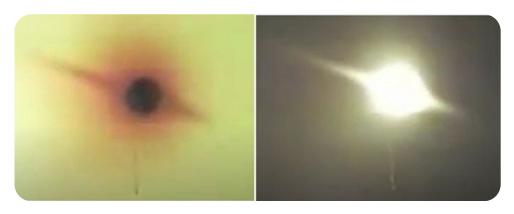
The Hidden Truth Behind a 1960s Nuclear Test: A Non-Human Craft Fell Down To Earth



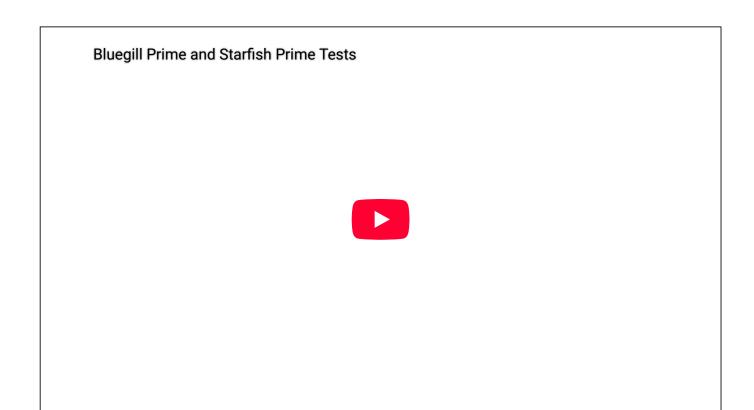
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Something crashed from the sky - sparking an urgent retrieval mission - after that, the world changed.

On October 26, 1962, the United States conducted the Bluegill Triple Prime nuclear test as part of Operation Fishbowl, a subset of Operation Dominic.





The Bluegill Triple Prime test detonated a nuclear warhead 48 kilometers above Earth to study how high-altitude explosions affect ballistic missile systems.

Decades later, newly declassified evidence suggests something far more extraordinary—a possible collision with an unidentified object, which I believe was a craft advanced non-human origin.

Footage, scientific reports, and naval recovery logs hint at a dramatic event where nuclear weapons technology intersected with the unknown.

This test was a key Cold War experiment.

The XW-50-X1 warhead was built to emit high-energy X-rays, designed to disable missile re-entry vehicles by causing intense heat and internal damage, a process called thermo-mechanical spall.

While the test aimed to push missile defense technology, the evidence shows it may have done much more.

A mysterious object following the Avco Mark 4 re-entry vehicle appears to have been





Above - AVCO Mark IV Re-entry Vehicle, used in the Atlas 8F and Bluegill Triple Prime tests

The most compelling evidence supporting the presence of a mysterious craft during the Bluegill Triple Prime test comes from two separate pieces of high-speed footage, known as KETTLE 1 and KETTLE 2.

Captured by modified KC-135 aircraft equipped with specialized cameras, these films were produced by the renowned Edgerton, Germeshausen, and Grier, Inc. (EG&G), under contract with the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory and the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at Livermore, CA.

The level of expertise and precision involved in this operation underscores the significance of what was recorded.

The <u>KETTLE 1 footage</u> reveals an extraordinary anomaly: an object visibly tumbling out of the nuclear fireball.



This sight was so unexpected that the camera operator instinctively shifted focus from the fireball's expansion to track the object, a decision that inadvertently resulted in the loss of critical data on fireball growth.

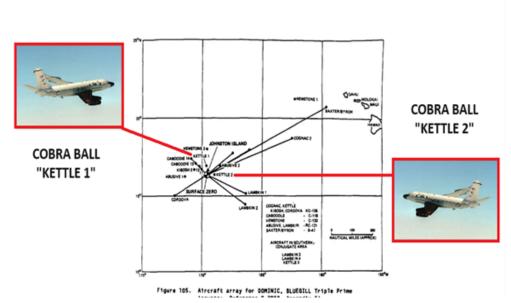
The very act of shifting focus underscores the anomaly's importance—something so unusual that it demanded immediate attention, even at the cost of the primary test objectives.

In contrast, the KETTLE 2 footage primarily captured the X-ray effects of the detonation but features a conspicuous white triangular sanitization mark, applied during a later declassification review.

This mark obscures the same region where the anomalous object appears in KETTLE 1.

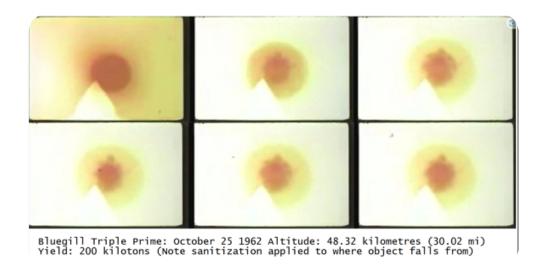
The inconsistency between the two films suggests a divergence in classification judgments between the laboratories responsible for analyzing the footage, raising further questions about what was seen—and why it was partially hidden from public view.

Together, these pieces of footage offer a rare and tantalizing glimpse into an event that defies conventional explanations, leaving behind more questions than answers and hinting at the presence of something extraordinary during the test.





Above - aircraft array during the Bluegill Triple Prime test, showing positions of KETTLE 1 and KETTLE 2 KC-135s



Above - screenshots of footage taken from KETTLE 2 showing redaction of object.

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The discrepancies between KETTLE 1 and KETTLE 2 are more than technical anomalies—they are vital clues to the true nature of what transpired.

These inconsistencies, likely stemming from independent reviews by separate entities such as the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory (LASL), Lawrence Radiation Laboratory (LRL), and the Defense Atomic Support Agency (DASA), hint at deeper divisions.

When the footage was analyzed in 1998, these organizations reportedly reached differing conclusions about its sensitivity.

The significance of this event becomes even more compelling when considered alongside the Atlas 8F missile test conducted just weeks earlier, on September 19, 1962.

During that test, an unidentified object was observed closely following the Avco Mark 4 re-entry vehicle for an extraordinary 90 seconds.



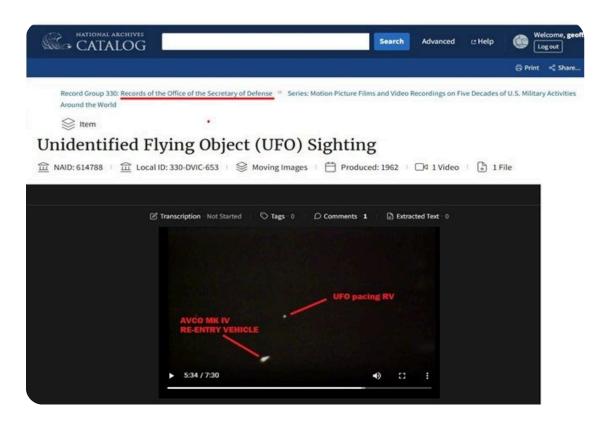
The post-flight report acknowledged the object's presence but admitted its origin or identity could not be determined.

The parallels between the Atlas 8F test and the events during the Bluegill test are striking, particularly since both involved the same re-entry vehicle design.

In the case of the Bluegill test, the theory suggests that the nuclear detonation disrupted an unidentified craft that had been tracking the re-entry vehicle as it descended toward its terminal phase.

The immense energy released during the detonation—specifically the high-energy X-rays—may have critically damaged the craft's propulsion systems or internal structure, leading to its uncontrolled descent into the Pacific Ocean.

When viewed together, these incidents paint a picture of something far more profound than a test.



Above - Screenshot of footage uploaded to the National Archives by the U.S. Secretary of Defense Office showing a UFO "tagging along" with a ICBM Re-entry Vehicle travelling at Mach 18



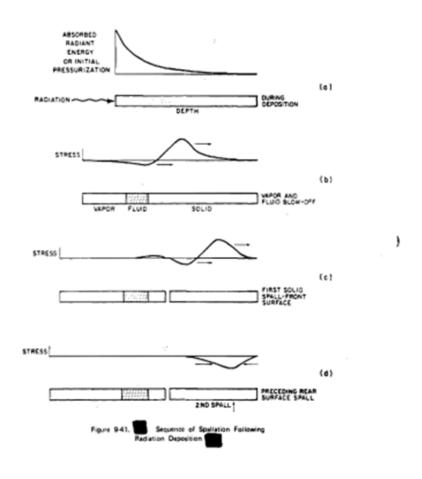
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The underlying mechanism for the object's flight disruption aligns with the scientific principles being tested during Bluegill Triple Prime.

Thermo-mechanical spallation, as described by Dr. Byron Ristvet of the Defense Special Weapons Agency (1998), is a well-documented effect of high-energy X-rays on materials.

This process involves the rapid heating of a material's surface by X-rays, creating an internal shockwave that can cause catastrophic damage.

In the context of the Bluegill detonation, the enhanced X-ray flux from the XW-50-X1 warhead may have interfered with the object's propulsion system or internal electronics, leading to its apparent failure.





Above: diagram of the thermo-mechanical spallation effect used to destroy incoming ICBM Re-entry Vehicles

Additional supporting evidence comes from the U.S. Navy recovery operations conducted in the aftermath of the test.

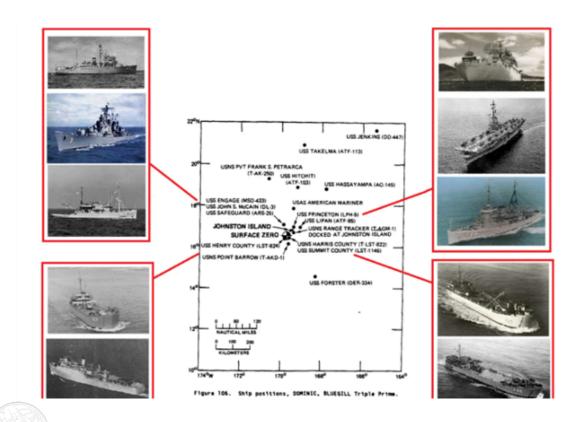
Several ships, including the USS Safeguard, USS Engage, and USNS Point Barrow, were tasked with retrieving debris from the surface zero area where the detonation occurred.

Official deck logs document the recovery of various pieces of debris, some of which were described as "anomalous."

The USNS Point Barrow, in particular, played a unique role in these operations.

Although its crew had no officially recorded duties involving radioactive materials, they reported unusually high radiation exposure levels following the recovery mission.

This anomaly suggests the retrieval of unconventional debris, potentially linked to the unidentified object observed in the KETTLE 1 footage.



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Above: U.S. Navy ship array during the Bluegill Triple Prime test on 26 October 1962.

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Above: deck logs of USS Safeguard during recovery operations, noting mention of USNS Point Barrow

The USNS Point Barrow's involvement is further complicated by the loss of its deck logs for the period surrounding the test.

In 1983, the Kaman Tempo Group, commissioned to investigate radiation exposure



This lack of documentation raises serious questions.

What was the nature of the debris recovered?

Were efforts made to hide its significance?

These concerns deepen when considering the crew of the *Point Barrow*.

Despite having no official duties near radioactive areas, they had the second-highest radiation exposure of all 70 Navy ships involved in the operation.

Adding to the mystery, civilian and military personnel from Joint Task Force 8 were aboard the *USS Safeguard* on October 31, 1962.

Their presence strongly suggests a classified debriefing about the Bluegill test and the recovery operations that followed.

A similar instance was <u>USNS Point Barrow</u> (T-AKD-1), which served as a communications and instrumentation ship. It was at Johnston Island for most of the October and November FISHBOWL operations. Activity at Johnston Island was primarily connected with high-altitude tests, from which there was no fallout. There were airdrops near Johnston Island, but these were detonated high enough so that no local fallout was formed. Nevertheless, one individual on <u>Point Barrow</u> received an exposure of 2.980 R. Seven personnel in all had exposures between 2.50 and 3.00 R. Well over two-thirds of the personnel aboard the ship had exposure in excess of 1.00 R. Again the exposures are not in keeping with the ship's known assigned duties.

The significance of these events lies not just in their historical context, but in their profound implications for our understanding of advanced technology and nuclear effects.

U.S. nuclear weapons testing during the Cold War, including Operation Fishbowl and the Bluegill Triple Prime test, was driven by urgent concerns over the vulnerability of ballistic missile systems to high-altitude nuclear detonations.

The RAND Corporation's 1961 report highlighting the susceptibility of re-entry vehicles to X-ray damage catalyzed the development of enhanced X-ray warheads like the XW-50-X1.

These warheads were meticulously designed to produce intense X-ray fluxes capable of inflicting thermal and mechanical damage on missile components, with the Bluegill test providing a rare opportunity to assess these effects in real-world conditions.



What makes the Bluegill Triple Prime incident particularly compelling is the possibility that the same effects designed to test U.S. missile defenses may have unintentionally disrupted an unidentified craft.

If the tumbling object captured in the KETTLE 1 footage was indeed a non-human vehicle, its response to X-ray flux offers critical insight into its construction and vulnerabilities.

Apparent non-human craft, which were often termed as UFOs, are often described as having smooth, seamless designs without openings, which are believed to protect them from electromagnetic pulses (EMP).

However, experts like Dr. Conrad Longmire and Charles S. Grace have explained that certain types of EMPs, known as System-Generated Electromagnetic Pulses (SGEMP), can penetrate this shielding and potentially damage the electronics inside.

The combined effects of X-ray-induced thermo-mechanical spall and secondary EMP could plausibly account for the catastrophic failure observed in the object's flight.

Adding another layer of intrigue is the broader scientific context of high-altitude nuclear detonations.

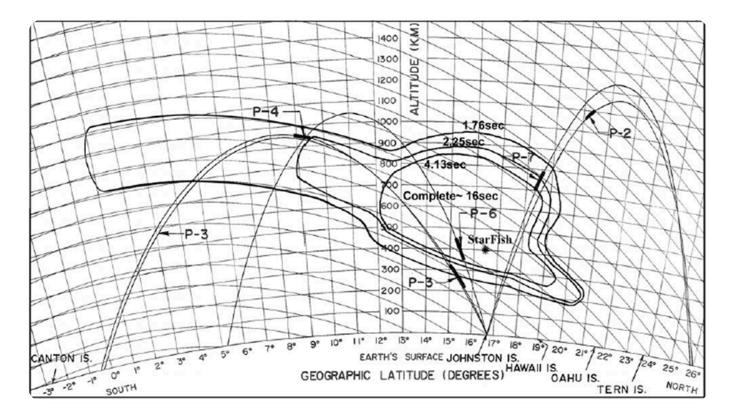
Research by Dr. Palmer Dyal on the Starfish Prime test revealed the formation of a diamagnetic "bubble," a phenomenon that briefly disrupted Earth's magnetic field.

Although Starfish Prime occurred at a much higher altitude, a similar but smaller effect could have been generated during the Bluegill test.

The temporary magnetic disruption may have added to the instability of the unidentified object.

However, the test's lower altitude and denser atmosphere make it more likely that the primary cause of failure was the combined impact of X-rays and EMP, rather than magnetic interference alone.





Above: the extent of the "diamagnetic bubble" that formed in the ionosphere after the Starfish Prime test on 8 July 1962. The Bluegill Triple Prime test would have caused a much smaller "bubble" to form due to the different type of weapon used.

The broader implications of the Bluegill Triple Prime incident extend beyond its immediate context.

If the object observed during the test was indeed a of non-human origin, its disruption by the nuclear explosion suggests that advanced technologies may still be vulnerable to certain human technology.

The deliberate sanitization of the KETTLE 2 footage and the loss of critical documentation, such as the USNS Point Barrow's deck logs, point to an effort to manage or obscure information about the incident.

The role of key figures involved in the Operation Fishbowl series further highlights the importance of the Bluegill test.

Lawrence Preston Gise, Assistant Director of the Atomic Energy Commission's Division



Gise's connections to classified research and his later involvement in nuclear weapons development raise questions about the ultimate destination of the recovered material.

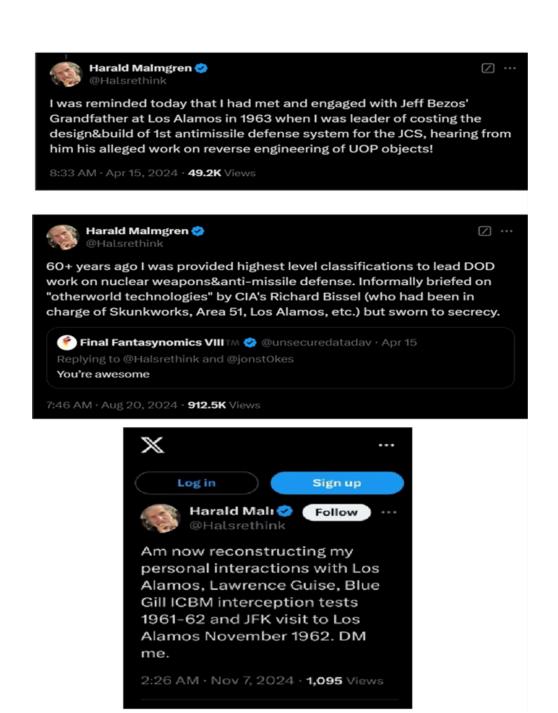
Gise, the grandfather of Jeff Bezos—founder of Blue Origin—adds a modern connection to this historical narrative.

His link is especially relevant given the growing focus on aerospace innovation and the study of Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP).

Dr. Harald Malmgren, a former advisor to President John F. Kennedy, recently spoke about connections surrounding the Bluegill Triple Prime test.

He highlighted ties to Lawrence Preston Gise and Richard Bissell, the CIA's Deputy Director of Plans, linking these figures and events to the broader topic of UAP and advanced non-human intelligence.





Above - recent tweets from Dr. Harald Malmgren





Above - the santization device used in the KETTLE 2 footage to obscure the unidentified object was applied by the Albuquerque Operations Office, NM where Lawrence Preston Gise was once the Director.

Ten days before the September 2016 WikiLeaks hack of the Democratic National Committee, a major revelation came to light.

The leaked emails showed that Blink-182 frontman Tom DeLonge had been in extensive communication with USAF Generals Mike Carey and Neil McCasland about UAP.

Around this time, DeLonge made a striking statement whilst appearing on Jimmy Church's radio show *Fade to Black*, at the 1-hour and 58-minute mark.

Church: Here on fade to black but right now it's about Tom and so Operation Starfish Prime I can't believe you went there okay go ahead and tell everybody about it.

DeLonge: Well, for people who don't know, that was a nuclear test - quote-unquote "test" in space - and we learned quite a lot from that test. It was the main test where we really were able to study and learn about EMP. This was also happening during (oddly

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DeLonge: So when the whole world was focused on the Cuban Missile Crisis - something else was going on. And that "something else" may have brought something down. And that "something" that it brought down may have may have... we may have learned a lot about that about EMP (specifically) and its ability to catch things that are "hiding"if that makes sense...

Church: Yes it does... you have to be deep in in your research to get to what Tom is talking about here. Now the tests were done- they're a high-altitude tests that were done out over the Pacific and could you imagine Tom - like living in Hawaii and watching that thing go off in the atmosphere like that...

DeLonge: Oh my god it's like you would think that like Jupiter was like crashing into our sky - you know it's like it's a big deal and... and it's just it's just unreal I think one of the the - you know everyone has to remember what happened once we started playing with nuclear weapons - UFOs showed up everywhere every time... and every time... and you got to think why. Well, there's a big reason why - because nuclear weapons will "eff up" those little those little "ankle-biters" - that's bad and they know it and... and even they as advanced as they are they can't get away from it. And makes you really wonder why we did so many nuclear tests... it makes you really wonder why we did like thirty thousand tests all over the world and oceans underground up in the sky and why we all have so many nuclear weapons - it's a ...it's a big deal you know..

DeLonge: I'm not going to say it's all for this but I was told something really, really, really important - the entire Cold War we were working with the Soviet Union. We were together with them and it was the one thing that kept the Cold War from going hot was our relationship together on this issue. We weren't dumb and just went and lit up a nuke when we were in a standoff with Russia... you know the Cuban Missile Crisis wherever...like, "Oh my God, we're all gonna die" and we said "Well then we might as well do a nuke test"... you know it's like...NO, it didn't work that way. They knew we did the nuke test... they were probably in the room with us when we did that test because there was a small group of people on both sides that were trying to do exactly what they did.... which was "fly swat those "bugs" out of the sky"...

It's worth noting that in the above discussion, DeLonge mistakenly conflates the Bluegill Triple Prime test with the Starfish Prime test, which occurred in July, 1962—several



The 2022 release of JFK assassination files offers an intriguing possibility.

It suggests that two Soviet double agents, stationed at the United Nations headquarters in 1962, may have served as back-channel communicators between President John F. Kennedy and Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

This connection could relate to the alleged shootdown event referenced by Tom DeLonge.

These agents were codenamed "TOP HAT" and "FEDORA" by the FBI.

Curiously, this release was packaged alongside a record of an interview conducted on December 23, 1963, between FBI Special Agent Sam Papich and Director of Central Intelligence, John McCone.

In the interview, Papich accuses the CIA of lying about JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

Included in the same bundle is the infamous "Monroe UFO document," a transcript of an alleged intercepted conversation between Marilyn Monroe and reporter Dorothy Kilgallen.

In the transcript, Monroe alleges that JFK disclosed information about UFOs to her and that she was planning to "reveal all" to the world press.

Monroe was found dead the following day.



SUBJECT:

FBI Request For CIA's Opinion On Proposed FBI Release Of Agent Specific Data

- 1. The FBI has asked for an Agency response on the following matter.
- 2. HRG counterparts at the FBI are engaged in serious discussions with representatives of the Review Board concerning withholding the identities of FBI confidential informants. In the course of those negotiations, FBI officers advise they are increasingly concerned about being able to withhold the crypts and, possible even the true names, of three former Soviet agents. Given that view, they believe it would assist their overall efforts and negotiating position if they could release additional information on one or more of the three Soviet agents.
 - 3. The three former Soviet agents are:
- a. "TOPHAT" also encrpyted as BOURBON; " true name is provided on separate attachment.
 - true name on attachment.

c. "FEDORA" also encryyted or known as "IRONCLAD" "SCOTCH" AND "JADE;" true name on attachment.

- 4. Attached are seven documents that the FBI is considering for release. Two of them are CIA documents found in the FBI JFK file. HRG has been unable to locate these documents in the CIA JFK collection.
 - 5. Please provide DO views on the FBI proposal.

Atts: A/S

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IDEN ATTACHMENT TO 10 MAY 1995 MEMORANDUM

The following names and descriptions are keyed to paragraph 3 of the 10 May memornadum:

a. Dmitriy Fedorovich POLYAKOV; reportedly died as a result of Ames disclosure.

whether he is dead if Asi b. or alive is not known.

c. Aleksiy Isadorovich KULAK (Kulyak ?); reportedly died of natural causes.

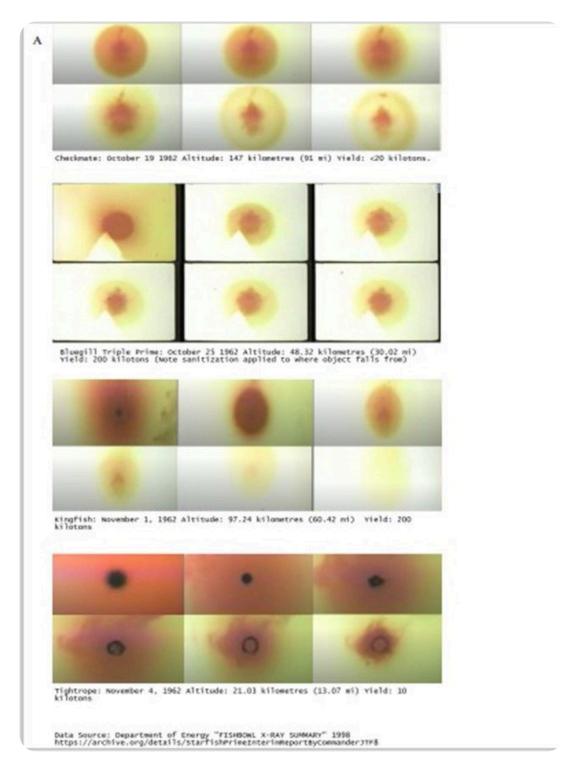


https://www.archives.gov/files/research/jfk/releases/2022/104-10338-10005.pdf

This is the Mandatory Declassification Review request I made in October 2023 to the Department of Energy regarding having the KETTLE 2 footage fully declassified:







Above - evidence for the MDR request showing the other nuclear test of Operation FISHBOWL have been declassified in full.

This is the response I received nine months later in late June 2024:





Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

June 28, 2024

Mr. Geoffrey P. Cruickshank Industrial Automation & Security P.O. Box 40355 Casuarina Northern Territory Australia 0810

Subject: Mandatory Declassification Review Request 2024-0001

Dear Mr. Cruicksbank:

This is in final response to your request for Mandatory Declassification Review under section 3.5 of Executive Order 13526, Classifled National Security Information. In your request, dated October 21, 2023, you requested the review and release of footage from the following film:

"Department of Energy (1962). Starfish Prime Interim Report By Commander JTF-8"

The Office of Classification forwarded a search request to organizations within the Department of Energy (DOE). The search, however, did not locate any existing film footage that fits the description of your request. Therefore, I am unable to provide the requested film.

Pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), section 1004.7 (b)(2), I am responsible for the determination that no responsive records exist in the DOE.

Pursuant to 32 CFR 2001.33, the adequacy of a search may be appealed in writing within 60 calendar days of receipt of a letter denying any portion of the request. The appeal should be made to the Associate Under Secretary for Environment, Health, Safety and Security, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a Mandatory Review Appeal is being made. The appeal must contain all other elements required by 10 CFR 1045.53.



Further review will thereafter, be available to you, limited to areas involving National Security Information, from the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. If you have any questions about the request or this correspondence, please contact Mr. Scott McFadden, of my staff, at

Sincerely,

Edith A. Chalk

Director

Office of Classification

Office of Environment, Health,

Safety and Security

Above - response from The U.S. Department of Energy regarding my MDR review.

The Bluegill Triple Prime test stands as a pivotal moment in the Cold War era.

Evidence from declassified footage, scientific reports, and naval recovery operations suggests that an object was disrupted or destroyed by the nuclear detonation.



the possibility that the object was not of human origin.

If this hypothesis holds true, the implications are staggering.

The deliberate obfuscation of data, combined with the questions surrounding the recovered debris, hints at a story that transcends the official record.

The destruction of what I believe was a non-human craft during the test could represent one of the most profound intersections of human and otherworldly technology ever recorded, with consequences that ripple through history.

Such an event would not only redefine our understanding of aerospace phenomena but also raise profound questions about humanity's role in a universe that may be far more populated than previously imagined.

As interest in UAP grows, the Bluegill Triple Prime test emerges as more than a footnote in Cold War history—it is a potential turning point, one that challenges us to reconsider our world and the forces that may influence it.

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brian 2 months ago · o Likes

This is quite a lot of research. But it seems to me that you missed the obvious: this was a test to see whether a nuke could take out an ICBM re-entry vehicle. Had it really not occurred to you that this is the very thing that comes tumbling out of the sky?!

That it was obfuscated in one of the films isn't all that extraordinary, btw. For more mundane things involving nukes have been redacted from otherwise declassified materials.

As for the "anomalous" material recovered, I cannot find any mention of that word in the deck logs. Perhaps you could point it out specifically. Al I could find is mention of the missile debris having been recovered on Oct. 27.

And the radiation is also nothing whatsoever mysterious. They were after all shooting off nukes. It wasn't the first time, and wouldn't be the last, that ships out in the Pacific test range were irradiated.

The film from Sept. 19 remains very interesting but this Bluegill Triple Prime scenario is not what you make it out to be.

Daragh 2 months ago · o Likes

Fantastic work, incredible information that is a window into how the government (and the lengths it goes to) desperately covers up the existence of nhi, incredibly important at this moment in time when it comes to spotting the narratives the government and news outlets push, sometimes unknowingly in the case of certain media outlets.

Matthew 2 months ago · 1 Like



see whether the hypothesis is further supported upon release of the JFK files potentially under the next US Presidency. Thank you for the research and balanced speculation.

Geoff Cruickshank 2 months ago · o Likes

Yes, it will take a little time to go through the last few thousand JFK files once they are released - hopefully they won't all be destroyed like the MK/ULTRA ones were. We only need 1 document that references MJ/TWELVE to prove they have been lying all along.

Jeff 2 months ago · o Likes

So, we are the monsters...

Xander 2 months ago · o Likes

Damn auto correct. Liberation Times***

Xander 2 months ago · 0 Likes

Geoff, thank you for this early Christmas gift. Excellent article. Thanks to you, Chris and the Liberation armies. Best, Xander (NIGHT SHIFT)

Geoff Cruickshank 2 months ago · o Likes

No problem Xander!

M Duncan Lemp 2 months ago ⋅ 0 Likes



Thanks. Super interesting. It does make me wonder about the excessive number of nuclear tests that were carried out for decades. Was this the real reason behind them?

Geoff Cruickshank 2 months ago · o Likes

I'm hoping TomDeLonge casts his eyes across this article, because he was told that the Soviets were also curious about the UFO-Nuke connection. The two Soviet double agent "walk-ins" were FBI assets, NOT CIA. Angleton had interactions with them but did not run them - effectively cutting CIA out of the loop of the activities DeLonge alluded to. Once the object and biologics were recovered (by the military), Angleton was forced to brief JFK as stated by Source S-1 in the Important Memo. My research indicates S-1 was actually Newton "Scotty" Miler, Angleton's right hand man in CIA Counter Intelligence.

Mr. Anderson 2 months ago · o Likes

Woah.

Mark Hammons 2 months ago ⋅ o Likes

Truly wonderful read. Outstanding intelligence you got there, mate. I followed you before it was trendy on Reddit, and you are still on the upwave. I was chuffed you liked that I quoted you in one of my articles, too. Looking forward to more!

Geoff Cruickshank 2 months ago · o Likes

Thanks Mark.

Have you got the link to your article?



Keep rockin the free world!

Keep digging!

Geoff Cruickshank 2 months ago · o Likes

Just found this newspaper clipping from 1974 when another UAP was observed flying alongside an RV during ICBM test in the Pacific: https://www.ufohastings.com/storage/files/image/2012-11-18/sask-star-phoenix-

https://www.ufohastings.com/storage/files/image/2012-11-18/sask-star-phoenix-1974_07-17.png

Robert Hastings' "UFO and Nukes" website.

Geoff Cruickshank 2 months ago · 1 Like

Glad you liked it Luk!

Luk Zet 2 months ago · 1 Like

Excellent analysis, thanks!