

***The Big Picture – Missiles on Target***

Announcer: This is *The Big Picture*, an official television report of the United States Army, produced for the armed forces and the American people. Now, to show you part of *The Big Picture*, here is Master Sergeant Stuart Queen:

Master Sergeant Stuart Queen: By now, most of us have seen on television or in the newsreels the drama of the launching pad, when a long-range missile is fired into the air. An orange surge of flame, a thunderous bellow of sound, then up it goes until, as far as the naked eye is concerned, it disappears into the skies.

What then? Today's *Big Picture* is the story of "what then?" The story of how long-range missiles streak through the air to strike unerringly even a small target a long distance away. Our story begins a few miles from the White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico, one morning not long ago.

Male Speaker: I was almost there and well ahead of time, too. The arrangement was for me to meet my son at the service club at 5 p.m., the service club at the White Sands Proving Ground. It was still early. I could take it easy from here on; enjoy the scenery. I had really been beating out the miles in the last two days. Just over on the other side of those mountains...