

Afraid To Shoot It Down

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A balloon floating over our nation was spotted over a government facility in Montana is believed to be of Chinese origin. DOD and others believe it is a “spy” balloon and probably is.

However in view of the Secretary of State’s upcoming visit to China, the Biden administration is currently unwilling to shoot the balloon down. The reason given is that the administration does not want to endanger anyone on the ground.

This is just another example of the administration’s ineptness to think outside the box, other alternatives, or even to consider the security of our nation.

There are two “old” technologies that can be used. Given the belief that this is a spy balloon, it would contain a lot of electronics in the pod beneath the balloon. It is a fairly simple process to simply “jam” the electronics in the pod. A military E-2C Hawkeye or similar Early Warning Aircraft (AEW) (E-2D or E-3) can be launched and directed to jam all electronic signals coming from the balloon.

The second technology has its beginnings back to WW-2. Today the military and intelligence agencies use a variety of aircraft to snag people or cargo from the ground and reel them into the plane. The system is called STARS or Skyhook System. There is no reason why this system cannot be used to snag the balloon. Using the system also have the added benefit of retrieving the electronics in the pod instead of destroying them by shooting the balloon down.

Capturing the balloon and its pod, should yield a lot of intelligence about our enemy and help to further secure our borders.

The Biden administration seems to be surprised to see a “foreign” balloon flying over Montana. There should not be any surprise, first, given the number of balloon rallies held around the country and their use in movies and other areas. In fact, the Coast Guard has used them off of the Florida peninsula to track drug smugglers.

From an “invasion” aspect, this is not the first time that our enemies have used balloons to invade the US. During WW-2, the Japanese developed more than 9,000 balloon bombs (Fu-Go bombs) to directly attack the U.S. mainland. The balloons, made of paper or rubberized silk, carried anti-personnel and incendiary bombs.

Failing to take any action to secure this and any other illegal balloons, by either shooting them down or capturing them, is nothing more than treasonous. Inaction on Biden's part is really action to make sure our borders remain open and not secure.