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DEMONSTRATION OF THE FEASIBILITY
OF A HYPERVELOCITY CLUSTER WARHEAD (U)

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ABSTRACT: This report describes a field experiment conducted to study the feasibility of using only inertial and aerodynamic forces to deploy a cluster of dense, inert, low-drag submissiles into a narrow conical pattern subsequent to burnout of a high-acceleration rocket which has accelerated the warhead to a velocity in the low hypersonic region.

Items discussed include:

Choice of warhead operating concept and design; selection of test vehicle, site and method; and conduct and results of preliminary and system tests.

Five-inch cluster warheads containing 162 one-ounce submissiles were accelerated to approximately Mach 6 in an air-dropped CHEROKEE-rocket test vehicle. Submisible patterns indicated by ground impact demonstrated the feasibility of the warhead triggering concept and of aerodynamic dispersal, although a majority of the submissiles were not deployed cleanly and attempted photographic coverage of the experiment was not fruitful.
Demonstration of the Feasibility of a Hypervelocity Cluster Warhead

The technical program reported herein represents one phase of the determination of the feasibility of the hypervelocity cluster warhead concept for use against a wide spectrum of tactical targets in a limited-war context. Another report covers concurrent terminal ballistic experiments demonstrating the lethality of dense, inert hypervelocity submissiles against various targets.

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INTRODUCTION

1. In November 1961 the Naval Ordnance Laboratory (NOL(WO)) reported on the feasibility of a hypervelocity air to surface weapon (reference (a)). In brief, the concept envisions a solid-propellant rocket weapon, carried by conventional aircraft, and aimed by conventional aircraft gunsight techniques. The motor accelerates the warhead consisting of a cluster of dense, inert, low-drag submissiles to a velocity of approximately 8,000 ft/sec in approximately one second. Cessation of acceleration at motor burnout triggers warhead separation, allowing aerodynamic forces to disperse the submissiles in a conical pattern. The high ballistic density allows the submissiles to retain sufficient kinetic energy, over a considerable distance of travel, to defeat hard targets (See Figure 1).

2. Subsequent support from the Bureau of Naval Weapons (BUWEPS) has allowed the Laboratory to demonstrate that hypervelocity impact of high density submissiles is an effective mechanism for defeating armor. For specific illustrations see Table 1.

3. A unique part of this warhead concept is the utilization of the aerodynamic environment to cause warhead separation and dispersion. Much consideration has been given to reproducing or simulating these environmental conditions in the Laboratory without success. As a result a research test vehicle employing a "CHEROKEE" rocket motor and a scaled warhead was designed that would nearly produce the desired aerodynamic environments and would be suitable for field testing.

4. A field test program was planned with the objective of demonstrating that the warhead would separate and disperse the submissiles as a result of the aerodynamic environment. It was realized at the outset that the collection of detail data on separation of the warhead would be difficult due to the high velocities and the uncertainties in being able to predict the exact point in space where separation would occur. However, the collection of terminal dispersion patterns was considered adequate to demonstrate that the warhead did separate and disperse the submissiles.
PREPARATION FOR TESTS

SITE SELECTION

5. During the first quarter of FY 64 NOL(WO) personnel visited four possible locations for firing the first operable feasibility study vehicles. Two launching methods were under consideration, i.e., from a fixed launcher on a site overlooking a suitable impact area or from a helicopter directly above the impact area. Selection of the launch method was somewhat dependent on the selection of a test site because of differences in cost, instrumentation, time scale, and manpower requirements at various test stations. Safety considerations indicated that a large amount of real estate would be required such as that found on the western test ranges. The four test sites visited were the Williams Bombing Range in Arizona; the Dugway Proving Ground, Dugway, Utah; the Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS), China Lake, California; and the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), New Mexico. WSMR was selected as the site primarily because of the low cost. The total amount of project funds actually required by WSMR was less than $1000. Appendix A reports on the results of a test site survey made prior to selecting WSMR.

6. At the time NOL(WO) set up the tests, the WSMR standard work request followed a specific format called a Request for Work and Resources (RFWAR). A copy of the final form accepted at WSMR appears as reference (b). This is of historic value only, since there is now a standard form in use for work requests to be submitted to any of the three national missile ranges.

ROCKET MOTOR QUALIFICATION

7. One of the first steps in preparing for field tests of the research vehicle was to fire two CHEROKEE rockets from a rail launcher at the NASA Wallops Station on 16 October 1963 (reference (c)). The purpose of these rounds was to check the ability of the CHEROKEE rocket motor to operate properly under high accelerations. (The CHEROKEE had never experienced such high accelerations before.) Figure 2 shows the CHEROKEE High Acceleration Rocket (CHAR) assembled on a rail launcher as was used at Wallops Station. Data was obtained to show that the flights followed the predicted trajectory closely as shown in Figure 3. Velocity measurements were obtained by radar tracking late in flight, and through extrapolation the rocket's peak velocity was estimated to have been in the neighborhood of 6100 ft/sec. High
speed motion picture films of the launch area showed good ignition and smooth motion off of the launcher. The two observed trajectories were essentially identical which would not be expected if there had been any rocket malfunction or major aerodynamic instability. It was not possible to estimate the maximum yaw or yaw period from the data, but the observed smooth straight exhaust trail indicated no appreciable yaw during burning.

8. A rocket motor static test was conducted at the Naval Weapons Laboratory, Dahlgren, Virginia to determine whether an NOL designed Ignition Safety Device (ISD), which was attached with clamps inside the rocket engine's nozzle, would be ejected from the nozzle by pressure from the exhaust gas at ignition without creating any motor malfunction, and if any of the ejected parts would be expelled in a manner that would be hazardous to the launching aircraft. A force in excess of 15 lbs would be needed to cause the clamps to release the ISD. To confirm that this would not adversely affect the rocket, a CHEROKEE rocket engine was static tested at NWL, Dahlgren, Va. in March 1964. A pressure-time trace indicated no apparent pressure build-up in the motor chamber resulting from the ISD obstruction in the nozzle. Satisfactory ignition occurred, and the ISD was blown free from the nozzle. Movie film indicated debris from the one static firing rose over 100 feet above the test pad, and exhaust flame shot out about 30 feet and remained constant throughout the static test. These data indicate that no critical complications will occur during motor ignition when an ISD is used in subsequent rocket motor operations as planned (when the rocket is 1500 feet away from the launching A/C).

LAUNCHING TECHNIQUE

9. In order to be able to conduct the field tests a launching technique had to be devised. After considerable thought it was decided that the most desirable condition would be to have a stationary platform relative to the ground from which a round could be dropped or fired so that its trajectory would be nearly perpendicular to the surface of the earth. In this manner terminal impacts on the earth coupled with other data would provide information on the submissile dispersion.

10. Since such a stationary platform was not feasible, it was decided that dropping from a hovering helicopter would approximate the desired condition. Therefore a system was devised to drop-test test vehicles from a helicopter. This system provides for the mechanical interfacing to the aircraft and provides for a safe separation distance of the test
vehicle from the aircraft before rocket motor ignition. (See the wiring schematic in Figure 4.) A safe separation distance was defined as 1.5 times the distance that a fragment would be projected if the rocket should detonate upon ignition. The dropping system uses an Aero 15C-1 Bomb Rack and adapter that allows the rack to be hung on the aircraft. An auxiliary electrical cable is run from the rack to a special control box inside the aircraft. The control box is wired as shown in Figure 5. An engineer flies in the aircraft on each test and operates the control box. With the control box intent switch closed and the pickle switch depressed the release hook solenoid is energized and the release hooks open. The rack interlock switch is mechanically shifted as the hooks open so that the center conductor and the outer braided conductor are unshorted and the circuit is completed to the bomb arming unit. The three conductor cable leading from the bomb arming unit to the pull-away connector and wafer switch reels out of the rack housing, rotating an actuator cam as the test vehicle falls away. The first one inch of fall of the test vehicle pulls out the wafer switch arming tab and completes the center conductor circuit. After two inches of fall, the center conductor switch in the bomb arming unit makes the final connection from the battery in the control box to the ISD. This starts the eight second delay explosive switch and initiates the thermal battery. After five inches of fall the conductor cable reaches its pull-out limit, and the test vehicle connector pulls away from the wafer switch. After eight inches of fall an arming wire pull-out releases the test vehicle connector tie-down band, and after 12 inches of fall an arming wire pull-out starts the mechanical timer. While the battery is fully activated (up to voltage) in approximately 1/4 second, it is not connected across the igniter until the explosive switch contacts close at eight seconds and the mechanical timer contacts close at nine seconds. If either timer is pre-failed or run down, the thermal battery match circuits are interrupted, rendering the entire device inoperative.

11. Several mock-ups utilizing the special control box, the Aero 15C-1 Bomb Rack, and the ISD were constructed and tested at the Laboratory to verify the timing of the various functions. Other test vehicle mock-ups were fitted up to a SH-3A helicopter and dropped at NATC Patuxent River. These units fired flash bulbs, demonstrated that the system worked, and confirmed the times of events under realistic conditions.

12. Even though it was expected that the field tests would be conducted in a low RADHAZ (electromagnetic radiation hazard) environment reasonable precautions were taken to
protect against electromagnetic radiation. A test device with shielding simulating a live round, was prepared and exposed to severe radiation while carried on a helicopter at NATC Patuxent River. The unit successfully completed this go-no-go type of test. Further RADHAZ checks were successfully completed at WSMR, New Mexico using the planned test aircraft and all known sources of radiation.

**BALLISTIC PREDICTIONS**

13. Ballistic predictions were prepared as follows: A drag function for the rocket assembly was estimated prior to the CHAR test at Wallops Island as shown in Figure 6. Trajectory computations using this function agreed reasonably well with observed results. This function was then used in computing inert and live drop trajectories. The initial portions of the drops were fitted to get agreement with results obtained from two rounds dropped from a SH-3A helicopter at the photo-theodolite range, NATC Patuxent in December 1963. Based upon the photo results at NATC Patuxent, the missile's carrier should have a forward velocity relative to the wind, so that upon release of the missile, the missile's oscillations during free fall would be minimized or dampened so as to have the best probability of hitting a fixed ground target.

14. The trajectories were computed for several conditions of ground speed and wind as tabulated (Table 2). It was assumed that all releases would be directly into the wind, from a horizontal carrying position, and that wind velocity would vary linearly from that specified at the launch altitude of 10,500 ft to 1/10 that value at sea level. The computation was carried out on the IBM 7090 using the 6* of freedom program of reference (d). Additional physical data required for the computations are included in Table 3.

15. The results were used to make plots of offset vs ground speed for the conditions expected at WSMR with a target elevation of 4000 feet above mean sea level assumed, and the various specified wind speeds added to ground speed to give true air speed for each curve drawn (Figure 7).

16. Figures 8 and 9 are plots of the computed inert and live trajectories respectively for 60, 75 and 90 knots air speed and 60 knots ground speed which are the computed cases nearest to most of the test conditions actually used.

17. In addition to positions along the trajectory as functions of time, angular orientation was also computed.
However, the full 6° system was not simulated - there was no estimate of magnus coefficients or other spin effects - hence, the calculated angular motion is essentially an oscillation in plane of the trajectory only. This appeared to be adequate for the intended purposes. The predicted trajectories were apparently at least as accurate as other measurements in the system such as the radar position indication.

MATERIAL PREPARATION

18. Material preparation included ancillary hardware (nozzle, fins, straps). The type nozzle attached to the CHEROKEE rocket engine for WSMR tests was in accordance with Thiokol's 6:1 expansion ratio design such that the exit diameter was equal to the body diameter. It was a divergent design with a 15° half angle and was screwed into the motor case. The nozzles were fabricated from AISI 4130 steel. It was 7.060 inches long and its external exit diameter was 5.250 inches.

19. It was determined by reference (e) that a satisfactory configuration for providing adequate static stability to the CHEROKEE would be a cruciform fin arrangement with a minimum static margin of 1.5 calibers. To decrease dispersion a fin cant angle of one degree was used. The design allows each fin to be capable of withstanding a 4500 in.-lb bending moment, which is the maximum load resulting from aerodynamic forces if the missile assumes a maximum of 10° angle of attack at the predicted burnout velocity. The fins were fabricated from AISI 4130 steel and welded directly to the nozzle.

20. Two metal straps equidistant from the rocket motor's cg were used for attaching the CHEROKEE to a 15C-1 bomb rack. (The 15C-1 bomb rack with an adapter was rigidly fastened to the aircraft.) The straps had protruding points on their inner surface which made positive contact with the rocket engine case. This allowed the CHEROKEE to be electrically grounded at all times while attached onto the aircraft. The straps were fabricated from high carbon spring steel, so that upon release they would immediately spring away and not become entangled with the rocket body or fin system. The straps were adjustable and could be tightened when in place.

WARHEAD

21. The experimental warhead was officially designated Warhead, Rocket, WOX-9A. It was selected from a number of preliminary designs studied for possible use in rocket energy employment systems. Some of the design concepts considered were a group of designs in which the darts were
loaded in tubes, and another group employing metallic structural framing to hold the darts on tiers. The WOX-9A design was selected for the initial feasibility tests because it seemed to have fewer problems in detailed design and manufacture. The predicted deployment sequence seemed to have a reasonable chance of success, relying on a combination of inertial and aerodynamic forces to release and remove the nose fairing at rocket burnout, permitting the darts to proceed with relatively low retardation.

22. A brief description of the WOX-9A warhead is as follows:

The darts were positioned on a slotted base plate and were confined to their respective positions by a bulkhead, which prevented forward movement, and foam plastic, which fit within the aft section of the fairing, circumferentially encasing them. During rocket motor acceleration a sliding "G" weight shears a pin, which restrained it until the inertial force of the weight reached 90 to 95 gravities. After shearing the pin the weight moves back compressing a spring. The spring is used to overcome friction in the system when the warhead's nose is loaded as in flight. The "G" weight moves forward under the action of the spring plus inertia as soon as the rocket burns out and drag forces exceed motor thrust. This releases the detents, which hold the nose assembly in place, and high stagnation pressure on the spherical nose pushes the nose back into the fairing cavity along a guide rod. The pressure builds up inside the warhead cavity, ruptures the fairing and displaces the bulkhead, thus removing all constraints on the darts.

23. The basic feature by which this design differed from most of its predecessors was in the use of a cylindrical instead of conical dart, with three fins per dart which could nest together and permit the bodies to fit in a close packed hexagonal array. This made it feasible to exceed the design goal of 160 darts when packaged in a single tier.

24. The detailed designs were completed in the spring of 1963 and a contract was placed with Toolcraft Inc. of Baltimore, Maryland to make six heads complete with darts plus two with lead ballast. For a complete description of the warhead and its intended method of operation see Appendix B.

25. The warheads were received in November 1963. They were thoroughly inspected and the assembly completed at NOL. One head successfully withstood a vibration test intended to simulate helicopter carry and an external pressure test simulating the external pressure rise on the cone during
flight. The heads were disassembled and shipped to Holloman
AFB, White Sands, New Mexico, in March 1964, where they were
reassembled just before the flight tests in April.

OPERATIONS

26. Coordination between NOL personnel and operating
facilities at Holloman AFB were handled through CDR McGaha,
Naval Liaison Officer (NLO) at Holloman AFB, who processed
the RFWAR covering the NOL test series through the proper
channels.

27. The explosive assembly work was performed in the west
area of the Holloman AFB with some assistance by an AF rocket
systems group. After the igniter leads were slightly modified and the igniters were checked for electrical continuity,
the igniters were inserted into the rocket motor by means of
a special tool furnished by the motor manufacturer with the
base of the igniter 41.75 inches from the nozzle exit. The
ignition safety device (ISD) was checked for electrical
continuity. The ISD was inserted into the rocket's nozzle
and attached to the nozzle exit with clamps (Figure 10). A
pull-away connector, which was attached to the ISD with a
shielded cable was clamped onto the motor case 3.5 inches
forward of the missile CG. This is the approximate position
where an electrical socket from the 15C-1 bomb rack can make
contact with the missile when assembled to the aircraft.
The two metal straps for attaching the missile to the bomb
rack were assembled 14 inches apart and equidistant from the
rocket's CG. Figure 11 shows the parts to be assembled on
the live round and Figure 12 is the missile ready for air-
craft loading. During the complete assembly operation and
storage time, all rocket engines were electrically grounded.
Personnel working in the area took necessary precautions to
also ground themselves and avoid other safety hazards.

28. Control functions for radar tracking, camera directions
range timing, aircraft control and missile launching origi-
nated at the Range Control Center designated King 1. Auto-
matic plotting boards operating with "C" band radar and
beacon in the A/C were used to control the approach to time
the launch so that the ground camera system could get pictures.
Since the target area was necessarily remote from the radar
station, there were errors in the release point, which were
difficult to eliminate, and it was found that there was not
enough return from the unit for a radar skin track.
29. The specific target area designated Hyper-Zl, was selected for two reasons: it had a hard, flat, clean surface, which would make impact location easier, and from a safety point of view it was approximately 6 miles from any permanent range installation and 12 miles from the edge of Holloman AFB. A cross with an 80-foot span was used as a target, and the arms were oriented north-south and east-west.

**INSTRUMENTATION**

30. Both the launch A/C and the missile were tracked by the permanently installed range cinetheodolite and tracking telescope cameras. Other position data were to be obtained from a three station fixed camera array set around the impact point. Each station had two ribbon frame (R.F.) movie cameras oriented for maximum area coverage. Seventy mm and 35 mm cameras, respectively, were oriented for use in obtaining warhead opening and impact data. Since there were missile release point errors, the release point was out of the cameras' field of view, and the missile flight presented a small photographic image. No conclusive data were obtained from this camera setup.

Another array of eight fixed cameras was installed for documentary coverage. There were two 16 mm movie cameras at each station 250 feet from Hyper-Zl at approximately 045°, 135°, 225°, and 315°. One of each pair was pointed at the estimated motor ignition point and the other covered the target area. A single camera was placed at Hyper-Zl pointing at the ignition point. It was hoped that these cameras would provide a more detailed look at the firing events. A hand-held 16 mm movie camera was used from a chase A/C. Partial coverage of the third and fourth live units was obtained from the fixed cameras as well as an almost complete trajectory of the third unit from the A/C. It is intended that a documentary film be made from the footage collected during the program.

**AIRCRAFT**

31. When the test series had begun at Holloman AFB the bomb racks and related equipment were hooked up to an Army H-37 helicopter. Two drop rounds were attached to the 15C-1 bomb racks with the straps that were adjusted and fixed previously on the rounds. After a continuity and clearance check the H-37 took off. However, before the H-37 helicopter reached the target area, engine fire warning lights came on. The results were that the helicopter returned to base and was grounded for a major inspection.
32. The Army Aviation Branch suggested that we review our launching requirements with them, in the light of existing circumstances, to determine if an alternate method would be acceptable. Our ballistic predictions indicated that a small forward velocity was not only acceptable but was desirable. Further review indicated that we could tolerate a forward velocity relative to the air of approximately 60 to 65 knots. The Army suggested that we look at the L-20 fixed wing airplane to see if we could adapt our hardware to it because they thought that by flying with the flaps partly down and on the verge of a stall they could keep the forward velocity within an acceptable range. This was done and the actual fit-up looked as shown in Figure 13.

33. A RADHAZ check similar to that done on the SH-3A and H-37 was conducted successfully on the L-20. The test missile used for RADHAZ checks is shown hung on the L-20 in Figure 14.

34. Arrangements were made for chase aircraft carrying a photographer to fly above and behind the launching aircraft. The photographer was to attempt to photograph the missile looking along its line of flight. It was felt that this technique provided the photographer with the best chance of keeping the missile in the field of view of the camera.

TEST EVENTS

35. There were five test events for the Hyper Project, each consisting of two elliptical closed-traverse runs, using a L-20 launch aircraft. The rounds dropped at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) are listed sequentially in Table 4.

36. The L-20 went into the elliptical pattern when it approached the target area and coordinated itself with King 1, ground radar station, for a positive fix. For the first run only an inert drop test was made. At separation a flash bulb actuated signifying the release and the spring steel straps, which supported and held the round on the bomb rack, sprang away. The inert round fell for approximately 20.5 seconds and was found with little difficulty, buried to within eight inches of the base. This was short of the target but approximately in line with the launch aircraft's flight path. Since the release system on the L-20 aircraft appeared satisfactory the live test program was initiated. Each round was typical in its modus operandi. (See Figure 15)

37. The inert rounds were intended to assist radar control in locating the correct point for release to get the live rounds to hit the target. It was discovered that the radar
was not tracking the inert rounds, but indicated vertical drops after release. It is felt that the radar was tracking the steel straps and lug assemblies which were found in each case on the surface approximately under the release point.

38. Several methods of data collection were used during each test event. Flying in the immediate vicinity of the launch aircraft were chase aircraft, except for the first inert drop test, to record each launch with photo coverage. Both fixed wing and helicopters were used for photo data collection. From the ground, data collection was obtained by using cinetheodolite and tracking telescope cameras.

39. The first WOX-2A missile malfunctioned and fell to earth without firing. It was resolved that the ISD was stripped off the rocket motor soon after the missile was released from the aircraft. Upon ground inspection, the ISD assembly was recovered intact but fired; however, there was no indication that the ignition device system ever actuated the igniter squibs. Upon careful inspection of the results of photographic coverage, it was concluded the other three WOX-2A missiles performed satisfactorily, and no motor instability was noticed.

40. On the remaining powered missile flights the bomb rack released the motor and the spring steel straps flipped away from the missile as intended. The WOX-2A fell for 9.4 seconds. This delay was needed to permit rotation of the weapon from a horizontal to a vertical orientation and to provide a safe separation distance from the aircraft when the rocket motor is ignited. The motor ignited and experienced a 250g peak acceleration while reaching a speed in excess of 6500 ft/sec within one second of burning before burnout. The burnt motor case continued on its course until impact.

RESULTS

41. Summary of impact data from the live rounds is as follows:

   Round L-1. - The missile failed to ignite and major portions of the ruptured case were located about five feet from the center of impact with the nozzle relatively intact, fins twisted. Base of the warhead with tails of most darts entrapped in the base plate slots and gypsum sand was found about 20 feet ahead of other major parts. Some dart noses were found scattered around the area among other holes from both the motor parts and darts. It was assumed that all was intact until impact. From the accrued information from reference (f), Figure 16 represents the trajectory the missile fell; Figure 17 is altitude versus time plot; and Figure 18
depicts the tangential velocity versus time. It may be noted that Figures 16, 17 and 18 also represent the five inert rounds which were dropped since their physical characteristics are essentially the same as the live rounds.

Rounds L-2, L-3, L-4. - Difficulty was encountered when trying to locate the impact areas. Inner cone parts from fairings were found first. Continuation along the flight line led to major impact. The central motor impact hole was an approximately three-foot diameter crater containing clumps of compacted sand darkened by heat and/or carbon. Some good clean dart impact holes about 1/2 inch diameter were located at 60 - 70° from the vertical in line with the trajectory. Other impacts that broke the desert crust were more irregular in shape. Much of the motor fragments apparently were blown out of the hole by action of the following body and tail. There were a number of darts or dart parts that impacted at relatively low velocity. Some apparent holes showed no traceable penetration and were assumed to be left by parts ricocheting from the impact hole, which skipped along, hitting one or more places before coming to rest. Table 5 shows the number and type of penetration after each test event. The flight plots prior to ignition of rounds L-2, L-3 and L-4 were obtained from references (g), (h) and (i), respectively. Figures 19, 20 and 21 for round L-2; Figures 22, 23 and 24 for round L-3; Figures 25, 26 and 27 for L-4 are the trajectories each missile fell, the altitude versus time and tangential velocity versus time, respectively. Figures 28 and 29 denote the comparison of measured versus computed trajectories of the WOX-2A missiles and D-3 drop rounds, respectively.

42. The flight of the launching aircraft was continuously monitored by radar at King 1. Plots were made of the flights on a radar plotting board. Instructions were continuously given to the pilot on bearing and speed by King 1 as each drop was in process. The actual countdown and command to drop were made by King 1. Unfortunately King 1 did not know where the target was located accurately enough to be able to direct the pilot in such a manner as to make a direct hit on the target; however, minor modifications to the technique should improve the accuracy.

43. All three warheads appeared to have opened prior to missile impact. The location of the recovered parts indicated the warheads' opening point was somewhere near the expected or probable burnout time. A number of darts, 14 to 20 percent, separated from the warhead intact and continued until impact at a high velocity. A large number of darts were recovered on or near the surface, indicating low energy at impact.
The assumption is made that the release and dispersion was not clean. To obtain a positive indication of whether the dispersal pattern of the submissiles would be improved and to determine if the fairing was not peeling back properly at motor burnout, the warhead attached to the L-4 missile was pre-split along the grooves of the fairing. Upon ground inspection this modification did not result in a larger number of high energy impacts. It did enlarge the pattern area somewhat.

44. The L-3 round had more fairing parts recovered than any other. One segment was curled outward with the forward lip apparently broken off in the outward direction, and failure continued by folding and peeling in the same direction. There was considerable wrinkling with four fairly sharp bends at increasing intervals. Other segments show major wrinkling and random tearing on rounds L-2 and L-4 but not outward folding. On two recovered segments, there is indication that the front lip folded inward. One lip of a segment was recovered with essentially no distortion. It was ripped off cleanly where the fairing skin was attached, and no conclusive evidence denoted which direction it bent. It could have pulled in tension.

45. There was considerable evidence of heating on the fairings. The thin tip of a nose piece was tempered to a blue with various shades thru light straw (varying from 700 to 400 degrees Fahrenheit) progressing back into the thickened area toward the latch (located at the nose release section) on the recovered segment. There was still some evidence of the paint on this piece. On the thinner fairing parts, there was evidence of heating to a somewhat lesser degree. Up at the radius leading to the 5.25-inch diameter cylinder and along the forward surfaces, most of the paint was gone. The inner parts of the warhead ripped off at the spot welds and brazed joints and gave little or no indication of heating.

46. Many whole darts, noses and tails were recovered. On the L-2 round 26 nose pieces, 12 tail pieces and 9 whole darts with the tails distorted were recovered. The L-3 round had 35 nose pieces, 40 tail pieces and 17 whole darts with distorted tail fins. Recovered on the L-4 were 37 nose pieces, 17 tail pieces and 14 darts, also with their tail assemblies distorted. Many of the whole darts on all of the rounds had partially unscrewed tail assemblies. On all of the rounds excluding L-1 various pieces of each warhead fairing and mechanism were found along the flight path and behind the impact area.
47. The impact patterns of round L-2, L-3 and L-4 denote an elliptical shape along the flight path and centered around the motor impact point. Figure 30 shows the impact pattern from the L-2 round. The major diameter (axis) of the impact zone resulting from the L-2 round is about 480 feet. The minor axis is 240 feet diameter. The pattern of impacts from round L-3 is shown in Figure 31. Its major axis depicting the dart impact zone is 220 feet, and the minor axis is 150 feet. The pre-split fairing on round L-4 shows a much greater scatter of hits, Figure 32. A relatively fewer number of high velocity hits were discovered, and most were located within a 100-foot diameter about the major impact point. Scattered along the nominal flight path and behind the missile impact point were hits within 500-foot distance.

CONCLUSIONS

48. The warhead packaging was such that the darts were oriented and assembled with their tails in slots on the base plate. These slots evidently prevented the darts from spinning free and moving out from the line of flight; hence, all of the recovered dart tails were twisted, and many were wrung free from the tungsten nose. The bulkhead in the warhead, which restricted the darts from moving forward during handling and rocket motor operation, showed deep impressions from the dart noses. These impressions probably occurred when the fairing was opening and was allowing the darts to commence their escape. The bulkhead was attached to the fairing and was not clear from the flight path of the darts. Upon a close visual inspection of the recovered fairing pieces, there was indication of the fairing's six segments not peeling uniformly back towards the base plate when the release mechanism operated. This result would disrupt the release pattern of the darts and also cause many of them to collide with each other and break. Other darts would continue on their free flight but their bodies were exposed laterally to the line of flight. This condition would cause the fully exposed darts to be subjected to severe bending about the screwed joint connecting the tail to the tungsten nose, thereby also causing many to break. Since such a turbulent condition probably existed when the warhead opened, it is possible that a few darts were trapped and rode the missile to impact and were planted deep into the cavity while some were ejected out of the hole and laid on top of the surface.
49. It has been concluded that the WOX-9A warhead did open approximately at rocket motor burnout, and the cluster of submissiles was essentially dispersed in a pattern 100-foot diameter prior to impact. The warhead deployed 15 to 20 percent of the darts in a manner expected about the impact area when the rocket's velocity was approximately 6500 ft/sec. Many projectiles penetrated down to 30 inches deep in the alkali (gypsum composition) surface. This reflects the feasibility of the WOX-9A warhead to disperse a lethal pattern of projectiles over a prescribed area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

50. Based upon post-inspection of rounds L-2, L-3 and L-4, the following changes in design should be made:

a. Package the projectiles in such a manner that their tails will not be distorted or broken.

b. Prevent the recurrence of the bulkhead from interfering with the darts when released.

c. Make sure the fairing segments open simultaneously once the release mechanism actuates at motor burnout.

d. Improve the joint between the tungsten nose and tail of the projectile.

e. Improve the integrity of the release mechanism.

f. Index or code each packaged row of projectiles in the warhead, so a pattern of flight of all the darts may be determined.

g. Since the rocket motor used at WSMR does not approach the minimum performance desired, necessary steps should be taken to improve the present rocket system, or else obtain a motor with the desired characteristics, i.e., carry a payload in excess of 8000 ft/sec within one second.

h. Improve diagnostic techniques for obtaining data of warhead operation during flight condition, i.e., possibly incorporate a powered sled application for obtaining positive photo coverage.
FIG. 2 CHAR ON RAIL LAUNCHER AT NASA WALLOPS STATION
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FIG. 3 CHAR TRAJECTORIES AND VELOCITY CURVES, NASA WALLOPS STATION

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Fig. 7 Predicted Offset

General Assumptions:
Elevation at launch 10,500' (S.L.)

Inert Drop Round

Wox-2A Missile
FIG 8 COMPUTED INERT DROP ROUND D-3 TRAJECTORIES
FIG. 9  COMPUTED WOX-2A TRAJECTORIES

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FIGURE 15

TEST TECHNIQUE OF WOX-9A WARHEAD AT WSMR
Figure 16: L-1 Trajectory

Position Z (feet) vs. Position Y (feet)

X versus Y

Z versus Y

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FIG 17 L-1 ALTITUDE VERSUS TIME

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FIG 19 L-2 TRAJECTORY
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FIG 20  L-2 ALTITUDE VERSUS TIME

ALTITUDE (H) FEET

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FIG. 21 L-2 TANGENTIAL VELOCITY VERSUS TIME
FIG. 22 L-3 TRAJECTORY
FIG. 23 L-3 ALTITUDE VERSUS TIME
FIG. 24 L-3 TANGENTIAL VELOCITY VERSUS TIME
Figure 26  L-4 Altitude Versus Time
FIG 27  L-4 TANGENTIAL VELOCITY VERSUS TIME

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TIME, SECONDS

0 2 4 6 8 10

TANGENTIAL VELOCITY, FEET PER SECOND (X 100)

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**Figure 28**

COMPARISON OF MEASURED VERSUS COMPUTED TRAJECTORIES OF WOX-2A MISSILES.

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FIG. 29 COMPARISON OF MEASURED VERSUS COMPUTED FLIGHT PATH OF D-3 DROP ROUND
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FIG. 30 ROUND L-2 IMPACT PATTERN
FIG. 33  DISASSEMBLED WOX-9A WARHEAD
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<th>Type</th>
<th>Obliq-</th>
<th>Penetration</th>
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<td>Jun</td>
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<td>Jun</td>
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<td>Perforated 1/2&quot; plate followed by 5-1/8&quot; plates 6&quot; apart.</td>
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<td>Mallory 3000 - Finned Rods</td>
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<td>228</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>Conical Darts</td>
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**TABLE 2**

**HORIZONTAL OFFSET "X" FEET ALONG GROUND IN FLIGHT DIRECTION**

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<th>GROUND SPEED G.S.</th>
<th>WIND</th>
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<td>100(60)</td>
<td>125(75)</td>
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**NOTE:**
1. THE SPEEDS INDICATED IN KNOTS ARE APPROXIMATE.
2. THESE "X" OFFSETS ARE AT 4000 FT. ABOVE SL FOR WOX-2A POWERED FLIGHTS AND D-3 DROP ROUNDS.
3. DROP ELEVATION IS 10,500 FT. ABOVE SL.
4. IGNITION AFTER RELEASE IS 9.4 SECONDS.
### TABLE 3

**HYPER—TEST ROCKET PHYSICAL DATA**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ROCKET DESIGNATION</th>
<th>CONFIGURATION OR CONDITION</th>
<th>WEIGHT 1bs.</th>
<th>C.G. FT. (FROM NOSE)</th>
<th>MOM I(trans) SLUG-FT²</th>
<th>MOM I(spin) SLUG-FT²</th>
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<tr>
<td>WOX-2A WSMR TEST</td>
<td>AS DROPPED¹ BARE</td>
<td>96.00</td>
<td>3.10</td>
<td>10.41</td>
<td>0.1425</td>
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<td>BURNED W/H DISPERSED</td>
<td>93.75</td>
<td>3.03</td>
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<td>INERT DROP RND D3</td>
<td>AS DROPPED¹ BARE</td>
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1. WITH SAFETY DEVICE, IGNITION, WOX 27A (1SD)
2. WITH 2 STD 5" HVAR LAUNCHING LUGS
## TABLE 4

**TABLE OF TEST DROPS**

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<th>No.</th>
<th>1964 Date</th>
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<th>SN</th>
<th>Result</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>4/21</td>
<td>A.M. Hour</td>
<td>I-1 D3</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Normal drop 1270' short</td>
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<td>4/22</td>
<td>A.M. Hour</td>
<td>I-2 D3</td>
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<td>Normal drop 1850' short</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>4/22</td>
<td>0741</td>
<td>L-1 WOX-2A 12</td>
<td></td>
<td>Igniter pulled off. Did not fire. Low order det. at impact 2040' short</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>4/23</td>
<td>1035</td>
<td>I-3 D3</td>
<td></td>
<td>Normal drop</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>4/23</td>
<td>1058</td>
<td>L-2 WOX-2A 2</td>
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<td>Ignition OK Whd opened Impact 2300' short</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>4/28</td>
<td>1005</td>
<td>I-4 D3A</td>
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<td>Normal drop, smoke grenade attached and activated</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>4/28</td>
<td>1027</td>
<td>L-3 WOX-2A 7</td>
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<td>Sim. to L-2 More impacts &amp; whd parts recov. 594' short</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>4/30</td>
<td>1025</td>
<td>I-5 D3A</td>
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<td>Normal drop, smoke grenade attached and activated</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>4/30</td>
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<td>L-4 WOX-2A-1 4</td>
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<td>Sim. to L-2 but more scatter, 192' s.w.</td>
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# Table 5

## Types of Projectile Impact Holes Located

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<th>Round</th>
<th>Deep Holes 8&quot;</th>
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<th>Surface &amp; Nose Only to 3&quot;</th>
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<tr>
<td>L-2</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>49</td>
<td>All deep &amp; medium holes essentially impact ahead of missile impact center within 150' dia. Most surface to 3&quot; deep holes were behind missile impact within 200' dia.</td>
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<td>23</td>
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A-2. Naval Ordnance Test Station. Mr. Al Staud was contacted at NOTS, and he made all of the required arrangements for test site visits and coordinated the conferences with the various groups involved. Wilson Mesa, Wilson Canyon, and several up-range dry lake beds were visited. The Wilson Mesa/Wilson Canyon area is very rough and would have required an excessive amount of site preparation. It was also noted that there would be a long run for power and control lines. The only dry lake bed suitable both from a safety and an operational point of view is Airport Lake. This is up-range about 20 miles and has a 500 to 600-ft high ridge between the lake bed and the main station. The surface of the lake was dry and firm but had formed cracks about 1/4 to 1/2 inch wide. These would have had to be eliminated by rolling in order to be sure that the individual submissile impacts could be found. The usable area is 2000 to 3000 feet in diameter.

A-3. Either launch method could have been used effectively although there were some drawbacks to both. If the ground launcher was to be used, 1500 to 2000 feet of roadway would have had to be built for access to a suitable launch site. This would not have been a major problem because the terrain is not too rough or precipitous. If the helicopter was used, a rather large area of the lake would have had to be smoothed because range safety required controlling the drop by radar from the range control station. This would allow an error of several hundred feet in the release point and consequently would require a large target area. This also would require additional camera coverage to assure pictures of the impacts. On the credit side, the helicopter was available to NOTS and
because the lake is remote, operations would seldom have been held up because of activity on other ranges. The cost of a 10 shot program using either launch method would have been about $45,000. In NOTS' favor were the facts that they have a large variety of cameras, they could accomplish either launch method, they have a good target area, and they have suitable experience and range instrumentation. There was a good possibility of getting data; however, this site was eliminated because of the cost.

A-4. Dugway Proving Ground. A visit to Dugway showed that there was ample area for safety and that the instrumentation could be provided. The ground launch impact areas would have required a great deal of site preparation because of the rough terrain, but there were flat impact areas on the Great Salt Lake Desert suitable for use with the helicopter launch. There was no possibility of Dugway providing the necessary A/C support and this eliminated Dugway as a possible test area.

A-5. White Sands Missile Range. LCDR Robert Hatten was the operations officer for the Naval Ordnance Missile Test Facility (NOMTF) located at the range and was the contact. There are no sites on the range that can be readily used to ground launch the rocket into a flat area. There is, however, a large area where several hard, flat, unbroken target surfaces are located. The area needed some cleanup to clear a small amount of missile debris and scattered dead bushes but this would require a very small effort. The helicopter could be furnished by WSMR, and there would be work space, vehicles, range crews, and film all available at no cost. The numbers and types of suitable cameras available are somewhat limited, and it was originally planned that NOL would have to provide any expendable cameras, any infrared film, and probably the 16 mm color film. Target area preparation and bunker construction would be charged to NOL. WSMR costs were estimated to be less than $1000 per shot. Use of WSMR would require more NOL manpower and might take longer to finish the series. It was estimated that we could get range time twice a week and might be able to get two shots each time. There could be scheduling delays because of range workload and because the project had no priority.
APPENDIX B
OPERATION OF WOX-9A WARHEAD

B-1. Figures 33, 34 and 35 show the warhead disassembled, partially assembled, and assembled. It was intended to function as follows:

a. Darts fixed in position by having tails in slots on the aluminum base, noses held down by the spot welded bulkheads inside the fairing, with foamed plastic segments giving lateral support between the darts and fairing and around the center post.

b. Fairing slotted with .006 inch remaining wall along six longitudinal lines, with only .002 remaining in the nose section. This was calculated and tested to be capable of rupture by stagnation pressure behind the normal shock at burnout velocity.

c. The nose "bubble" with retaining ring holding the fairing nose pieces in against it contains the inertial device intended to release the bubble as soon as drag forces exceed motor thrust. Referring to Figure 31, the nose assembly is held in place by the detent fingers pushed into the groove in the rod extending from the warhead base. The detents are held by the sliding "g" weight which in turn is prevented from moving prematurely by the shear wire. Upon firing the rocket, forward acceleration of about 250 gravities occurs. The wire shears under the inertial force of the weight at 90 to 95 gravities, and the weight moves back compressing the spring. Laboratory tests showed that approximately ten pounds are required to overcome the friction in the system when the nose is loaded as in flight. This force is supplied by the spring when compressed. The intent is to get the g weight to move forward under action of the spring plus inertia as soon as deceleration of the missile starts. This releases the detents which hold the nose assembly in place.

d. When the bubble is released, high stagnation pressure at the spherical nose pushes it back into the fairing cavity along the guide rod. As this motion occurs, pressure immediately builds up inside the fairing nose piece. This is calculated to be nearly 700 psi (pitot pressure) compared to pressure of about 70 psi on the outside of the 15° half-angle cone. This difference is sufficient to bend the fairing segments outward, tearing the remaining material along the grooves. As the forward portions move out, the pressure
inside should act on larger areas to completely strip the fairing (including the spot welded parts) away from the darts.

e. As the drag starts to exceed motor thrust at burnout the darts start to push against their restraining bulkhead attached inside to the fairing. As this bulkhead is pulled away by the aerodynamic forces, the darts should be free to separate from the base plate. Their low drag shape and high density are designed to this end.
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