

VANGUARD FIRING

(Official Navy footage released by Dept. of Defense)

Test Vehicle Three of Project Vanguard is shown on the launching pad at Cape Canaveral, Florida. The missile firing was unsuccessful due to a malfunction not apparent during the long preliminary count-down.

Acting Secretary of Defense Donald Quarles, commenting on the failure of the VANGUARD test vehicle, stated:

"We conduct tests of this kind because the system is complex and elements of it can always fail. We, of course, regret the failure but regard it as an incident in the perfection of the VANGUARD satellite system. Since military rocketry was not involved, we feel that this incident has no bearing on the programs for the development of intermediate range and inter-continental ballistic missiles, which are continuing to make fine progress.