

ABM SCHEDULE FOR MALMSTROM IS ANNOUNCED

GFH 10-12-69 P 1

Washington (AP) - The first major construction of the Safeguard Antiballistic Missile System in Montana will be in August of next year, Sen. Mike Mansfield, D-MT, said Saturday.

He said he was told by Lt. Gen. Alfred Starbird, ABM director for the Army, that the last construction award will be in February, 1971, with the construction period extending through late 1972.

Construction of ABM sites will move ahead first in North Dakota, Mansfield confirmed.

He said on-site surveys of the proposed facilities will begin at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana, later this month. The rough cost of the work at Malmstrom, the only air base in northcentral Montana, is expected to be about \$108 million.