

## Did They or Did They Not?

### Description

Well, was it a nuke, or wasn't it?

Back in 1965, the Navy conducted a series of tests (two underwater ones at San Clemente Is and three surface shots) that simulated an atomic bursts, by building a really, really big pile of conventional explosives (TNT) and yelled "FIRE IN THE HOLE!" while ships were parked on concentric rings around the peninsula of Kaho`olawe Island.

[More info on Sailor Hat here.](#)

I know of this, because we used to use the Navy training film to fill classroom time while the training devices for the team trainer were down.

Maybe they just stuffed lots of semtex in a hole and fired it up, just to see what we'd do...It's called OPDEC (Operational Deception) if they did...

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