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ATLAS ICBM HAS ULTRA-THIN "SKIN"

2-4 A completed Atlas ICBM is raised into firing position by a new 70-foot-long erector-launcher mechanism now being installed at Air Force operational bases in the U. S. This device, operated by push-button, permits horizontal storage of the Atlas on the ground -- a protection from weather -- and erection of the missile in less than two minutes. Since the metal "skin" of the missile is extremely light weight and the propellant is loaded after the Atlas is in firing position, the erector device is operated by an electric motor of only 75 horsepower. (59-9752)
 (See also accompanying text)



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