

# SAC Alert Impresses Dallas Men

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OFFUTT AFB, Omaha, Neb., Dec. 5.—Thirty-two Dallas business and professional leaders listened in amazement in Strategic Air Command's underground command post here Thursday as a dozen SAC bases scattered around the world answered a test alert by voice within seconds.

"That's how quickly we can talk and listen," said Lt. Gen. F. H. Griswold, SAC's vice-commander-in-chief.

The clear voices sounded from Spain, Thule, England, Alaska, the Far East and other distant points. The words had been scrambled in transit and reassembled electronically.

A full-scale SAC briefing, including a close look at the football-field size underground war room with its sliding 30-foot wall maps and glassed-in control booths, was given the Dallas visitors.

Then the Texans led by Eugene McElvaney, chairman of the Dallas Air Power Council, and Carr P. Collins Jr., head of the Dallas Air Force Association chapter, boarded their C-97 Stratocruiser for the 2½-hour flight back to Dallas.

The Strategic Air Command operates about 3,000 planes, including a good portion of "work-horse" B-47 medium bombers,

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