

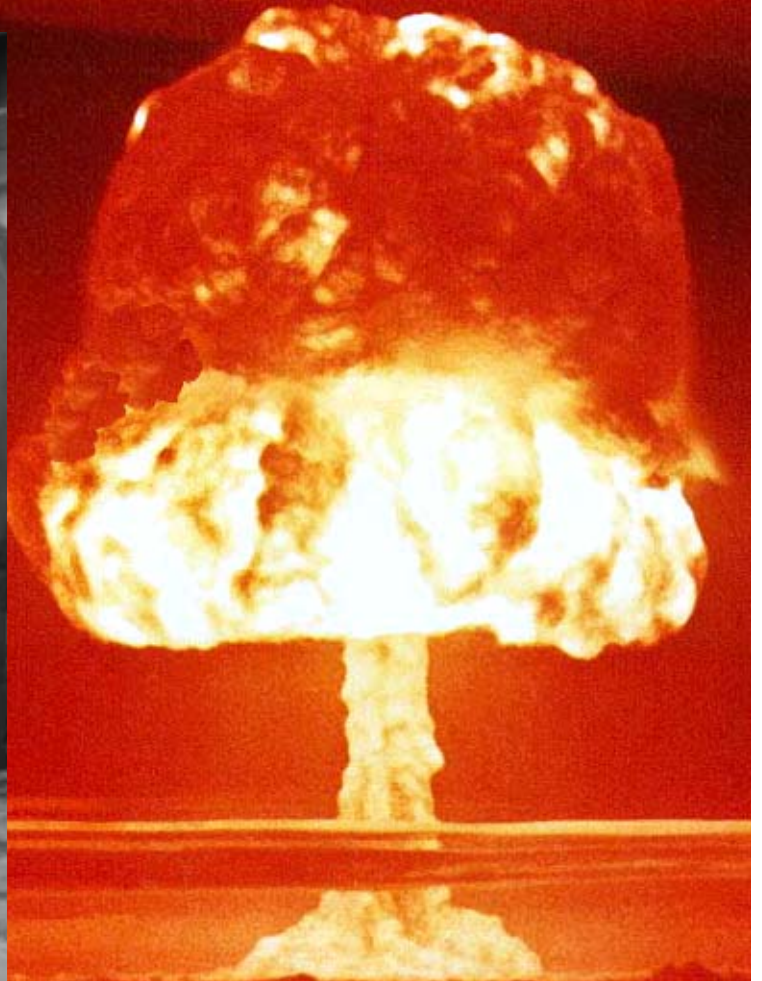
Foolish Earthling Productions presents

DR. TELLER'S VERY LARGE BOMB

A 1 x 60' documentary

Los Alamos, New Mexico, July 1945:

While scientists race to produce a bomb capable of incinerating an entire city, Doctor Edward Teller has a bigger idea.





Sixty years ago, a searing release of heat and light heralded the detonation of the first atomic bomb. Three weeks later, the new weapon brought a decisive end to The Second World War. Even as the post-war world struggled to accept the presence of such unprecedented destructive power, the atomic bomb was already obsolete. One of the Manhattan Project's leaders, Dr. Edward

Teller, had been working since the beginning of the war on a bomb thousands of times more powerful. With the war over, Dr. Teller could now concentrate on developing a device that would define political realities for the rest of the 20th century and beyond – the Hydrogen Bomb.



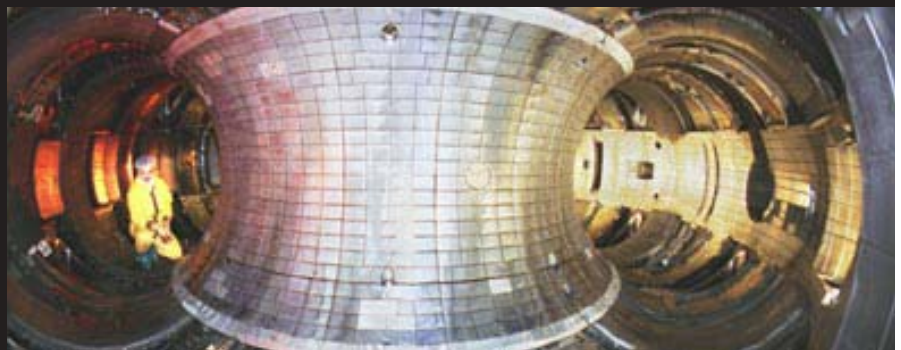
DR.TELLER'S VERY LARGE BOMB is a startling, sprawling and at times darkly comic tale that carries us from wartime atomic labs to secret Soviet bomb factories, to nuclear test sites in the American west and the South Pacific, and to the missile silos and attack submarines that continue standing ready to shatter our world.

DR.TELLER'S VERY LARGE BOMB features the final – and for the only time, regretful – interview with Dr. Teller, the man responsible for much of the Cold War and its armaments race. Teller influenced American government policy at the highest levels and was the prime mover behind President Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars), which – reborn as George Bush's Ballistic Missile Defence – still looms over the world today.

DR. TELLER'S VERY LARGE BOMB combines revealing new interviews, riveting historic footage and dramatic recreations into an astonishingly candid look at the atomic age and the doctor who attended its birth.

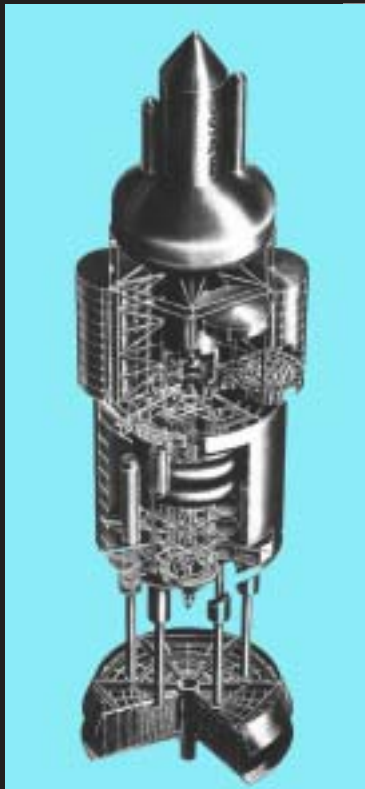
Interviews with:

- Hans Bethe, physicist
- Arthur C. Clarke, author
- Freeman Dyson, physicist
- Richard Rhodes, author



Doctor Edward Teller: key scientist of the Manhattan Project, model for Stanley Kubrick's Dr. Strangelove, and a man of endless contradictions.

- The Los Alamos pacifist who objected to the bombing of Hiroshima
- The Father of the Hydrogen Bomb who helped ignite the Red Scare of the 50s
- The founder of Operation Ploughshares who proposed peaceful nuclear activities from harbor construction to deep-space exploration
- Advocate and chief lobbyist for orbiting weapon systems throughout four presidential administrations



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- Three generations have now grown up under the threat of nuclear annihilation. How is it that only two atomic weapons – the first two – have ever been fired in anger?
- What experiments were carried out to test nuclear weapons for building highways, harbors, mines and to power aircraft?
- Could Project Orion – the government- funded, nuclear-powered spacecraft designed for manned exploration of the outer planets and beyond – actually have been built?
- What does a 20th-century titan want to talk about as he nears the end of his life?
- He helped shape our world – and conceived the means to destroy it.
- Dr. Teller's true legacy will be the continuing influence of his work in the 21st Century

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MICHAEL LENNICK's series
"ROCKET SCIENCE" (Discovery
Channel) was recently awarded
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in a Documentary Series at the
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He and his team at Foolish
Earthling Productions have won many awards
for their science and history documentaries over the past dozen years.

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