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This reply speaks to that portion of Dr. Vonnegut's "Further Comments" having to do with the "Alecto" pyrotechnic bombing method.

In addition to the sketchy information which has appeared in several scientific journals concerning the "Alecto" and its predecessor, "Cyclops," the December 1963 issue of *Naval Research Reviews* contains an article which describes both the "Cyclops" and "Alecto" units in general terms. I grant that neither this article nor any of the other information published to date provides the scientific detail which is needed for others to pursue their own investigations.

The Navy, through NOTS, has a contract with

Colorado State University (CSU) to perform detailed analyses of the products of combustion released by the "Alecto" units under varying simulated atmospheric conditions. The equipment needed to perform these tests has been at CSU less than a year and the "Alecto" testing has not been completed. When the test results have been completed, about January 1966, they will be made available by the Navy to the scientific community.

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