

Re: VAB suffers some damage -- threat to contents

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In article <MeM0d.22397\$2s.16723@twister.nyroc.rr.com>, Greg D. Moore (Strider) <mooregr_deleteth1s@greenms.com> wrote:
>> <http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/alsj/misc/apmisc-launch-art.jpg>
>
>Now that painting ahs two very interesting details.....
>"turn-around" T's for the crawler-transporters at various spots.

That's a pretty early illustration, so it may have been painted before the crawlers became fully double-ended.

>And a building north of the VAB.
>(I've seen reference to such a building, but can't remember what was planned
>there... perhaps a SRB facility for later Saturn V designs?

That's probably the NAB, the Nuclear Assembly Building, for preliminary assembly work on nuclear stages. A number of early maps show the NAB around that area.

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