

Info on Vandenberg missile test [3 msgs]

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Subj: Missile Test
 Date: Fri, Jan 17, 1997 4:09 PM EDT
 From: [Withheld by request]

These wierd contrails are spotted here (Arizona) in the early morning in the east, due to missile tests in New Mexico. Pretty wierd looking -- same story from the government, contrails from the rocket spread by high-altitude winds.

From the WUN mail list....

>Date: Wed, 15 Jan 1997 15:31:58 -0500 (EST)
 >From: Curt Swinehart (From the WUN mail list)
 >Subject: jan13.htm

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 > January 16th Vandenberg AFB Launch

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 >An MSLS launch vehicle is scheduled for launch from Vandenberg AFB on Thurs-
 >day, January 16th at 17:15 PST. The launch window runs from 17:15 to 22:08
 >PST.

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 >The MSLS booster is a Minuteman II that was purchased by Lockheed Martin and
 >converted from a two stage ballistic missile into a three stage launch ve-
 >hicle.

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 >The MSLS will be launched from a silo at North Vandenberg and send simulated
 >ICBM warheads and decoys towards Kwajalein atoll in the central Pacific.

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 >While the simulated warheads and decoys are in flight, a second missile will
 >be launched from the Kwajalein Missile Range. It will carry sensors to ob-
 >serve the incoming objects.

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 >Missile launches are often rescheduled. For current launch status, call the
 >Vandenberg Launch Update Line at 805-734-8232 ext. 61857.

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Date: Fri, 17 Jan 1997 12:18:07 -0800
 From: "A.J. Craddock" <craddock@ix.netcom.com>
 Subject: Vandenberg missile launch - January 16th

As we all now know, I was wrong about which missile flew over my house yesterday.

Vandenberg AFB launch information can be reached at 805 734 8232 ext. 61857. There is currently playing some info. about the launch and the "twilight phenomenon" associated with it.

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Date: Fri, Jan 17, 1997 8:37 PM EDT
 From: bethland@ix.netcom.com

> BTW, I just saw a launch vehicle explode from Cape Canaveral AFS on CNN.
 > Anybody know what payload that was?

It was the 39th in the series of Global Positioning Satellites. New ones are launched to replace those that run out of fuel and quit. This was a newer model that was designed to last for 10 years. Earlier ones were expected to last 3 years, but in practice last about 5 years.

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