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## Missile Defense Elements Participate in Air Force Test

Air Force Lieutenant General Henry "Trey" Obering, Missile Defense Agency (MDA) director, announced today the successful completion of an exercise involving Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) elements and emerging technologies which gathered data during a routine operational test of a U.S. Air Force strategic missile from Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Participating assets included the Sea-Based X-Band radar and infrared detectors mounted aboard two F-16 aircraft from the Arizona National Guard Air Force Reserve Center Test Center. Data collected during the exercise will be used to improve sensor capabilities and as risk reduction for future BMDS tests.

The Air Force test, called Glory Trip 198, was part of a continuing program to evaluate and demonstrate the operational readiness of our ground-based strategic missile deterrent force. The ability to utilize a target of opportunity allows MDA to conduct numerous important exercises and obtain extensive data without incurring the expense associated with launching a test-specific target missile.

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