

Bush: Cold War is over

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WASHINGTON - The U.S. effort to put anti-missile defenses in former Soviet satellites in Eastern Europe does not signal a new Cold War, President Bush said Friday.

Bush met with foreign reporters as he prepared to leave for the G8 meeting in Germany and visits to Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria and Italy.

"Our message to -- and my personal message to Vladimir Putin is -- there's no need to try to relive the Cold War," the president told the German TV network ZDF. "It's over. And we don't view Russia as an enemy. We view Russia as an opportunity to work together."

Bush made the same point at a roundtable with several foreign reporters, emphasizing the missile defense systems would protect Europe and the United States from hostile powers.

"I don't view Poland as being under any military threat," he said. "I would hope the Polish people don't, either."

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