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Seizing Victory from the Jaws of Deterrence: Preservation and Public Memory of America's Nike Air Defense Missile System

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“This dissertation explores the historic preservation and public memory of America’s Nike air defense missile program. To defend against nuclear attacks delivered by Soviet bombers in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s the United States constructed a massive air defense network, the largest peacetime dispersion of America’s military might into its communities.”

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