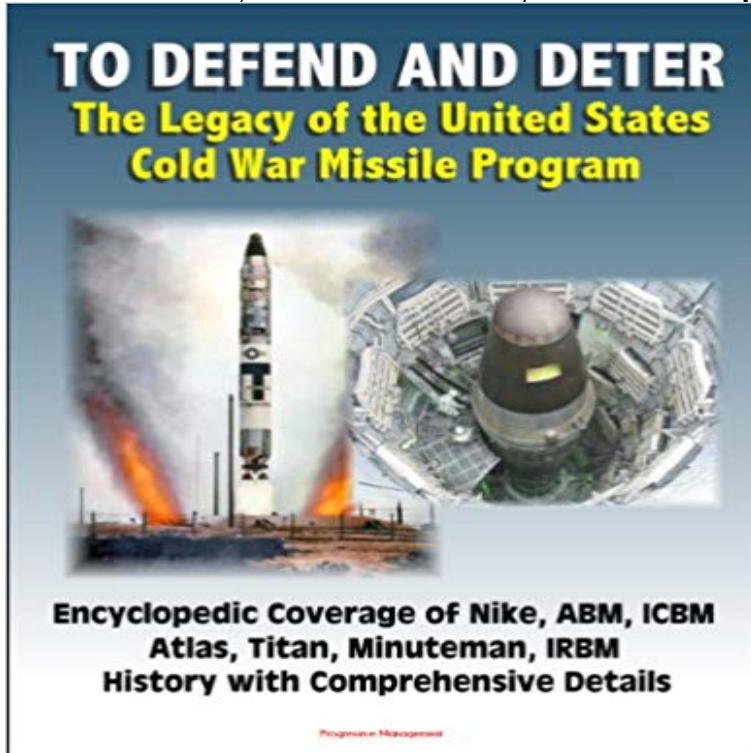


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To Defend and Deter is the product of a 2-year effort by personnel from the Tri-Services Cultural Resources Research Center, located at the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratories (USACERL), working in cooperation with Dr. Cameron and other members of the military history community. The goal of this effort was to develop a history and reference guide suitable for use in identifying and evaluating the historical significance of missile-related cultural resources. The authors have supplied the information necessary to locate, identify, and understand Army and Air Force guided missile facilities. This, coupled with evaluative guidelines currently being developed within DoD, will help cultural resources personnel make substantive evaluations.

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BOMARC missile squadrons were deployed along the eastern seaboard and in the midwest. The Army's contribution to the air defense network was the Nike anti-aircraft missile system.

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