

Bomb Exploded in State Dept. Building



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A bomb exploded on the third floor of the State Department early today following telephoned warnings to news media from a man identifying himself as a member of the "Weather Underground Organization." No one was reported injured.

The explosion in the men's restroom apparently broke pipes and caused water damage to the second, third and fourth floors of the building.

The State Department is closely guarded at all hours, and casual visitors are prohibited from going past the front door during normal business hours.

Security guards on the scene could not explain how someone could have entered the building with the bomb.

The explosion at about 1 a.m. EST came about 45 minutes after an unidentified man phoned The Associated Press bureau here and warned that a bomb would go off in the State Department and in a Defense Department building in Oakland.

The FBI sealed off the old Armed Forces Induction Center at Oakland early to-

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'WEATHER UNDERGROUND' MESSAGE AND POSTER FOUND IN PHONE BOOTH
A call to The Chronicle told of messages at Fourth and Howard streets

day and prepared to search for explosives.

Other news organizations around the country also were given telephoned warnings.

The callers indicated the bomb was intended to protest U.S. involvement in Vietnam and Cambodia. A male voice directed The Associated Press here to a typed 12-page statement in a telephone booth on the street near the AP's bureau offices.

That statement elaborated on the theme of U.S. involvement in Indochina and criticized the State Department's Agency for International Development. The statement asserted that AID directed \$450 million in aid to the South Vietnamese regime this year and was used

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to keep President Thieu in power.

The "Weather Underground Organization" was believed to be an offshoot of the Weatherman group that was involved in occasional violence during the late 1960s, at the height of the domestic turmoil directed against the Vietnam war.

The group was believed to have disbanded in the early 1970s as radical political activity subsided in the United States.

In the last four years callers identifying themselves as the Weather Underground have taken the responsibility for other bomb blasts. None of these previous explosions resulted in injury. Among them:

- Gulf Oil Corp.'s international headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 14, 1974. Two floors of the 38-floor building were damaged.

- The California attorney general's office in Los Angeles on May 31, 1974. Doors were ripped off and holes were torn in the ceiling.

- International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.'s Latin American Division offices in New York City on Sept. 28, 1973. Four rooms demolished in the blast.

- Two California prison system offices bombed and gutted by fire in August 1971.

- U.S. Capitol minor damage, March 1971.

The FBI has said the Weather Underground consists of 20 to 30 persons and one leader is believed to be Bernardine Dohrn, a fugitive since 1970.

The Weather Underground splintered from the campus protest group Students for a Democratic Society in the late 1960s.

The group was once known as "Weatherman," a name taken from the 1965 Bob Dylan song "Subterranean Homesick Blues." It was based on lyrics which said, "You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows."

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