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Sylvania Electronic Systems engineers Clay Loftin, left, and John Comport check out part of the security system equipment which is being produced at the Santa Cruz manufacturing facility to help guard Air Force Minuteman ICBM sites. Sylvania Electronic Systems, a division of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., has received an additional \$500,000 for continued research and development of the electronic security systems. The equipment was developed under a research and development contract now totaling \$3.2 million from the Air Force's Ballistic Systems division, Norton Air Force Base, California, said Jesse R. Lien, vice president and general manager of Sylvania Electronic Systems. Lien said the overall contract calls for production and delivery of nine already-developed security systems for immediate use in guarding other launch control facilities, field testing of the systems, and training activities in the operation and maintenance of the systems. Design and development activity is being conducted at the western operation's Reconnaissance Systems laboratories in Mountain View. The Minuteman is a three-stage solid-propellant ICBM with a range of more than 6000 miles. The missiles are stored in underground concrete, blast-resistant launch silos as a part of the arsenal of retaliatory weapons.



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