

Navy

The Pacific Missile Range, for which \$68 million is requested in fiscal year 1968, is responsible for range scheduling, communications, weather and meteorological services, and data reduction in support of assigned missile and space launch operations in the Pacific.

The Atlantic Undersea Test Evaluation Center (AUTECH), located in a deep-sea canyon off the Bahamas, will consist of three separate test ranges for weapons, sonars and acoustic systems. The weapons range became operational October 1966; the acoustic and sonar ranges are scheduled for completion during fiscal year 1967 and fiscal year 1970, respectively. For AUTECH, \$18 million is requested in fiscal year 1968.

General support for other Navy research and development laboratories and test facilities not chargeable to specific programs will require \$310 million in fiscal year 1968.

Air Force

For the Eastern Test Range, \$219 million is requested in fiscal year 1968, approximately \$13 million less than for the current fiscal year. Future test activities will involve greater accuracies, larger payloads, and more complex reentry vehicles as well as more sophisticated missions. To meet these more demanding requirements, the funds included in the fiscal year 1968 request will provide a capability for collecting improved trajectory evaluation data on new frequencies. The program will also provide for the operation of eight specially instrumented C-135 aircraft to support the activities associated with the Apollo programs.

About \$89 million is requested for fiscal year 1968 to support the Air Force Western Test Range which consists of a complex of range-instrumentation networks supporting Air Force, Navy, and NASA launches from Vandenberg AFB, Point Arguello, and Point Mugu. The program also provides for the operation of five Apollo support ships.

General support, including "Development support," will require \$65 million in fiscal year 1968. This item carries the major support of the Air Force Systems Command and its nationwide complex of research, development, and test installations, the construction of additional research and development facilities, and other support programs. It includes about \$85 million for the cost of services provided under contract by organizations such as Rand Aerospace Corp., and the Lincoln Laboratory.

EMERGENCY FUND

For the Department of Defense emergency fund, we are requesting the appropriation of \$125 million and transfer authority of \$150 million, the same as the amounts provided for fiscal year 1967.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The research and development program, including the development of systems approved for deployment will require about \$8 billion in