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### Media Advisory

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#### **309 AMARG to eliminate final B-52G under the New START Treaty (NST)**

12/16/2013 - DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. -- The last B-52G Stratofortress accountable under the New START Treaty will be eliminated on Thursday, December 19 at the 309<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group in Tucson, Ariz.

Utilizing a rescue saw to complete a “surgical cut,” personnel assigned to the 577<sup>th</sup> Commodities and Reclamation Squadron (CMRS) will sever the tail section from the fuselage of B-52G, Serial Number 58-0224, satisfying the requirements of the Treaty for the elimination of heavy bombers.

With the elimination of 58-0224, thirty-nine B-52Gs will have been eliminated as part of U.S. reductions in order to meet the Treaty’s central limits by February 5, 2018.

In compliance with the New START Treaty, which entered into force on February 5, 2011 with the exchange of ratification instruments between former Secretary of State Clinton and Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov, AMARG eliminated the first B-52G on October 7, 2011.

This event will begin at 0900 and will include remarks by General Earl O’Loughlin, USAF, Retired and Colonel Robert S. Lepper, the AMARG Commander.

Media wishing to cover the event should contact the 309 AMARG Business Affairs Office at (520) 228.8095 or [teresa.pittman@us.af.mil](mailto:teresa.pittman@us.af.mil) by 1:00 p.m. Dec. 18. Media will be required to meet at the Irvington & Kolb entrance into AMARG by 8:15 a.m.