

# Sub Locates Lost H-Bomb Intact Off Spanish Coast

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Success Crowns Multi-Million

## Search Of Mediterranean Area

PALOMARES BEACH, Spain (AP) — The U.S. midget submarine Alvin has found the long and anxiously sought hydrogen bomb that was lost two months ago in an American bomber-tanker plane crash over Spain, official sources said Thursday night.

They reported it was spotted with its parachute still attached 2,500 feet under the surface of the Mediterranean Sea, five miles offshore.

The weapon was reported apparently intact — indicating no lethal leakage in the waters of this holiday resort.

There was jubilation from here to Washington at the apparently successful conclusion of an intensive, multimillion-dollar search that occupied thousands of men for two months and sent diplomatic repercussions around the world.

Officials said it would take up to three days for Rear Adm. William Guest's Task Force 65 to bring the bomb ashore or put it aboard a search vessel.

Armed warships ringed the area. Recovery operations were expected to start Friday morning.

The official sources said the Alvin found the weapon Wednesday. Directors of the search were just settling down to a long sweep of the sea bottom when word of the contact was flashed from the sub.

Cautious optimism gave way to joy when the first undersea pictures reached headquarters.

Experts who looked at the pictures said there was no doubt it was the weapon, which had been the object of one of the most intensive naval searches in history.

They said not only did the pic-

tures show the bomb, intact in its casing, but also the attached parachute.

This word about the parachute confirmed statements by Spanish fishermen who said Jan. 17 they saw "another parachute with what looked like half a man" fall into the sea. They had just rescued four of the 11 men aboard the B52 bomber and its aerial tanker which collided in a fueling operation.

Officials said no pictures would be permitted of the bomb, the parachute or recovery operations because of the highly secret nature of the material.