Safeguard system is reorientation of the Sentinel

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(End note: This is the final installment of the three-part series on the ABM and related political, military, and social issues.)

Does Safeguard accomplish anything? It seems quite clear that it does not. Nixon has had the security of the nation at heart when he did it. Was it wise? Perhaps, but perhaps it was not. The Safeguard is still in the argument and debate as a possibility. It is a much smaller cost and would provide good protection. The Safeguard is the new innovation Mr. Nixon wanted. It is indeed ironic that after Mr. Nixon's news conference that the plan was Ten days later, Mr. Packard spoke to explain the Safeguard ABM. The time has come to outline just what the President's move was, in his own words, for whom he drew his decision. The Safeguard ABM at all logical to deploy.

Once the President Nixon has made his decision, the Safeguard is still at a much smaller cost and would provide good protection as the Safeguard. Only here lies the real question. No matter what you look at it, the Safeguard is still ABM. Said Dr. Wiesner, "I think it is a bad mistake. It is totally unnecessary. Our deterrent force does not need this system." The New York Times reasoned that "The Urban Calendar

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