U.S. Air Force Denies Missile Bases Posing Threat to Cities

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force says its policy of locating intercontinental ballistic missile sites near air bases doesn't increase the danger of enemy thermonuclear attacks on nearby cities.

The Air Force made the statement Friday in reply to Dr. James E. McDonald of the University of Arizona, who denounced building ICBM launching sites near major population centers.

McDonald said this creates prime targets for enemy attacks and fallout from nuclear detonations would endanger the populations of nearby cities.

"It is our firm belief that the dispersal of the launch sites 20 to 40 miles from the main support base will not materially increase the potential of any one location as a target," an Air Force spokesman said.

Referring to suggestions that launching sites be located far from populated regions, the spokesman said several factors, including money, are involved.

"It must be noted," he said, "that the construction of completely new, self-sufficient missile facilities in such areas as isolated sections of the Rocky Mountains would not be feasible in terms of initial costs, time of construction, high costs of support facilities and other factors."

House Probers On Disk Jockey

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House subcommittee is ready to sweep its searchlight from the tainted world of TV quiz shows to another phase of shoddy business — disk jockeys and song pluggers.

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