



## Collision of Galaxies

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### Introduction

After China Daily published the article stated the respect and non-interference foreign policy, another article reported the American's concern on China's oil security policy. It could be the beginning of a more close to surface confrontation between two galaxies. In this article, let's look at the fear factors from both sides. On the surface, it looks like two giant rams lock horn in the oil field. However, what would be the undercurrent that starts to rise?

### Main Issues

There is no way to identify the main issue in international affairs. It is like a game of chess, some moves are highly visible while some are traps. Since China's Open Door Policy, it would be easy to understand that the American would like to reduce the opportunity of another world super power. American has been building up politically allies blocking the extension of China's diplomatic relationship, set up tariff to confine the economic growth to the American's advantage, pushing the revaluation of RMB to ensure the financing of American's deficit, the technology embargo to slow down Chinese high tech industry growth to compete the American's high tech advantages. China circumvents all these situations one by one slowly on its time table by taking advantage of the US' current account deficit.

### Inevitable Collision of Galaxies

The uncontrollable growth of China results in the high demand of conventional oil energy. China's traditional coal sourced energy gave way to oil source energy because the modern industry world is built on oil based energy infrastructure. China foresees the need to diversify the energy source and has been aggressively expanding the solar, wind, hydro and nucleus energy program. All these take decades to implement.

Since the oil production peak of American in 1970, American is the world's biggest oil import country. While China still at the very early stage of the oil import, it has become the world's third. In the foreseeable near future, when China becomes moderately modernized, the oil demand will easily be multiple of what American needs today.

China has a much more urgent need to establish the oil supply security. It is the lifeline to create jobs for the millions of graduates from university and high school. More, the industrial revolution would also raise the quality of life in western China such as Tibet and Xinjiang.

## Emergence of a Conflict

According to Reuters [4], U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick pointed out that China befriend with non-US-friendly countries such as Iraq to secure oil supply. He further inferred that such relationship could not guarantee the supply. (CK: This is absolutely ignorant and arrogant. Such statement should never come from a professional diplomat.)

China has responded through China Daily by a couple of articles. The first was published on September 5[5] and another one on September 7. The September 5 article “*US should weight China tie*” stresses that the Sino-US relationship should be built on respect and non-interfering relationship. No specific on any irrespective and interference incidence were quoted. This is the preamble for the September 7 article “*Growing Energy moves by China make U.S. angry*” which responded Zoellick’s warning.

This means the dialogue, Zoellick is in charge of the strategic dialogue with Beijing, was continued sometime. China’s President Hu Jintao supposed to visit US this week to seal some agreement. The cancellation signified the breakdown of the discussion. If there is any hint other than the affiliate of China and Iran, it would be the fear of displacement of American in the world’s center stage by China. The proposal of asking China to giving up oil now and works with American on American’s favorite future energy source is ridiculous.

Zoellick threatens China that if she is not on the side of American it could imply China is against US and others. Personally I believe Zoellick really blows this one. Such statement would put a full stop on any kind of discussion.

On the heel of the string of Sino-EU strengthening news, angry Caribbean and South American neighbors, distant and uncontrolled African, US has a lot to worry and reflect its strategy with China. If such attitude continues, the EU ally will start to distant herself from US. This could lead to the acceleration of lifting the China arm ban by EU which will further worry George. May be George should order Budweiser to stop its venture with Tsingtao, China because one day all American beers may be, a remote possibility, sold to China only. Perhaps Tony extends his Asia visit to India to avoid George’s call.

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