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\$100 Million Launch at Vandenberg June 16th; “Money to Burn on Unusable Weapons Systems”

Santa Barbara, CA – On Wednesday, June 16, Vandenberg Air Force Base will launch a Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile to the Ronald Reagan Test Site on Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. Minuteman III missiles, the United States’ land-based nuclear weapon delivery system, are on hair-trigger alert in silos around the country, ready to be fired within moments of an order to do so. They are some of the most dangerous and potentially catastrophic weapons on the planet. The Secretary of the Air Force will be traveling to Vandenberg to personally witness the launch.

David Krieger, President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, said:

“On June 16th, Vandenberg Air Force Base will be putting on a show for Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, who will be visiting the base to observe the launch of a Minuteman III missile. This show will cost US taxpayers approximately \$100 million. It will send a message to the rest of the world that the US has money to burn on unusable weapons systems. This will not make the US one bit safer and will demonstrate to the world that we remain reliant on nuclear weapons and their delivery systems. Coming only a few weeks after the conclusion of the 2010 Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference, US missile testing continues to be provocative and will undermine the progress on preventing nuclear proliferation that was achieved at the conference.”

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