

ROCKET

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X The Defense Department flicks back the curtain of secrecy shrouding the development of guided missiles to release the once-top-secret films made at Alamogordo, New Mexico, in nineteen forty nine.

X The rocket rears through the sky at fifteen hundred miles an hour -- twice the speed of sound -- as radar tracks its path.

X Boeing built more than 100 of the supersonic missiles -- not all were successful.

X Another defective rocket is an awesome spectacle spluttering in the sky.

X The guided missile is called GAPA, short for ground to air pilotless plane. Boeing says its experiments are now in a "new, advanced" stage. Designed to track down and destroy enemy bombers, Gapa is a priceless member of America's stable of new weapons.