

POLARIS MISSILE SUBMARINES

The United States is building a fleet of 41 Polaris nuclear submarines, each to carry 16 ballistic missiles armed with thermonuclear warheads. Nine of the subs are already operational, with three scheduled to patrol the Mediterranean Sea to replace obsolete military rockets in some NATO nations. The President of the United States is the only individual authorized to order a live Polaris missile launched, and then only as a second strike after aggression has been committed. No enemy is able to find and destroy the constantly moving submarines, which are backed by nuclear bombers and land-based missiles. This massive power serves as a major deterrent to communist countries trying to dominate the earth.

A solid-fuel Polaris missile is lowered into the launching tube of a nuclear submarine. The thermonuclear warhead is attached to the top of the missile. Each submarine carries 16 missiles, which together comprise more destructive power than all the weapons fired during World War II.

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