Racific: First test of aerial H.Bomb 2338

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Dotted with Observation Posts and intricate recording equipment, Bikini Atoll, in the Central Pacific, becomes the proving ground for the most fearsome thermo-nuclear force yet devised by man. The target is tiny Namu Island. The weapon - America's first air-dropped Hydrogen bomb. scheduled In the ocean waters around the prepared blast centre, the final preparations are made. Empty skiffs carrying radiation detector--devices are anchored atxairs at strategic points. Right in Bikini Lagoon itself, another craft is prepared - to record wital data that will form the basis of defence in the event of nuclear war. After two weeks of delay, the right weather-conditions herald Zero Hour, and the crew of the the carrier (a B.52) (allabortous) receive their final briefing. On the doomed island, and instruments are automatically set to measure the effect of the searing heat on different materials at varying distances. Twenty miles away (protected by thick concrete) the hearest human observers stand by their in All set ! Eniwetok Island, the giant bomber takes off - with its cargo of destruction. (.) Anxious watchers keep a before-dawn vigil on the flying at 50,000 feet the bomber crew pick Atoll and out the target H- Rouch - drops its -(set to explode The plane new ten thousand feet above the ground) and

and this is how ultra-slow motion cameras, forty miles away, filmed the mighty blast SOUND.

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De G beervers are temperary-blinded by the flash, equivalent to the light of five hundred suns. The blast had the force of ten million work tons of T.N.T., while the nuclear cloud warns us that we must kkrexin peace - or drift to destruction...