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“I would caution against using this public safety exercise as a validation of our entire missile defense program. This was an isolated incident that indicates our ability to handle a very specific situation with relative ease. Today’s events do not change the fact that we need to improve our space situational awareness capabilities and invest in fully tested missile defense systems that can defend against rapidly evolving and even unknown threats.”

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