

## None Would Believe He Could Find H-Bomb

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LOUISVILLE, June 4 (AP)—Spanish fisherman Francisco Simo was perplexed.

He claimed that he saw a hydrogen bomb fall from an American bomber over the Mediterranean last January, but couldn't get anyone to believe he could locate it.

"They could have saved all this time (80 days) and many millions of dollars if, from the first day, they had believed me," Simo wrote to John R. Elliott, a copy editor for the Louisville Times.

Two months ago, Elliott put \$1 in an envelope addressed to the H-bomb finder and mailed it as part of America's gratitude for the recovery.

Simo's reply, typewritten in Spanish, was translated to read, in part, ". . . always showing them the same spot

and tired that they didn't believe me, I bet my head—in the presence of two commanders, a captain of the Navy, and an Air Force colonel—saying that if the bomb wasn't found within a 100-meter radius, they could dispose of me. An hour and a half after this conversation, the submarine Alvin found the bomb."

Simo wrote that he was told, "Don't worry about anything; you will be recognized and compensated.

". . . I have been 'recognized' (Simo received a scroll and medal) and the only compensation has been your small gift, which I esteem."

Meanwhile, the Navy reported it would bill the Air Force for about \$6 million to cover its costs of recovering the bomb.