



FLASHBACK: CIA Sabotaged Soviet Pipeline to Europe in 1982 – US Software Caused Massive Explosion in Siberian Pipeline Seen From Space

Description

USA/RUSSIA: Aerial view of blown Nord Stream pipeline near Bornholm Island.

Three deep-water explosions destroyed the Nord Stream pipelines under the Baltic Sea last week on Monday.

Swedish seismologists reported that one of the three explosions measures 2.3 on the Richter Scale of earthquake intensity, but this was no earthquake. It was explosion—**like a gigantic undersea mine.**

The explosions guarantee Germany and the EU won't go wobbly with regard to sanctions against Russian energy imports. The damage to pipelines will take months repair, and repairs are unlikely to begin until next summer. Even if Germany were to cry "uncle" as civil unrest intensifies over lack of heat and energy, even if Russia decided to turn the power back on, the conduit for Russian gas to Europe is broken.

No country has yet taken responsibility for the blasts that took out the Nord Stream pipelines to Europe. Only one country benefits. We wrote about this extensively at The Gateway Pundit last week.

Europe now faces an uncertain future as winter approaches.

In a bold statement this weekend, Secretary of State Tony Blinken cheered the news of the explosions as "a tremendous opportunity" for Europe "to remove dependence on Russian energy."

On Monday night Tucker Carlson told his audience Tony Blinken's comments were admission of US responsibility behind the bombings of the Nord Stream pipelines.

It wouldn't be the first time.

Back in 1982 the CIA sabotaged a Soviet pipeline in Siberia. US software caused the explosion in the gas pipeline that was so large it could be seen in space.

The Americans did not want the Europeans to purchase Soviet gas.



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In January 1982, President Ronald Reagan approved a CIA plan to sabotage the economy of the Soviet Union through covert transfers of technology that contained hidden malfunctions, including software that later triggered a huge explosion in a Siberian natural gas pipeline, according to a memoir by a Reagan White House official.

Thomas C. Reed, a former Air Force secretary who was serving in the National Security Council at the time, describes the episode in “At the Abyss: An Insider’s History of the Cold War,” published by Ballantine Books. Reed writes that the pipeline explosion was just one example of “cold-eyed economic warfare” against the Soviet Union that the CIA carried out under Director William J. Casey during the final years of the Cold War.

At the time, the United States was attempting to block Western Europe from importing Soviet natural gas. There were also signs that the Soviets were trying to steal a wide variety of Western technology.

“In order to disrupt the Soviet gas supply, its hard currency earnings from the West, and the

internal Russian economy, the pipeline software that was to run the pumps, turbines, and valves was programmed to go haywire, after a decent interval, to reset pump speeds and valve settings to produce pressures far beyond those acceptable to pipeline joints and welds,” Reed writes.

“The result was the most monumental non-nuclear explosion and fire ever seen from space,” he recalls, adding that U.S. satellites picked up the explosion. Reed said in an interview that the blast occurred in the summer of 1982.

There are even [photos online](#) of the explosion site in Siberia.

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