

# The Assassination and Life of Supergun Inventor Gerald Bull

Gerald Vincent Bull was a Canadian artillery engineer and designer who made significant contributions to the field of long-range artillery. He is widely known for his work on Project Babylon, a controversial plan to develop a supergun capable of launching satellites into orbit.

## Early Life and Career

Bull was born in North Bay, Ontario, Canada, on March 9, 1928. He developed an interest in artillery at a young age and studied mechanical engineering at the University of Toronto. In the 1950s, he joined the Canadian Armament Research and Development Establishment (CARDE), where he worked on various artillery projects.



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## **Project Babylon and the Supergun**

In the 1970s, Bull became involved in Project Babylon, a secret Iraqi government project to develop a supergun. The gun, known as "Big Babylon," was intended to launch satellites into orbit and potentially threaten Western targets. Bull's involvement in the project drew considerable international attention and controversy.

The supergun was designed to have a range of up to 2,000 kilometers (1,200 miles) and could potentially carry a nuclear warhead. Bull claimed that the gun was intended for peaceful purposes, but many Western governments believed it could be used as a weapon.

## **Assassination and Aftermath**

On March 22, 1990, Bull was assassinated outside his home in Brussels, Belgium. The circumstances surrounding his death remain unclear, but it is

widely believed that he was targeted by agents of foreign governments who feared his supergun technology.

Bull's assassination shocked the international community and raised questions about the ethics of weapons research. It also led to the cancellation of Project Babylon and the abandonment of the supergun project.

## **Legacy and Impact**

Gerald Bull's legacy is a complex and controversial one. He was a brilliant engineer who made significant advancements in artillery technology. However, his involvement in Project Babylon raised concerns about the potential misuse of weapons technology.

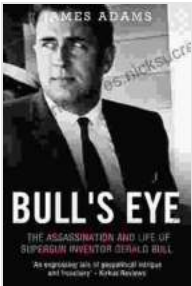
Bull's assassination and the subsequent cancellation of Project Babylon highlight the ethical dilemmas surrounding weapons development and the importance of international cooperation to prevent the spread of dangerous technologies.

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- [Wired: The Man Who Tried to Build Saddam a Supergun](#)
- [The Supergun: The Life and Death of Gerald Bull, by William Lowther](#)

Gerald Bull was a remarkable engineer who made both significant contributions and raised ethical concerns in the field of artillery. His assassination and the legacy of Project Babylon continue to underscore the

need for international cooperation and restraint in the development and use of weapons technology.

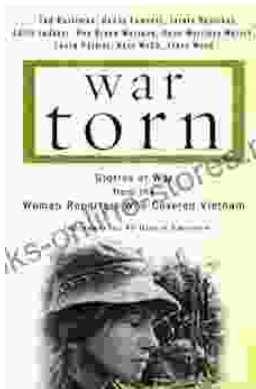


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