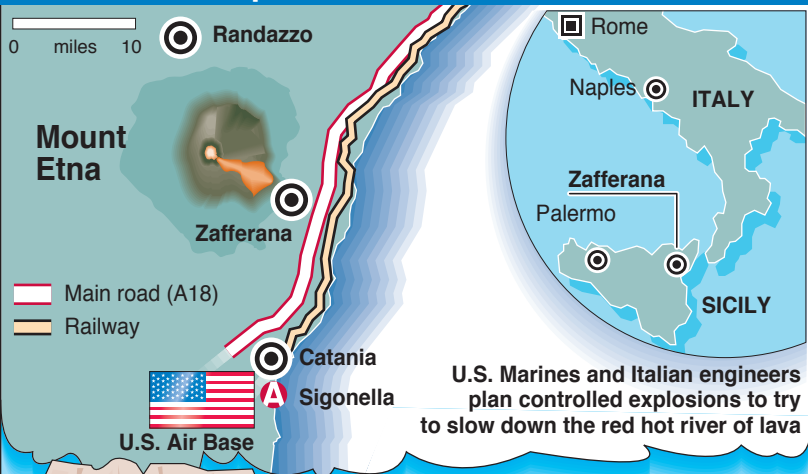


# Attempt to divert Etna lava flow



**U.S. Marines and Italian engineers plan controlled explosions to try to slow down the red hot river of lava**

Lava runs into an underground tunnel near the main crater. The tunnel enables the lava to remain hot and liquid

**1. Italian Navy engineers use 1,000kg of plastic explosive to blast roof off tunnel**

**2. U.S. Navy helicopters lower 15 reinforced concrete blocks to divert lava flow, let it cool and slow its progress**

