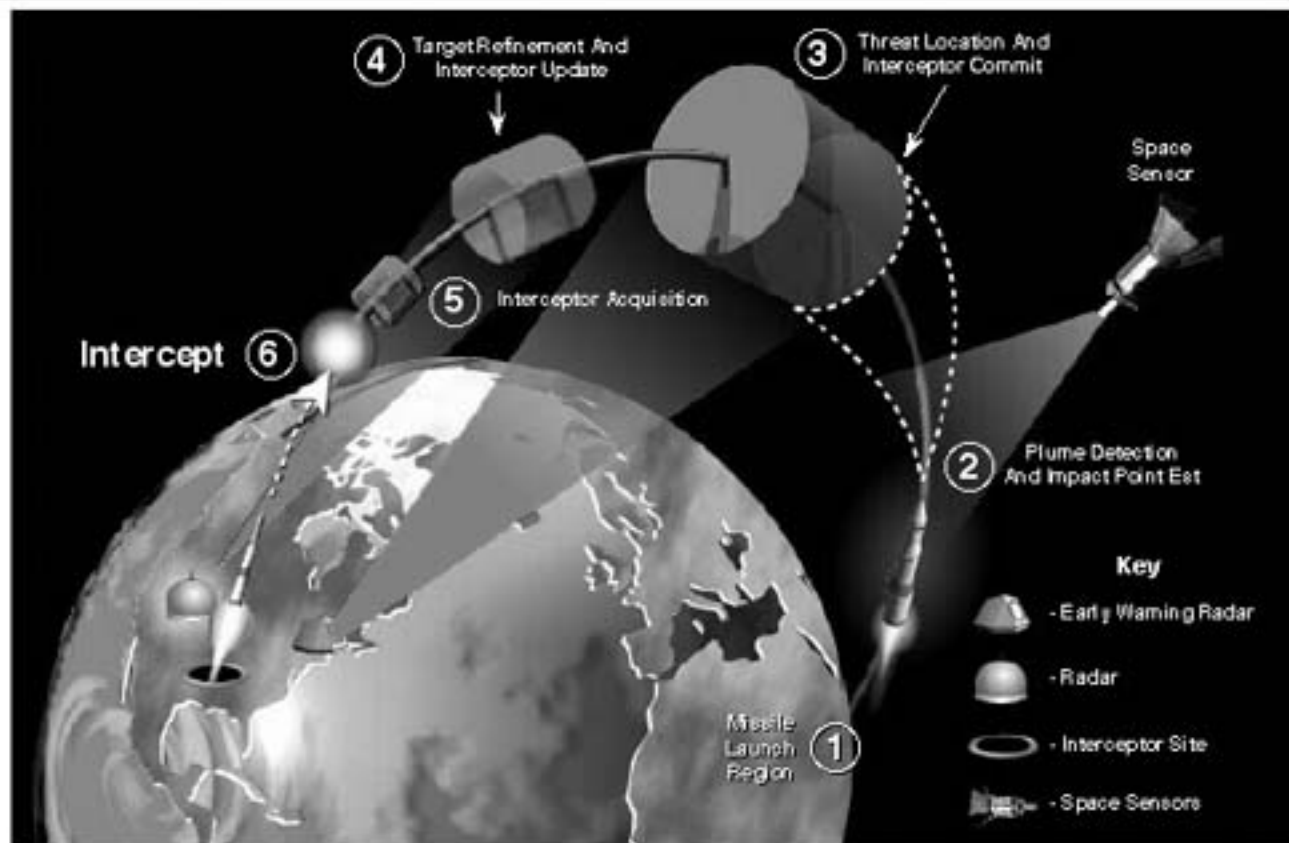




NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE ENGAGEMENT SEQUENCE



Total Flight Time Approximately 925 Seconds

(Image: National Missile Engagement Sequence—"Shooting a bullet with a bullet" (used by permission from www.space4peace.org)

On the Illusion of Seeking Security in Isolation

Stealth? Secrecy? Security? For every weapon, there is a counter-weapon; for every defense, a counter-measure; for every firewall, a way of breaking through; for every scheme of encryption, a key. Where does this all lead? Oh dangerous dance, when at last all movement of communion lies frozen in fear and even innocent children are suspect.

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