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| **Raven Rock (Site R)** |

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|  | Raven Rock Underground Command Center (Site R) |
| Category: | [Military](http://ludb.clui.org/tag/Military/) |
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| Description: | An underground complex, built by the Department of Defense as an emergency shelter and electronic control center. Located underneath 650 acres in the hills near the Pennsylvania/Maryland border, Raven Rock, AKA "Site R", reportedly had a full-time staff of 350 for much of the Cold War. Officially now called the Alternate Joint Communications Center, the bunker went on-line in 1954. Representatives of all the military departments and the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the federal government were reportedly located here as a contingency against a wipeout of the command structure in the event of a nuclear war. The site has 700,000 square feet of interior space, and enough room for 3,000 people. A new tenant is the Defense Information Systems Agency, Western Hemisphere, which operates the communication and command center located in the bunker. It is still used as a Continuity of Government location, and Dick Cheney is said to have stayed here after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. Site R was supported  by nearby Fort Ritchie, MD, a 638 acre Army post, with over 2,000 employees. It is now administered out of Fort Detrick, MD. |  |
| Location: | 50 miles SW of Harrisburg, near Blue Ridge Summit  (POINT(-77.434558868408 39.437535355387)) [(show on map)](http://ludb.clui.org/gmap/?uuid=PA3183) |  |
| Address: | [PA](http://ludb.clui.org/tag/state:PA/), [MD](http://ludb.clui.org/tag/state:MD/) |  |
| Links: | <http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/usa/c3i/raven_rock.htm> <http://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/facility/raven-rock.htm> |  |
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