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Department of Energy releases reports on B-52 Greenland crash

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The U.S. Department of Energy has released 317 formerly secret reports on radioactive contamination after a 1968 B-52 bomber crash in Greenland. The documents are available for public inspection in Las Vegas.

The information was declassified as part of the DOE's openness initiative under Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary.

The bomber, which crashed Jan. 21, 1968, near Thule, Greenland, carried four unarmed nuclear weapons. Conventional high explosives deto-

nated on impact, throwing plutonium and tritium into the environment. Six of seven crew members survived.

The documents can be examined at the DOE's Coordination and Information Center at 3084 S. Highland Drive. The center is a national distribution point for copies of the documents.