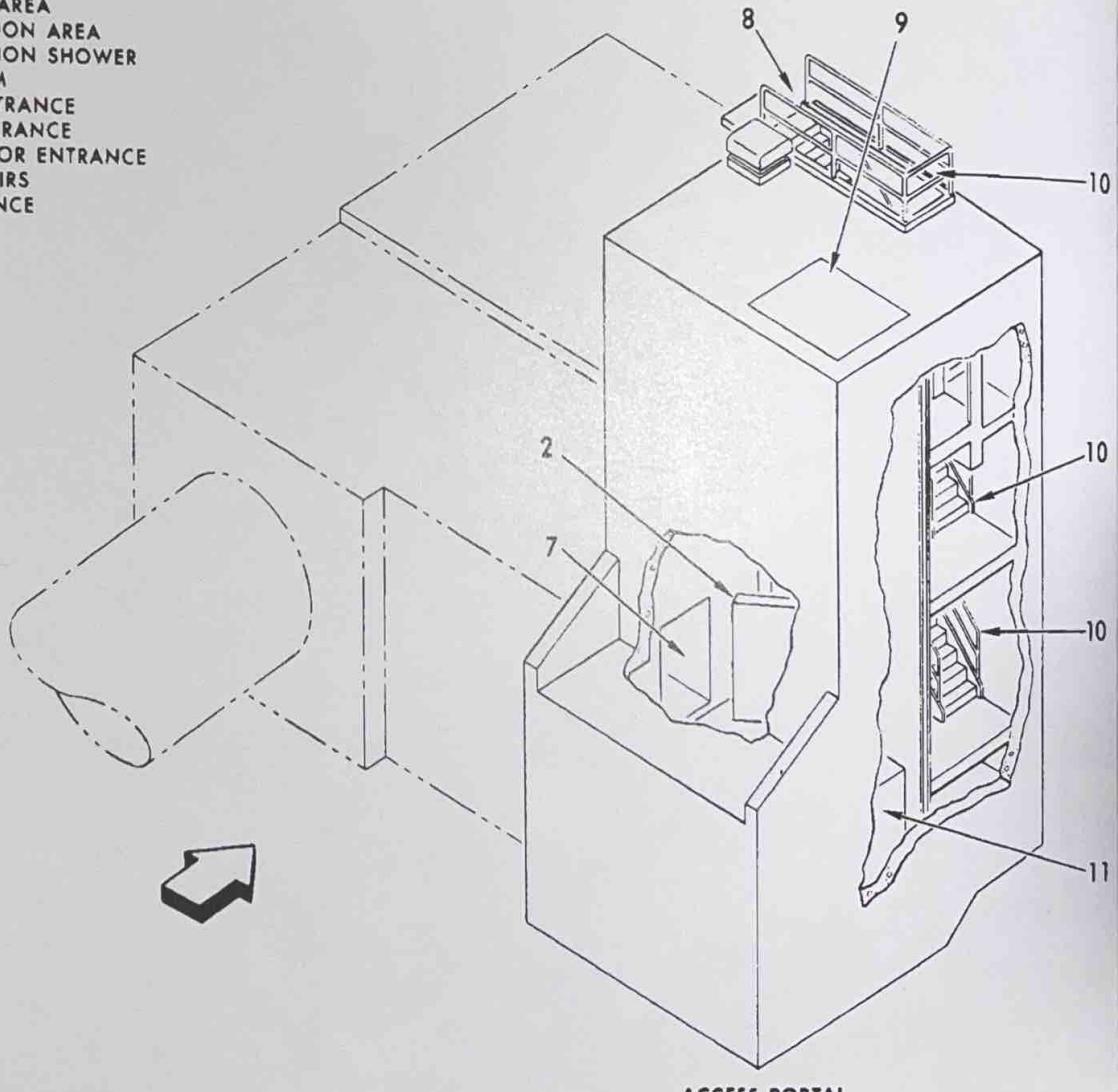
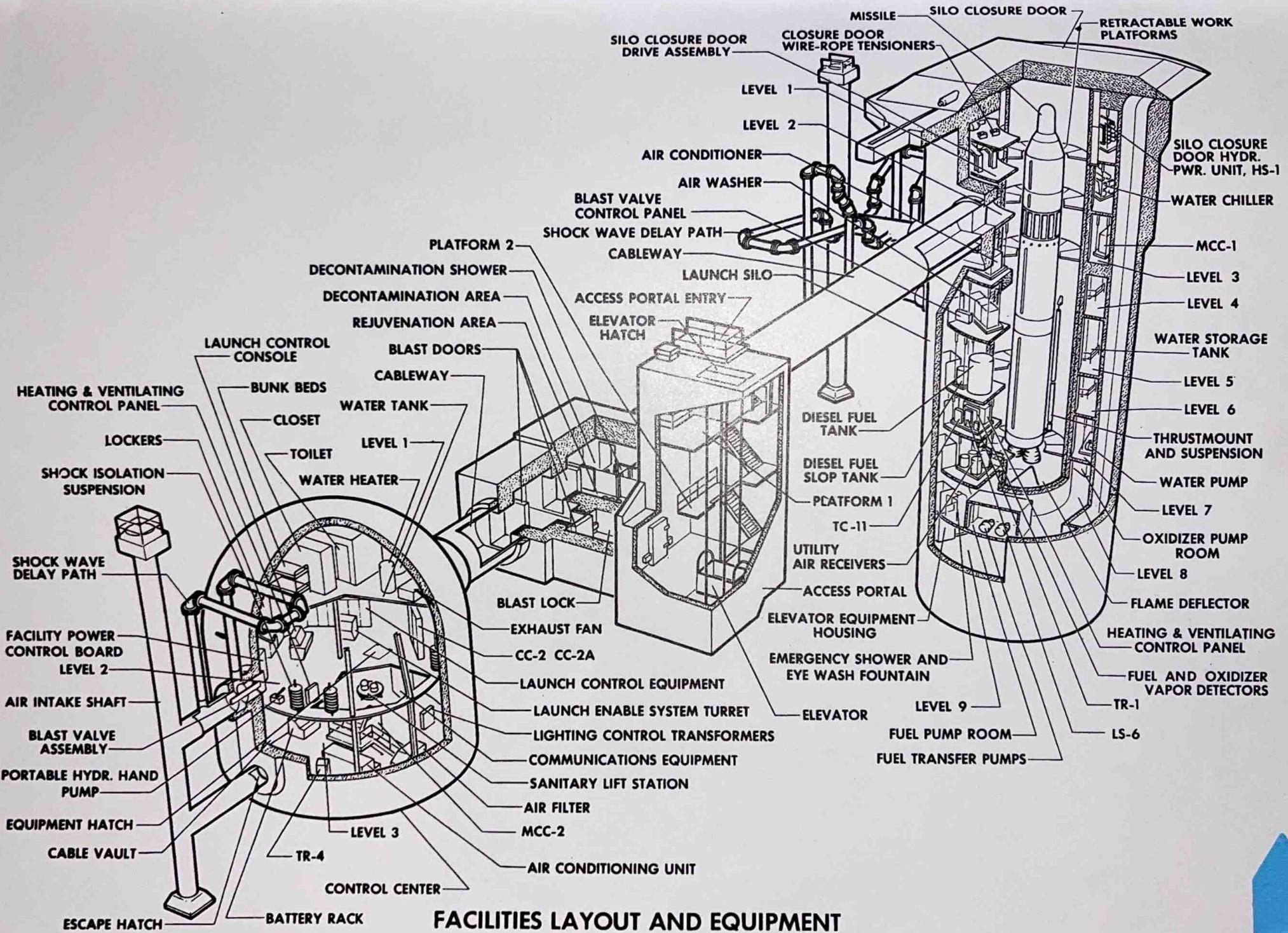


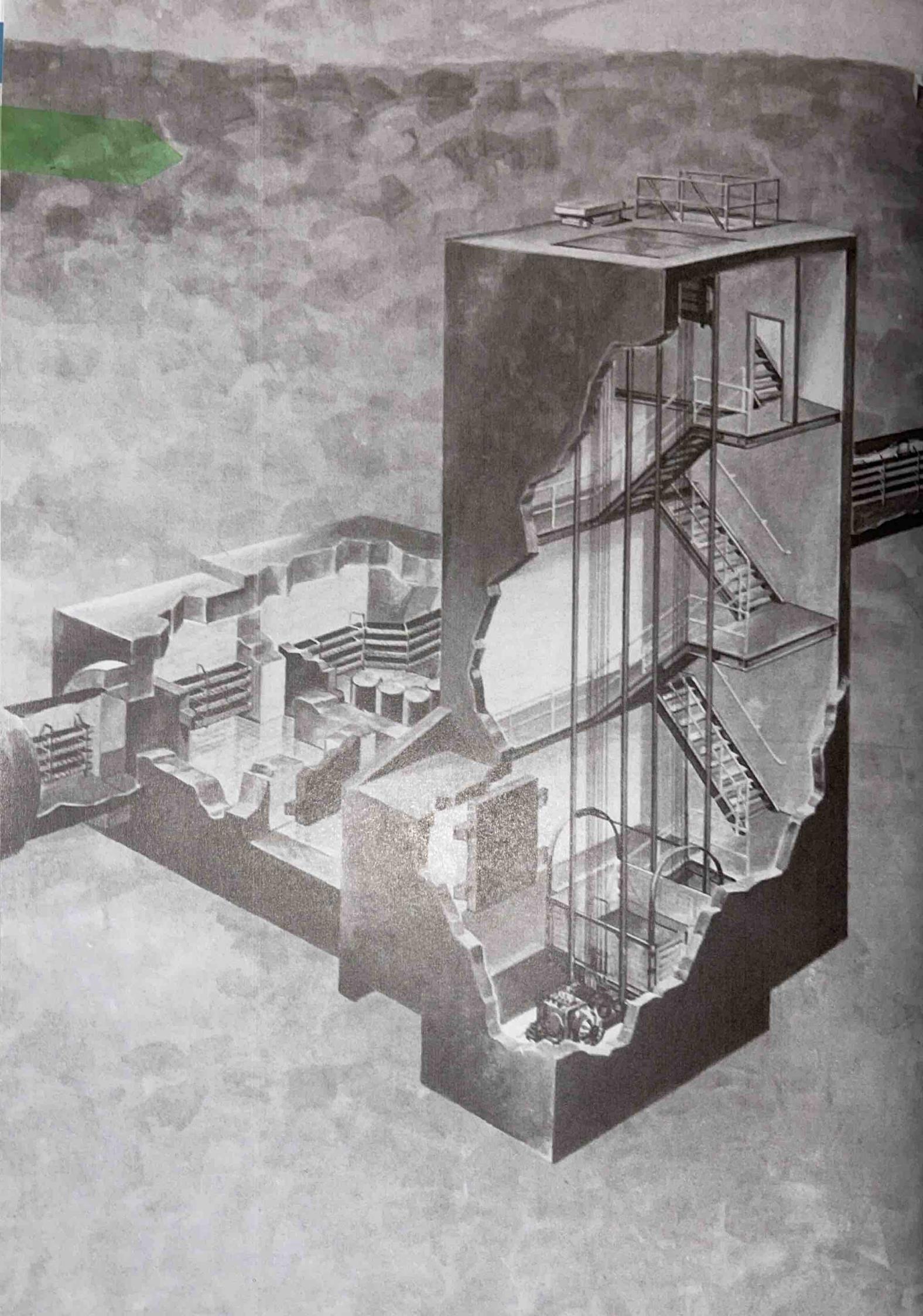
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2. BLAST DOOR
3. REJUVENATION AREA
4. DECONTAMINATION AREA
5. DECONTAMINATION SHOWER
6. DRESSING ROOM
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10. PERSONNEL STAIRS
11. FREIGHT ENTRANCE



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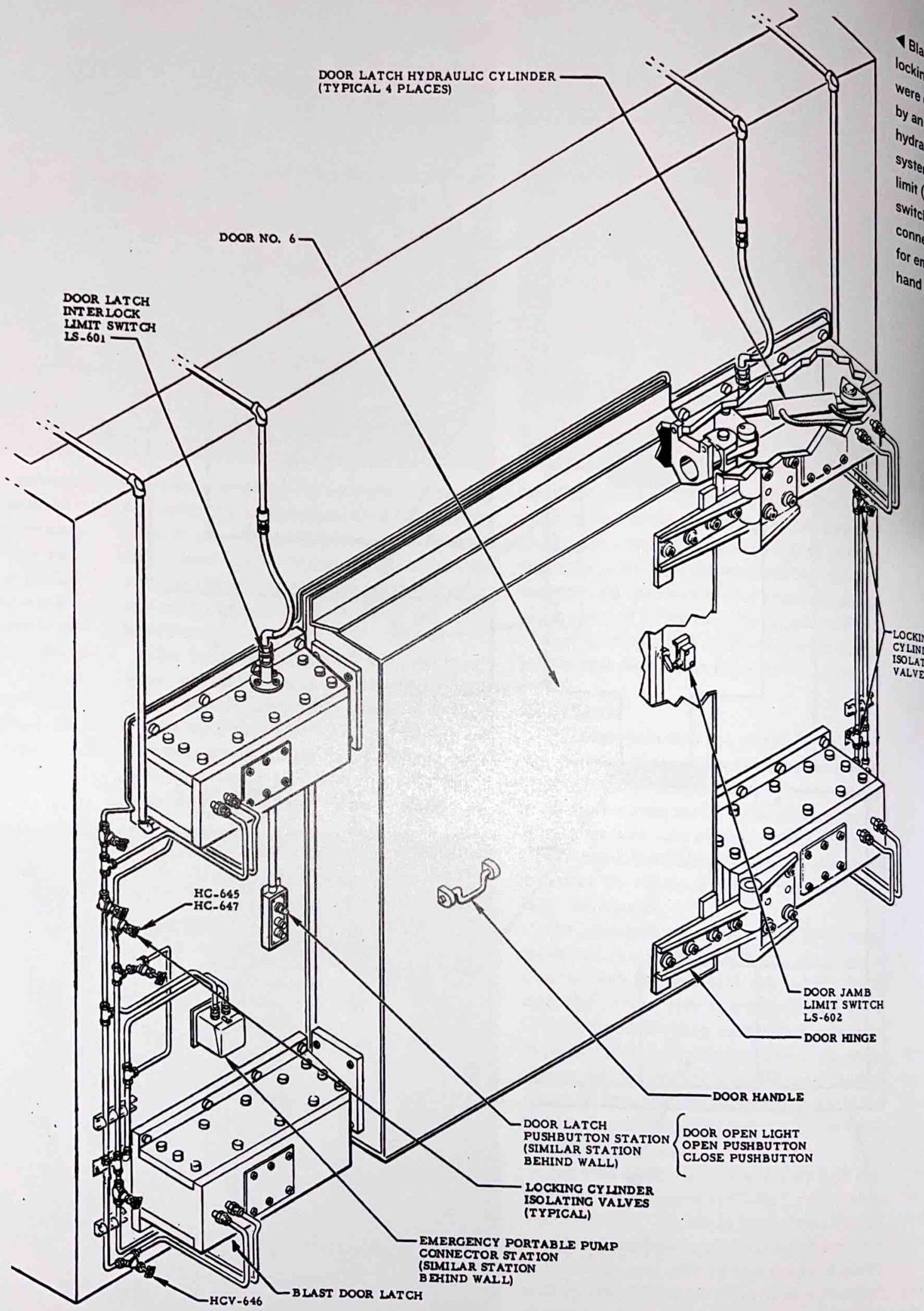
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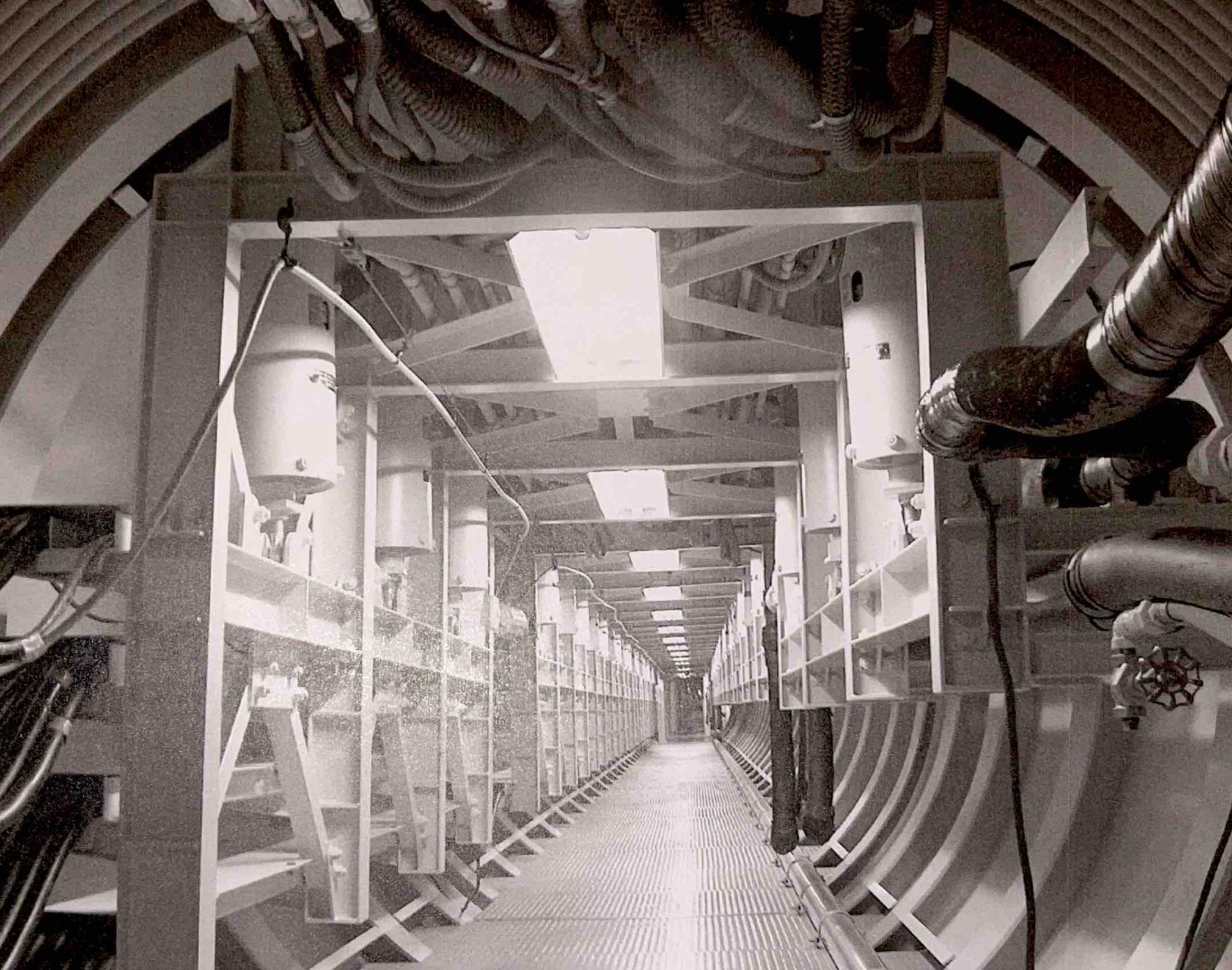


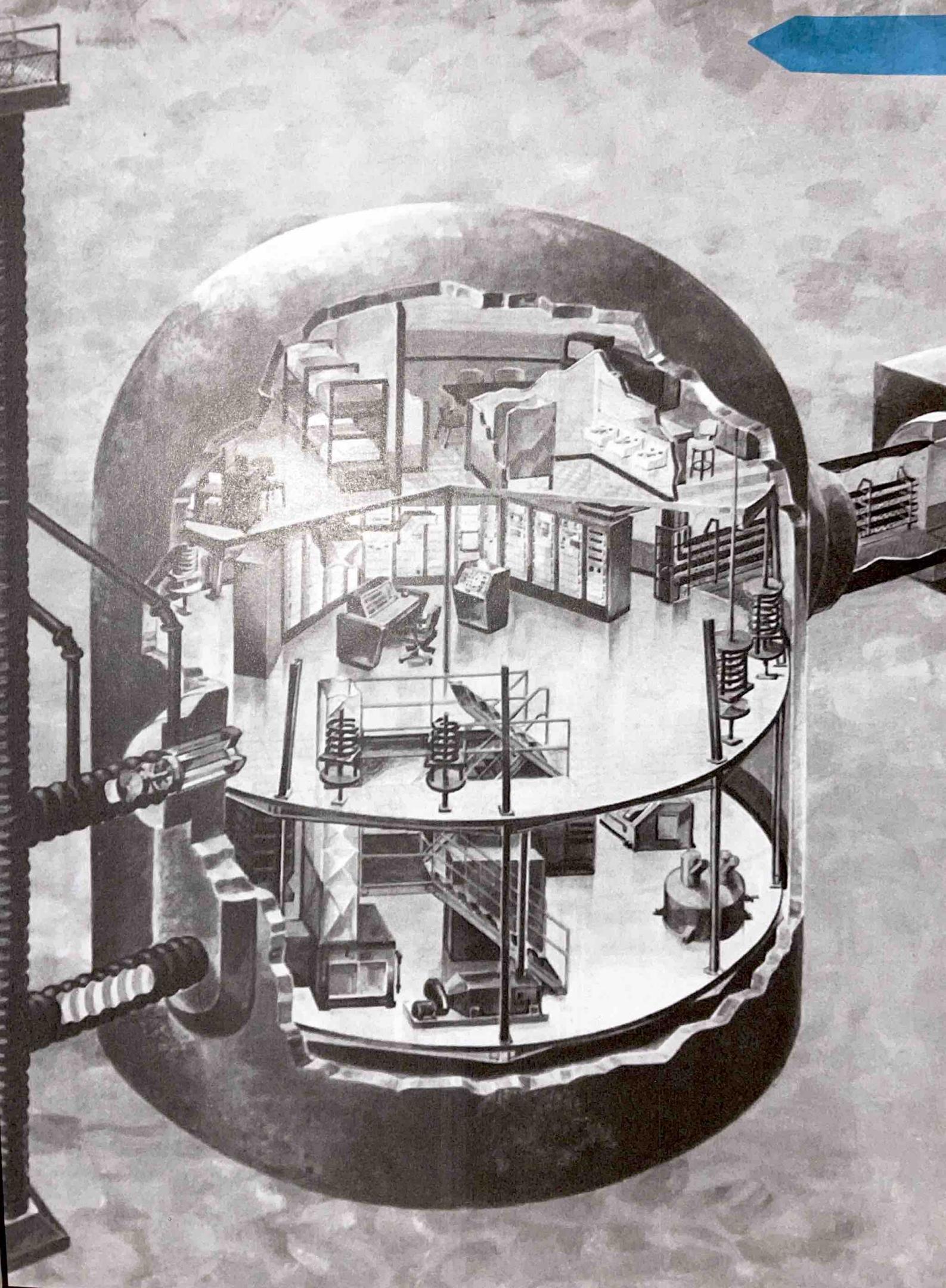


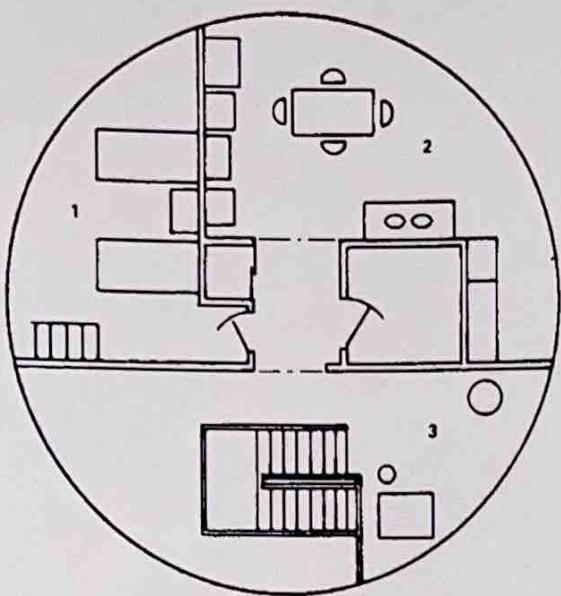
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◀ Blast door locking pins were operated by an elaborate hydraulic system. Note limit (interlock) switches and connection for emergency hand pump.

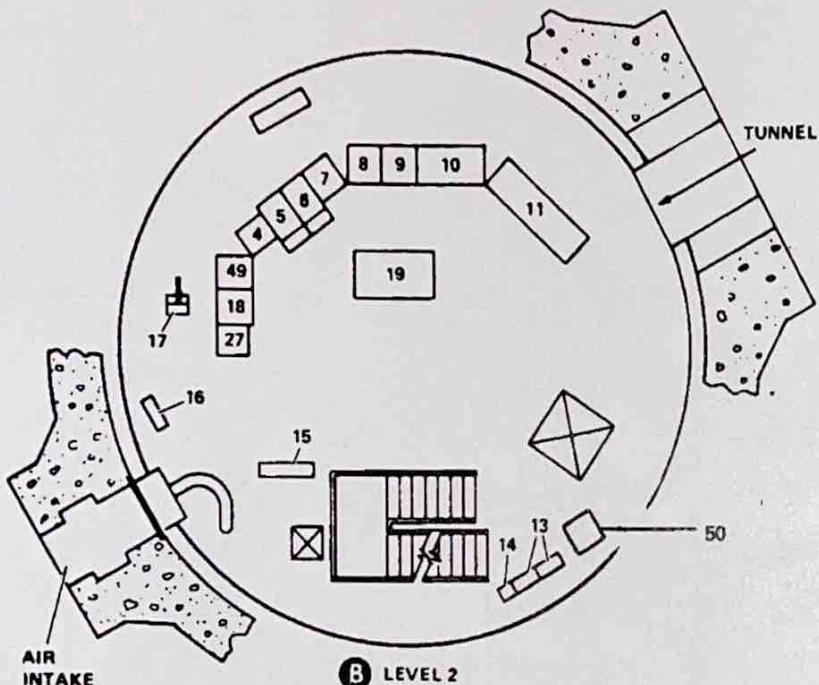
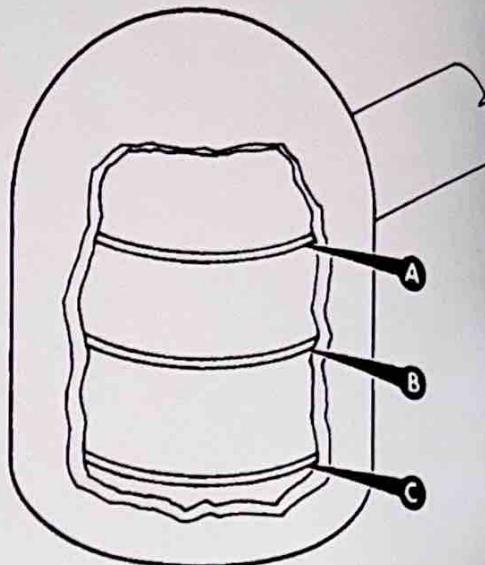




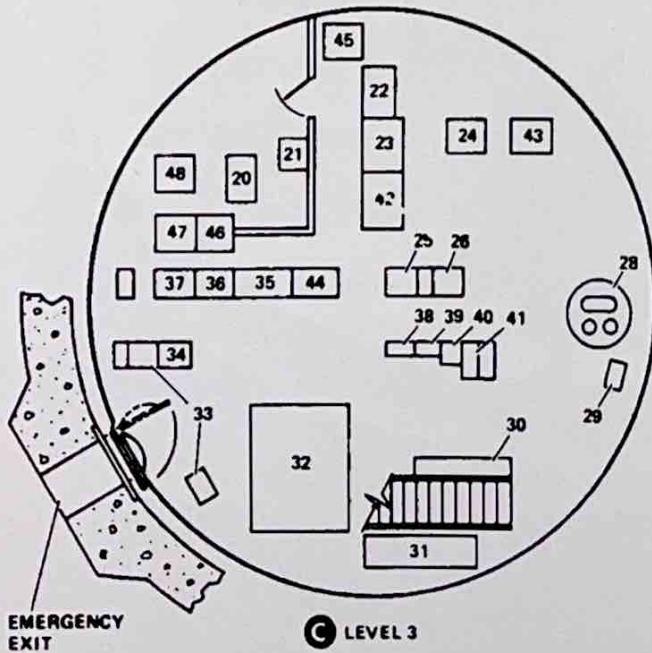




**A LEVEL 1**



**B LEVEL 2**



**C LEVEL 3**

1. SLEEPING QUARTERS
2. KITCHEN AND DINING AREA
3. STAIRWAY AND EQUIPMENT AREA
4. PRIMARY ALERT SYSTEM
5. ALTERNATE LAUNCH OFFICERS CONSOLE
6. VHF AND SSB RADIO
7. FACILITY POWER CONTROL BOARD
8. MISSILE SYSTEMS FAULT LOCATOR
9. CONTROL MONITOR GROUP
10. CONTROL POWER DISTRIBUTION
11. ALIGNMENT-CHECKOUT GROUP (DELETED)
12. LIGHTING PANEL
13. CONTACTOR PANEL
14. HEAT AND VENTILATION CONTROL PANEL
15. DISTRIBUTION PANEL
16. HYDRAULIC HAND PUMP
17. SUBSCRIBER C
18. LAUNCH CONTROL COMPLEX FACILITIES PANEL
19. WIRE PROTECTION AND DISTRIBUTION CABINET
20. TELEPHONE CO. EOFT. CABINET (DMAFB ONLY)
21. MOTOR GENERATOR (DEACTIVATED)
22. BATTERY POWER SUPPLY 1
23. POWER SUPPLY 1
24. VOICE SIGNALING SYSTEM (VSS) CABINET
25. RADIO-TYPE MAINTENANCE NETWORK (RTMN) CABINET
26. HF-UHF RADIO
27. SANITARY LIFT
28. LIGHTING AND CONTROL TRANSFORMER
29. MOTOR CONTROL CENTER
30. AIR FILTER
31. A/C UNIT
32. FACILITY TRANSFORMER
33. CARRIER BAYS
34. COMMUNICATIONS 24-VOLT POWER EQUIPMENT BAY
35. WIRE CONTROL AND TRANSMISSION (WCT) EQUIPMENT BAY (ALOC)
36. WIRE CONTROL AND TRANSMISSION (WCT) EQUIPMENT BAY (LCCFC)
37. TERMINAL EQUIPMENT GROUP
38. MULTIPLEXER RECEIVER GROUP
39. MULTICOUPLER
40. TRANSMITTERS
41. BATTERY POWER SUPPLY 2
42. POWER SUPPLY 2
43. WIRE CONTROL AND TRANSMISSION (WCT) EQUIPMENT BAY (HV/HVPL SWITCHING SELECTIVE SIGNALING CIRCUITS)
44. ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE FILTER GROUP
45. ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE FILTER GROUP
46. ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE FILTER GROUP (ACP ONLY)
47. ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE FILTER GROUP
48. ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE FILTER GROUP
49. 487L
50. RTMN TRANSCIEVER BATTERY CHARGERS

The MCCC, typically a captain or a major, was in charge of the complex. He or she (women were allowed to be crew members starting in the late 70s) authorized and coordinated all activities on the complex. The MCCC also copied, decoded, validated and authenticated all emergency action messages (EAMs). EAMs included everything from simple communication tests, to exercise messages, orders to change targets and the order to launch, among others.

The DMCCC, often a captain or first or second lieutenant, assisted the MCCC in performing his or her duties, and had the additional responsibility of monitoring communications to, from and within the complex. She or he also kept track of the location of all personnel on the facility, and like the MCCC, copied, decoded, validated and authenticated all EAMs.

The BMAT, an enlisted person, was responsible for monitoring the status of the missile and providing the MCCC with information concerning the missile's readiness condition.

The MFT, also an enlisted person, kept track of the status of the entire launch complex, and all the support systems therein, and provided the MCCC with information regarding the readiness of the complex.

The BMAT and the MFT also were trained to copy and decode EAMs.

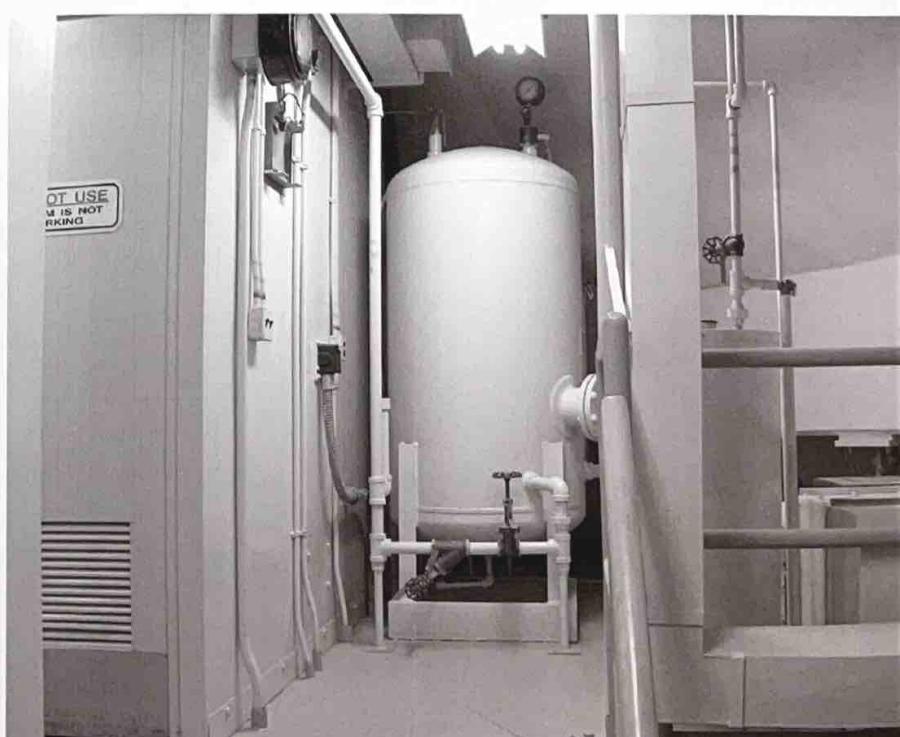
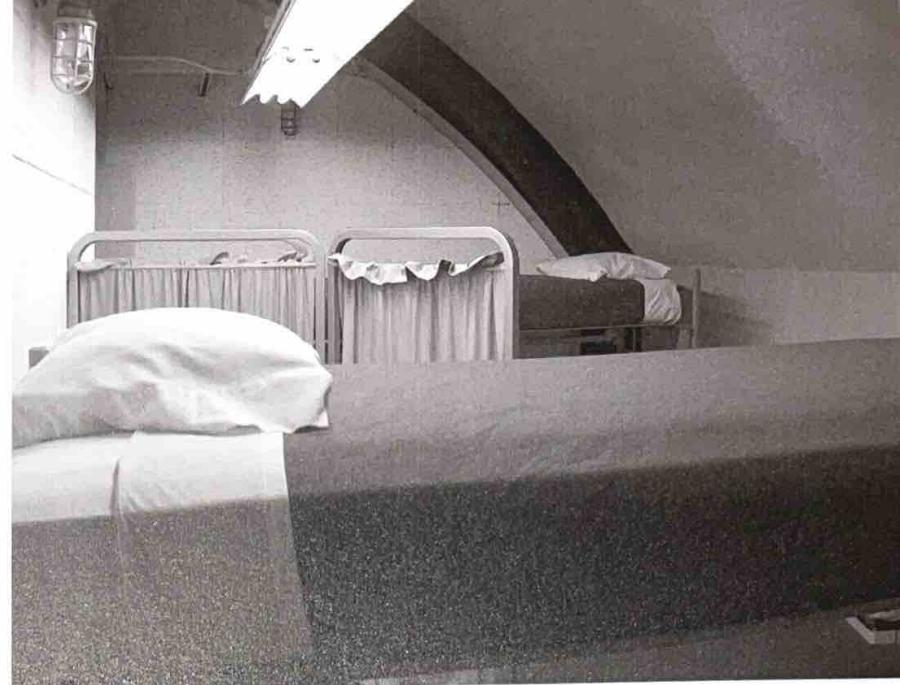
### LCC Level 1

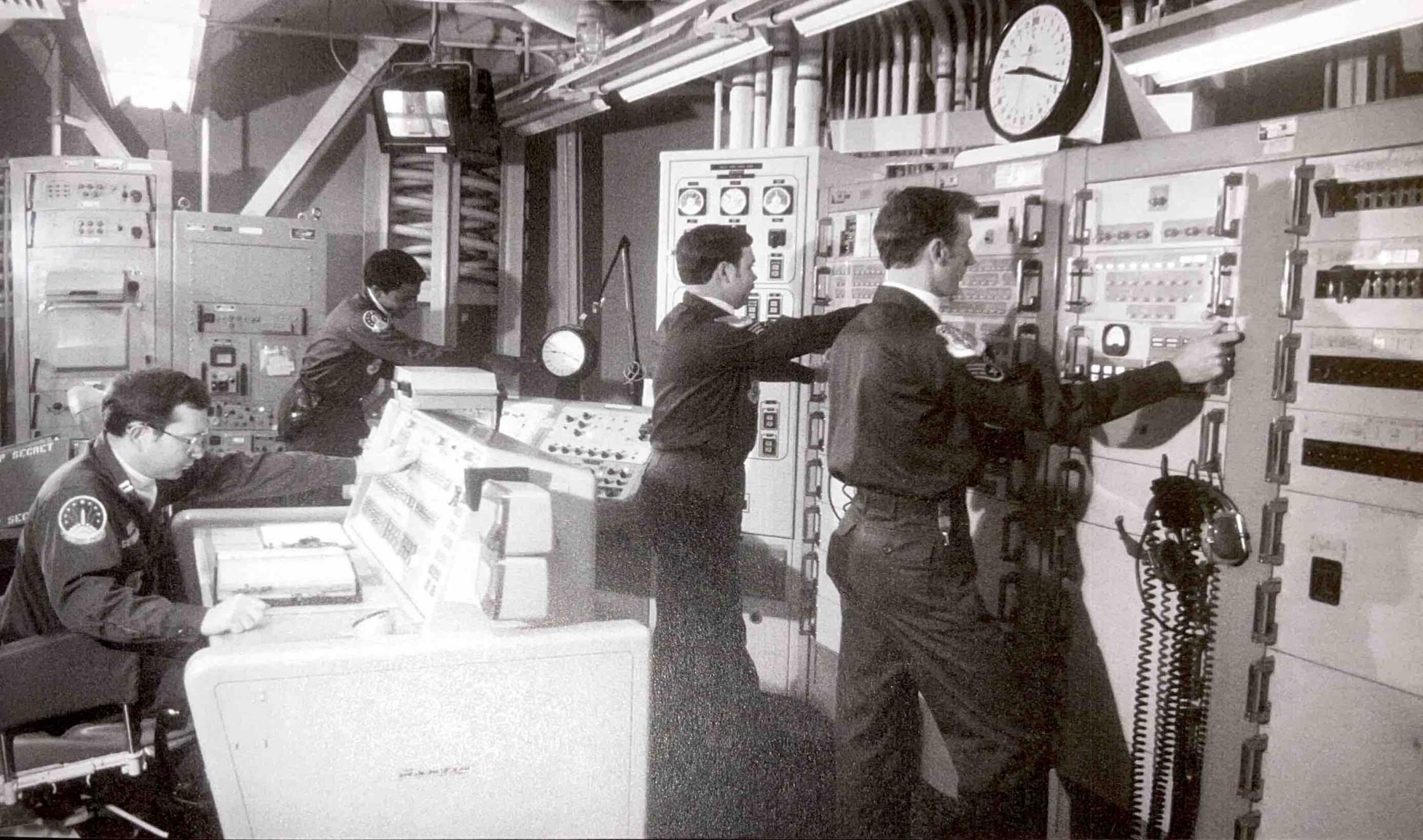
Crew members worked a 24-hour shift known officially as an *alert*. Because a crew would be on alert for a full 24 hours, they needed a place to eat, sleep, relax, take a shower and so on. Level 1 of the LCC contained the crew's minimalist quarters. The bedroom contained two sets of bunk beds and a privacy screen for mixed crews. The kitchen was equipped with all the basics: a stove, refrigerator, sink, table and chairs. The restroom was fitted with a toilet, urinal, washbasin and shower. Also on level 1 were a hot water heater, a domestic water storage tank, and an air system exhaust fan.

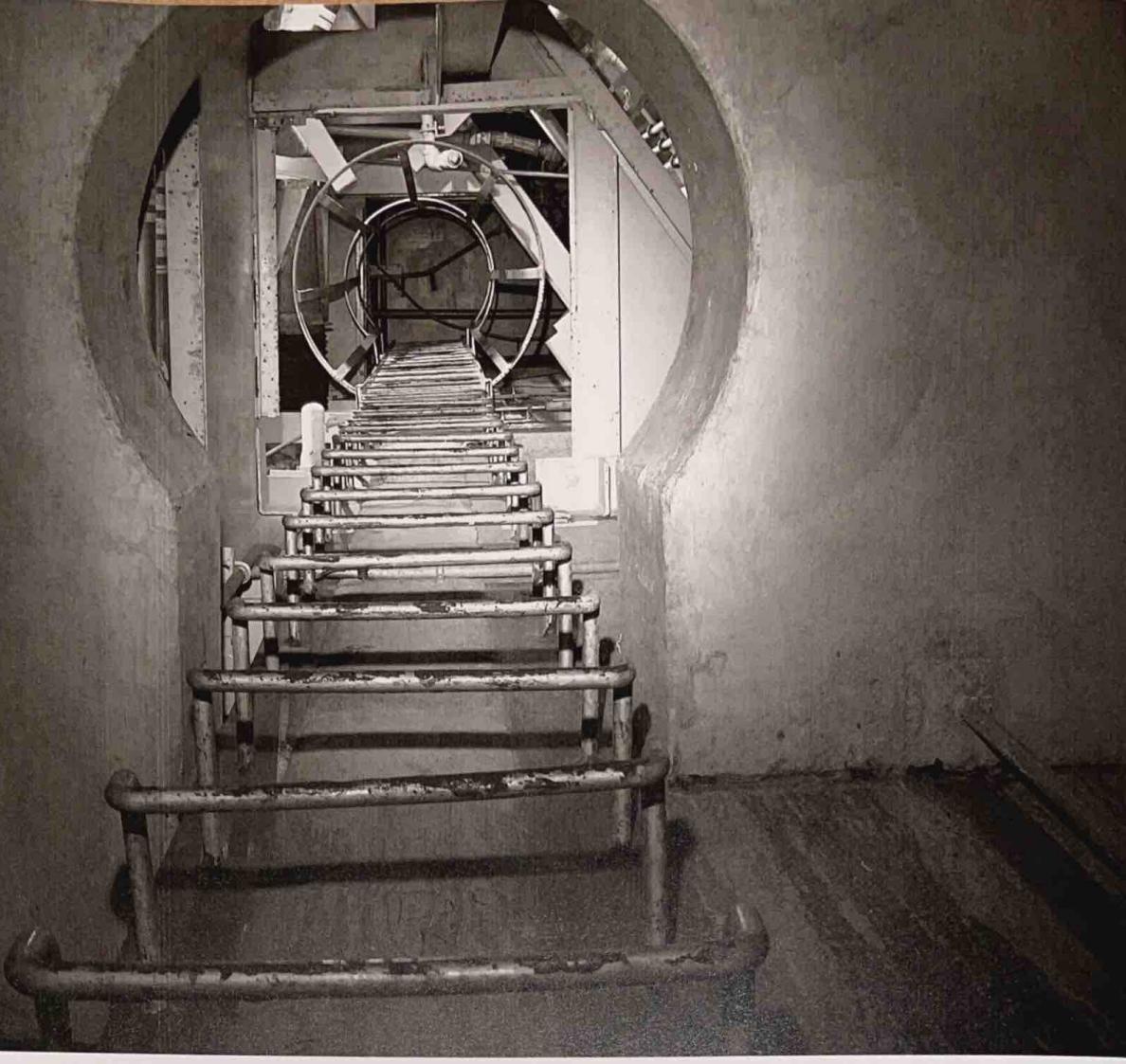
A 250-gallon (950 l) storage tank held 124 gallons (470 l) of potable water. The extra volume permitted pressurization by the utility air compressor system on silo level 7.<sup>1</sup>

### LCC Level 2

Level 2 of the LCC was the nerve center of the launch complex and was where the crew spent most of their time. It was here where the order to launch would have arrived, and from here where the crew would have launched the missile. From here the crew could monitor the entire complex and all the activities therein.







## CHAPTER 6

# THE SILO

The silo was composed of two elements, essentially two concentric cylinders: the inner cylinder, called the launch duct, with an inside diameter of 26.5 feet (8 m), which housed the missile; and the outer cylinder with an inside diameter of 55 feet (17 m). The space between these two cylinders was called the silo equipment area—a warren of pipes, cables

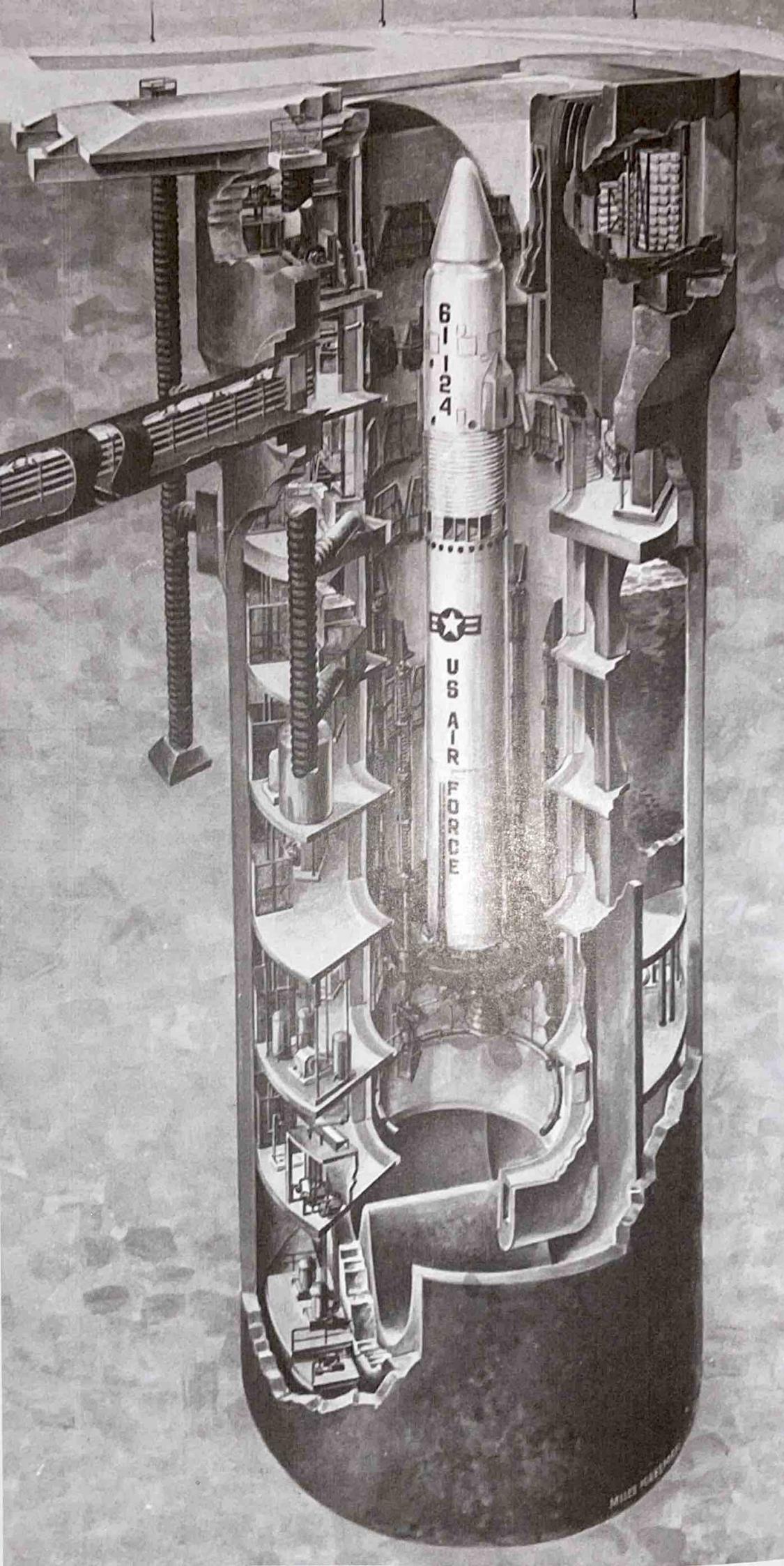
and machinery needed to keep the missile in a constant state of readiness.

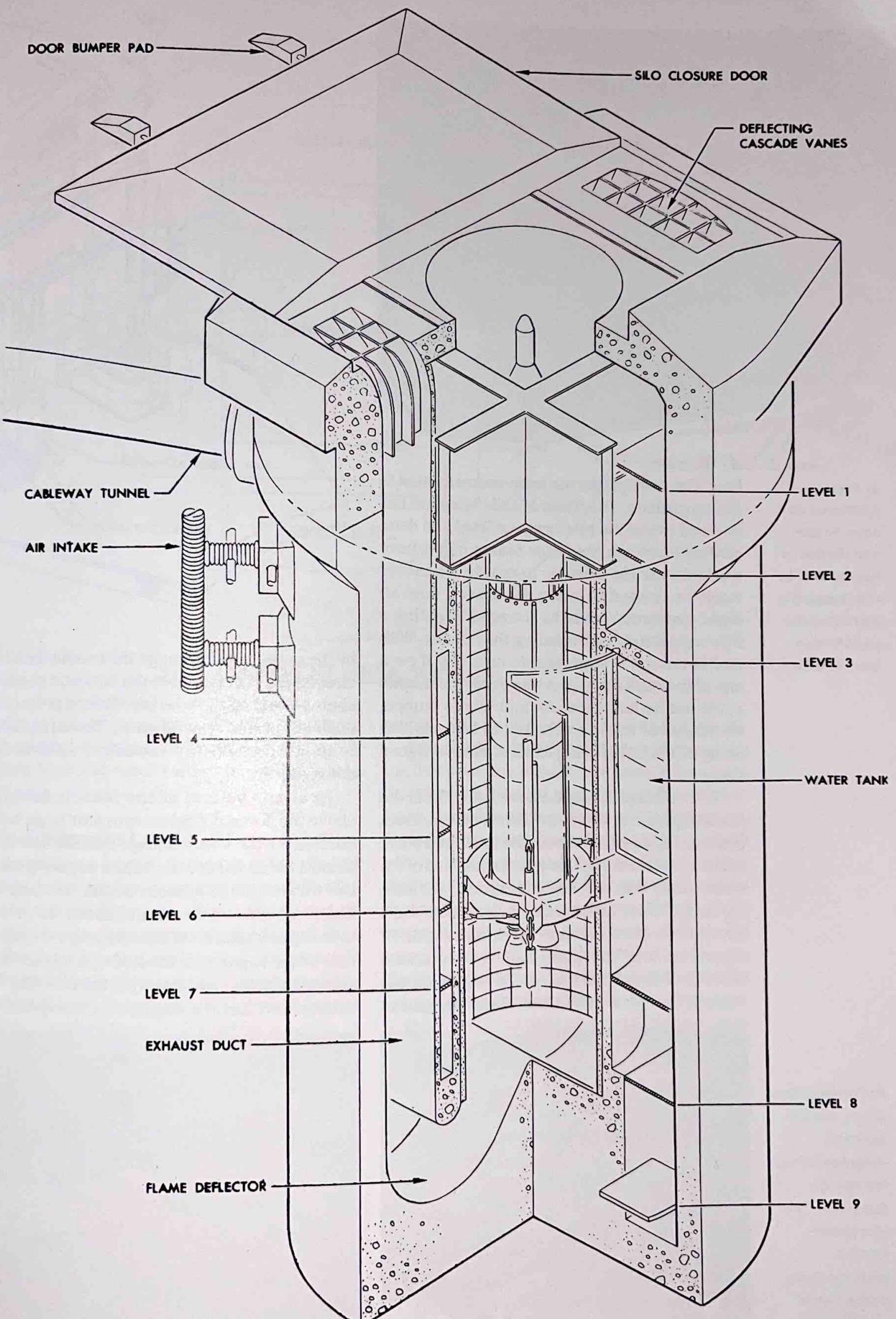
While the launch duct was hollow the silo equipment area surrounding it was divided into nine levels. Each level contained equipment for a specific purpose, and six levels had doors for access to the launch duct. A ladderway provided access to all levels of the silo equipment area while an elevator could access all levels except 1 and 9.

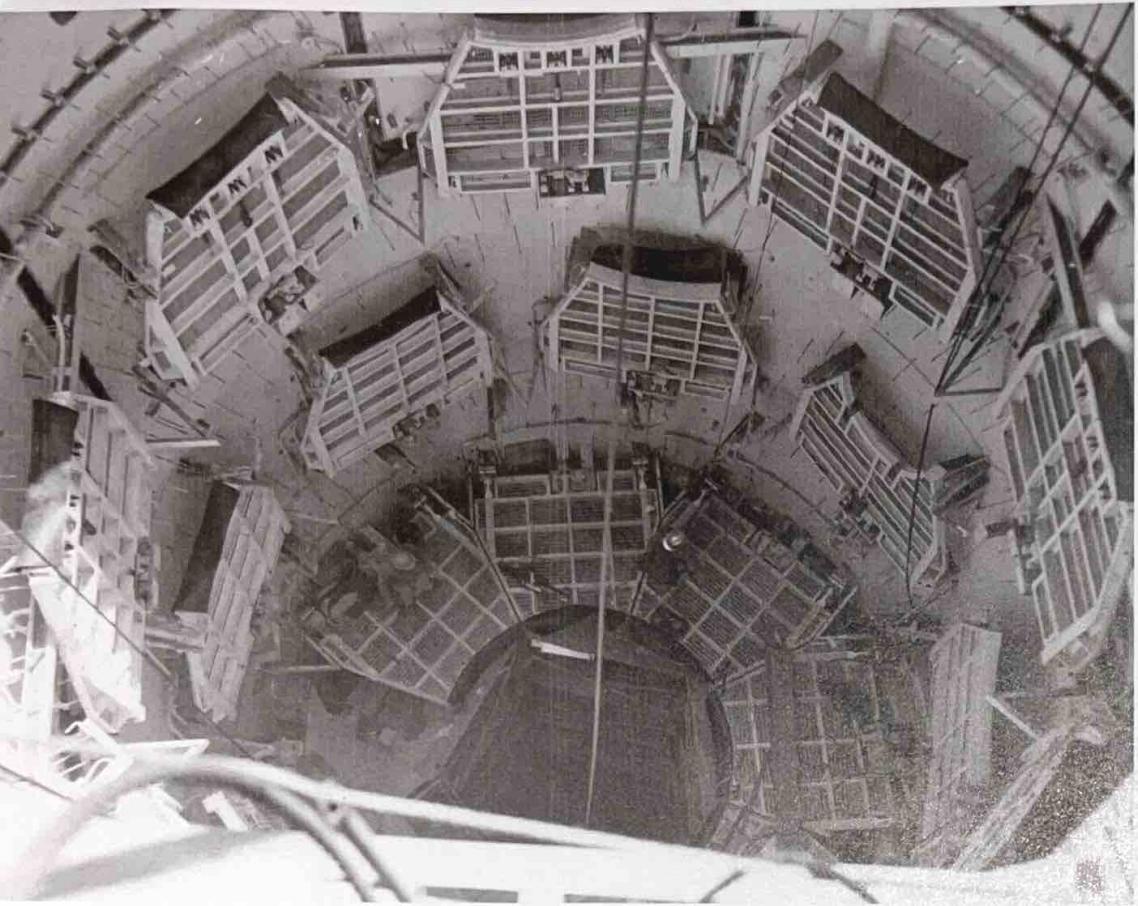
The structure of the silo was dictated by a number of engineering requirements that made it impossible to fully shock-isolate it in the same way the LCC was isolated from its surroundings.

By necessity, the launch duct was connected to the silo at the base, and was braced by a concrete floor at level 3. Shock waves impacting the outer silo wall would, therefore, be transmitted to the launch duct. For that reason, all critical equipment in the silo was independently shock isolated—virtually everything was suspended from springs. Even the missile was cradled by an enormous set of shock absorbers.

Because silo shock isolation was impossible in any practical terms, engineers employed what might best be thought of as silo shock management: they designed the structures to absorb, damp and minimize shock transmission





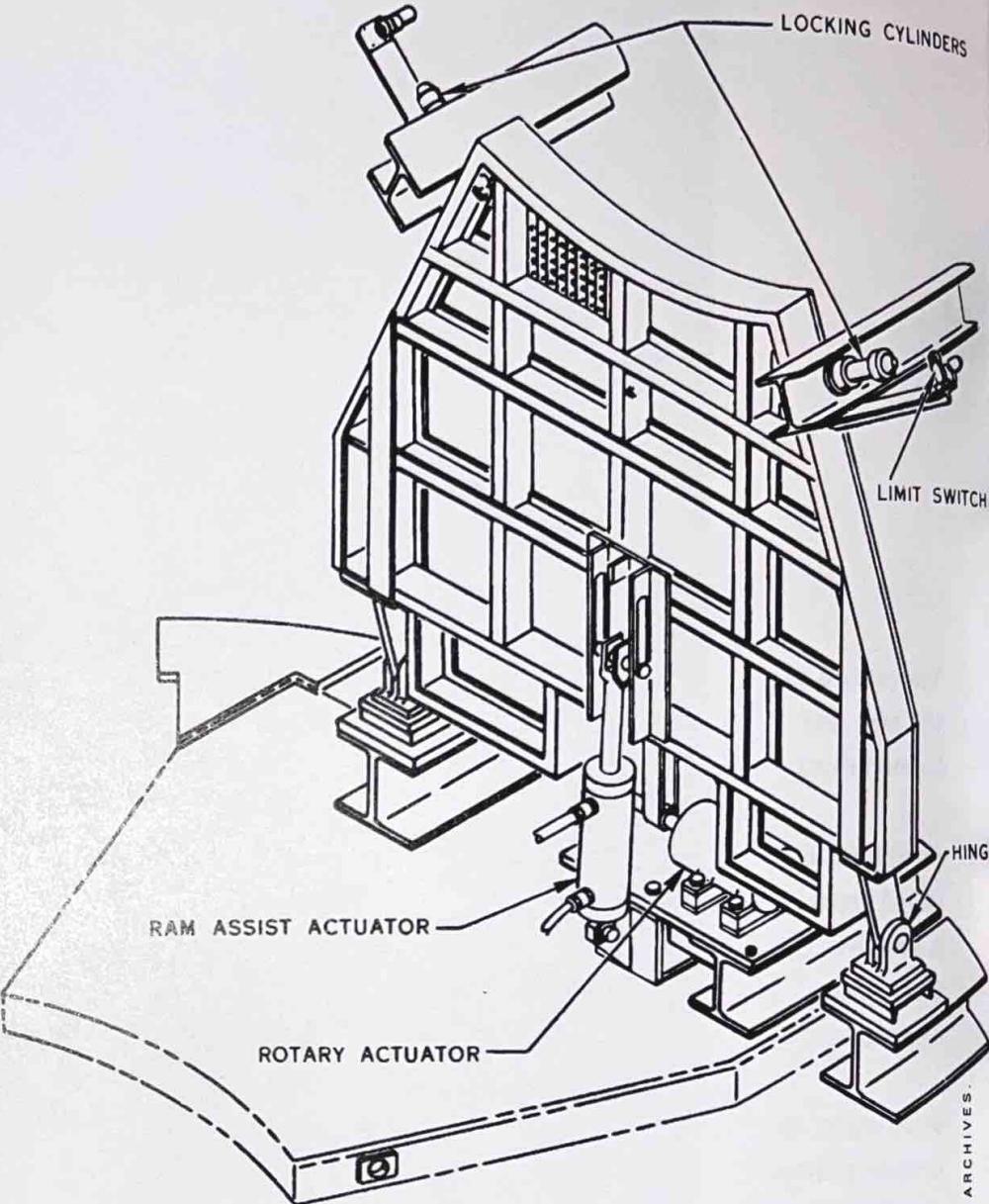


▲ Work platforms as seen before installation of the missile. In this image the platforms on level 5 have been lowered.

four. The work platforms were normally kept in the up position. The Titan Missile Museum has lowered two of the platforms on level 2 to demonstrate how maintenance teams might have worked near the missile. In reality, whenever workers needed to enter the launch duct all eight platforms would be lowered, creating a floor completely surrounding the missile. With that in mind it is important to note that if even one of the work platforms was down the missile could not be launched. An inability to launch, for whatever reason, resulted in the complex being off alert, and being off alert was not a good thing.

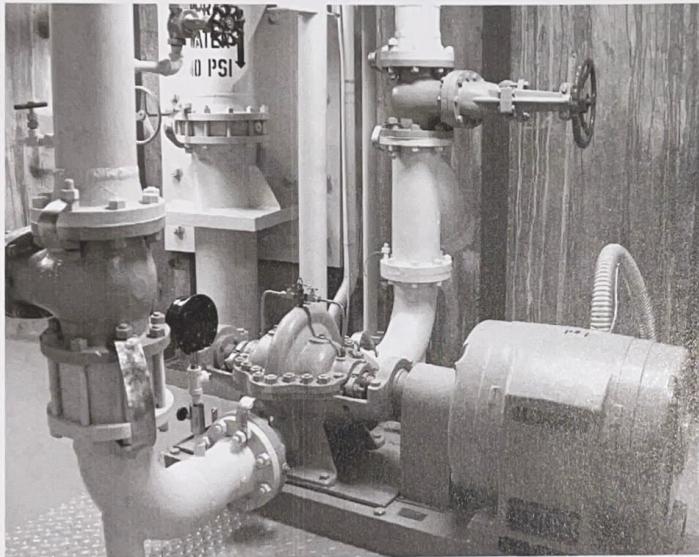
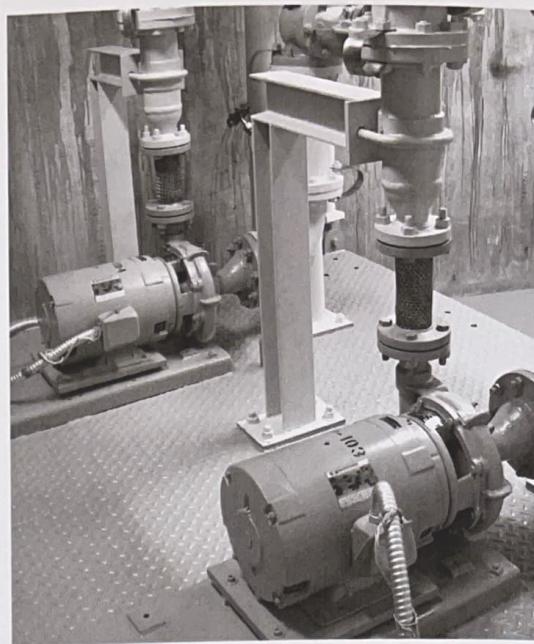
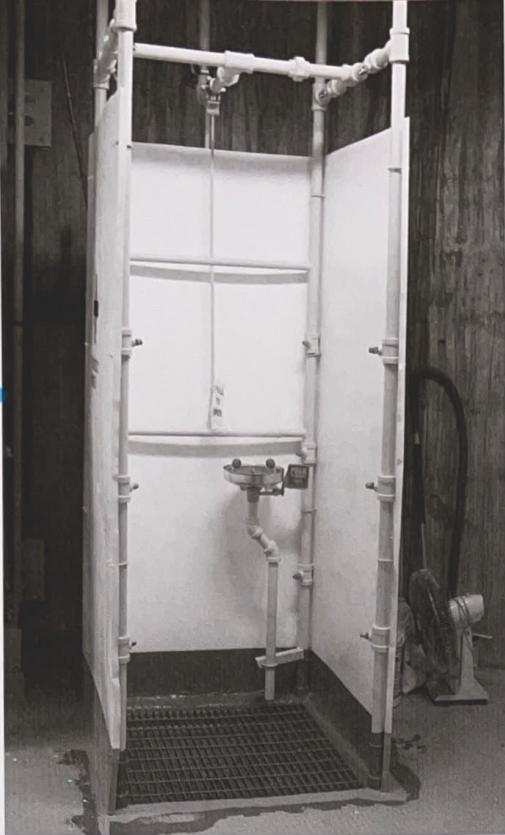
Even though acoustic modules alone would have protected the missile from damage, the engineers were not satisfied. They knew that the noise of launching the missile would be extremely loud. They also knew that the missile had to clear the top of the silo before it could be considered safe to launch. If the missile cleared the top of the silo but did not clear the noise of launching, it would be damaged by the noise.

Now that the bottom of the silo

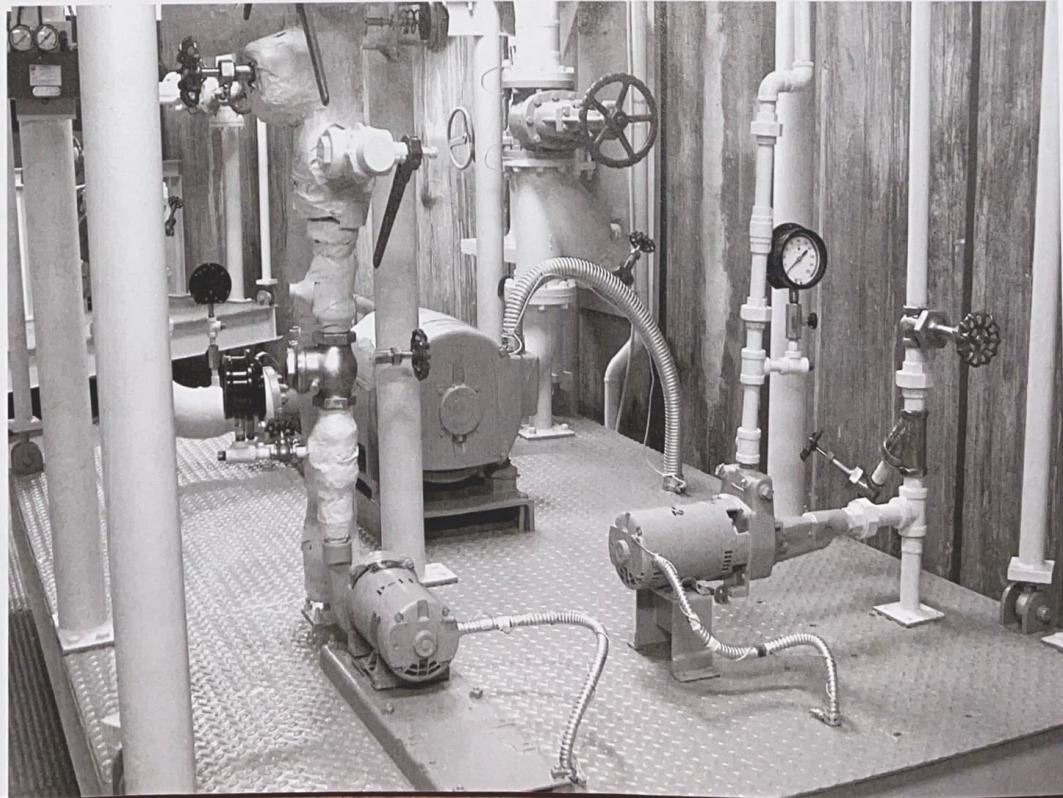


▲ Schematic showing platform, hydraulic motor and locking pins.

► One of several emergency showers located in the silo.



▲ Fire pump P-1. At 60 horsepower, it was by far the largest electric motor on the complex.

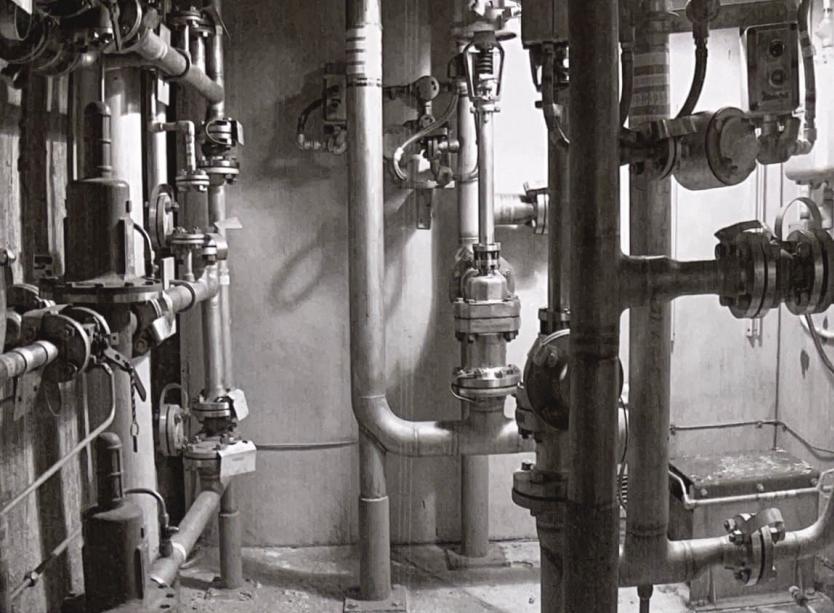


supplying these pumps would be closed.

In a plumbing shut-off scenario, the domestic water system would be cut off and the crew would be limited to the water in the pressure tank on LCC level 1. Pump P-2 would then be used to pressurize the industrial water system, utilizing the 100,000-gallon (380,000 l) tank as a supply.

Fire pump P-1 was driven by a 60-horsepower electric motor and was plumbed in parallel with pump P-2. P-1 would not start unless the demand for fire suppression water became so great that P-2 could not maintain sufficient pressure.<sup>25</sup> P-1 could deliver an astonishing 800 gallons (3000 l) per minute against 200 feet (61 m) of head pressure.<sup>26</sup>

Cooling water pumps P-103 and P-104 circulated water to the topside cooling towers and then returned it to the chiller units. When the underground chillers were replaced with mod-

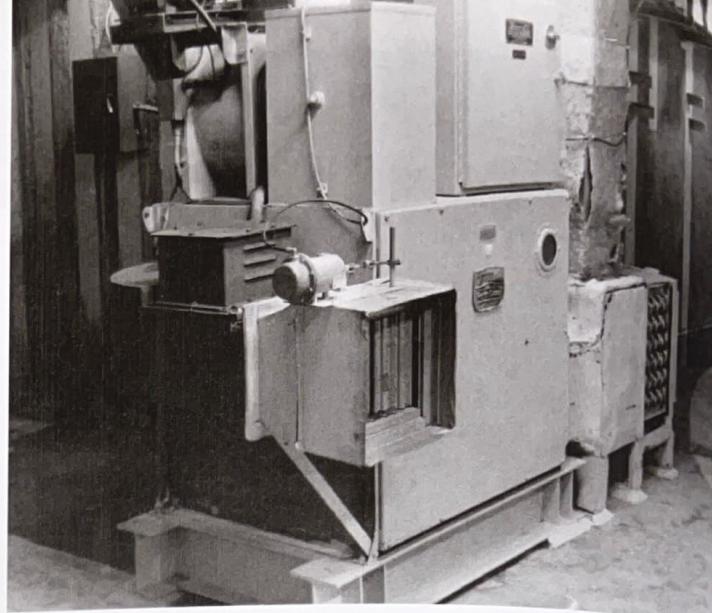


▲ The oxidizer pump room. Used in PTS operations for loading and unloading oxidizer on the missile.

ern topside units, these pumps were no longer required except in plumbing shut-off mode when they would be used to circulate cooling water through the silo water tank.<sup>27</sup>

P-112 circulated chilled water through the silo tank to keep the water at or below 73° F (23° C).<sup>28</sup>

Also on level 7 was the air compressor system that provided compressed air to the pneumatic systems on the complex. Air stored in two tanks on the left side was routed through air-drying canisters and used to operate several systems including the locking pins for the launch duct work platforms and the plumbing shut-off plug valves. Air from two tanks on the right



side was used to start the diesel generator.<sup>29</sup>

Level 7 also provided access to the launch duct at the level of the stage one engine.

### Silo Equipment Level 8

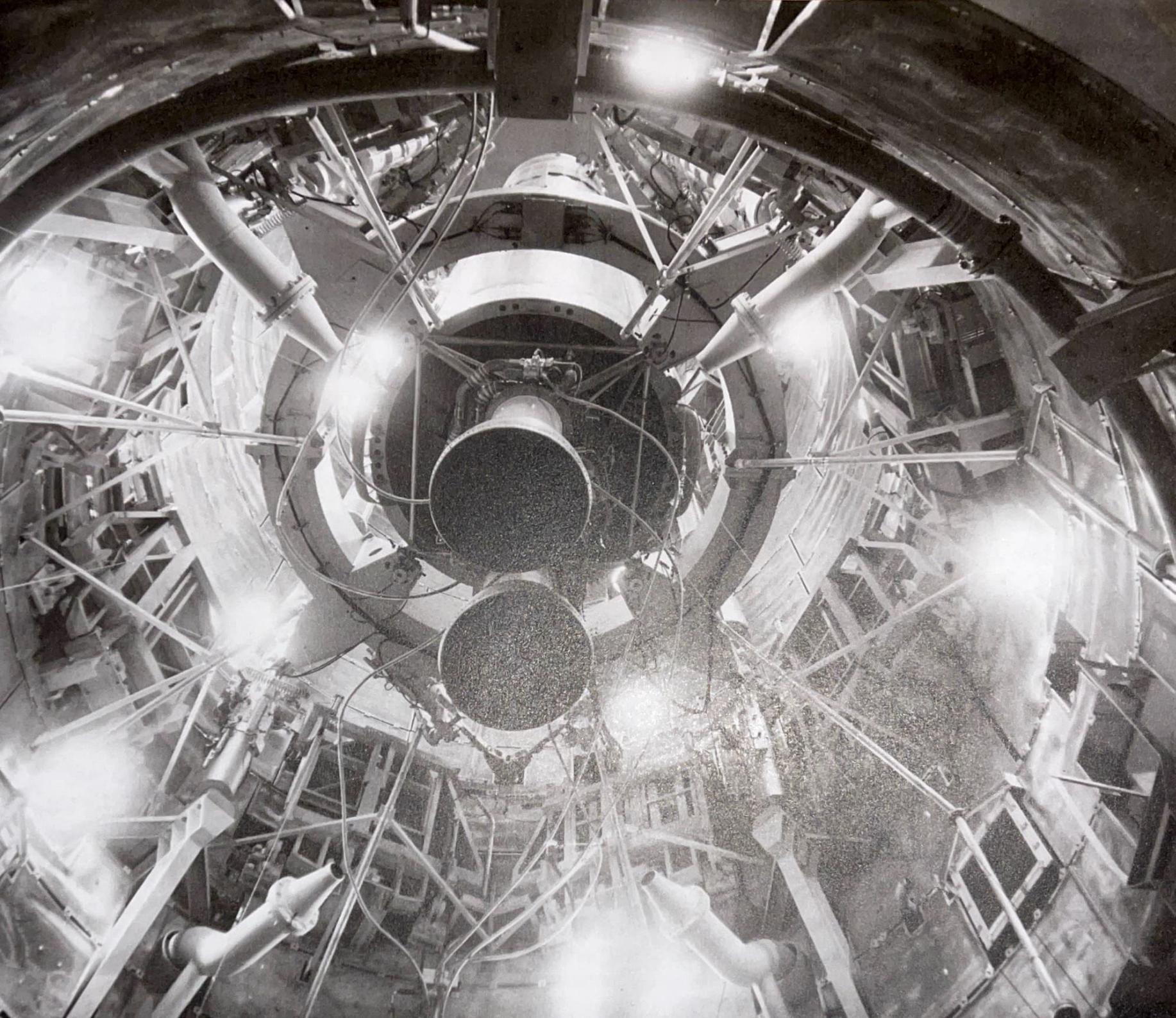
Loading propellant onto the missile was accomplished by gravity. Offloading was accomplished with pumps installed in separate small stainless steel rooms known as the fuel and oxidizer pump rooms. Both were located on level 8. As originally designed, the offloading pumps were permanently installed in each pump room. After emergency offloading capability was abandoned (along with the topside dump tanks) in 1979, the pumps were

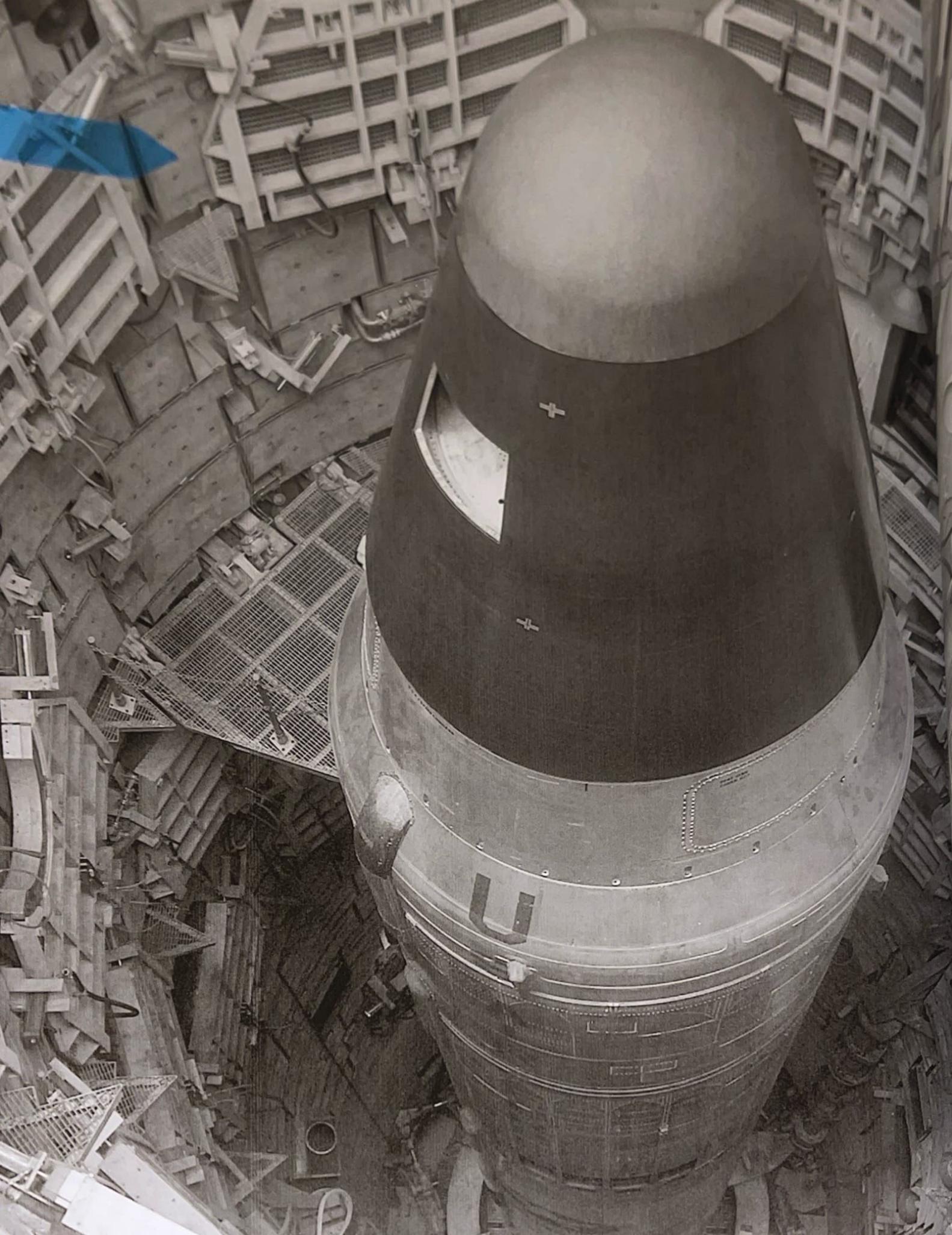
▲ The launch duct dehumidifier kept the relative humidity inside the launch duct at or below 30 percent.



► The “diving board” (at upper right) on level 8 as seen from level 7. Note flame deflector. This massive concrete wedge directed missile exhaust into two vertical shafts.







◀ Typical abandoned LCC, HF/UHF radio cabinets at left. The SLFCS cabinet is gone. ALOC and FPCB cabinets are at right. The LCCFC would have been in the center. It is pitch dark. The only illumination in this image was the camera's flash.





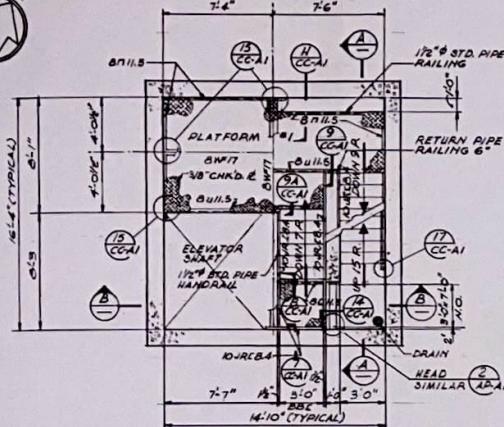
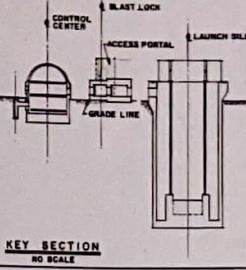
# GLOSSARY

AAS.....	azimuth alignment set	LOX.....	liquid oxygen
ABM.....	anti-ballistic missile	MCC.....	motor control center
AC.....	air conditioner	MCCC....	missile combat crew commander
AC.....	alternating current	MFL.....	missile fault locator
ACP.....	alternate command post	MFT.....	missile facilities technician
AFB.....	air force base	MGACG ..	missile guidance and alignment checkout group
ALOC ....	alternate launch officer's console	MGC.....	missile guidance computer
AM.....	amplitude modulation	MHz.....	megahertz
AMARG ..	Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group	MSA.....	Mine Safety Appliance
APS.....	accessory power supply	MT.....	megaton (one million tons)
AW.....	air washer	NASA ....	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
BFRC ....	big freaking red cloud	OGE.....	operating ground equipment
BLX.....	basic launch complex	PDC.....	power distribution and control
BMAT ....	ballistic missile analyst technician	PSI.....	pounds per square inch
BV.....	blast valve	PTPMU...	propellant tank pressure monitoring unit
BVL.....	butterfly valve lock	PTS.....	propellant transfer system
BVLC ....	butterfly valve lock control	PTT.....	push to talk
C.....	centigrade	RAM.....	random access memory
CB.....	circuit breaker	RFHCO...	rocket fuel handler's clothing outfit
CB .....	citizen's band (radio)	RP-I.....	a highly refined kerosene used as rocket fuel
CBR.....	chemical, biological and radiation (filter)	RPIE.....	real property installed equipment
CMG.....	control monitor group	RPM.....	revolutions per minute
DC.....	direct current	RTMN....	radio type maintenance net
DMCCC ..	deputy missile combat crew commander	RV.....	reentry vehicle
CEP.....	circular error probable	SAC.....	Strategic Air Command
EAM .....	emergency action message	SAC-CEM.	Strategic Air Command civil engineering manual
ELU.....	emergency lighting unit	SACCS ...	strategic automated command and control system
EMP.....	electromagnetic pulse	SALT.....	Strategic Arms Limitations Treaty
ERCS ....	emergency rocket communications system	SLFCS ...	survivable low frequency communication system
EWO .....	emergency war orders	SMS .....	strategic missile squadron
F .....	Fahrenheit	SMW.....	strategic missile wing
FAC.....	failure of alternating current	SSB.....	single sideband
FM.....	frequency modulation	T.O.....	technical orders
FPCB....	facilities power control board	U.S.S.R. ...	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (the Soviet Union)
GMT .....	Greenwich Mean Time	UHF.....	ultra high frequency
Ha.....	Hectares (land area)	UTC.....	coordinated universal time
HF.....	high frequency	VDAP ....	vapor detector annunciator panel
HS.....	hydraulic system	VIP .....	very important person
ICBM....	intercontinental ballistic missile	VLF.....	very low frequency
IMU.....	inertial measurement unit	VSS.....	voice signaling system
IRBM....	intermediate range ballistic missile	WCP.....	wing command post
IRCS ....	intercomplex radio communications system	WCT.....	wire control and transmission
ITU .....	International Telecommunications Union	WTMN ...	wire type maintenance net
Kg .....	kilogram	WWV ....	radio callsign for the National Institutes of Standards and Technology shortwave time station
kHz .....	kilohertz	ZULU .....	military jargon for UTC
kt.....	kiloton (one thousand tons)		
LCC.....	launch control center		
LCCFC ...	launch control complex facilities console		

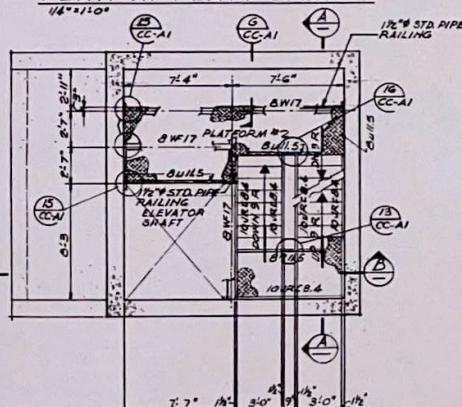
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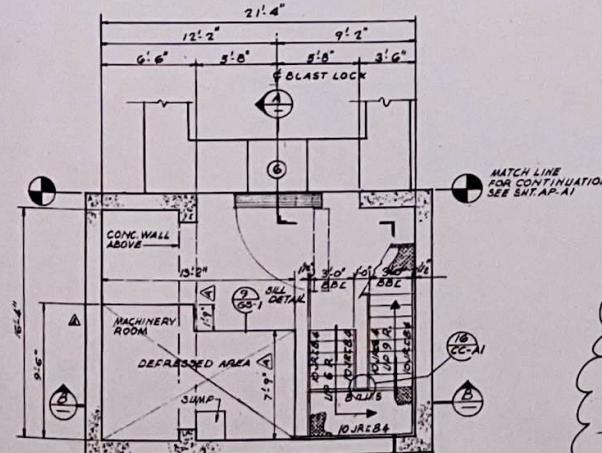
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3. FOR CONCRETE OPENINGS, WALL AND FOUNDATION DIMENSIONS SEE STRUCTURAL SHEETS - SHT AP-33.
4. ALL STEEL PLATFORM & LANDING DIMENSIONS SHOWN ON ELEVATION ARE TO TOP OF CHECKED FLOOR PLATE.
5. MATERIAL FOR ACCESS PORTAL HAND RAILS - A-1-1/2" GALV. PIPE RAIL AND SCREWED FITTINGS.
- B-CIRCULAR FLOOR FLANGES WITH COUNTER SUNK HOLES AND ANCHOR BOLTS TO MATCH



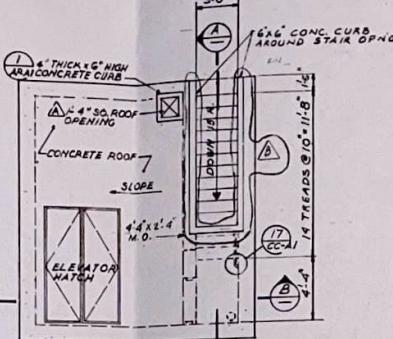
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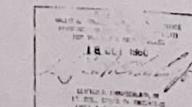
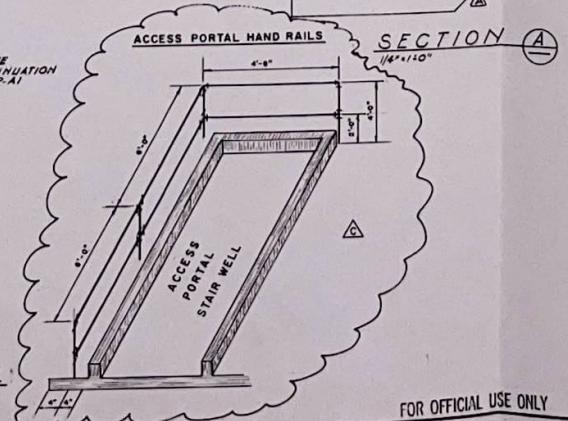
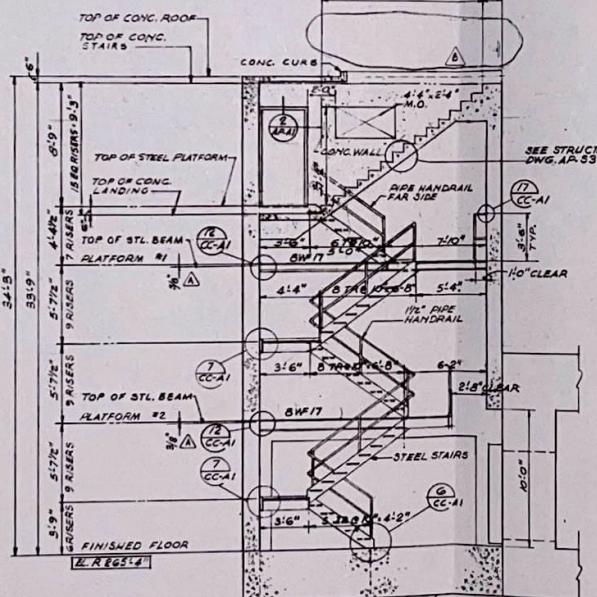
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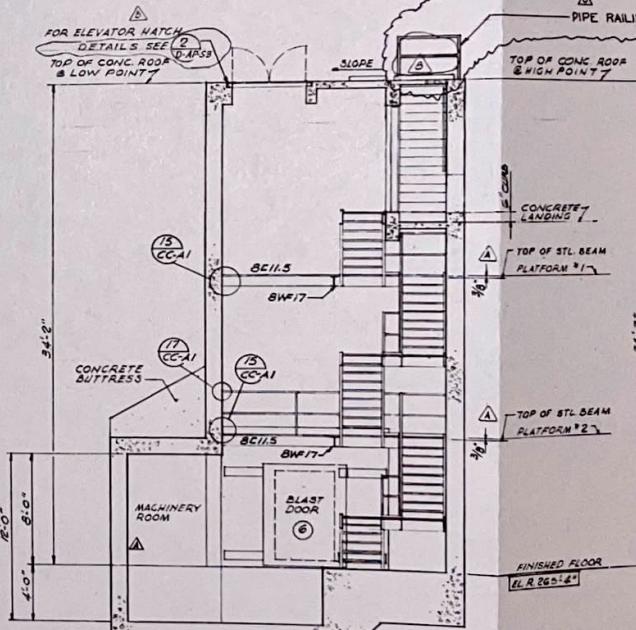
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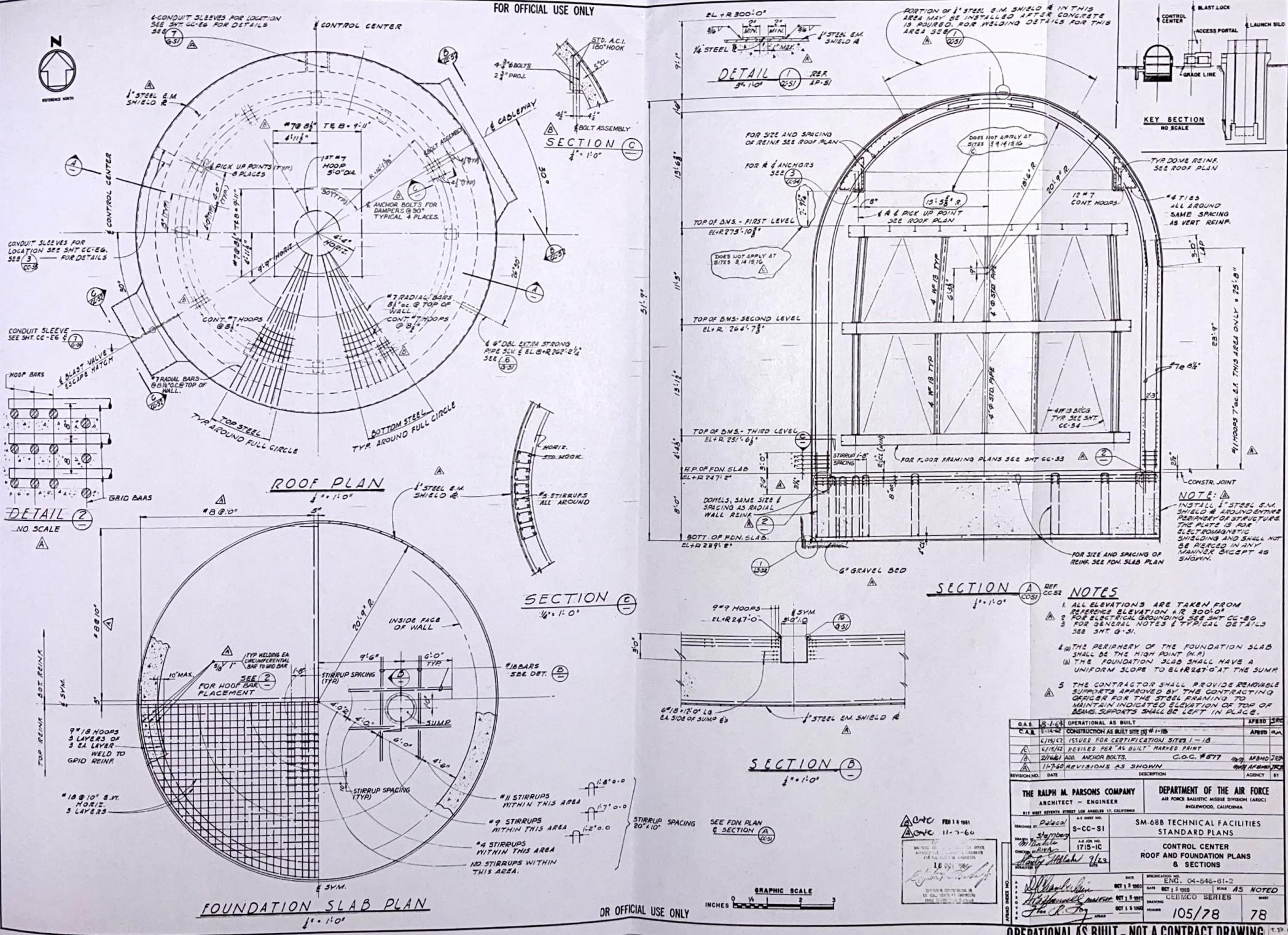


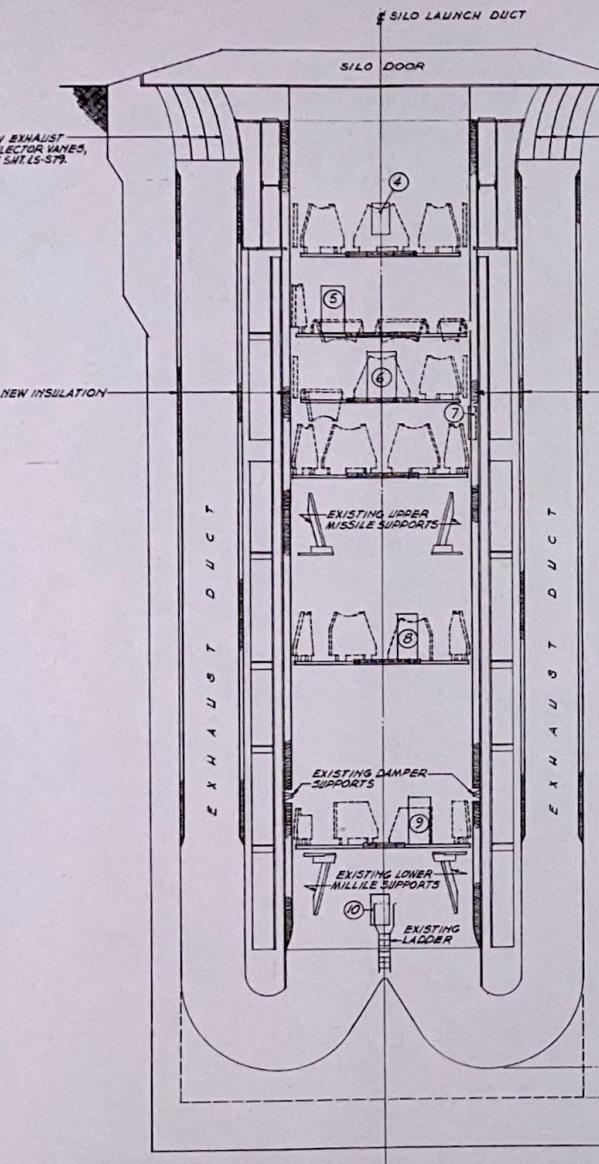
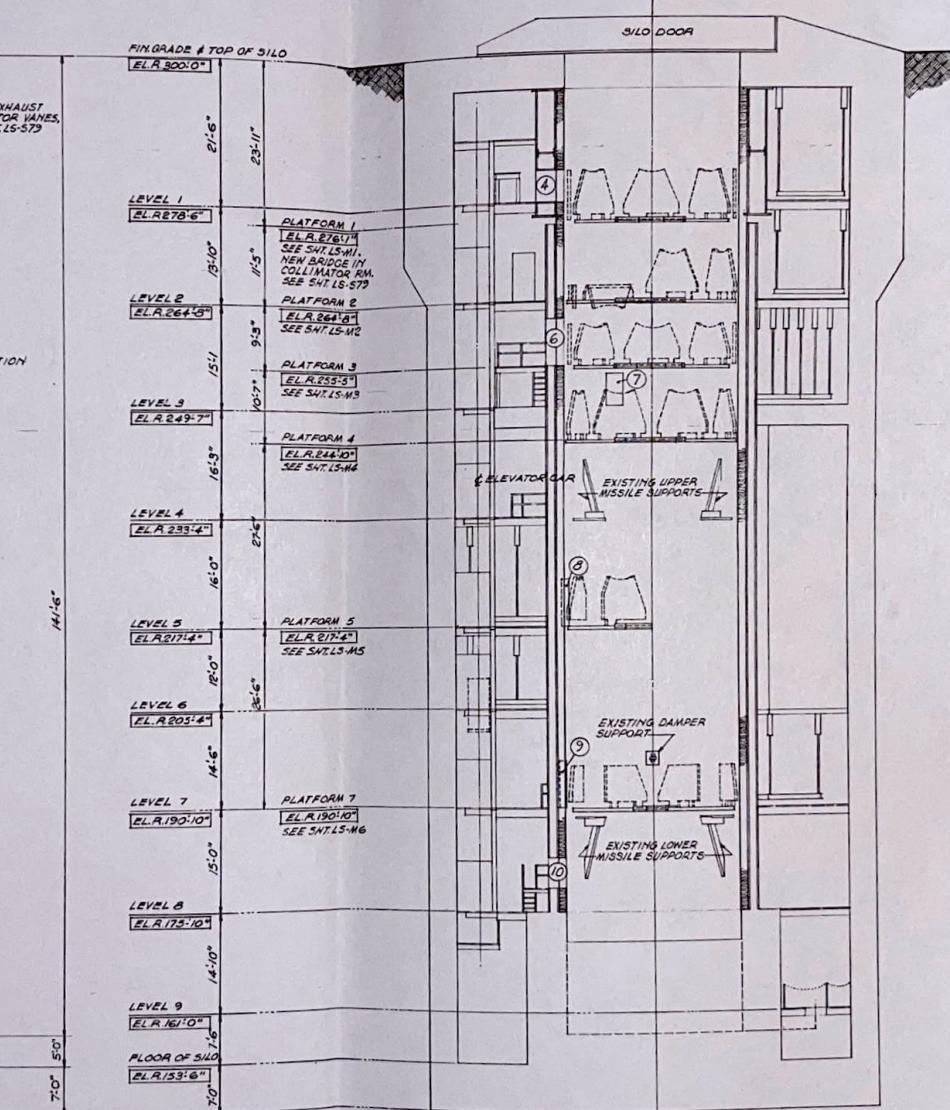
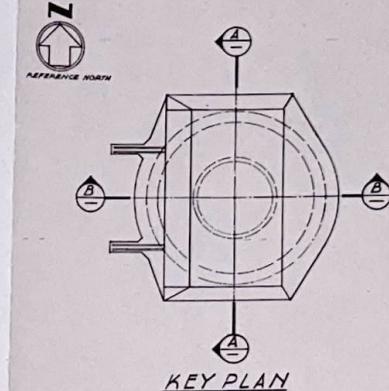
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- G-5-61 ISSUED FOR CERTIFICATION		
- G-5-61 REMOVED PIPE RAILING & REVISED ELEVATOR HATCH DETAILS		
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OPERATIONAL AS BUILT - NOT A CONTRACT DRAWING





SECTION A  
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- FOR DEVELOPED ELEVATION OF LAUNCH DUCT WALL, SEE SHEETS LS-4 & LS-5.
- FOR DEVELOPED ELEVATION OF LAUNCH DUCT INSULATION, SEE SHT LS-5B & LS-5C.
- ALL CONSTRUCTION OUTSIDE LAUNCH DUCT IS EXISTING, EXCEPT FOR PLATFORMS, PLATFORM SUPPORTS AND INSULATION.
- ALL CONSTRUCTION INSIDE LAUNCH DUCT IS EXISTING EXCEPT FOR PLATFORMS, PLATFORM SUPPORTS AND INSULATION.
- ④ TO ⑩ INDICATES DOOR NO. OF EXISTING DOORS TO LAUNCH DUCT.

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