

## Two From Albuquerque

# Team Hunting Bombs Has 3 New Mexicans

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Three New Mexicans, including two Albuquerque men, are among the members of the "action response team" sent to Greenland to search for the four hydrogen bombs believed lost in the crash of a U.S. Air Force B-52 bomber Sunday off Greenland.

Sent were Paul R. Smith, 1804 Propps NE, Roy P. Lambert, 2225 Dietz Pl. NW, and John C. Kinker, Los Alamos, a spokesman for the Atomic Energy Commission in Albuquerque said.

SMITH, a weapons safety engineer, works in the operational safety division of the Atomic Energy Commission's Operations Office, the spokesman said.

Lambert is a weapons expert from Sandia Lab, Albuquerque.

Kinker, a high explosives expert, works at Los Alamos Scientific Lab, the spokesman said.

THE THREE were reportedly sent because of their expertise in the design of the nuclear devices involved.

The Action Response Team

is not a standing team, but is custom-assembled by the AEC any time an emergency involving nuclear devices develops. The last time such a team was assembled was during the search for a missing hydrogen bomb off Palomares, Spain, two years ago.

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# Technicians Sent From Albuquerque

Sixty-nine nuclear technicians from Sandia Base, Kirtland AF Base and the Atomic Energy Commission's Albuquerque Operations Office have been sent to Thule, Greenland, to assist a radiological survey involved in the recovery of four hydrogen bombs lost in the crash of a B-52 bomber last Sunday.

Fifty-one additional technicians from the Defense Atomic Support Agency's Nuclear Emergency Team (NET) at Sandia Base flew to Greenland Friday night. The group will join 10 other NET men at the search headquarters.

Earlier the AEC had dispatched three members of an "action response team" to Thule.

And, KAFB said four officers from the Air Force Directorate of Nuclear Safety at KAFB were sent to Thule last Sunday.

A Sandia Base spokesman said Navy Capt. R. E. McElwee, Air Force Capt. Kent Buckingham and Army Col.

Robert Conraty will each head one of three DASA teams in the search.

Brig. Gen. William E. Gernert, deputy commander, Sandia Base field command, will be in charge of the 61-man contingent from Sandia Base but will remain here.

A KAFB spokesman said nuclear safety experts from its base now at Thule are Col. Richard S. Marcum, Major James Russell, Major William Layne and Capt. William McRaney.

Earlier, the AEC identified three Albuquerque men as members of its "action response team" at Thule as Roy P. Lambert, Sandia Laboratory; Paul R. Smith, AEC Operations Office, at Los Alamos; and John C. Kinker, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory.

Meanwhile, wire service stories said parts of the hydrogen bombs lost in the bomber crash were located in the ice of North Star Bay, near Thule, earlier Friday.