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## **Letter: Stealing technology**

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While the United States slumbers, an insidious assault is being perpetrated against our nation by the People's Republic of China. As reported by Peter Brookes, of the Heritage Foundation, the U.S. has become a virtual supermarket of unabated theft of military and commercial technology.

With our preoccupation with the war on terror this looming superpower, more powerful and deadly than the former Soviet Union, is aggressively seeking to supplant the U.S. as the pre-eminent military and economic power on the globe. Following a policy of appearement the Obama administration has abysmally failed to protect the American people from the Chinese.

Why design for yourself when you can steal the best? And steal they do, from nuclear war heads to toaster ovens. According to Brooks, the PRC has 3,500 front companies in the U.S. whose sole purpose is the theft of our technology.

While Red China plays military and economic hardball, the Obama administration remains oblivious, exposing America to what may be the greatest threat to our national survival in modern history.

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