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In accordance with established procedures, Sandia Corporation has participated with the AEC, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, and the Air Force in the recovery and other operations involved in clean-up of the accident involving nuclear weapons in Spain. This participation is part of the AEC "Hot Spot" team which has been established for several years to assist in the evaluation and clean-up and to gather information where weapons are involved in accidents. The accident occurred when a B-52 crashed into the rear of a KC-135 during the maneuvering preparatory to refueling.

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Within a few hours after the accident occurred, one of our staff members in the Weapon Systems Safety Group along with personnel from AEC, LASL, and the Air Force Directorate of Nuclear Safety departed for the accident scene aboard an Air Force C-135. They participated in the initial evaluation of what occurred during the breakup and impact of the aircraft and weapon impact information. One of the weapons had a sixteen foot chute deployed caused by physical breakup of the tail section. This weapon impacted in a soft embankment and remained relatively intact. The other two weapons immediately discovered apparently free-fell and the HE detonated, one point, as a result of the shock on impact.

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