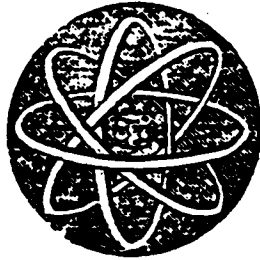


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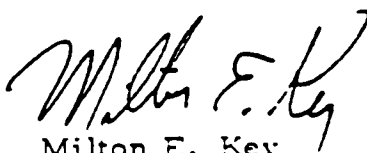
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(U) This history provides the reader with a basic understanding of how we arrived at our present posture in nuclear weapons in order that he may be better able to cope with the problems of the future. It traces the evolution of the custody, deployment authorizations, and dispersals of nuclear weapons from July 1945 through September 1977. It illustrates, as factually as possible within data collection sources, the development of, and statistical data associated with, the United States nuclear force.

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DEPLOYMENTS BY COUNTRY

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DEPLOYMENTS BY COUNTRY (U)

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>WEAPON</u>	<u>INITIAL ENTRY</u>	<u>WITHDRAWN</u>
Alaska	Nonnuclear Bomb	Nov 55	Jun 67
	Bomb	Jan 56	Jun 75
	Genie	Sep 57	Sep 60
	Depth Bomb	Jul 58	
	ADM	Jan-Mar 61	Jun 70
	Falcon	Apr-Jun 61	Jun 70
	155mm Howitzer	Feb 67	Jun 75
	Nike Hercules	Jan-Mar 70	
[REDACTED]	Nonnuclear Bomb	Jul-Dec 50	Jun 71
	Bomarc	Jan-Mar 64	Jun 72
	Genie	May 65	
	Falcon	Jul 65	Dec 66
	Depth Bomb	Feb 68	Jun 70
[REDACTED]	Bomb	Feb 56	Mar-May 56
	Regulus	Mar-May 56	Oct-Dec 64
	Talos	Oct-Dec 64	Dec 65
Cuba	Nonnuclear Depth Bomb	Dec 61	Jul-Sep 63
[REDACTED]	Bomb	Feb 58	Oct-Dec 58
	Nike Hercules	Nov 59	Jul 65
Guam	Nonnuclear Bomb	Jul 50	
	Bomb	Jun 51	
	Depth Bomb	Jun-Aug 57	
	Regulus	Sep-Nov 57	Apr-Jun 64
	Nike Hercules	Jun 61	Jun 69
	Boar	Jan-Mar 62	Apr-Jun 63
	Hotpoint	Jan-Mar 62	Oct-Dec 64
	Lacrosse	Apr-Jun 62	Oct-Dec 63
	Little John	Apr-Jun 62	Jun 69
	Honest John	Apr-Jun 62	
	ADM	Apr-Jun 64	
	Davy Crockett	Jan 65	Jun 69
8-inch Howitzer	Jun 65		

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<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>WEAPON</u>	<u>INITIAL ENTRY</u>	<u>WITHDRAWN</u>	
Guam (cont.)	Talos	Jul 65	Jun 69	
	Astor	Nov 65	Mar 74	
	ASROC	Jan 66		
	Terrier	Mar 66	Jan 67	
	155mm Howitzer	May 66		
	Polaris	Jul 66	Aug 66	
	Nike Hercules	Jun 68	Jun 69	
Hawaii	Bomb	Jul 54	Jun 69	
	Depth Bomb	Dec 55-Feb 56		
	Regulus	Mar-May 56	Jan-Mar 65	
	Boar	Sep-Nov 56	Apr-Jun 63	
	Honest John	Jun-Aug 57	Jun 75	
	8-inch Howitzer	Oct-Dec 58	Jun 72	
	ADM	Jan-Mar 59	Jun 75	
	Hotpoint	Jan-Mar 60	Oct-Dec 64	
	Nike Hercules	Jul-Sep 60	Jun 73	
	Little John	Apr-Jun 62	Oct 68	
	Talos	Oct-Dec 63	Aug 68	
	ASROC	Oct-Dec 63		
	Astor	Apr-Jun 64		
	Davy Crockett	Apr-Jun 64	Jun 69	
	155mm Howitzer	Oct-Dec 64	Jun 75	
	Terrier	Mar 65	Sep 66	
	Subroc	Aug 65		
	Falcon	May 66	Jun 67	
	[REDACTED]	Nonnuclear Bomb	Feb 56	Jun 66
	[REDACTED]	Bomb	Sep 56	Sep-Dec 59
[REDACTED]	Nonnuclear Bomb	Dec 54-Feb 55	Jun 65	
Johnston Is.	Thor	Jul-Sep 64	Jun 71	
[REDACTED]	Nike Zeus	Jul-Dec 63	Jul 66	
Midway	Depth Bomb	Jul 61	Jun 65	
[REDACTED]	Nonnuclear Bomb	Jul-Sep 53	Jun 65	
	Bomb	May 54	Sep 63	
	Depth Bomb	Sep-Nov 57	Mar 61	

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COUNTRY

WEAPON

INITIAL ENTRY

WITHDRAWN

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OKINAWA

Nonnuclear Bomb	Jul 54	Jun 67
Bomb	Dec 54-Feb 55	Jun 72
280mm gun	Dec 55-Feb 56	Jun 60
8-inch Howitzer	Jun-Aug 57	Jun 72
Matador	Sep-Nov 57	Dec 60
Depth Bomb	Dec 57-Feb 58	Jun 72
ADM	Feb-May 58	Jun 72
Honest John	Dec 57-Feb 58	Jun 72
Nike Hercules	Jan-Mar 59	Jun 72
Corporal	Mar 60	Jun 65
Hotpoint	Jul-Sep 60	Dec 60
Lacrosse	Oct-Dec 60	Dec 63
Mace	Apr-Jun 61	Jun 70
Falcon	Jul-Sep 61	Jun 72
Little John	Apr-Jun 62	Dec 68
Asroc	Jan-Mar 63	Apr 66
Terrier	Jan-Mar 64	Jun 64
Davy Crockett	Apr-Jun 64	Dec 68
155mm Howitzer	May 66	Jun 72

Philippines

[Redacted]

Bomb	Dec 57	Jun 77
Depth Bomb	Dec 57	Jun 74
Hotpoint	Jan-Mar 61	Sep 61
Falcon	Apr-Jun 62	Jun 71
Terrier	Feb 65	Jun 67
Asroc	Mar 65	Jun 74
Talos	Jul 65	Jun 74

Puerto Rico

Bomb	Jun 56	Jun 72
Depth Bomb	Apr-Jun 61	Jun 75

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(South Korea)

Honest John	Jan 58	
280mm gun	Jan 58	Jun 62
8-inch Howitzer	Jan 58	
ADM	Jan 58	
Bomb	Mar 58	
Lacrosse	Jul-Sep 60	Dec 63
Nike Hercules	Jan-Mar 61	
Davy Crockett	Jul-Sep 62	Jun 68
Sergeant	Jul-Sep 63	
155mm Howitzer	Oct-Dec 64	

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<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>WEAPON</u>	<u>INITIAL ENTRY</u>	<u>WITHDRAWN</u>
[REDACTED]	Bomb	Mar 58	Jun 65
[REDACTED]	Depth Bomb	Oct-Dec 59	Jul 76
[REDACTED]	Falcon	Apr-Jun 62	Jun 64
[REDACTED]	Asroc	Aug 65	Nov 65
[REDACTED]	Talos	Oct 68	Nov 68
[REDACTED]	Matador	Jan 58	Jun 62
[REDACTED]	Bomb	Jan-Mar 60	Jul 74

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DEPLOYMENTS BY COUNTRY (U)

NATO EUROPE

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>WEAPON</u>	<u>INITIAL ENTRY</u>	<u>WITHDRAWN</u>
[REDACTED]	Bomb	Nov 63	
[REDACTED]	Nonnuclear Bomb	Aug 58	Jan-Mar 60
[REDACTED]	Bomb	Oct 60	
	Honest John	Dec 61	
	8-inch Howitzer	Apr-Jun 62	
	Nike Hercules	Oct-Dec 63	
[REDACTED]	Bomb	Apr 57	
	Corporal	Aug 56	Sep 64
	Honest John	Aug 56	Jun 76
	ADM	Jan-Mar 59	
	Jupiter	Jun 60	Jun 63
	Nike Hercules	Oct-Dec 60	
	8-inch Howitzer	Jan-Mar 64	
	Sergeant	Jan-Mar 64	Jun 76
	Lance	Jan-Feb 76	
	Depth Bomb	Jan-Mar 72	
[REDACTED]	Bomb	Apr 60	
	Honest John	Jun 61	
	8-inch Howitzer	Oct-Dec 62	
[REDACTED]	Bomb	Feb 59	
	Honest John	May 59	
	Jupiter	Oct 61	Jun 63
	8-inch Howitzer	Jun 65	
United Kingdom	Bomb	Sep-Nov 54	
	THOR (Strat)	Oct-Dec 58	Sep 63
	Depth Bomb	Jan 68	
West Germany	Bomb	Mar-May 55	
	Matador	Apr 55	Sep 62
	280mm gun	Apr 55	Dec 60
	Honest John	May 55	

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<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>WEAPON</u>	<u>INITIAL ENTRY</u>	<u>WITHDRAWN</u>
West Germany (cont.)	Corporal	Jun-Aug 55	Mar 67
	8-inch Howitzer	Mar-May 56	
	ADM	Mar-May 57	
	Redstone	May-Sep 58	Jun 64
	Nike Hercules	Apr-Jun 59	
	Mace	Oct-Dec 59	Jun 69
	Lacrosse	Apr-Jun 60	Dec 63
	Falcon	Jul-Sep 61	Jun 70
	Davy Crockett	Oct-Dec 61	Aug 67
	Bullpup (ASM)	Jul-Sep 62	Sep 63
	Sergeant	Apr-Jun 63	
	Pershing	Apr-Jun 64	
	155mm Howitzer	Feb 65	
	Walleye	Jun 72	
Lance	Jan-Mar 74		

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