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SCRAMBLE IN TWO MINUTES.

Scampton R.A.F. Station treasures a Lancaster Bomber that made a mockery of Goering's boast that we should never bomb Germany. Avro Vulcans are now flown by Number Six-One-Seven Squadron (of Dam Busters fame). How quickly after the alarm could four Vulcans be airborne? That was the test now. They're part of the Deterrent Force. A big contribution is made by the starter; it gets all four engines running together, not one after another, as in the old way.

The Squadron was airborne in a few seconds over two minutes. As the new radar system would give 12-to-15 minutes warning of enemy attack, the V-Bombers could all be out of harm's way before the missiles arrived.