A: As you know, the panel of scientific experts convened by the White House has conducted a thorough review of all available information concerning the nature and probable source of the light signal recorded by a U.S. satellite over the South Atlantic on September 22, 1979. After reviewing both classified and unclassified information and conducting other analyses, the panel was unable to conclude whether the signal was generated by a nuclear explosion or some other phenomenon.

The panel recommended that further analyses be undertaken to improve our understanding of the event. While follow-on investigations may provide corroborative data if a nuclear explosion occurred, at this time there is no information that would clearly corroborate such an occurrence.

There is no particular point in my speculating as to who might have been responsible for an event that we cannot conclude occurred.

Christopher