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S E C R E T FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA/NOFORN/ DC 00022 JAN 66. ATTN: DMA AEC WASH DC . ATTN: W.R. HOAGLAND SANDIA CORPORATION. PART ONE OF FOUR. FROM COLONEL W.E. GERNERT. FOLLOWING IS AEC-OBSERVER TEAM STATUS REPORT ON WEAPONS IN B-52/KC-135 ACCIDENT AT PALOMARES, SPAIN. AS OF THIS TIME THREE OF FOUR MARK 28 FI WEAPONS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN CONDITION AS DESCRIBED BELOW:

WEAPON ONE (WH54327): RELATIVELY INTACT AFTER IMPACT IN REMOTE AREA. THREE AIL FINS MISSING, PILOT CHUTE PULLED OUT, NOSE PARTIALLY CRUSHED, RACK ATTACHED TO WINGS.

DOE 6(3)

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WEAPON TWO: APPARENT LOW ORDER DETONATION ON IMPACT

PILOTS AREA.

DOE b(3) THE TAIL WITH PILO CHUTE PULLED OUT AND GROUND IMPACT DAMAGE FOUND APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET BACK ON TRAJECTORY PATH. THE PIT HAS NOT BEEN FOUND.

DOE b(3) SOME FUZING AND FIRING COMPONENTS RECOVERED, INCLUDING READY SAFE SWITCH. POSITION OF READY SAFE SWITCH CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED BY LATER POST MORTEM.

WEAPON THREE: APPARENT LOW ORDER DETONATION ON IMPACT WITHIN 200 FEET OF INHABITED STRUCTURES.

DOE b(3) UND APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND YARDS FROM WEAPON IMPACT POINT NO FUZING AND FIRING COMPONENTS RECOVERED AS YET.

PART TWO. ALPHA COUNTS IN ONE OF THE IMPACT CRATERS WEAPON 2 OR 3) HAVE BEEN RECORDED AS HIGH AS 1,000 CPM. THE OTHER CRATER HAS ALPHA READINGS, BUT PRECISE FIGURES NOT AT HAND AS THIS MESSAGE IS PREPARED.

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