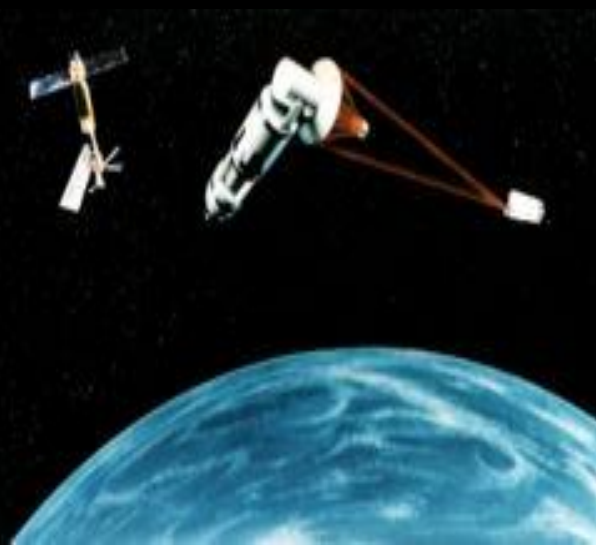


Reagan's Foreign Policy

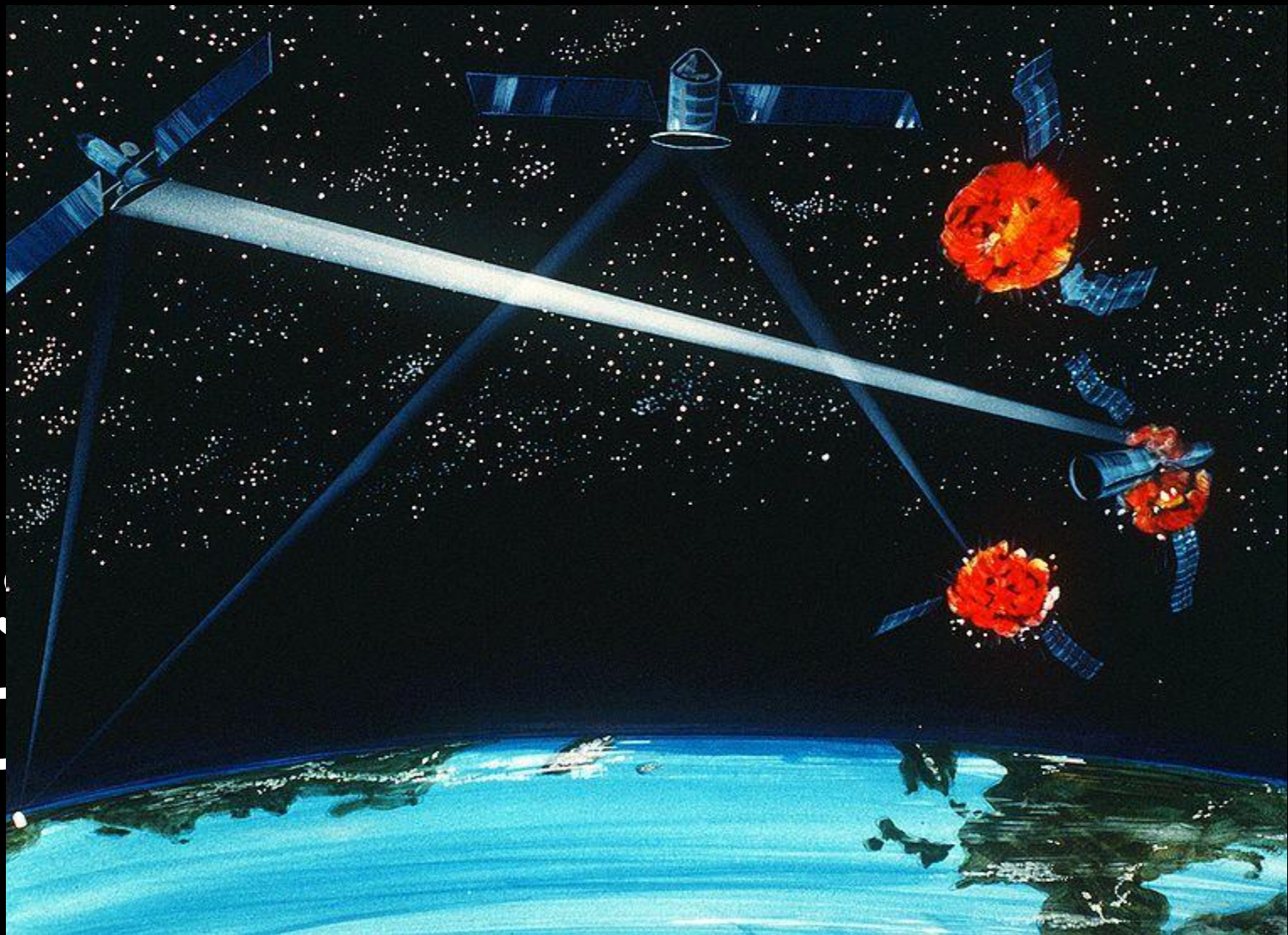


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Reagan and the Soviets



- Reagan condemned the Soviet Union as the “**focus of evil in the modern world**”
- Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) or “**Star Wars**”
 - Missile defense system using lasers
 - Funding restrained by plausibility doubts
- Outspending the Soviets will end Communism!



Worsening U.S.-Soviet Relations

- Poland:
 - “Solidarity” union led anti-Soviet actions
 - Polish government initiated martial law
 - U.S. imposed economic sanctions on Poland and USSR
- Korean passenger airliner:
 - Soviets destroyed plane clearly violating Soviet airspace
- Soviets boycotted the 1984 Olympic games in Los Angeles



“Solidarity’s”
Lech Walesa



Changes in the Soviet Union

- New Premier - Mikhail Gorbachev
- Perestroika
- Glasnost



Gorbachev and Reagan

- Reagan/Gorbachev Summits
 - 4 Summits
 - Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF)
 - Lead to the end of the Cold War
- June 12, 1987: “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall.”





Fall of the Berlin Wall