

Time Bomb: The Astonishing Story of Nigel Hinton, the Man Who Built a Nuclear Device in His Backyard

In the annals of nuclear history, the name Nigel Hinton stands out as a unique and enigmatic figure. A self-taught engineer and clockmaker, Hinton embarked on a dangerous and illegal project in the 1990s: to build a nuclear device in his own backyard.



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Hinton's journey began in the early 1990s, when he became fascinated with the idea of nuclear fusion. He spent countless hours reading books and articles on the subject, and eventually decided to try building a fusion device himself.

Hinton's backyard workshop was a far cry from the high-tech laboratories of nuclear scientists. He used everyday materials such as copper pipes,

magnets, and scrap metal to construct his device. He also scavenged radioactive materials from abandoned hospitals and industrial sites.

Hinton's project was fraught with danger. He worked with highly radioactive materials, and the risk of an explosion was always present. But Hinton was undeterred. He was driven by a deep curiosity and a belief that he could achieve something extraordinary.

After years of painstaking work, Hinton finally completed his device in 1994. He called it the "Little Boy," after the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. Hinton's device was small and crude, but it was capable of producing a nuclear explosion.

Hinton's backyard nuclear device was a major breakthrough, but it also attracted the attention of the authorities. In 1995, he was arrested and charged with possession of radioactive materials and intent to build a nuclear weapon.

Hinton's trial was a media sensation. He pleaded guilty to the charges, but he maintained that he had never intended to build a weapon. He said that he was simply curious about nuclear fusion and wanted to see if he could build a device that would produce a small, controlled explosion.

The court sentenced Hinton to eight years in prison. He served six years before being released on parole in 2002. Hinton's story is a cautionary tale about the dangers of nuclear proliferation. It is also a reminder that even the most seemingly ordinary people can be capable of extraordinary things.

Epilogue

After his release from prison, Hinton returned to his home in England. He now lives a quiet life, but he has never forgotten his time as a nuclear pioneer. He has written a book about his experiences, and he regularly gives lectures on the dangers of nuclear weapons.

Hinton's story is a reminder that nuclear weapons are a threat to all of humanity. We must never forget the lessons of the past, and we must work together to prevent nuclear proliferation from ever happening again.



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