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**Subject:** CAREFUL!! North Korean did NOT "fly over Okinawa"

1. Please be more careful in depicting the politically-inflammatory flight path of the North Korean satellite rocket.

2. Contrary to explicit comment and map graphic in the lead item on tonight's Nightly News, the rocket most definitely did NOT "fly over" Okinawa on its way into space.

3. I addressed this early garble explicitly in my advisory last night:  
para 10. The launching appeared to have caught all observers quite by surprise.  
para 11. Some garble was the result. The Japanese claim the rocket 'passed over Okinawa' was an exaggeration, since it passed almost precisely halfway between Okinawa and Taiwan: see map <http://www.northkoreatech.org/2012/03/21/exclusive-north-koreas-expected-rocket-trajectory/>

4. Okinawa, which is Japanese territory and home to a major US military base, and which was heavily armed with anti-missile defenses, would have been a terrifying location to find itself being flown OVER by a North Korean rocket.

5. Putting this erroneous and alarming inaccuracy in the story could easily frighten or outrage many viewers, and needlessly inflame the already-tense diplomacy with the Pyongyang regime.

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