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Opportunity for Atmospheric Research
on MOHOLE Platform

Boulder, Colo. --- The National Science Foundation has endorsed the use of the project MOHOLE drilling platform for atmospheric research observations and has designated the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) as the coordinator for such atmospheric research programs.

The MOHOLE platform, 1.5 acres supported on six 31-ft diameter columns, will offer researchers in the fields of micrometeorology and air-sea interchange a unique opportunity for a time series of meteorological observations over the deep ocean. The platform will be located about 150 miles north of the island of Hawaii at 22° 22' N, 155° 28' W. Drilling is expected to begin in 1968, at the earliest, and to continue for about 2½ years.

NCAR will be responsible to the National Science Foundation for determining priorities and scheduling so that the greatest possible number of worthwhile programs may be included. NCAR will coordinate the programs but individual investigators must arrange their own funding. Transportation will be provided between the project MOHOLE shore base in Hawaii and the drilling platform. The various on-board shops and facilities will be available to the atmospheric research programs.

NCAR invites all interested atmospheric scientists to write for further information. Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Harold W. Baynton, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado 80301.

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