

DISARMAMENT TEST -- A column of smoke and debris shoots skyward over the desert floor as two sections of a Pershing 2 rocket are burned at the Tooele Army Depot in Utah. Purpose of the explosion was to test the U.S. Army's ability to comply with the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty signed by President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev during the recent Washington summit. The first and second stages of the rocket were destroyed in separate 10-meter-deep pits during the experiment. Officials hope to use open pit burning as the method of destroying the 108 Pershings deployed in Europe.

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