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Crested Ice, Thule, Greenland Collection

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Biographical Note

Greg Maas was born in Evergreen Park, Illinois on February 13th, 1943. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in September 1964 as an Airman Basic and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in October of 1966. Maas was trained as an Auto Mechanic and received the National Defense Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

Between January to March 1968 Maas was placed on temporary duty for the Project Crested Ice in Thule, Greenland. In January of 1968 a B-52 bomber carrying nuclear weapons crashed in near the United States air force base in Thule, Greenland. Project Crested Ice was the resulting clean-up and recovery mission. Maas' role was driving a wrecker to crash site, searching, and recovering crash site debris. Following Maas' honorable discharge, he returned to the Chicagoland area. By the 1980s Maas was working with several organizations advocating on behalf of veterans affected by radiation exposure during Project Crested Ice and other United States nuclear accidents. In 1994, Maas, along with 3 other Project Crested Ice veterans, filed a lawsuit against the United States Air Force and United States Department of Defense

claiming neglect by both and demanding compensation through the Veterans Affairs department. Greg Maas died in 2010 from complications stemming from the radiation exposure.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Crested Ice, Thule, Greenland Collection consists of government documents, research, correspondence, and records from Greg Maas' advocacy for veterans affected by radiation exposure during the Project Crested Ice. Research materials include publications on radiation exposure, manuals, newspaper articles, legal briefs, and Veteran Affairs claims.

Arrangement

The collection arrived in some original order. The original order was maintained where possible; however the majority of the collection was arranged by the PMML staff. The collection consists of ten series:

Series One: United States Government Released Documents, 1953-1994, n.d.

These records include copies of documents released under a Freedom of Information Act request by the United States Air Force and the Department of Energy pertaining to the Crested Ice Project conducted in Thule, Greenland. These records focus on medical and daily activity reports, as well as military orders. Additionally, this series contains copies of government reports on the effects of nuclear radiation. The series also contains the document copies obtained by Vernon Sousa, a contact of Gregory Maas.

Series Two: Greg Maas, 1968-2005, n.d.

These records consist of forms and correspondence related to Greg Maas' Veterans Affairs Claim, military service, and Freedom of Information Act request. This series also includes personal papers of Greg Maas, including correspondence with Germany television station SAT 1.

Series Three : Gregory Maas, et al vs. United States Air Force and United States Department of Defense, 1987-2001, n.d.

The documents contained in this series pertain to the lawsuit filed by Gregory Maas and other veterans who participated in the Crested Ice Project of Thule, Greenland. The series contains Subseries 3.1 and Subseries 3.2. Subseries 3.1: Research Materials and Correspondence consists of research documents, trial briefs, correspondence, and photographs. Subseries 3.2: Medical Records consists of military

and civilian medical records for Gregory Maas. There are documents restricted from this series.

Series Four: National Association of Atomic Veterans (NAAV), 1993-2002, n.d.

The items in the National Association of Atomic Veterans series pertain to Greg Maas' affiliation as a member of the NAAV. The series contains newsletters, correspondence between Greg Maas and NAAV, correspondence from veterans to NAAV, collected reports, and organizational information. Additionally, the series contains correspondence and information regarding a relationship with the American Legion.

Series Five: International Crested Ice Coalition, 1963-1998, n.d.

This series contains documents related to the relationship between Greg Maas and the International Crested Ice Coalition. The series consists of Subseries 5.1 and Subseries 5.2. Subseries 5.1: Correspondence, Newsletters, Notes, and Collected Materials pertain to Greg Maas' efforts to contact other Crested Ice veterans and advocate for medical benefits on behalf of these veterans. Subseries 5.2: Sally Schnell contains correspondence and documents forwarded to Greg Maas regarding the trial Aaskov et al v. Aldridge et al. These letters and documents were sent to Greg Maas by Sally Schnell, a Dutch citizen and widow of a Dutch veteran stationed in Thule, Greenland.

Series Six: Correspondence and Forwarded Information, 1977-1997, n.d.

The items in the Correspondence and Forwarded Information series consist of correspondence between Greg Maas and government representatives, veteran advocates, veterans, and nuclear accountability advocates. The series also contains documents regarding radiation exposure collected by correspondents and sent to Greg Maas.

Series Seven: Printed Materials, 1968-1999, n.d.

This series contains published materials including excerpts from books, manuals, English and Dutch newspaper articles, directories, and reports. The content of the material touches on radiological research, nuclear worker training and safety, the B-52 crash, and veteran advocacy in the years following the B-52 crash.

Series Eight: Miscellaneous, n.d.

These documents include a flight map over Canada to the B-52 crash site, list of military abbreviation, a collection of Thule, Greenland postcards, and personal papers of Greg Maas.

Series Nine: Oversized Boxes, 1968-2000, n.d.

The majority of the materials contained in this series are newspaper articles and copies of newspapers articles. The bulks of these articles are by American journalists, yet contain several Dutch publications. The series also contains government publications and editorial cartoons.

Series Ten: Restricted Materials, n.d.

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Restricted Items

Restricted item in this collection consist of veterans' personal information and medical records. Items will be restricted until 2075.

Separations

Item ID	Call Number	Description	Location
		National Association of Atomic Veterans Pin	
		National Association of Atomic Veterans Patch	
		National Association of Atomic Veterans Patch	

Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

Names

Brown, Jesse
Durbin, Richard (Dick)
Gofman, Dr. John

Moseley-Bruan, Carol
O'Leary, Hazel

Subjects

B-52 bomber.
Nuclear accidents
Greenland.
United States. -- Air Force.
United States. -- Department of Defense.
United States. Department of Energy.
United States. Department of Veterans Affairs.
United States. District Court (Illinois: Northern District)
Veterans--Legal status, laws, etc.--United States.
Veterans--Legal status, laws, etc.--United States--Cases.

Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
			Series 1: United States Government Released Documents	1953-1994, n.d.
1	1		United States Air Force Documents: Crested Ice Daily Activity Report Medical, pg.091-220	1968
	2		United States Air Force Documents: Crested Ice Daily Activity Report Medical, pg.221-335	1968
	3		United States Air Force Documents: Crested Ice Daily Activity Report Medical, pg.342-469	1968
	4		United States Air Force Documents: Crested Ice Daily Activity Report Medical, pg.1306-1368	1968
	5		Department of Energy Copies: Binder 1, pg. 409-526	1968
	6		Department of Energy Copies: Binder 1, pg. 527-628	1968
	7		Department of Energy Copies: Binder 1, pg.	1968

		629-776	
	8	Department of Energy Copies: Binder 1, pg. 777-923	1968
2	1	Department of Energy Copies: Binder 2, pg. 484-637	1968
	2	Department of Energy Copies: Binder 2, pg. 638-816	1968
	3	Department of Energy Copies: Binder 2, pg. 818-947	1968
	4	Department of Energy Copies: Binder 2, pg. 948-1060	1968
	5	Department of Energy Copies: Binder 3, pg. 924-1048	1968
	6	Department of Energy Copies: Binder 3, pg. 1049-1170	
	7	Department of Energy Copies: Binder 3, pg. 1171-1338	1968
3	1	Binder: Thule, Greenland Documents - Department of Energy, Las Vegas, Nevada; Cover Page-116	Sep-94
	2	Binder: Thule, Greenland Documents - Department of Energy, Las Vegas, Nevada; pg. 117-230	Sep-94
	3	Binder: Thule, Greenland Documents - Department of Energy, Las Vegas, Nevada; pg. 231-350	Sep-94
	4	Binder: Thule, Greenland Documents - Department of Energy, Las Vegas, Nevada; pg. 351-408	Sep-94
	5	Annex 1: Disaster Control Report - Scientific Advisory Group General	n.d.
	6	Annex 1, Appendix III: Disaster Control Report - Scientific Advisory Group	n.d.

	7	Annex 1, Appendix IV: Disaster Control Report - Scientific Papers	n.d.
	8	Annex, Appendix IV, Tab 13: Disaster Control Report - Scientific Papers, Fidler Detector Information	n.d.
	9	Annex 1, Appendix IV, Tab 14: Disaster Control Report - Survey of Radiation Protection	n.d.
	10	Annex 1, Appendix IV, Tab 18: Disaster Control Report - Scientific Papers, Mr. Lovell Report on Sandia Livermore Lab	n.d.
	11	Annex 1, Appendix IV, Tab 22: Disaster Control Report - Scientific Papers, Dr. Langham Final Report	n.d.
	12	Annex 1, Appendix V: Scientific Meeting - 18-19 March 1968, Washington D.C.	Mar-68
	13	Annex B, Appendix 1: Disaster Control Report - Radiological Division, Daily Activities	n.d.
	14	Annex B, Appendix II: Disaster Control Report - Radiological Division, Radiac Equipment	n.d.
	15	Annex B, Appendix III: Disaster Control Report - Initial Radial Survey, 30 Degree Radials	1-Feb-68
	16	Annex B, Appendix IV: Disaster Control Report - Radial Survey 2, 15 Degree Radials	2-Feb-68
	17	Annex B, Appendix V: Disaster Control Report - Grid Plot	14-Feb-68
4	1	Annex B, Appendix VII: Comparison Data of Grid Plots	14-Feb & 15- Mar-68
	2	Annex B, Appendix VII: Disaster Control Report - Radiological Division, Contamination Control	n.d.
	3	Appendix VI: Final Grid Plot - 50 Foot Intervals	15-Mar-68
	4	Department of Energy - Unclassified Documents: Copies from Binders 2 & 3	1968

	5	Department of Energy - Unclassified Memorandums & Testimonies	1968
	6	Department of Energy - Press Releases and Informational Materials	n.d.
	7	U.S. Response to Denmark's Nine Questions	n.d.
	8	Radiac Equipment Failures	n.d.
	9	McRaney Report on Radiation Monitoring	31-May-88
	10	Report on Defense Atomic Support Agency participation in Project Crested Ice	n.d.
	11	Project Crested Ice: The Thule Nuclear Accident, Vol. 1 Strategic Air Command Historical Study #113	23-Apr-69
5	1	Some Health Physics Aspects of Nuclear Weapons Incident - W.H. Langham	n.d.
	2	Radiation Exposure - 1953 Document	1953
	3	Historical Records of the 4683rd Air Base Group for the Period Ending 31 March 1968	31-Mar-68
	4	Loose Documents: Crested Ice Daily Activity Report Medical, pg. 090-220	1968
	5	Loose Documents: Crested Ice Daily Activity Report Medical, pg. 221-335	1968
	6	Loose Documents: Crested Ice Daily Activity Report Medical, pg. 342-413	1968
	7	Loose Documents: Crested Ice Daily Activity Report Medical, pg. 484-592	1968
	8	Loose Documents: Crested Ice Daily Activity Report Medical, pg.593-697	1968
	9	Medical Follow-up Advisory	n.d.
	10	Loose Documents	n.d.
	11	Binder: Vernon Sousa	c. 1990s

12	Binder: Vernon Sousa - Microfilm FOIA Response 1	n.d.
13	Binder: Vernon Sousa - Microfilm FOIA Response 2	n.d.

Series 2: Gregory Maas

1968-2005, n.d.

6	1	Military Correspondence	14-Feb-68
	2	Veterans Affairs Documents (DD214)	1994-2005, n.d.
	3	Freedom of Information Act Responses	1994
	4	Standard Form 171 for Federal Employment and Support Materials	n.d.
	5	Original Veterans Affairs Claim - Copies, Cover Page-9	1994
	6	Original Veterans Affairs Claim - Document Copies	n.d.
	7	Original Veterans Affairs Claim - Copies, Appendix Section II-45	n.d.
	8	Original Veterans Affairs Claim - Document Copies	n.d.
	9	Original Veterans Affairs Claim - Document Copies	
	10	Original Veterans Affairs Claim - Document Copies	
	11	Original Veterans Affairs Claim - Re-opened by American Legion	2005
	12	Veterans Affairs Correspondence and Informational Material	1995, n.d.
	13	SAT-1 Television	n.d.
	14	Documents on Starting a Small Business	n.d.

15		Personal Papers	n.d.
		Series 3: Gregory Maas et al vs. United States Air Force and United States Department of Defense	1987-2001, n.d.
		Subseries 3.1: Research Materials and Correspondence	1987-2001, n.d.
7	1	Research Documents	1987-1995, n.d.
	2	Trial Briefs	1994 & 1996
	3	Correspondence	1994-2001
	4	Veterans Affairs Case: Stanley Nielsen	1987-1995
	5	Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments	1994
	6	Jan's Letter to Paralyzed Veterans of America	1995
	7	Photographs	n.d.
	8	Negatives	n.d.
	9	Miscellaneous	n.d.
		Subseries 3.2: Medical Records	1993-1994
	10	Request for Gregory Maas Medical Records	1993-1994
	11	Medical Records requested by Cogan & McNabola, P.C.	1994
	12	Medical Records for Gregory Maas	1994
	13	Miscellaneous	n.d.

Series 4: National Association of Atomic Veterans			1993-2002, n.d.
8	1	Newsletters	1993-1997
	2	Newsletters	1997-2001
	3	Documents pertaining to Greg Maas	1994
	4	Collected Reports	1990-2002, n.d.
	5	Organizational Information	1995, n.d.
	6	Correspondence	1994-1995
	7	Correspondence	1996-2001, n.d.
	8	American Legion	1993-1994, n.d.
	9	Greg Maas personal notes on National Association of Atomic Veterans	n.d.
Series 5: International Crested Ice Coalition			1963-1998, n.d.
		Subseries 5.1: Correspondence, Newsletters, Notes, and Collected Materials	1963-1998, n.d.
9	1	Maas family newsletters	1994-1995, n.d.
	2	Collected military documents	n.d.
	3	"Thule Log" - Journal, January-February	1994
	4	Newspaper List	n.d.
	5	Correspondence to Maas or International	1985-

		Crested Ice Coalition	1998, n.d.
6		Correspondence from Maas	1994- 1995, n.d.
7		Correspondence - Government Representatives	1994- 1995
8		Emails	1999
9		Printed Materials	1988- 1998, n.d.
10		Personal Notes	n.d.
11		Thule Patch Drawings	n.d.
12		Photographs - Thule, Greenland	1963
13		Photographs - Military Site	1963
14		Miscellaneous	n.d.

**1968-
1997,
n.d.**

Subseries 5.2: Sally Schnell

10	1	Correspondence	1994- 1997, n.d.
	2	Documents on Aaskov et al v. Aldridge et al	1971- 1988
	3	Documents on Aaskov et al v. Aldridge et al	1988- 1993, n.d.
	4	Aaskov et al v. Aldridge et al - Trial Briefs	1988
	5	Dutch Press Releases	1995
	6	Dutch and American Governmental Documents	1968- 1995
	7	Dutch and American Governmental Documents	n.d.
	8	Dutch Health Ministry Documents	1995
	9	Newspaper Clippings	1991- 1996, n.d.

Series 6: Correspondence and Forwarded Information			1977-1997, n.d.
11	1	Jeffery Carswell - Thule Radiation Victims Association	1994-1997, n.d.
	2	Luis Gutierrez	1994-1995
	3	Anna Guyette	1994-1995, n.d.
	4	Correspondence to Gregory Maas	1977-1995
	5	Correspondence from Gregory Maas	1995-1996, n.d.
	6	Richard Sciaraffa	1994, n.d.
	7	Printed Materials from Richard Sciaraffa	1994, n.d.
	8	Michael Thomas - Veterans Rights Coalition	1989-1996
	9	John Gofman	1994-1995
	10	Dose Evaluation Report	2003
	11	Third Parties	1994-1995
Series 7: Printed Materials			1968-1999, n.d.
12	1	Science Applications International Corp (SAIC) Directory	1987-1993, n.d.
	2	Reports Mycosis Fungoides	1993
	3	Excerpts from GreenPeace "Book of the Nuclear Age"	n.d.

4	Excerpts from " The Hidden Cost of Deterrence" - Shaun Gregory	1990	
5	Excerpts from "World Armaments and Disarmaments: SIPRI Yearbook"	1982 & 1997	
6	Copy of "Atomic Bombing Testing and the Warner Amendment" - Warner Fletcher	n.d.	
7	Argonne National Laboratory East: Radiation Worker Training I	1992	
8	"USAF Nuclear Safety" Report (2 Copies)	1970	
9	Excerpt "Guide to Military Installations, 2nd Ed." SGM Dan Cragg	n.d.	
10	Americans with Disabilities Act	1992	
11	Americans with Disabilities Act - Resource Directory	1992	
12	Copies of Printed Materials	1981- 1992, n.d.	
13	1	Copies of 1968 Newspaper Articles	1968
	2	Newspaper Article Clippings and Copies	1968- 1995, n.d.
	3	Dutch Newspaper Article Clippings	1997- 1999
	4	Newsletter by John Gofman and the Committee for Nuclear Responsibility	1982- 1994
		Series 8: Miscellaneous	n.d.
	5	Flight map over Canada	n.d.
	6	List of Military Abbreviations	n.d.
	7	Miscellaneous	n.d.

Series 9: Oversized Boxes

**1968-
2000,
n.d.**

Oversize Box 1

14	1	American and Dutch Newspaper Clippings, Government Publication	1968- 2000, n.d.
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Oversize Box 2

15	1	American Newspapers and Articles, Editorial Cartoons, Dutch Newspaper Clippings	1994- 1997
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Series 10: Restricted Materials

n.d.