



## **International Law**

Assignment for Chapter 6: Range of Sovereignty

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This assignment has two parts. There is just one due date for this assignment (November 7, 2006), and that is for the final draft. Make sure you come to class on October 31, 2006 with a good idea of how you would answer these three questions. This will require additional research outside the Slomanson text.

### **Problem 1**

North Korea, in an effort to intimidate the United States and sway her from her current course of action, anchors two destroyers 210 statute miles off the coast of Santa Barbara, California. The United States decides to utilize the international courts to force North Korea to remove the ships. What would be the best argument for the United States to use?

### **Problem 2**

The United States, in an effort to increase its national security, places twenty-five satellites in geo-stationary orbits, equally scattered about the sky. These satellites have X-Ray lasers that will be used to destroy ICBMs when they pass into space on their flight path. These lasers, as all X-Ray lasers, require minor controlled nuclear detonations to produce the X-Rays needed for lasing. The military rulers of Burma (Myanmar) see these satellites as threats to their own security and to the security of their state as the beams could be turned on them. What options do they have?

### **Problem 3**

I finally receive my pilot's license. Yay me. A friend of mine, James D. Lightner, has his publicly-owned business, Forest Oil, hire me for a trans-Atlantic junket. I file my flight plan as required, and we take off for Paris. Unfortunately, we do not reach Paris. We land in Praia, the capital of Cape Verde—an island group off the western edge of Africa. After landing, I attempt to refuel the plane. Unfortunately, my Portuguese is about as good as my German.

The government impounds the plane and holds the ten of us in the Praian civilian jail under suspicion of espionage. Roger D. Pierce, the US ambassador to Cape Verde has been to see us. He is attempting to obtain our release, but President Pedro Pires insists on holding us for trial—a typical West African kangaroo court according to Lightner.

What options does the Ambassador have?