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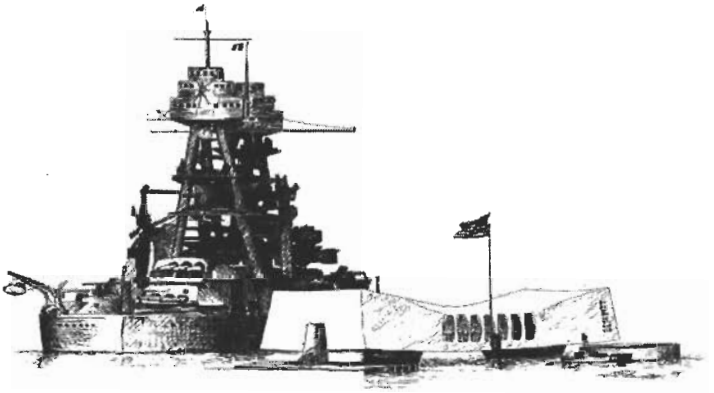

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Sea Based X-Band Radar departs

PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII – The Sea Based X-Band Radar (SBX) departed Naval Station Pearl Harbor today and will be undergoing more testing and sea trails before proceeding on to its homeport of Adak, Alaska, later this spring.

The SBX was assembled at Corpus Christi, Texas and arrived in Hawaii aboard the MV Blue Marlin on Jan. 9, 2006 en route to its homeport. The Hawaii port visit was made for planned repairs, refurbishment and maintenance.

The Sea-Based X-Band Radar is a unique combination of an advanced X-band radar with a mobile, ocean-going, semi-submersible platform that provides the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) with a discrimination capability that can be positioned to cover any part of the globe. Once integrated into the BMDS the Sea-Based X-Band Radar will track, discriminate and assess incoming target missiles and will greatly increase the Missile Defense Agency's ability to conduct strenuous, operationally realistic testing of its Ground-Based Midcourse Defense element.

For more information on the SBX, please visit the Missile Defense Agency website at: www.mda.mil or call Pam Rogers, of the Missile Defense Agency Public Affairs Office at (256) 955-2952.

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