On April 1965, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force directed the Air Force Systems Command, and in turn the Ballistic Systems Division, to conduct an "MMRBM Redefinition Study." The primary purposes of this study were to reassess the overall feasibility of employing a land-based MRBM in the Pacific Theater, to define candidate weapon systems and operational concepts best suited for that theater, and to compare the effectiveness, costs and development schedules of the various candidates.
The approach taken for this study was to re-examine a broad range of weapon systems that bound the scope of potential solutions for providing an all-weather, quick-reaction, nuclear strike capability for use in countering the identified Chi-Com threat.

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