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- Under the direction of Chief Engineer Cholet, the arsenals at Bourges, the maritime prefects of Brest and Lorient, naval artillery officers have been carrying out constant experiments with guided missiles from the artillery range at Plouharnel (Morbihan). The missiles are fired from Plouharnel and their point of impact is in the dunes on the coast of La Vendée, north of the Sables d'Olonne.
- The line of fire extends for 150 kilometers. It passes over the Quiberon Peninsula and the Islands of Houat and Hoedic and somewhat to the northeast of the Ile d'Yeu.
- Further experiments have now had to be postponed because of protests by the coastal population of Morbihan. The national defense authorities hope to overcome this opposition, though they will reserve the right to suspend fire during the summer.

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[ Available on loan from the CIA Library is a sketch map of area mentioned in above report. ]

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