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Carefully, the fuel which will hurtle the missile into atmosphere unpenetrated by man are pumped into the weapon. Firmly fixed to the launching rail, the "Nike " is moved into firing position. It is now "hot" - fueled and ready for flight. Technicians make the final adjustments. When the last safety pin is pulled, the firing operation begins.

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~~A red smoke signal is set off on top of the blackhouse. Inside, the men stand ready. Should a hitch occur, the firing process can be stopped with the press of a button.~~

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~~The minutes tick away and a warning flare is fired.~~

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~~Roadblocks are set up to clear the firing area.~~ At the control center, the tracking radar is fixed on the target -- a radio-controlled B-29 bomber. ~~xxxxxx~~ The position data is sent to the computer, which plots the point of interception.

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