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CHAPTER 1

THE NEWS DESK

by Dr. Al Overholt 2/6/99

GOLD BECOMES RUSSIA'S LATEST LIVE CURRENCY

From the INTERNET, courtesy of Calvin Burgin, <wrldline@texas.net>, 1/29/99: [quoting]

Russia's largest bank has begun buying gold from the general public, offering people a new alternative to the ever-sagging ruble.

"We are the first (commercial bank) to begin buying gold from the general public. It has now become an absolutely liquid commodity on the market," said Andrei Chistikov of Sberbank, which has nearly 80 percent of Russia's private bank accounts.

Thursday, the first day on which Sberbank offered this new service produced no sellers, but Chistikov on Friday blamed intense media interest for that. Would-be sellers were unwilling to be filmed selling gold, he said.

The bank had advised sellers to return later, and bought its first 60 grams from an individual on Friday.

Until now Russians could buy gold from commercial banks—after paying a hefty 20 percent purchase tax. And it was theoretically possible to resell gold at a bank, but in practice none would take it.

An official at Rossiisky Kredit bank said costs incurred by the need to test that the gold was genuine meant they had not been prepared to buy. But Chistikov said Sberbank was large enough to be able to carry out the tests without charge.

"Until now there was nowhere to put gold, it just lay there," Chistikov said. "You could make gold teeth from it or give it to a jeweler to make gold jewelry, but now it has become a live currency."

The need for a haven for savings has never been greater in Russia as the ruble's value continues to slide.

Just over four months ago, little more than six rubles would buy a dollar. Now the same greenback costs nearly 23 rubles at the official rate, and more at the many exchange offices that have sprung up recently.

Russia's banking system was paralyzed when the ruble was devalued in August, and hundreds of banks went out of business.

Many Russians were already deeply suspicious of keeping cash in banks following the sharp drop in the value of the ruble in the years immediately after the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Throughout the late Soviet period a dollar was worth less than one ruble at the official rate. By the end of

1997 the dollar bought around 6,000 rubles.

At that point the government lopped three naughts off the currency and relaunched it in January 1998. But many Russians were already keeping their savings at home in dollars.

By some estimates, between \$30 billion and \$60 billion in dollar bills is in private hands in Russia. That compares with gold and foreign currency reserves of \$11.6 billion held by the central bank on Jan. 22.

The launch of the euro at the beginning of the year led to a rash of speculation in the Russian media as to whether that currency would replace the dollar as the favored alternative to the ruble.

Gold's entry into the market as a fully tradable savings instrument provides yet another escape route.

Nobody knows how much gold is in private hands.

"In 1998 we sold in the order of 130 kg of gold," said Sberbank's Chistikov. "But other commercial banks have also sold gold. How much is in the hands of the public overall we just don't know." [End quoting]

Very interesting development.

MALAYSIA BOUNCING BACK, SAYS PM

From the INTERNET, 1/29/99: [quoting]

by Tan Kah Peng

DAVOS: Malaysia is bouncing back from the brink of an economic disaster because of the measures taken to protect the country against currency traders, says Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

Imposing selective exchange controls and stopping the "stock market raiders" played a major role in this recovery, the Prime Minister told a working lunch yesterday at the World Economic Forum here.

"It cannot be a coincidence that the healthy economic indicators began to show almost immediately after (exchange and capital) controls were imposed in September 1998," he said.

Foreign reserves had gone up to US\$27bil, the stock market had risen from a low of 260 to about 600 at present and interest rates lowered, said Dr. Mahathir, pointing to growing domestic business confidence.

He said apart from the currency traders and stock market raiders, the country had to contend with a hostile Western media, which was accused of distorting facts and also not above fabricating stories.

Dr Mahathir invited business leaders to visit Malaysia to see the situation for themselves and meet the managers of 100% foreign-owned companies to find out how they were doing.

He described the financial crisis as the "third great crisis" faced by the country, the first being the commu-

nist terrorist threat and the second, the May 13 riots.

Had the government not taken these measures, he said, Malaysia would have gone bankrupt and [been] forced to seek International Monetary Fund (IMF) aid, which would mean “allowing foreigners to take over Malaysian banks, privatised utilities and firms”.

Dr. Mahathir criticised the IMF’s economic prescriptions for Malaysia, such as using “its Malaysian cronies” to raise interest rates, tighten credit and shorten the period of classifying non-performing loans.

But two weeks before the crisis the IMF had praised Malaysia for “managing the pressures that result from high growth and of maintaining a sound financial system amid capital flows and a booming property market”.

The financial crisis in the East threatened global trade, he said, and yet the IMF refused to act against the currency speculators because it wanted to uphold the capitalist system, seeing it as a religion.

“Those who do not condemn the controls outright ask us when we would lift it? They admit that controls have helped to stabilise and revive the Malaysian economy but they insist that they are retrogressive steps,” said Dr. Mahathir.

“We see no reason to remove the currency controls now. The experience of Latin (American) countries show that as soon as their economies recover from the effects of attacks on their currencies, the currency traders would launch another attack with equally disastrous results.

“Clearly as long as the international financial regime allows the currency traders to devalue currencies, there is no guarantee that they will cease and desist simply because financial reforms have been carried out faithfully by governments.

“The controls will therefore remain in place until the international community devise a new financial regime which curbs the activities of currency traders.

“In Hong Kong in 1997, I blamed the currency traders. I have no reason to change my mind. The world can do without their destructive cattle-like behaviour.

“If they cannot be done away with they should at least be regulated. Governments which harbour them and claim that they cannot control them should resign or be overthrown.”

Dr. Mahathir said Malaysia would not recover fully until the global economy was revived, but the world would not be able to do so until it destroyed or curbed currency trading. [End quoting]

It’s sure nice to see that some people are wise enough to stand up to the gangster-banksters and their thieving goonsquads.

PENTIUM III CHIP WILL ID YOU

From the INTERNET, <para-discuss@tje.net>, 1/29/99: [quoting]

If you buy a Pentium III and you value your privacy, consider turning off the ID feature in the chip.

INTEL TO EMBED SERIAL NUMBERS
ON PENTIUM III CHIPS

An Arizona lawmaker is proposing a ban on the sale or manufacture of Intel's upcoming Pentium III processors in that state, arguing that identification numbers in the chips would undermine Internet privacy.

State Rep. Steve May (R-Phoenix) said in a prepared statement Wednesday that he plans to introduce legislation that would ban the sale and manufacture of computer chips and components "containing individualized identification systems" in Arizona. Intel has two fabrication plants there.

The bill also would bar the state and its cities and counties from buying equipment containing such systems, he said.

"Technology is advancing faster than our laws," May said. "Consumers deserve basic privacy rights—even on the Internet.

"This technology will launch a new era of information mining and allow anyone to build detailed profiles on individuals," he said. "It will drive consumers away. Who likes being watched while they shop?"

Santa Clara, Calif.-based Intel unveiled last week its plan to include processor serial numbers when it launches the Pentium III later this quarter. Since then, the security feature has caused an uproar among privacy advocates, who argued the ID numbers would erode Internet privacy and make it easier for companies to track users for marketing purposes.

However, Intel said the serial numbers, which application vendors could use to identify a PC, would make the Internet and e-commerce more secure.

Privacy groups launched this week a boycott of Intel products until the chip giant drops the feature from the Pentium III. The vendor then decided to change the security feature so it would be automatically disabled unless the user turns it on.

An Intel spokesman said May does not appear to understand how the security feature works and how the company changed it this week. Company executives were scheduled to meet with May on Wednesday.

"We think once he understands the full picture, he'll probably change his position," the spokesman said.

May said many websites already have announced plans to incorporate the processor serial numbers into their products and services. He said use of the processor serial numbers, in effect, will not be optional.

"Imagine if every time you went to the mall, you were required to provide a fingerprint at every shop you entered, for every purchase you make, even every time you went to the bathroom. This is what Intel is asking you to do," May said. [End quoting]

The “elite” manipulators always try to use their lame excuses for more control of us, but it looks like they may come up against a brick wall on this one and let’s sure hope so. We’ve gotten along well without it up until now and we can continue to do so! Let these nosey hounds know that you won’t take this—contact your politicians and Intel and tell them so!!

POISONING CIVILIANS IS LEGAL!

From the INTERNET, 1/28/99: [quoting]

Someone just asked me if I had any proof that the Feds have declared war on the American people. Ian Goddard has just dug up proof—right in the U.S. Code.... the military can LEGALLY spray us with biological weapons as long as local civilian officials are notified 30 days in advance. Check this out... Nice, eh?? Now, damnit, if you don’t take precautions, don’t say I didn’t try to warn you.

I’m still waiting for USCMike1@aol.com to get us more info on how we can defend against Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical attacks. Hopefully he’ll get back to us soon with more information. A gas mask isn’t sufficient.

There’s some sort of protective full-body suit that you have to also wear, but USCMike still hasn’t told me where to get these, and I’m hoping he will and that he’ll provide more information about this.

From: I-am@symmetry.net

U.S. Code 50 (Chapter 32, Section 1520[b]1) states that the Department of Defence MAY “conduct any test or experiment involving the use of any chemical or biological agent on civilian populations” only if the DoD notifies “local civilian officials” 30 days before testing chemical or biological agents on U.S. civilians.

So you have the right to have some “civilian officials” notified before you’re used in bio-war experiments.

So we all have the legal right to be a Guinea pig without knowing, so long as some officials know.

Read this law at the Cornell University library: <<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/50/1520.html>>

This law was added to the U.S. Code in 1996. Why would federal law define a right for the DoD to “conduct any test or experiment involving the use of any chemical or biological agent on civilian populations” (granted a few officials know) if no such tests and experiments were planned? It stands to reason that they are planned!

Is this connected to reports of sickening USAF-jet-spray?

USAF Jets Said To Be Spraying Something That Sickens: <<http://ens.lycos.com/ens/jan99/1999L-01-12-01.html>> <<http://ens.lycos.com/ens/jan99/1999L-01-08-05.html>> [End quoting]

Haven’t we had enough of the “elite’s” legalized poisoning—it’s been going on for many, many years. And we have written about this for years in these pages.

USGS EARTHQUAKE REPORT

From the INTERNET, 2/3/99: [quoting]

USGS Earthquake report

Date: Tue, 2 Feb 1999, 23:03:47 -0500

From: USGS Geologic Division <info@geo-www.er.usgs.gov>

Magnitude 6.2 earthquake near TONGA ISLANDS 20.20S, 174.36W depth 33.0km Wed Feb 3 01:13:57 1999 GMT. [End quoting]

There was another 6-pointer just several days ago but I have lost the location. The big ones seem to be getting quite frequent.

WEIRD WEATHER TO GET WEIRDER

From the INTERNET, <para-discuss@tje.net>, 1/28/99: [quoting]

Mexico City is the chosen location for weather experimentation apparently. Electrified antennas will shortly be established there and used in an attempt to alter existing rainfall and wind patterns by ionising the atmosphere. The hope is that the anticipated effect will reduce the heavily polluted air currently shrouding this high-altitude city. Who knows, perhaps this experiment is also designed to rid the skies of other kinds of atmospheric pollution too—in the form of UFOs?

The seemingly bizarre circular weather patterns noted across various parts of the U.S. in recent months may in fact represent a not-unknown phenomenon. Checking UK doppler radar websites I discovered that these circular structures would appear to be what is described as representing 'Kelvin-Helmholtz billows'. [End quoting]

Those who watch the day or night sky regularly are going to be more frequently observing strange phenomena resulting from the experimentation Soltec was discussing last week.

NORTH NORWAY SHIVERED THROUGH THE COLDEST DAY THIS CENTURY

From the INTERNET, <para-discuss@tje.net>, 1/29/99: [quoting]

Thursday temperatures plunged to a bone-chilling minus 51.2 Celsius (minus 60.2 Fahrenheit).

People in the northern county of Finnmark, high above the Arctic Circle, were advised to stay inside, keep

well wrapped up and stay moving if obliged to go out.

Temperatures measured in Karasjok overnight at -51.2 Celsius were fractionally short of the all-time -51.4C (60.5F) record in 1886.

“This is the coldest day since then,” meteorologist Haakon Melhuus told *Reuters*, saying that temperatures were likely to creep higher in coming days with less frigid air coming from the Norwegian Sea.

In extreme cold, people are advised not to wash their faces around the eyes—the only part of the body exposed—to help keep a natural protective layer of grease.

One television report showed a man in North Norway throwing a cup of warm water in the air—it turned to a cloud of ice crystals without a drop reaching the ground.

Melhuus noted that people in northern Finnmark lived in far better insulated homes than in 1886. “It’s only a problem if your car breaks down or you fall through the ice,” he said. “And of course it’s a strain for the elderly.”

The hardiness of people in the north of Scandinavia is legendary.

One joke tells of a reporter telephoning a woman at home in Karasjok, saying: “I hear the temperature’s at a record low today.” The woman goes away to check her thermometer, comes back and says: “No, it’s only minus 14.”

The reporter says: “Minus 14? I heard it was minus 50.” The woman replies: “Oh, you mean outside?” [End quoting]

More signs of global warming?

SMART SURVEILLANCE

From the INTERNET, *New Scientist*, 10/17/98: [quoting]

Researchers in California have created an Autonomous Observer, (AO) robot that could be developed into a surveillance system that follows a target wherever it goes. Currently, other systems can’t follow moving objects that are trying to evade detection; if an object disappears from view, the tracking system loses it.

To overcome this, computer scientist Jean-Claude Latombe at Stanford University has developed small mobile robots that not only watch targets but also work out their potential escape routes. The robots can then position themselves for an optimum view. [End quoting]

You’ve probably heard one of the “elite’s” favorite phrases: “Nowhere to go and no place to hide.” This is pounded into their brainwashed slaves (US) so that they don’t try to escape. Here’s another phrase: “Smart as the fox, but gentle as the dove.”

IMPLANTS ALLOW HUMANS TO CONTROL COMPUTERS

From the INTERNET, <para-discuss@tje.net>, 1/29/99: [quoting]

An American scientist has entered the world of science fiction by implanting electrodes in the brains of disabled people so that they can control a computer by the power of thought.

The implants have enabled two paralysed people to move the cursor on the screen simply by thinking about moving part of their body. They were able to convey messages such as “I’m thirsty” or “Please turn off the light” by pointing the cursor at different icons. The hope is that eventually patients will be able to communicate complex ideas just by thinking about them.

“If you can run a computer, you can talk to the world,” said Dr. Ray Bakay, of Emory University in Atlanta, whose team developed the implants.

British Telecom Laboratories near Ipswich, UK, have also done research into implantable chips, including a memory chip which could take data from the eye and store it for a computer. [End quoting]

This is a very useful technology when used for good purposes, but can you imagine how it can be used for the dark forces’ benefit?

PRESIDENT AL GORE?

The following several items are from *THE SPOTLIGHT*, 2/1/99: [quoting]

Vice President Al Gore is speaking at the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Switzerland, a multi-national, Bilderberg-type affair in which various world leaders gather to discuss such concepts as free trade and globalization. According to reports, he will then fly to London to meet with fellow-globalist Tony Blair. [End quoting]

This sounds like foreboding news for Pres. Hillary and her husband—on second thought, maybe it’s good news for Hillary and she’ll be able to shed Willy boy.

JAILBIRD

Landmark Legal Foundation, an ethics watchdog group, has asked the Justice Department to investigate Larry Flynt and his “investigator”, Dan Moldea, for obstructing justice in regard to the so-called “outing” of a number of prominent Republicans. The complaint reads in part: “We believe Larry Flynt and his private detective . . . are, and have been, attempting to stop Republican members of Congress from criticizing [Clinton] during impeachment-trial proceedings by threatening to disclose embarrassing personal information purchased by Flynt.” If convicted, Flynt stands to be fined \$250,000 and/or serve up to five years in jail. [End quoting]

Messing around with these professional crooks is a dangerous game—even for Flynt!

PERSIAN GULF SYNDROME II

A Navy sailor on his way to the Persian Gulf was kicked off the *USS Abraham Lincoln*, and eventually out of the military, in early January for refusing on several occasions to be inoculated with three anthrax vaccines. After a sailor advocacy group became involved, however, Hunter Bried's discharge from the military was changed to a "general under honorable conditions" certificate. The Pentagon admitted to the press that only a few servicemen have refused the shots, but activists put the figure at close to 100. [End quoting]

There have been quite a number of similar reports, worldwide, by military people who are daring to resist.

CONFISCATION

According to an ad placed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), 75 percent of U.S. banknotes are contaminated with trace amounts of cocaine. Drug-sniffing dogs are reportedly trained to detect even small amounts of drug residue, entitling law enforcement, under current federal forfeiture laws, to confiscate any cash the dogs detect. [End quoting]

How long do you think they'd get away with this if we'd only speak up?

POLICE ABUSE FORFEITURES

A five-part series that ran in *The Kansas City Star* alleged police in Kansas City were keeping millions of dollars of seized cash and assets intended to go to local public schools. According to the story, local police were using a loophole that allowed them to retain 80 to 90 percent of the confiscated items totaling in the tens of millions of dollars. [End quoting]

Reread previous comment!

CHRISTIANS NEED NOT APPLY

The German government has announced that "American citizens" interned in World War II German concentration camps will receive reparations totaling between \$14.4 and \$24 million. According to published reports, "The deal will benefit about 230 Jews who have not received money from any previous reparation settlement." [End quoting]

Reread previous comment! Just how much extortion will these ones get away with?

CULTURAL STATEMENT

The most popular boy's name in Texas and California these days is not Joseph, Robert or Michael. It's José Pollsters account for the popularity of the name due to the increase in immigration from Central and South America and high birth rates over the past several years. Latinos are now the fastest growing minority in the United States, expected to outnumber Blacks as the largest by the next century. According to President Clinton, by 2050 Whites will be a minority in the United States. [End quoting]

The bigger question is what kind of a world will José be living in?

“PC” TALK

The Internet version of Merriam-Webster Inc.’s thesaurus was pulled from American Online (AOL) recently while pejorative synonyms for the word “homosexual” were removed. Merriam-Webster, which markets the computer version of its thesaurus, said this was in keeping with their policy of eliminating any words for groups that might be viewed as “offensive”. As this paper went to press, the thesaurus was still down. However, in spite of Webster’s claims to being “politically correct” on their AOL site, “whitey”, “cracker”, “redneck” and “honkey” were included in their on-line dictionary, referring to White men—offensively. [End quoting]

The “elite” have their hand in every portion of our society through subtle mind-control techniques.

A FEDERAL MARKET? ARE YOU NUTS?

Excerpted from *THE MODESTO BEE*, 1/27/99: [quoting]

For reasons known but to God, the value of Amazon.com’s stock dropped by more than 6 percent last Thursday, which meant it was worth almost 50 percent less than it was a week or so ago. Yahoo dropped almost 8 percent the same day and is worth 40 percent less than it was a week ago.

Welcome to your new Social Security plan.

I was almost as surprised as Alan Greenspan when President Clinton, ticking down a laundry list of something for everybody in his State of the Union message, said he wanted to invest Social Security trust funds in the stock market. “America is working again,” said the president, sounding like anything but an impeachee. “The promise of our future is limitless.”

Please stop that. Nothing is limitless in the mass of electrons we call home. For once I found myself in agreement with the aggressive anti-government stance of the most conservative Republicans. Bill Archer, the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, spoke for me this time when he reacted this way:

“Government-controlled investment in the market is contrary to free enterprise, and it will open the doors to all kinds of mischief involving government dictates, favoritism and cronyism.”

“Dangerous,” added Greenspan, the holdover conservative chairman of the Federal Reserve, reappointed by Clinton to calm markets and the gamblers who invest in them. “I do not believe that it is politically feasible to insulate such huge funds from government direction.”

“Nuts” is the word I would have used. The plan to invest \$700 billion of Social Security money in the market rather than in Treasury bonds would, over 15 years, give the government 4 percent of the shares in all of American business, beginning with the largest of our corporations, Microsoft and General Electric. [End quoting]

Surely we want those “good and ethical” politicians to have their clutches on all of our billions of dollars of retirement funds so they can go to the stock market and gamble with it and buy all the influence they want

by parceling funds to all of their broker friends. Doesn't that really sound like the "perfect" solution?

U.S. TROOPS URGED FOR KOSOVO FORCE

Excerpted from *THE DAILY NEWS*, Los Angeles, 1/30/99: [quoting]

President Clinton's top national security advisers decided Friday that the United States should commit several thousand ground troops to an international force in Kosovo to monitor any eventual cease-fire there, said administration officials and members of Congress.

Administration officials were promoting the plan around Capitol Hill on Friday before discussing it with Clinton on Monday.

At the same time, the United States and its allies, meeting Friday in London, ordered Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic and leaders of the ethnic Albanian majority in Kosovo to sit down to a tight schedule of peace talks. NATO is expected to vote today to authorize airstrikes against the Serbs if they do not agree to a political settlement of autonomy for Kosovo. [End quoting]

Another one of the "elite's" methods to distract us from the Washington Soap Opera? Or maybe to get more troops out of the U.S. for a big y2k bug disaster—possible takeover??

GOGGLE BOX DRIVES APE FAMILY APART

From *THE LONDON TIMES*, 1/6/99: [quoting]

A television, intended to provide help for an orangutan couple in St Petersburg Zoo, has turned them into telly addicts, the *Moscow Times* reported yesterday.

Monika and Rabu had failed to be model parents to their male baby, Ramon, so a Samsung executive, himself a new father, gave the set in the hope that educational videos might teach the orangutans how to care for their offspring.

Rabu, the family's patriarch, has become so obsessed with the television which hangs outside his cage that he has started to ignore his mate, who in turn is feeling rejected and miserable. Zoo officials have now curtailed viewing hours, in the hope that Rabu will regain his attentive nature and that Monika will resume her painting career, cast aside in favour of the box.

Aleksandr Karpov, chief psychologist at the Russian Ministry of Health, admitted that any addiction to a lifeless object "can easily result in a strong separation from reality". He added that anyone who spends a disproportionate amount of time watching television or playing computer games is likely to cut himself off from communication with others, including his own family, and he may become a defective personality with one-sided development.

Rabu arrived in St. Petersburg from Antwerp Zoo in 1997 and he and Monika had their offspring on November 20. However, being reared in captivity both parents had lost the nurturing instincts necessary to raise their baby, so he was removed to an incubator where he was fed and looked after by zoo staff.

The zoo plans to appeal to American primate centres for help. It also hopes to bring in human mothers to demonstrate their skills to the hapless orangutan. [End quoting]

And we think it doesn't harm us or our children? Maybe there's a lesson here!

WOLFE HELPS SALES OF ROMAN PHILOSOPHER

From *THE MODESTO BEE*, 1/24/99: [quoting]

Epictetus is not likely to become a best-selling author, but, thanks to Tom Wolfe and his best-selling *A Man in Full*, the first-century Roman philosopher is enjoying a revival of sorts.

HarperSanFrancisco has gone back to press on two of Epictetus' books—*A Manual for Living* and *The Art of Living*.

In an interview in New York in November, Wolfe said he got the idea for using Epictetus after reading about an American pilot who was shot down in Vietnam and sent to a POW camp. "He mentioned that the only thing that had kept him going in prison was the sketchy knowledge of Epictetus that he'd gotten from a course at the Naval Academy."

Like the American pilot, Wolfe's character Conrad Hensley uses the teachings of Epictetus to help him survive imprisonment. Reading a copy of *The Stoics*, Hensley is profoundly affected by Epictetus' simple message: **Each man alone is totally responsible for his deeds** [*emphasis mine*].

The words were written 2,000 years ago, but they are especially timely today, says Sharon Lebell, a San Francisco writer who modernized Epictetus' archaic language for the two new volumes.

"Suddenly it's become fashionable to be a decent person," Lebell said. "The use of self-restraint and judgment are being considered, especially in the wake of the Clinton and Lewinsky debacle. There's a collective moral conversation going on now and people are less interested in a spiritual search. They're searching for a moral compass."

Epictetus, who was born a Roman slave, offers a formula that sounds as if it were taken from a New Age self-help book or *Poor Richard's Almanac*.

"Know what you can control and what you can't," he advises. Other bits of wisdom: "Seeking to please is a perilous trap"; and, one that seems to discourage more sales of Wolfe's big novel, "Stay away from most popular entertainment". [End quoting]

Wouldn't it be best to stick with the spiritual search since the moral compass is part and parcel of the spiritual path.

WE SEE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN YOUR FUTURE

From *THE ORLANDO SENTINEL*, 1/29/99: [quoting]

Random Acts of Kindness Week is coming soon, so start thinking kind thoughts. Spearheaded by *Sentinel* columnist Dave Porter, this worthy annual event arrives February 8.

Now's the time to plan ways you can help make Central Florida an even better place to live for neighbors, friends, family and total strangers. Who knows? If we all work together, Random Acts of Kindness Week might last all year-round. [End quoting]

Sounds like something all communities should promote. What a change this could make if all would join in this effort to promote love and brotherhood!

FLORIDIANS SEEK TO STOP
SALE OF LICENSE PHOTOS

Excerpted from *THE ORLANDO SENTINEL*, 1/29/99: [quoting]

But many are finding it hard to contact the company that bought the pictures from the state.

You can ask to have your Florida drivers license photo removed from the database of a company planning to deliver it electronically to retailers and others to prevent fraud.

But there's no guarantee the New Hampshire company that was the first to buy those pictures—or any buyer to come later—will comply with your request.

That's because the state law that permits the sale of photos from about 14 million Florida drivers licenses and state identification cards makes no provision for withholding any of them for privacy reasons or otherwise.

The first company to take advantage of the law—Image Data Corp.—has promised to remove voluntarily the photo of anyone who requests it, Janet Dennis, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, said Thursday.

But contacting Image Data at its Nashua, NH headquarters was an exercise in frustration Thursday, when numerous attempts to reach it by telephone failed to connect.

The company is also running into problems in South Carolina, where its purchase of drivers license photos is drawing fire from the state's new governor. [End quoting]

Don't think this won't happen to the remaining states if it hasn't already. The answer, as you know by now, is to SPEAK UP!

HERE'S SEVERAL INTERNET SITES
YOU MAY WISH TO EXPLORE.

<<http://www.spacescope.com/5.html>> search this whole site.

<<http://www.mtshasta.com/homepage.html>> A live camera is focused on Mt. Shasta, changing frequently.

<<http://www.parascope.com/other/userlinks.htm>> There's hundreds of links here.

<<http://www.prs.net/midi.html#index>> If you like classical music or religious and Christmas music there are thousands you can download free.

Enjoy.

BAD DAY

From the INTERNET, 2/2/99: [quoting]

From: C D Associates <cdassoc@frontier.net>

So you think you've had a bad day. The following is taken from April 23rd edition of the *Tampa Tribune* Style Section: Charlie Werthheimer was working on his motorcycle on his patio in Plant City and his wife Wendy was in the house in the kitchen. Charlie was racing the engine on the motorcycle and somehow, the motorcycle slipped into gear. Still holding on to the handlebars, he was dragged through the glass patio door and the motorcycle dumped on the floor inside the ranch-style house. Hearing the crash, Wendy ran into the dining room, and found her husband lying on the floor, cut and bleeding, the motorcycle next to him and the patio door shattered. She ran to the phone and summoned an ambulance. Because they lived on a fairly large hill, the wife went down the several flights of long steps to the street to direct the paramedics to her husband. After the ambulance arrived and transported Charlie to the hospital, Wendy uprighted the Harley and pushed it outside.

Seeing that gas had spilled on the living room floor, the wife got some paper towels, blotted up the fuel, and threw the towels in the toilet. Mr. Werthheimer was treated at the hospital and released that afternoon. Arriving home, he looked at the shattered patio door and the damage done to his new \$20,000 Harley-Davidson. Despondent, he went into the bathroom, sat on the toilet and smoked a cigarette. After finishing the cigarette, he flipped it between his legs into the toilet bowl while still seated. Wendy was in the kitchen when she heard an explosion and her husband screaming. She ran into the bathroom and found her husband lying on the floor. His trousers had been blown away and he was suffering burns on the buttocks, the back of his legs and his groin. The wife ran to the phone and once again called for an ambulance. The same ambulance crew was dispatched and the wife met them at the street level. The paramedics went back up the stairs, loaded the husband onto the stretcher and began the trip back to the street level. While going down the stairs accompanied by the wife, one of the paramedics asked the wife how the husband had burned himself. She told them. The paramedics were hysterical with laughter. They were laughing so hard, one of them tipped the stretcher and accidentally dumped the husband out. He fell down the remaining steps and broke both arms. And you think you've had a bad day? [End quoting]

This is one of those events which makes truth so much stranger than fiction.

ICE OVER ALABAMA

From *ANGELS ON EARTH*, Sep/Oct, 1998, *Guideposts*, 39 Seminary Hill Rd., Carmel, NY 10512:
[quoting]

I started flying when I was 16, and stopped logging my hours in the cockpit after reaching a thousand. In the late seventies I practically lived out of a plane, covering five states investigating aircraft claims for my insurance companies. Flight controllers at most of the airports recognized my voice the second I checked in. People who knew me well called me Johnny, but those guys nicknamed me the Flying Adjuster. Early on the morning of January 31, 1979, I was prepping my Cessna 182 Skylane at the Mobile, Ala., airport for the 300-mile flight home. I was looking forward to this time alone. Just me and the birds of the air.

It was an absolutely beautiful day, bright blue sky and fluffy cumulus clouds. Everything on the plane checked out perfectly, and I walked over to base operations to verify the weather forecast. “Clear all the way,” I was told.

A cool wind had kicked up by the time I returned to the Skylane and climbed into the cockpit. I let the plane run for a few minutes till the engine was warmed up and I was satisfied with the preflight tests. Ground control taxied me out to the active runway and then handed me over to the tower for departure. The wind was increasing as I lifted off.

About 10 minutes into the flight the Mobile tower handed me over to nearby Pensacola Air Naval Station. The guys there made sure I stayed north of Interstate 10 and out of naval air space. Then we said our farewells and I was on my own.

I like to cruise above 9500 feet, higher than most other general aviation planes, because it gives me plenty of glide time if the engine should lose power. One of the first things you learn as a pilot is to be aware of possible landing places in case of an emergency. At a high altitude I know I can glide for 25 or 30 miles till I spot a pasture or some other place to set down. That morning I went up to 10,500 feet and settled back, relaxing for the first time in days. Hard work was behind me. I popped a piece of chewing gum in my mouth.

After a while the plane began to act sluggishly. I pumped some heat in the carburetor and noticed an increase in RPMs, and the engine smoothed out. Then I saw that those fluffy clouds I’d spotted earlier had become a weird, enveloping mist. The cabin was warm and cozy, and visibility was still okay. The windscreen defrosters will take care of it.

But the mist got worse, and the defrosters couldn’t clear it all. I had to strain to see. The plane was more than sluggish now—it seemed heavy. I looked out and saw white, rough-looking stuff covering the edges of my wings.

I panicked. Ice in the Deep South just doesn’t happen. My plane wasn’t equipped to handle it! It would build up on the wings, adding weight, disrupting airflow. The engine could stall and cut out completely. My chewing gum turned to cotton in my mouth.

The wing struts weren't yet totally iced over, but the windscreen was covered with ice. I pumped in more carb heat to keep the engine going and increased the power. Virtually all the gauges were still safely in the green: cylinder head temperature, oil pressure, everything. But I could feel something wasn't right. For one thing, it was getting dark—at ten o'clock in the morning. The plane has lights on the wing tips, red on the left, green on the right. I couldn't see them anymore. Glare from the plane's strobes and rotating beacon reflected off the thick clouds. I could barely see the wings!

I was halfway between Monroeville, Ala., and Dannelly Field in Montgomery. I clicked the mike button and contacted Dannelly.

"Is that you, Flying Adjuster?" the controller asked. "You got a problem?"

"You bet," I said. "I've got ice!"

"You've got what?"

He couldn't believe it any more than I. I gave him my altitude. "Okay, I see you on my radar," he said. "Let's get that bird down lower and lose that ice."

I was told to descend 500 feet per minute. My hands were shaking as I set my controls. I couldn't take my eyes off the instrument panel. This was the first time I'd flown by instruments alone. Flight instructors tell you to trust your instruments, but I'd always relied on my instincts more. I'd spent so many hours in the air I thought I could see my way out of anything. But now I was flying blind. I couldn't see anything but disaster ahead. God, I can't do this on my own. Will you make this trip with me?

I started my descent from 10,500 feet. I knew we had some tall towers in my flight path. The controller assured me he'd keep me clear of them. I dropped to 8500, 6500, 4500, 3500. The engine felt smoother. But what's that noise? It sounded like somebody was beating the plane with a sledgehammer. I glanced up. The ice was melting in the warmer air! Massive sheets of ice broke loose from the wings, projected backward and smashed against the tail. The danger hadn't passed.

"Johnny, you'll be okay." It was a woman's voice, sweet and reassuring. I tapped my headset, but the voice hadn't come from there. It seemed to come from the passenger seats. "You'll be okay, Johnny," I heard again. I pulled off my headset and twisted around. The cabin was empty. I turned back to the instrument panel and settled into my seat. Somehow I knew I was going to make it home.

A few minutes later, after spotting I-65 down below through a break in the clouds, I regained control of the plane. "Thanks, buddy," I said to the controller at Dannelly. "Thanks for the excitement," he replied.

The rest of the trip was uneventful. I landed at my hometown airport and chatted with the line boy while he refueled the plane. Then we pushed it into the hangar, and I loaded my gear into my car and drove home. The phone woke me the next morning. "You'd better come look at this," the aircraft inspector said.

Several people were examining my plane in the maintenance hangar when I arrived. The cowl had been removed, and the inspector showed me the engine, or what was left of it. Fighting the weight of the ice had

caused a fire. The carburetor intake was completely melted, and the wiring burned away. The number four jug was split wide open, exposing the piston. Oil was everywhere, dripping off the tail skid, covering one side of the hull. Since I landed safely I hadn't inspected the aircraft. I never suspected any kind of damage. "We can't believe you made it," the inspector said.

I couldn't have without help—from someone who knows me well enough to call me Johnny. [End quoting]

How many times do Angels come to our rescue when we know not that they have even been there?

CHAPTER 2

A NOTE TO OUR INQUIRING READERS

It has recently come to my attention that some readers mistakenly assume that Doris Ekker (Dharma) is responsible for any and all “received” messages in the pages of CONTACT. This error is partly my oversight from being “too close to the trees to see the forest” clearly. That is, I am very aware of who writes what, just from familiarity with writing styles and from processing the various messages, and I thus overlook the possibility that others may not be able to easily discern differences.

Let me make it very clear that Dharma has been in the Philippines and Malaysia since early August of 1998 and, unless otherwise noted, only those “received” writings which have a by-line of “Hatonn” have been scribed by Dharma.

The other Higher Teachers, whose messages you enjoy in these pages, choose who they wish to utilize as their scribe, and this varies from writing to writing and week to week, presently within a small group of “high-fidelity” public-message receivers who have long been in training for their job and have always wished to remain in the background—allowing the exquisite, multi-faceted messages from the various Master Teachers to speak for themselves.

This reminds me to remind any of you who are particularly interested that a comprehensive discussion of the “receiving” process occurs in several locations within the book called WISDOM OF THE RAYS: The Masters Teach, Volume I.

And that reminds me to let all of you know, who have been patiently inquiring about Volume II in the WISDOM OF THE RAYS series, that this project is very close to publication now—weighing in at around 500 pages of dynamite writings from many of the Master Teachers!

Stay tuned for more information concerning this new book as it finally becomes available. As those of you who know how the “physics” works can readily appreciate, there has been much in the way of adversarial intrusions to try to derail the finished product. But, just as with the production of Volume I, nothing will stop the Volume II project from reaching a successful completion—for NOW is the time for The Great Awakening. Hang on and enjoy!

—Dr. Edwin M. Young, Editor-In-Chief

CHAPTER 3

NEWS DESK SPECIAL REPORT

CANADA'S LETHAL "PAPER RECYCLING" PROGRAM

by Dr. Al Overholt 2/6/99

From AFAX, 2/2/99: [quoting]

A paper "recycling" program initiated in 1993 by Canada's Ministry of environment has received bad reviews by farmers and rural residents.

A farmer in Beaverton, Ontario, Don Whitcombe describes health issues as a result of the spreading of paper sludge.

Initially the ministry was using a hormone replacer called monothenaloxotholete (not sure of the spelling) this chemical was used to take the ink off the paper—residents investigated the chemical and discovered this was a very toxic chemical. In fact, it was so aggressive that it has the ability of changing the sex of fish from male to female. The ministry acknowledged the dangers and have said that they are no longer using this chemical and that they are now using an extract from coconut.

The ministry tried to sell this "recycling idea" as a "soil benefit program". It is actually a waste disposal program.

Reports out of the Department of Health in Wisconsin demonstrate this process to affect cattle, cheese, and wheat. Wisconsin's standards seem to be a lot higher than ours in Canada. And ironically 80 percent of wastestream comes from the States to be recycled here on our farms...and 80 percent goes back to the states.

We seem to be managing an American problem!

This process, actually called a certificate of approval, allows people to spread this paper sludge material on farmland. It comes up for renewal this week. It is very likely it will be renewed again though.

The way the Ministry has sold this idea to farmers is this: The farmer is given this material made out of clay, paper fiber, lime and water. The also give the farmer an amount of nitrogen to break this stuff down and of course, fertilizer (what farmer doesn't need fertilizer?). One farmer was offered \$17-thousand worth of fertilizer free plus this material, an offer he couldn't refuse. \$17-thousand is big bucks for a farmer here in Ontario.

(The way the Ministry gets away with not disclosing their contents of the material is that they are giving the material to the farmers. If they were shelling it then they would have to tell them what they are getting.)

The health effects are evident in the areas that process the paper sludge. Many times the sludge is being

spread where the cattle are still grazing in the field.

Without a doubt the ministry will be granted another renewal of this program.

I'll keep my ears open .

Please review releases to follow.

PRESS RELEASE

February 1, 1999

HEALTH RISK FROM PAPER SLUDGE UNDER REVIEW

Farmers and rural resident are complaining about health problems related to the spreading of paper sludge on farm fields. "When they spread it on the fields near me I can feel my lungs close up," said Don Whitcombe, who runs a tree nursery and landscaping business in Beaverton. "My daughter has asthma, and she really suffers." Residents are describing their symptoms in letters to the Medical Officer of Health in their district in order to document health problems they believe are related to the "Soil Enrichment" program run by Atlantic Packaging and Courtice Auto Wreckers.

But the concern about health risks is not limited to breathing problems. Chemicals in the sludge are also a concern. This paper-mill sludge, the waste from the Atlantic Packaging paper mills in Scarborough and Whitby, contains calcium carbonate, short paper fibers, kaolin clay, ink and dye residues and chemicals used in deinking and processing. It also contains dioxins which are some of the most toxic chemicals known to man.

In a letter to the Ministry of the Environment Dr. Alex Hukowich, Medical Officer of Health for Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district, questions the Ministry assumptions when it comes to dioxins. "I believe the Ministry's position should be to carefully examine the amounts of such substances (PCB's and dioxins) which continue to be released into the environment in an effort to reduce the amount and to determine the potential for or actual degree of contamination of the food chain so as to decrease human exposure."

Recent such tests from the Ministry of the Environment determined that the laboratory used by the mill was not using acceptable methods of dioxin detection. Ministry officials found that the real levels of dioxin were far higher than those reported by the mill. Ministry audits revealed a level of 3.5 parts per trillion total toxic equivalents. While this amount of dioxin is within current Ministry standards, it is above the levels reported for average Ontario farm soil. Dioxins are persistent organic contaminants and they tend to accumulate in the soil. Rural residents would like to see a dioxin audit of farms that have been receiving sludge for the past five years.

Health risk assessments from the Department of Health in Wisconsin demonstrate that a significant cancer risk is associated with grazing livestock on land that contains more than 0.5 parts per trillion of dioxin. Since most of the human exposure to dioxins comes from food sources, especially meat and milk. Pas-

tures and application of paper sludge may be creating unacceptable risks.

Townships have also expressed concern about the lack of research from the company. Brock town council has asked for testing for health impacts such as asthma as a condition of the program. Manvera Township has written to the Ministry about pasture land application and stated that they “STRONGLY OPPOSE the spreading of paper sludge on agriculture lands in our municipality as this is NOT considered to be a soil enhancement program”

The ministry of the Environment will decide whether to renew the program sometime this week.

For more information call: Lynn Sproule, 705-432-2135. [End quoting]

Anytime the “elite” are allowing this in Canada don’t be surprised if it is being done in other places in the world.

This sounds like mass destruction of farmlands to me or why would they be paying the farmers to do it? The “elite” aren’t known to give us something free if they know it is good for us in any way. Think about it!

CHAPTER 4

ART BELL SAYS EVERYBODY IS SICK WATCH THOSE CONTRAILS IN SKY!

Coming up this week on Art Bell's late-night talk-radio program (on 2/18/99) is a guest, William Thomas, whose first appearance on Art's show on 1/25/99 sent chills up and down every listener's spine. My almost 84-year-young mother, who is part of an eight-lady crew who feeds 700 children at my old grade-school cafeteria every day near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, just told me that many of the kids are sick with "odd flus" and Pittsburgh's Children's Hospital is filled to overflowing with emergency cases.

In years past CONTACT has provided much information about biological and chemical warfare testing of the toxic variety upon various population centers of we-the-people. As if that is not diabolical enough, the crooks in high places have even written various clandestine laws to make such shenanigans "legal". (Doesn't that just help you to sleep peacefully?!)

The following is the first part of what will be at least a two-part series on recent matters related to this nasty subject. Part One (this week) is provided by our News Desk guru, Dr. Al Overholt, from Internet sources. Part Two (next week, hopefully) will be a discussion presented by our own Sherlock Holmes writer, Ray Bilger, and will pick-up where this week's information leaves off.

Keep an eye on the sky, for sure. Those curious, cross-hatched contrail grid patterns, appearing over so many locations now, seem to be connected with the latest attempt to bring we-the-people under New World Order control.

—Dr. Edwin M. Young, Editor-In-Chief

2/13/99 DR. AL OVERHOLT

From the INTERNET, <HEOT@onelist.com> 2/10/99: [quoting]

PART 1

Last night Art Bell, on his talk show that broadcasts on over 300 radio stations [20 million listeners] said that everybody he knows is sick and he didn't know what was making them sick. I'll now put down some information that is so bad that if you are not sick already you may be sick after reading this. Incidentally, I'm not sick myself, although some may question that statement. I know that in the past I have said that the contrails are made by jets that have a substance in their fuel that is making us sick. That may be still partially true. I then said that the government is spraying us with some substance that will immunize us against any attack that may come from terrorists who may try to kill us with Anthrax. That may be true. I don't know what is really happening but that hasn't stopped me from saying what may have been happen-

ing in the past. Here's the latest dope on the subject and I do claim to be the world's expert on putting out dope.

From: S W

Subject: U.S. Military Conducting TOXIC Biological-Chemical Warfare Against Civilians

U.S. feds well on their way to reducing population to further New World Order goals!

Dear Citizens, Patriots, and Veterans: For the past 3 weeks I have been receiving first-hand reports of U.S. Military jets spraying toxic substances over populated urban areas testing the effectiveness of their biological and chemical warfare protective suits and monitoring equipment. The substances are SUPPOSEDLY "harmless" simulants which have extremely toxic effects of their own. To date, literally thousands of civilians have been made very sick, mostly with respiratory illnesses and distress and even scores of deaths.

The military has deceived the public and other authorities by saying that what they are spraying are harmless simulants while in actuality they are really conducting chemical and biological warfare with weapons of mass destruction under the guise of merely a "test". Yes, a test, to see how many people will be made ill, contract respiratory diseases, and how many die. So, do you call that a "test" or actual warfare?

We do not have to wait any longer for Clinton to antagonize the Middle Eastern countries to the point of them lashing out with international terrorists against U.S. cities and U.S. citizens, as Clinton is doing what he is told to do by the Insiders, the Elites, the bosses of the Illuminati and New World Order. As I posted to you all numerous times in the past, if Clinton can't get the Islamics to attack the U.S. then Clinton will just go ahead himself and do it. That is exactly what he is doing now.

Citizens, Patriots, and Veterans, no need to wait for these NBC—Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical warfare attacks against us because they have been going on for quite some time now. Why? Because the New World Order's Elites plan is to reduce the population of the world by 25% by the year 2000 (y2k is truly an appropriate crisis), 50% by 2025, 75% shortly after that, and by 85% to 95% as a final goal to leave only 200 million people alive world wide. Of course these surviving people will only be comprised of the Elites and their prison-labor slaves incarcerated in Clinton's Civilian Concentration Camps here in the U.S. and in other concentration camps around the world.

Why? Because the Elites want to "save" the world's natural resources for themselves. They don't want other people using them as they think our sources are running out when in actuality all we have to do is use our technology to use them more efficiently and produce replaceable natural resources. Like, why use up our finite petroleum resources when we can use bacteria and yeasts to grow on discarded organic matter to produce alcohol for fuels?

England has had 6,000 deaths in the past two weeks from respiratory failure caused by this Military spraying currently.

Please read the following post forwarded by <jham@iahf.com> (John Hammell) and by William Thomas regarding the information from Leonard Cole's *Clouds of Secrecy: The Army's Germ-Warfare Tests*

Over Populated Areas, by Leonard A. Cole <<http://amazon.com>> and from numerous personal reports nationwide about the crisscross spraying by our U.S. Military.

Please take care and prepare. The NBC attacks against U.S. Citizens are occurring NOW.

USCMike1

DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS: BLOWN PROVEN BEYOND ANY SHADOW OF DOUBT <jham@iahf.com> (John Hammell)

IAHF LIST: I have hesitated, until now, to forward this information about contrails, because it seemed just too bizarre and outrageous. But look at the information below from Christine Smith, Will Thomas, and Ian Goddard.

Listen to the audio file of Will Thomas discussing this on the *Art Bell Show*, and read what Will has to say below. Read the testimony below of Dr. Cole from Rutgers University re Military Experiments involving spraying of toxic substances on civilian populations.

Draw your own conclusions. This is Genocide, and WE, the people of the world, are clearly being targeted. You think I've lost it? Don't take my word for it, read this:

To: John Hammell From: William Thomas

Subject: TAKE COVER IMMEDIATELY

John, A retired friend in Santa Fe—one who reads your information that I print out, but doesn't have a computer—just called me to say that planes have been making contrails in the sky there since 7am this morning. Her comment, "People need to know about this!" She's staying inside. —Christine Smith

John, yes, absolutely!

Tell everyone to STAY INDOORS when contrails are being woven overhead.

I've got a BBC photo of a freezer—semi-filled with dead bodies in England—all from sudden respiratory ailments. We're talking (according to the BBC) 6,000 deaths from respiratory failure in two weeks.

People are VERY SICK here. And spraying continues after heavy spraying last Friday over Asheville, Knoxville, Dallas and other US centers. I have this morning received reports of "many deaths" from a "cough that never leaves" in Louisiana.

This is big. This is real. I have positively verified that Emergency Rooms are overflowing with acute respiratory cases from coast to coast.

Doctors are telling the *New York Times* that this is NOT the flu. People are dying they say far more quickly and at rates far beyond "flu".

The only lab test I have shows JP8 present in soil samples after spraying. The ethylene dibromide in JP8 is banned by the EPA as a known carcinogen and an extremely toxic substance that attacks the respiratory system at very low doses of exposure.

There may be a viral component to the spraying, as well. I am tracking this and will get back to...

STOP PRESSES! I have just this minute received a call that confirms my worst fears. According to a source within the Canadian Intelligence Service, heavy spraying taking place over Victoria, BC (near me) and other population centers throughout North America are classified "tests". I now know what the "tests" are aimed at achieving. And it is not pretty.

This is a MAXIMUM RED ALERT for everyone on your list, John. TAKE COVER! Stay indoors during spraying. This is NOT "woo-woo". This is NOT a drill.

Check my website for updates: <www.islandnet.com/wilco>

Good luck to all of us, William Thomas

John Winston. <johnfwin@mlode.com>

PART 2

With respect to the question of the nature of widespread reports of jets (many identified as U.S. Air Force) that are spraying something that dozens of people around the nation claim makes them and their communities sick, the following testimony of Professor Leonard A. Cole is most relevant and alarming. In the following testimony before the U.S. Senate, Dr. Cole covers facts regarding the U.S. military's spraying of HUNDREDS of populated areas in the U.S. with harmful chemicals and infectious pathogens as part of biological warfare experiments. Dr. Cole has a book on the topic that has received much praise: *Clouds Of Secrecy: The Army's Germ-Warfare Tests Over Populated Areas*, by Leonard A. Cole <<http://amazon.com>> Environmental News Service reports on U.S. Air Force jets seen spraying something that makes people sick: <<http://ens.lycos.com/ens/jan99/1999L-01-12-01.html>>

BEGIN DR. COLE'S TESTIMONY

<<http://personalpages.tds.net/~kknowlto/openair.htm>> United States Senate Testimony before the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, May 6, 1994, *Open Air Testing With Simulated Biological And Chemical Warfare Agents* by Leonard A. Cole, Ph.D.

[Quoting:] My name is Leonard A. Cole, and I teach science and public policy at Rutgers University in Newark. My research interests include biological and chemical warfare policies, and I have written in particular about testing done in the U.S Army's biological defense program. I appreciate your invitation, Senator Rockefeller, to testify about experiments involving simulated biological and chemical warfare agents. These agents, which the Army calls simulants, are intended to mimic more lethal bacteria and chemicals that might be used in actual warfare. As described in my book, *Clouds of Secrecy*, the Army began a program in 1949 to assess the nation's vulnerability to attack with biological weapons. During the next 20

years, the Army released simulant agents over hundreds of populated areas around the country. Targets included portions of Hawaii and Alaska, San Francisco, St. Louis, Minneapolis, New York City, Washington, D.C., Key West, and many other cities. The purpose was to see how the bacteria spread and survived as people went about their normal activities. Evidence suggested that the tests may have been causing illness to exposed citizens. Nevertheless, as Army spokesmen subsequently testified, the health of the millions of people exposed was never monitored because the Army assumed that the bacteria and chemicals were harmless. Vulnerability testing continues at Dugway Proving Ground, 70 miles from Salt Lake City. Several smaller communities are closer to the base, and Dugway itself is home to hundreds of civilians and military personnel and their families. The stated purpose of the tests is to evaluate biological detector systems and protective gear. Since tests involve spraying simulants outdoors, it is important to understand how much risk they pose to humans who are exposed. Official statements have not always been clear on this matter. A July 1993 news release by the Dugway Public Affairs Office indicates that “no specific safety controls or protection are required for testing with simulants”. The statement implies, erroneously, that the simulants are harmless. In fact, during 45 years of open air testing, from time to time the Army has stopped using certain simulants for reasons of safety. In each instance the Army belatedly recognized they could be causing disease and death, although such information had long been available in the medical literature. This was the case in the 1950s when it ceased using the fungus *Aspergillus fumigatus* as a simulant. The fungus had long been known to cause aspergillosis, a disease that can be fatal. Similarly, in the 1960s the Army stopped using zinc cadmium sulfide, a chemical that had been known for years to cause cancer. In the 1970s, the bacterium *Serratia Marcescens*, a source of infections that can lead to death, was taken out of service as a simulant. And in the 1980s, dimethyl methylphosphonate, a chemical known as DPP, was removed from use as a simulant because of its carcinogenic and other toxic potential. I understand that one of today’s witnesses, Earl Davenport, was exposed to DMMP at Dugway in 1984 and may still be suffering health problems as a result. Indeed, simulants now used at Dugway continue to pose risks. The chemical ethylene oxide, which is present in some of the mixtures used in outdoor spraying, is a known carcinogen. The bacterium *Bacillus Subtilis*, while not generally seen as dangerous, is cited in medical textbooks as able to cause serious infections. In truth any microorganism that seems harmless under some circumstances may cause illness under others. Exposure to high concentrations of any microorganism can be critically dangerous to people in weakened conditions. The elderly, the very young, people with AIDS and others who have weakened immune systems are more susceptible to life-threatening infections. Nevertheless, the Army has not monitored the health of citizens who may have been exposed during its tests while maintaining that its bacterial agents cause no harm. In addition to people who are unwittingly exposed to the Army’s bacteria and chemicals, human research subjects may not be receiving appropriate information. A test at Dugway in November 1993, for example, raises important questions in this regard. The test was intended to assess the ability of chemical agents to penetrate protective clothing. Test subjects wore special outer garments and were then sprayed with chemicals in simulated battle conditions. An Army Environmental Assessment before the test indicated that some of the chemicals could be toxic. Yet the consent form that the subjects signed in advance of the test said nothing about any of the chemicals. Subsequently, two of the test subjects said they were asked to sign another consent form sometime after the test had been completed. The second form described the chemicals.

But having the subjects sign a consent form after an experiment, rather than before, makes little ethical sense.

The procedure renders meaningless the notion of informed consent. Finally, several physicians at the

University of Utah Medical School in Salt Lake City continue to express concern about the tests at Dugway. They do not feel they have information that would enable them optimally to handle infections and complications that might be caused by the tests. Dugway officials have thus far not satisfied their concerns either about field tests involving simulants or indoor tests with highly pathogenic agents. These are a few of the disconcerting issues associated with testing at Dugway. If such tests must continue, several policy suggestions seem appropriate:

—Inform people in the area before each test that they may be exposed to the Army’s biological and chemical agents.

—For a substantial period after each test, monitor the health of the exposed population.

—Provide comprehensive information in understandable language to human subjects before they participate in any test.

—Fully inform the neighboring medical community about the nature of each test and its possible medical complications.

—Above all, strive for safety, candor, and openness. <<http://personalpages.tds.net/~kknowlto>>

[END OF DR. COLE’S TESTIMONY]

Witnesses: a dozen or more witnesses of massive spraying and sickness call in on the 1/25/99 *Art Bell Show*:

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Steve Wingate, California Director, SKYWATCH INTERNATIONAL

“An entirely new arsenal of weapons, based on devices designed to introduce subliminal messages or to alter the body’s psychological and data-processing capabilities, might be used to incapacitate individuals. These weapons aim to control or alter the psyche, or to attack the various sensory and data-processing systems of the human organism. In both cases, the goal is to confuse or destroy the signals that normally keep the body in equilibrium.”—TIMOTHY L. THOMAS, *US Army War College Quarterly*

ART SAYS EVERYBODY IS SICK

From the INTERNET, <HEOT@onelist.com> 2/11/99: [quoting]

From: “Silver Phoenix & Laughing Koala” <silver_pheonix@mindspring.com>

This is interesting, John, and concerns me quite a bit. I haven't noticed any "spraying" here in Montgomery, AL. But that's not to say it's not happening.

I spend all day inside anyhow because it's so hot so I'm sure I'm not as bothered as others working outdoors.

What I found interesting after reading this, is a certain advertisement that's been playing on local TV these past few weeks. It's a call for studying certain "flu" conditions. People aged 12 and up are asked to join within 36 hours of the onset of symptoms—these are mainly respiration symptoms. I'll have to see the ad again to clarify that, but it just struck me as a coincidence. As far as I know, this study could be statewide, not sure on that yet. Blessings, Aerin [End quoting]

This is the best writing I've come across on this subject so far. It looks like things are getting very serious. TAKE HEED!!

CHAPTER 5

THE NEWS DESK

by Dr. Al Overholt 2/13/99

THE STATE OF THE NATION

From the INTERNET, Larry P. Gries <lpgries@cac.net>, 2/6/99: [quoting]

The letter below was written by sixteen-year-old Christopher Vincent. It appeared in the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, and was picked up and read by Chuck Colson on his national radio show, *Break Point*. Colson called the letter “brilliant”.

I am 16 years old. Though I am not old enough to vote, I am writing this on behalf of my generation. The recent speech by the President and the reaction of our nation to it gives me reason to write this letter in hope that those who read it will be challenged to look closely at the condition of our nation.

In the President’s speech he admitted to having a relationship with Monica Lewinsky that was “improper” and “wrong”. Then he said that it was time to move on. Many people have said that the President’s private affairs are his own business and people should not pry. Others have said that the President’s private affairs do not affect the job he does. The President himself touched lightly upon the supposed injustice of prying into his personal life in his speech.

Hugo Grotius once said, “That a man cannot govern a nation if he cannot govern a city, he cannot govern a city if he cannot govern a family, he cannot govern a family unless he can govern himself, and he cannot govern himself unless his passions are subject to reason.” The President is accountable to the people.

We must know whether he can control himself or not. If the President cannot control himself, he certainly is not capable of governing a nation. Yet we sit in our selfishness and refuse to look at the truth because it does not feel good. We look at the nation and see a booming economy. We look around and see prosperity and say, “Why should we mess this up?” And yes, Mr. Clinton has helped with all these things. But there are better things than financial security, and there are worse things than poverty. We give the control to a man who can make us feel good but cannot control himself.

I would like to call your attention to a recent international affair where Pakistan and India were developing nuclear weapons. The President offered a deal to Pakistan saying that if they would stop developing nuclear weapons the United States would protect them in the case of an attack. The Pakistani minister of foreign affairs said that he did not believe that the President (Clinton) would follow through on his promise. This was because he saw the character of our President and realized he could not be trusted.

This endangered the lives of the citizens of Pakistan and India, more than 900 million people. Although war has not broken out, we must heed the warning: the character of the President affects the entire world. The American people have chosen to become selfish, and my generation—your children—are growing up seeing the highest authority in America, a man who cannot control himself. Why should I put others first

when the President himself will not even put his duty to his wife or his nation before his sexual desires?

I'm asking you, the generation that holds the voting power, to think of your children and the future of the world. If we cannot trust our President to fulfill his marriage vows, can we trust him to do what he has promised us? And if we cannot trust the man our parents elect, can we trust our parents? You owe it to the world, you owe it to God, and you owe it to your children to consider this. [End quoting]

How does this make us, the elder generation, feel—after what the majority of us have given our children as an example?

CONGRESSIONAL IMMUNITY OR UFO WITNESSES?

From the INTERNET, <para-discuss@tje.net>, 2/2/99: [quoting]

Nick Pope's Weirld World: Another initiative making the news in America is a campaign to grant congressional immunity to anybody speaking out about official involvement with UFOs. The public position of the American Government on UFOs is the same as the British Government's.

Essentially, this consists of a denial that there is any official knowledge of an alien presence. In that case, argue ufologists, would there be any objection to granting congressional immunity to any members of the military or the intelligence community who wanted to speak openly about the subject? After all, if the information doesn't exist, nobody could come forward. The campaign was given a real boost by ufologist Peter Robbins, who raised the issue at a public discussion of secrecy policy, last year. Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Bob Kerry agreed that they would be willing to support such a move. Will this move get wider support, and be enacted? Could it ever happen here, in the UK? I'll keep you posted. [End quoting]

Why don't we speak up and demand that the governments come clean with us about this "alien" situation. Don't you think we've waited long enough?

HILLARY IS COY PAT IS MAD

From *NEWSWEEK*, 2/8/98: [quoting]

No one close to Hillary Clinton thinks she really wants to spend her post-White House days in Washington. But so far the First Lady has refused to shoot down rumors that she might make a bid for the seat of retiring New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Friends say Mrs. Clinton is flattered by the attention and polls showing her easily defeating Rudy Giuliani and Alfonse D'Amato. But Mrs. Clinton's indecision is infuriating Moynihan, who announced his retirement early so a Democratic candidate could raise the \$20 million it will take to keep the seat. "If Hillary Clinton's not going to run she should say so," says Liz Moynihan, his wife and top political adviser. "As long as she's out there, the Democrats won't be looking around for a New Yorker." [End quoting]

Hillary is probably just waiting for instructions from her behind-the-scenes handlers.

LOCKHEED WINS SPY DEAL

From *THE ORLANDO SENTINEL*, 2/2/99: [quoting]

Lockheed Martin Corp. and British Aerospace have won a \$146 million contract to design a new stealth-armored spy vehicle for the United States and Great Britain. Lockheed's Orlando missiles unit is a major player in the joint venture, known as SIKA International. [End quoting]

DISEASE HITS HERDS IN IRAQ

From *THE MODESTO BEE*, 1/29/99: [quoting]

Baghdad—Hoof-and-mouth disease has crippled at least 1 million sheep and cattle here and the lack of vaccines for the highly contagious disease threatens the country's livestock, a U.N. official said Thursday.

The implications of the disease are catastrophic, the official said: Farmers could be ruined, and meat and milk could become even more scarce in a country where 8½ years of U.N. economic sanctions have already made shortages commonplace.

At least 50,000 animals—mostly lambs, kids and calves—have died from the viral disease, the official said.

Amir Khalil of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization in Iraq said almost all of the nation's 18 provinces have suffered outbreaks of the sickness.

Because grazing herds wander across borders, the danger extends beyond Iraq and into neighboring countries. [End quoting]

This sounds highly suspicious as attempted genocide by the "elite".

SHAW, 82, CHANGED SOUND OF U.S. CHORAL MUSIC

From *THE DAILY NEWS*, Los Angeles, 2/99: [quoting]

Robert Shaw, the dominant figure in American choral music for more than half a century, died Monday in New Haven, Conn. He was 82 and had suffered a stroke. He was visiting Yale to see a production of Samuel Beckett's *Endgame*, which his son Thomas directed.

With the founding of New York's Collegiate Chorale in 1941, Shaw launched a career that changed the way American choruses sounded. In 1948 he founded the Robert Shaw Chorale, which toured the world and recorded many central masterpieces of the choral literature as well as best-selling albums of Shaw's arrangements of folk songs, Christmas carols, and spirituals.

Shaw worked with Fred Waring, creating a 24-voice glee club for the popular tours and weekly broadcasts of Waring and his Pennsylvanians. In 1967 he became music director of the Atlanta Symphony, a position he held until 1988.

He was born April 30, 1916, in Red Bluff, Calif., and studied at Pomona College. Survivors include his sons Peter, John and Thomas and a daughter, Johanna. No services have been announced. [End quoting]

He was one of the true greats in the musical world, creating the best choral music that America has probably ever heard.

VACUUM TUBES AND THEIR NECESSITY IN ELECTRONIC MIND-CONTROL TECHNIQUES

From the INTERNET, <para-discuss@tje.net>, 1/18/99: [quoting]

Technologies were developed in the Montauk Project by which our very thoughts and even psychic-level experiences can be interfered with, tweaked, twisted and controlled.

I received an e-mail on the subject of music as utilized in mind-control operations, which read in part as follows:

“With the advances in technology since Dick Sutphen’s book *The Battle For Your Mind* first came out, is it still impossible to reduce various frequencies to detect the subliminals when they are psycho-acoustically modified and synthesized so that they are projected in the same chord and frequency as the music?”

Though I’m unfamiliar with the book mentioned above, the topic is certainly intriguing. Here’s my response to the question, based upon my admittedly limited familiarity with the nuts and bolts of such operations.

Certain people connected to the Montauk Project have made repeated references to the way popular entertainment—in particular music—has been and is being utilized as an aid to EM/RF mind-control programming, either directed towards a population as a whole or towards smaller groups or individuals.

Preston Nichols has relayed information about some of the more esoteric technologies which utilize music as a medium for dissemination. He referred to what he calls a “quantum” waveform of some kind which is not in either the audio or electromagnetic wave spectrum, and which can transmit extensive amounts of information. This quantum information signal apparently interacts with certain levels of consciousness and awareness: there is no commonly available technology at this time with which the information can be decoded.

One point made by Nichols which I, as a musician, found intriguing is that the equipment used in implementing this quantum information wave is **highly dependent upon vacuum tubes** [*emphasis mine*], as much of the Montauk Project technology has been in general, although transistors are utilized to some extent. Interesting that many electric musicians, especially guitarists, have adamantly withstood the tidal

wave of solid state technology when it comes to instrument amplifiers: as many rock fans know, most electric guitarists, bassists, miked vocalists and other musicians swear by the vast superiority of the tonal qualities of vacuum tube amps and the ability of such equipment to convey a far greater range of subtle nuances of feeling than transistor amps.

Nichols indicated to me that a substantial amount of popular music during the 1960s, 70s, 80s and of course now has been utilized in service of a covert (of course!) MK agenda using various methods and technologies, and as I've pointed out, similar charges have been made by a number of other people, for example Cathy O'Brien. (Nichols worked as sound recording engineer before going to work at Brookhaven Labs around 1970). [End quoting]

There are many musicians who have a good ear for music who don't like transistors or CDs because they miss the more pure sound of vacuum tubes.

PLASTIC MUSCLES RUN DRY

From *POPULAR MECHANICS* magazine, June 1998: [quoting]

Researchers at Basque University, in Spain, say they have constructed the first plastic muscles that work in open air. Previous materials that mimicked human muscles by changing their shape in response to electrical stimulation had to be immersed in fluid.

The dry muscle consists of plastic impregnated with a lithium-perchlorate electrolyte and sandwiched between sheets of polypyrrole, a conductive polymer. Passing less than 1v through the electrolyte pushes the perchlorate ions, causing a slight swelling that remains until the current is removed. Depending upon the voltage, the swelling causes the muscle to flex in different directions.

The muscle's developers expect its first use will be in instruments for microsurgery. Plastic replacements for human muscle are at least 20 years away. [End quoting]

This invention could benefit us in many, many ways.

PUBLIC OUTCRY FORCES USDA TO REVERSE ORGANIC LABELING STANCE

From *THE DAILY NEWS*, Los Angeles, 1/22/99: [quoting]

In a reversal, the government is drawing up rules saying that food cannot be labeled "organic" if it has been irradiated, genetically engineered or treated with antibiotics, a top agriculture official told farmers Thursday.

The labeling plan was developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in response to an outcry last year against an earlier set of rules organic farmers considered too permissive.

"I'm telling you we are looking at every possible way to protect the integrity of your industry," said Keith

Jones of the department's National Organic Program.

The new rules governing fruit, vegetables and livestock will probably be published next summer in the *Federal Register* and could take effect in the fall, Jones said.

The department is trying to develop the first national standards on organic food labeling to replace a hodgepodge of state rules and industry guidelines.

U.S. sales of organic foods have grown 20 percent annually for the past seven years. In 1996, they exceeded \$3.5 billion. There are now more than 10,000 U.S. farms trying to raise organic crops and livestock, according to the Organic Farming Research Foundation.

Farmers have their own informal guidelines for what they call organic. For instance, fruits and vegetables shouldn't have pesticides, herbicides or preservatives, and livestock should be raised in an open-air environment, without antibiotics or hormones.

Last year, the USDA proposed allowing food to be labeled organic even if it was irradiated to kill germs, genetically engineered, or subjected to sewage sludge or chemical spraying.

Organic farmers, marketers and consumers sent more than 280,000 protest letters, prompting Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to withdraw the proposal. Jones shared details of the department's latest proposal at the Ecological Farming Conference, the nation's largest gathering of organic farmers.

Holding a hand-drawn paper target to his chest, he conceded that the federal agency has failed the organic farmers in the past.

"It seems that in the current environment, the USDA can't do anything right," he said. "But I can tell you today we have a commitment to get it right."

He got a generally sympathetic reception. "I'm very encouraged," said Bob Anderson, who runs Walnut Acres in Penn Creek, Pa., and is on the National Organic Standards Board, a coalition of organic farmers. "There's nothing like 280,000 comments to get the government's attention."

However, some farmers were skeptical and said they want to see the rules in print.

"We farmers in West Texas joke about never having seen rain but we still believe in it. That's kind of where we are in this process," said Michael Sligh of the Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture, based in Chapel Hill, N.C. [End quoting]

It's wake-up time as you can see. The politicians and "elite" are beginning to listen ONLY because they know we are waking up to their dastardly actions of the past. Please don't let up on the pressure to make even better and more drastic changes to their rotten plans.

BUILDING SMART ORGANS FROM SCRATCH

From the INTERNET, <para-discuss@tje.net>, 1/26/99: [quoting]

With the problem of organ shortage looming as great as ever, researchers are moving towards growing new tissue or even entire organs for transplantation. From sprouting new cartilage on smart grafts to building new hearts through genetic engineering, the field is fast graduating from an intellectual curiosity to a tool for treating medical ills.

Through routine transplantation of laboratory-grown organs into humans remains years away, the field is sprouting like never before. The ultimate goal, researchers say, is to take a small piece of a person's own tissue and grow a "patch" or entire organ that is suitable for transplantation back into the patient.

Such an approach would eliminate problems related to rejection, which occurs when tissue or an organ is transplanted from one person to another, experts say. Moreover, the new methods are expected to be associated with less pain and fewer complications, while solving the problem of supply that now limits transplants of all kinds.

STIMULATING SMART CARTILAGE

Closest to routine use is test-tube cartilage that can be used to replace damaged tissue in people with arthritis, athletic injuries and other joint disease. [End quoting]

This sounds much better and safer than harvesting others' organs.

GIVE THANKS FOR Y2K

From *NEW BEGINNINGS*, at <<http://www.spiritual-endeavors.org>>, 2/3/99: [quoting]

In their infinite, albeit unconscious wisdom, a small group of computer programmers have presented this world with a most tremendous opportunity. That small and select group writing the infamous COBOL code were surely guided by the unseen hand of God when they made that seemingly innocent decision to use just two digits for computer dates instead of four. We do indeed owe them our sincere gratitude for that y2k bug as it is now referred to.

I have given much thought to this little bug lately, and I am truly in awe. Sometimes I just have to stop and smile as I hear a voice whispering in my ear: "The Lord works in strange and mysterious ways."

Strange indeed. Being a graphic artist and a web designer, I earn my living working 10-12 hours a day on these blessed computers that are going to prod us onto the next, and oh-so-important, step in the evolution of mankind. Mysterious indeed! How could that decision to save a few hours worth of work [*See below comment*]*—*the time that it would have taken to write the couple hundred lines of code necessary for computers to recognize the first two digits of a year's date*—*lead to perhaps the greatest gift of the millennium?

Please join me in the understanding that the y2k bug comes to us as a dear friend offering aid in a time of great need. We should be ever so grateful for it. Without the y2k bug, we would all soon be up the

proverbial creek without a paddle. Indeed, give thanks to the powers that be for this most wondrous messenger!

Before you think I've fallen completely off my rocker, consider the situation. Consider it well. Should the crashes crash, and the outages out, what exactly are the consequences going to be? It is ever so important that you ponder this question. For if you look into it deeply, you will come to see that should only half of what some experts are predicting come to pass, the only way through the disruptions will be *together*. Together in every sense of the word.

If we resort to hoarding food and purchasing weapons and such, if we go out and buy gas-powered generators so that we may have light while our neighbors stumble in darkness, if we diligently collect all the material needs that would see us through 90 days of lawlessness and violence while we hide in our boarded-up basement or bomb shelter as some experts advise, does this sound anything at all like togetherness? Yet, as I have said and you will see if you give serious thought to the situation—the only way through it will be together. [End quoting]

The main cause of the computer bug seems to be the fact that, when computers were new, memory was extremely expensive and to store the memory for 2 more digits, especially when they were using the old IBM cards for memory, ate up needed space and of course they could always change it later—right? Well, it so happens the “elite” had their own purposes for having such a bug, as Hatonn has told us.

Also I would caution anybody that has not readied some emergency equipment and supplies by now that it isn't just for y2k—how about all the storms and earthquakes? Be prepared.

CITRIC ACID COULD CLEAN TOXIC SLUDGE

From *THE ORLANDO SENTINEL*, 2/1/99: [quoting]

Citrus is already a familiar and well-advertised ingredient of household cleaners, but scientists have found it can remove more than just everyday grease and grime.

Federal researchers discovered that citric acid, the same type found in oranges and lemons, can clean up soil or sludge contaminated with radioactive materials, which could be a new solution to a top environmental problem.

Using a three-part process, researchers at Brookhaven National Laboratory, in Upton, NY, found that citric acid is effective in washing the toxic waste and removing the contaminants from the soil. Using sunshine and common bacteria, the toxins are then extracted from the citric acid into a concentrated form that is easier to store.

“We used citric acid like that found in oranges, because it's a naturally occurring compound that had the type of chemical products we were looking for. It's biodegradable, and it's environmentally benign to the soil,” said A.J. Francis, a Brookhaven Microbiologist and one of the inventors of the cleaning process. “The soil that has been cleaned can then be put back into normal use.

Francis and co-inventor C.J. Dodge tested the cleaning process at the direction of the U.S. Department of Energy, one agency dealing with tons of the waste left from nuclear activities. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said about 214 million tons of hazardous materials was produced in 1994 and 1995 alone.

The potential for using citric acid to clean waste wasn't lost on one Volusia County citrus grower, Steve Crump of the family-owned Vo-LaSalle Farms in DeLeon Springs.

"It sounds great for us," Crump said. "We always wanted additional uses for the citrus by-products because it improves the value for our product."

"One by-product from citrus peel already goes into soaps and detergents, but this new product is very interesting," he said.

The cleansing process was tested on contaminated soils from uranium processing plants in Ohio and Tennessee and was successful in taking out 99 percent of the uranium, according to the Brookhaven laboratory scientists. It can also remove large amounts of lead, zinc and copper.

Citric acid works because it can bind with the toxic metals and the new compounds can be drained away from the nontoxic soil or sludge, Francis said.

The patented process surprised one researcher—Bill Stinson who heads scientific research for processed products at the Florida Department of Citrus.

"It's totally different from any process in use," said Stinson, who studies potential uses for citrus by-products in foods, cleaners and fragrances.

He noted that citric acid can be synthetically produced at a price cheaper than squeezing it out of fruit. "It would be very cost-intensive to derive it from juice because of the large quantities of juice you would need," he said.

Francis isn't certain whether this cleaning process will catch on and be used by federal energy officials, but acknowledged it wouldn't be a bad thing for Florida. "With the citric acid and the sunshine used in the later steps, this does have a strong Florida connection," he said. [End quoting]

There are many other ways of accomplishing this if the "elite" would just let us use the technologies they have hidden, but this sounds like it would sure help in the interim.

FRIENDSHIP WEEK

From the INTERNET, 2/5/99: [quoting]

Hello Friends,

This is one of the best examples of obedience to *Philippians 4:8* that I have seen in my short lifetime. I am

thanking the author and all who have passed this along through their hands so I would have the opportunity of reading it.

Time = Money, Money = Time; the formula never changes.

God bless you real good.

—Burney for Gamaliel Ministries

I don't take the time often enough to tell my friends how important they are to me. Please take the time to read the following as an expression of the value I place on your being in my circle of friends.

—Tim

TIME AND FRIENDS

Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening the bank deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course!!!! Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow". You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success! The clock is running. Make the most of today. To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade. To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby. To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper. To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet. To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who missed the train. To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident. To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics. Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time with. And remember that time waits for no one. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present!!! It's National Friendship Week. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their heart to us. Show your friends how much you care. Send this to everyone you consider a FRIEND. If it comes back to you, then you'll know you have a circle of friends. HAPPY FRIENDSHIP WEEK!!!!!!!!!! [End quoting]

Sounds like very good advice!

CONFIRMATION: THE HARD EVIDENCE OF ALIENS AMONG US?

From the INTERNET, <para-discuss@tje.net>, 2/11/99: [quoting]

Paranormal Research Primer Discussion List

The Posting:

Hello Everyone,

Just got my new On-Sat book in which is for TV listings for (Satellites) and there was a pretty good article in it on the show coming up for next week! Please read on! Love & Light—Louise

ALIENS AMONG US?

NBC presents a special that purportedly proves that aliens are alive, well and living with us here on Earth. (by Polly Vonetes)

Are we alone in this vast universe? Are there other life forms “out there”, outside the realms of animal, vegetable and mineral matter that we know on Earth? Have we been visited by other life forms? Are they here right now—behind a hill, hiding in a cave or hovering over your home?

Are you concerned? Even just a little curious about it?

If you are, tune in to NBC’s Special, *Confirmation: The Hard Evidence of Aliens Among Us?* The two-hour special is based on Whitley Strieber’s best seller *Communion*, which attempts to answer some eerie questions about alien life on Earth, that leaves the final—perhaps devastating—conclusion up to the viewer’s own imagination.

Hosted by actor Robert Davi, the program explores evidence suggesting that Earth has been visited by UFOs and alien beings. Home videos of spacecraft, testimonials from people who say they’ve been abducted by aliens and eye-witness accounts from policemen who’ve witnessed alien craft will be presented, all balanced by the voices of scientists, therapists and even special effects experts who give viewers the “other side” of the picture.

Some of the highlights of the amazing two hours are:

THE TREMBLE COUNTY DISTURBANCE. A recreation of a 1993 incident in which four different police departments chased a large UFO through the Ohio countryside. Sgt. Toby Meloro, who stood directly under the UFO and got a close-up view, is interviewed and the audio recorded at the time of the incident is replayed.

KIDNAPPED BY ALIENS. Dr. John Mack of Harvard University states his views and Budd Hopkins, world-renowned abduction expert, conducts a therapy session with his abduction support group with dramatic and overwhelming evidence.

UFO EVIDENCE. Viewers will see a montage of the most dramatic recent footage of UFOs taken all over the world. A highlight of the sequence is the famous 1950 “Paul Trent Photo” of a UFO, which is examined by the Brooks Institute, the most prestigious photographic school in the country, and pronounced

genuine.

THE JESSE LONG STORY. A dramatic, in-depth profile of a Los Angeles abduction and implant victim. He talks about his abduction experiences that took place over the years as he grew from small child to adult.

THE BLACK VAULT. A precocious Los Angeles teenager created a web site that gets almost 20,000 inquiries per month. Time and time again, he has requested information about UFOs and alien visitations of our government, using the Freedom of Information Act as his weaponry, yet the information arrives with pages of data blacked out, censored. At age 17, he is a thorn in the government's side.

Louis' Insert>>> A lot of us know this young man as John Greenewald. Here is some info on THE BLACK VAULT! For information on the Black Vault Chronicles, a first-class mailed monthly newsletter, go to: <<http://www.blackvault.com/chronicles.html>>

WHITLEY STRIEBER. The author of *Confirmation: The Hard Evidence Of Aliens Among Us?* and *Communion*, which was one of the biggest best-sellers of the 80s, says, "I think it's important that the evidence be presented to the public so that science will realize that it's more or less essential that they pick this up and tell us what is going on. Right now, the scientific community is ignoring this and that's a big mistake."

What is Strieber's goal with the show? He says in earnest, "I want the average viewer to come away with an attitude of, "Hey, this is a big deal. It would be very valuable to our society if we set out answering these questions in an organized and scientific manner."

Let the Quest begin! "Confirmation: The Hard Evidence of Aliens Among Us?" Wednesday, February 17th, NBC, 8:00 (ET)

—Louise A. Lowry, *World Of The Strange*, Weekly Free Newsletter [End quoting]

It will be interesting just how much hard evidence they will give—they've promised before but never delivered.

CHINA CROSSING

From *ANGELS ON EARTH*, Jan/Feb, 1999, *Guideposts*, 39 Seminary Hill Rd., Carmel, NY 10512: [quoting]

After years of drifting from place to place, searching for some sense of purpose, I ended up on a deserted Maui beach one night in 1986, feeling more lost than ever. "God, who am I? How do I find my way?" I gazed up at the sky as if the answer were written in the stars. "How do I find you?"

I heard a voice, gentle yet firm, coming not from outside myself, but from inside. Go to church. Church? I had given that up years ago. But I'd tried everything else, so that Sunday I went and sat in the back pew

of a small chapel. I could slip out if I didn't like it.

Amazingly, the sermon seemed to be directed at me. "Jesus wants you just as you are," the minister declared. "He'll set you on your feet again." The next thing I knew, I was walking up to the altar. "I give myself to you," I promised God. "Please lead me where you want me to go."

Not long after, an opening came up on the staff of Youth With a Mission (YWAM). It was the direction I'd been seeking for my life, I was sure! Though I was a little disappointed to be assigned to mundane janitorial duty, I threw myself into my job, and even more, into studying the *Bible*. I wanted a complete understanding of every aspect of my faith. That way doubts couldn't creep in and stall me as they had in the past.

The book that fascinated me most was *Acts*, the stories of Jesus' disciples crisscrossing the Mediterranean to spread his Word—maybe because I wanted to do missionary work myself. I couldn't get the images out of my mind. An angel opening the prison doors and escorting the apostles out to the temple in Jerusalem. Another angel in Antioch loosening the chains that bound Peter between two soldiers and leading him right past the guards undetected. An earthquake shaking a Macedonian jail to its foundations and freeing Paul and Silas from their shackles. It all seemed so wild—and at the same time, so real!

But the more I read, the more I questioned. Did the present day measure up to biblical times? Did these kinds of things happen anymore? Although Christians were still imprisoned for their beliefs—for instance, in China, where the government cracked down on pretty much any form of worship—I had yet to hear of angels coming to their aid. I felt the wonder of my new found faith starting to fade.

Then one day a supervisor took me aside. "We need someone to smuggle a thousand *Bibles* into China," he said. "It'll be dangerous, but people there have no other way of getting them. Think you're up to it?"

"Of course!" Now this was the kind of work I had imagined myself doing for God, a mission that would make my faith exciting again.

I was briefed down to the last detail. I would be teamed with a more experienced smuggler, another guy who worked for YWAM. We were to rendezvous in the British colony of Hong Kong, then travel by train to mainland China.

"There aren't any X-ray machines at the Shenzhen border crossing," my supervisor told me. "The inspectors won't find anything unless they hand-search, and they won't bother as long as you don't look suspicious." After we made it across the border, Chinese pastors would switch bags with us, taking the *Bibles* to distribute in their underground churches.

I flew to Hong Kong, suitcases laden with pocket-size *Bibles*. My anticipation mounting, I stepped into bustling Kowloon Tong railway station, our designated meeting spot. Though I'd never met my partner (I had only been given his description). I spotted him right away by the ticket window. It wasn't hard to pick out the tall, skinny American amid the Chinese people hurrying to catch their trains.

We'd been instructed to do everything we could to avoid drawing attention to ourselves. So instead of

chatting, we just nodded hello, then went upstairs to the platform, lugging our precious cargo.

A silver train glided to a stop, and the doors slid open in front of us. We settled into our seats, our suitcases by our feet, where we could keep an eye on them. As we left the station, my partner opened a paperback. I looked out the window. The emerald hills and rice paddies we passed seemed a world away from the mirrored skyscrapers of Hong Kong.

Forty-five minutes later our train pulled into Lo Wu station, the entry point for Shenzhen. With the other passengers, we headed for the customs and immigration area. Remembering my supervisor's warning, I glanced at my partner, weighed down by his bags. *If I look as jittery as he does, I worried, we'll be in hand-cuffs within minutes.*

Soldiers with machine guns were posted around the perimeter. Stay calm, I told myself. My companion's face paled. I followed his gaze. Something more frightening stood at the far end of the room—a battery of X-ray inspection units!

“We’re finished,” my partner whispered. “Well have to turn back.”

I was too tense even to nod. Then I thought of the Chinese pastors and their congregations. They risked their lives every day to do what we took for granted. *We want to help these people, God, I prayed, but you've got to tell us how.*

I looked around the room frantically. Did we have any other options? To the right of the X-ray machines was the exit corridor from mainland China. A phalanx of armed guards kept close watch over those coming through it, Chinese citizens who wanted to visit Hong Kong.

Go through that corridor. Walk backward.

I recognized that voice! The same interior voice had urged me to go to church that lonely night months earlier—exactly the advice I'd needed then. But what was this now? Enter through the *exit* corridor? Walk *backward*? The only Americans in a roomful of Chinese people, we already stood out. Why risk drawing any more attention to ourselves? It didn't make sense.

But I whispered the instructions to my partner anyway. “We’ll be shot!” he said. “Trust me, we’ve got to do it this way,” I insisted, trying to quell my doubts as well as his. There was no time to argue.

The crowd pushed us up to the customs declaration table. I shakily filled out the form. At the window, the immigration officer checked my passport and visa, then waved me toward the X-ray machines—and definite disaster.

I took a deep breath and made for the exit corridor. *God, it's tough to follow you when I don't understand your plan, but I don't have a choice here.* I turned around to face the room. With a single hesitant step, I moved backward into the hallway. I took another step, then another.

Mutters of protest went up as I walked into the people who were going in the right direction, heading out.

I could only pray the guards couldn't hear the commotion. My heavy suitcases bumped an elderly lady in the knees. "Sorry," I whispered, stumbling. She clucked at me disapprovingly.

I fought through the crowd. It was hard, like trying to do the backstroke upstream. Sweat dripped down my neck. I kept checking over my shoulder so I wouldn't crash into anyone, but it didn't help much. I was going the wrong way, after all.

As I neared the mouth of the corridor, a guard strode forward, gun at the ready, combat boots thudding on the floor. He said something in rapid-fire Chinese, then paused ten feet from me and scanned the crowd. I didn't dare peer over my shoulder, but I could feel his eyes raking over me.

Still walking backward, I inched closer to the end of the hall. The guard didn't stop me. When I pulled even with him, he looked right at me. But he didn't react at all. Not a flicker of expression crossed his face. I might as well have been cloaked in some magical veil. His gaze bored not into me but through me. How was this possible? Then I saw my partner. He'd followed my instructions. Awkwardly, he backed toward me, worriedly glancing at the soldiers. But they looked past him too. Although everyone else could see us, to all the guards we were invisible!

Moments later I emerged from the corridor. I'd made it! I was safely across the border in Shenzhen, China. I turned and faced forward again. There was a wooden bench in front of me. I collapsed onto it to wait for my partner, feeling as if I'd just stepped from the pages of one of the *Bibles* I was smuggling.

Maybe I didn't see the angel who draped us in her wondrous veil. Maybe I didn't fully understand the power that had rendered us invisible. But there was no question that my partner and I had been shielded from the guards and led right past them. Kind of like the apostles I'd read so much about in *Acts*. And like them, I had been set free. Free from the doubts that had always plagued me. Free to follow God's direction. Free, at last, to truly believe.

—By Joseph Celona, Osaka, Japan

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If only we could all learn to make that important connection within to Source and then have the courage to follow the advice we are given.

CHAPTER 6

PART 1 IN A SERIES

A HISTORY LESSON ABOUT VALUE-BASED NATIONAL BANKING

by E.J. Ekker 2/12/99

In the United States of America a legislative coup was accomplished in the night and early morning hours of December 23 and 24, 1913. It was called the Federal Reserve Act. It gave all but the expensive operations (coining, minting, and printing currency with accounting therefor) of the central banking functions of the Department of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve System (FED), a corporation owned, at the time, by European banks, and later also by subsidiaries of those European banks set up in the US, and referred to herein as the Cartel. This is the most perfect banking system in the world, for the Cartel. The US Dept. of Treasury coins or prints the money, the FED pays for it at cost (approximately five cents for a 25-cent coin, two-and-one-half cents for a \$100 bill) and distributes it to the commercial banks as loans at face value. US Treasury Notes, Bills, and Bonds are sold at slight premiums or discounts depending upon their coupon rate, current interest rates, and the term of the debt—but the interest is paid to the FED. The FED collects interest each year on the US national debt because it furnished the money (by having it printed at cost at the US Treasury), in the early years retaining most of the debt and later selling it to other countries and to banks, insurance companies, pension funds and so on. Since 1933 virtually all “income taxes” have gone to the FED to pay the interest on the national debt; the expense of wars and running the nation is issued as new debt and added to the old debt each year. This is why the US is the world’s largest debtor with some \$6 trillion in “visible” debt and at least \$20 trillion in hidden, “off-balance sheet” debt.

Is this taught in Economics 101 or Advanced Banking 211? No. It is one of the best-kept secrets in the world. During its many years of virtually complete dominance of the world’s banking systems, the Cartel has managed to establish laws, rules, and regulations, as well as “practices”, “principles”, and “truths” that are designed to assure its maintaining its dominance. It accomplishes this through its financial support of all of the major schools of economics and banking, whether public or private, and through its absolute control of economics and banking textbooks. (Banking is not the only interest of the owners of the Cartel; through their ownership and interlocking directorships they control all forms of “Western” media, public as well as most private education, and virtually all industry and commerce. These facts are well documented in Dr. John Coleman’s book *CONSPIRATORS’ HIERARCHY: THE STORY OF THE COMMITTEE OF 300.*)

The Cartel, using the FED, has established an elaborate network of cheque-clearing and wire-transfer systems to facilitate (or control) the international flows of funds, making it difficult, if not impossible, to move significant amounts of funds without the Cartel’s knowledge, and perhaps its permission. To further its control it set up the Bank of International Settlements, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund. In recent decades the World Bank and the IMF have functioned effectively as conduits of the taxes collected from the companies and peoples of the “developing nations” back to the Cartel banks to serve much the same function as the FED serves in the US (the interest accumulated on Cartel bank loans is paid for with IMF/WB loans which transfers the debt to the taxpayers, thus siphoning away the liquidity [tax

money] and causing the nation to have to borrow more for its current expenses). The result is an endless downward spiral. It is aptly said: **YOU CANNOT BORROW YOUR WAY OUT OF DEBT.**

As soon as they had control of the US through the FED, the Cartel began its subtle campaign to discredit gold as the basis for banking, especially international banking, all the while garnering as much of the world's gold as it could to protect its position should some of the world's leaders wake up to the fact that the Cartel's entire money system is as baseless as Monopoly money. We have been told that at the break-out of World War II a lot of that gold was moved to London and then to Singapore where it was captured by the Japanese and scattered in caches throughout Southeast Asia, terminating with Yamishita in the Philippines. With the exception of Switzerland (which continues to use the gold standard), all of the world's currencies have been purposefully "freed" of any foundation, using the rationale that "international" currencies are necessary for international transactions. This is a fallacy that has been repeated so many times that it is believed. Gold reserves can, and did, serve the same function while at the same time providing a huge gain in stability and credibility. (But the Cartel doesn't like it because it is much more difficult to manipulate.) By 1972 all of the gold stored in Fort Knox had been removed and Nixon, one of a long line of Presidential Puppets, "closed the gold window" to foreign claimants. In 1933 Roosevelt had, by Executive Order, abrogated the US government's commitment to its own citizens to redeem its currency for gold, thus ruining the real value of the US dollar by changing it from an asset (gold)-based currency to a debt- based currency.

The purpose of this foundational information is to demonstrate that there is a Cartel dominating most of the financial affairs of the world, and working to dominate the rest. The two primary ingredients necessary to this domination are baseless, manipulatable currency, and usury, i.e., interest rate spreads so that currencies as well as other debt securities can be traded for a profit to the traders.

Additionally, it is useful to create the illusion of complexity so the "ordinary" people cannot fathom "finance", which is done with a myriad of financial "instruments" and a lot of technical language in the same turf-protection technique as is used by the professions of law and medicine. Finally, and of utmost importance, is to indelibly imprint the unquestioning "knowledge" that only a very few currencies (of the elite club) could be acceptable for international trade, that funds issued by a non-club nation would not be honored, and that if non-club nations issued currency exceeding amounts recommended by the club (IMF, etc.) the result would be the dilution of the value of their currency, called "inflation".

This is not a lie as long as the currency referred to is of the "base-less" variety. But in a nation with an asset-based currency (gold standard, like Switzerland and, formerly, the US) wherein the issuance of new currency REQUIRES the purchase of additional gold, the nation's wealth is being added to as the amount of currency is increased, thus helping to balance the assets of the nation with its liabilities (non-precious metal coins and paper currency are a liability), it is a lie, and is used to discourage any independent thinking on the part of government people and central bank people. A complement of the inflation bogey is that "foreign investment" is required to "stoke the engine of growth" in an "emerging" economy. This is a lie, in any economy or system. "Foreign investment" is a euphemism used to hide the fact that foreigners are being allowed to invade a sovereign nation, acquire property in that nation, and (through dividends and bond interest) siphon away the wealth of that nation. "Foreign investment" is also a new term for "colonization" and the new form of colonization is much "cleaner" and more profitable than the old one, which required a military presence and some interest in the health and welfare of the colonized. (The Cartel has, at any given time, virtually complete control of the "value" of every currency, except the Swiss franc, and

lately the Malaysian ringgit, so that it can “make an example” of any nation that might “get out of line” in the matter of issuing its own currency.)

“But our currency is not acceptable as foreign exchange and we have to buy supplies from other countries,” will come the comment. Does Switzerland have such a problem? Of course not. Switzerland has less than eight million people. But it has US\$25B in gold reserves, roughly 10 ounces per person—the Swiss franc is as good as gold anywhere in the world. Another instance of quality being far more important than quantity. Does Switzerland need foreign money? No. How can a little country in the mountains where only 10% of their land is arable achieve such independence? There may be many answers to that question but one of them must surely be that their currency is gold-based and they never violate their reserve commitment. And they only issue new currency to match the increase in the VALUE of the nation (not PRODUCTIVITY as the Cartel is wont to preach).

Can “emerging” or “third world” nations hope to achieve such control over their own affairs? Of course, and contrary to the usual cliché, no great “sacrifice” is necessary. Only understanding of the principles and a commitment to “stay the course”, once begun, because the Cartel and all of its minions will do their best to dissuade everyone who might have some influence, and their money buys a lot of influence.

Is it worth it? It is to the people, including the local banks and companies. To the people it means freedom from want; zero unemployment; high-quality education and healthcare; fast, inexpensive, pollution-free transportation; spacious and modern roads, freeways and tollways; plentiful recreation, sports, and quality entertainment facilities; and reliable, inexpensive utilities.

How about the high-level politicians and bureaucrats, the so-called “movers and shakers”? It depends upon whether the current administration is new, young and aggressive, or mature and just trying to get all it can before it retires. The latter will opt for the “status quo”; the really dedicated new leadership will see the opportunity, not only to do some good but to also perpetuate itself for having done so. Their relationships with the Cartel’s representatives will not have become quite so entrenched (to put it delicately) that they might not be able to see another point of view.

Is it difficult—does it require great knowledge and skill, i.e., expensive consultants?

Yes and No. It is difficult because it will be opposed by the Cartel and its minions who already have strong connections within the nation (even new administrations have “hold-overs” who will show favoritism to the Cartel—remember, the Cartel contains the IMF and the World Bank and all of the so-called regional Development Banks—a formidable bureaucracy in itself). It is not difficult because it is based upon common sense, not erudite financial gobbledy-gook. It requires some self-discipline, which is not uncommon to successful ventures of all types, even sports, but most of all it requires the desire to do something really worthwhile for the long-term benefit of the nation. That does not mean that there are not immediate, major benefits or that the vision of accomplishment cannot be shared from Day One.

A very modest (in cost) PR campaign based upon returning to asset-based money and keeping the earned wealth at home can have the support of the people in weeks, if not days. And in Southeast Asia there are still a few news sources that are not completely under the control of the Cartel which, if given some advance information, could be most helpful in marshalling support. (People-support will become neces-

sary to overcome Cartel propaganda and they have a big checkbook to maintain their control of their colonies.)

And the details? First: Investigate. Global Alliance Investment Association offers the collateral which can empower the nation to purchase very large amounts of gold with no need for any “foreign exchange”. Do a small transaction and find out if it works. Second: Keep it private; make sure it is not compromised and/or discredited by any outside influence. Third: Evaluate as many of the problems and benefits as possible so that a decision to move ahead is an informed decision with little or no chance of failure. Fourth: Pray. God helps those who help themselves.

CHAPTER 7

WHAT ABOUT Y2K?

Dr. John Coleman, W.I.R. 12/10/98

Editor's note: We have been holding this gem for an appropriate space slot. Always remember that NOTHING happens by accident!

The debates and dire portends are flying thick and fast as the year 2000 approaches with consequences being forecast, which if they come to pass, are likely to bring the whole world to a stop as the year 2000 is ushered in. I have read no less than forty different versions of what we can expect as mainframe computers go off line and just about everything from parking to banking gets all tangled up.

With so many experts in computers swearing an oath that the “oversight” by computer manufacturers and program writers in not allowing for the abbreviation “00” will play havoc with everything but the kitchen sink, I began to ask a lot of questions and to query some of the responses I got.

Let's go to the opposite end of the spectrum. Those of you who have read my book, *The Committee of 300* will know that there is a super-corporate structure controlling virtually everything that happens. Now we are supposed to believe that this elite group, with the best brains in the world, are so dumb that they were unable to see that all of their computer systems around the world would go belly-up as the year 2000 dawns?

The Bilderbergers are one of the executive arms of the “300”. It has top-secret conclaves annually, at which security is so tight that not even fleas on a dog could get inside. Every year we have a certain newspaper writing speculative accounts of what went on at those secret meetings. They speculate who the Bilderbergers at the meeting were, and what they were doing. I have a list of the current and some past Bilderbergers. I also have a list of their banks. I have not seen such a list published. I can tell you, the Bilderbergers are a pretty awesome lot. Am I to believe that these men are also utterly stupid in plotting and planning for events beyond 2000—events, which much of the time they actually create? And with the huge resources at its disposal, Bilderbergers didn't see a problem with 2000? I don't think so.

We must, therefore, ask ourselves these questions: “If y2k is an overstatement, an exaggeration, or mere speculation, what is the purpose? And is it part of the great conspiracy, and if so, what is hoped for, and how will the plot be carried out? These questions are examined in the following pages and response given, based on secret reports from the Club of Rome to the Bilderbergers. I don't know for sure, but my report may just be the first one in America which has the secret identities of Bilderbergers, and their bankers, and my copy-report is the only one in private hands in the United States.

To me the whole 2000 scare looks suspiciously like the work of the Tavistock Institute. This is just the sort of project the Tavistock planners would love to promote. Tavistock is fresh in my mind as I witness how its long-range-inner-directional conditioning worked so dramatically ever since the Whitewater-Flowers-Paula Jones-Monica Lewinsky scandals broke over Mr. Clinton. We have seen how Mr. Clinton is credited with being clever enough to turn his situation around from disaster to advantage. We have seen

how the ends of justice have been defeated. And they ARE DEFEATED, although this is not yet apparent to the American conservative movement.

This apparent miracle for which Mr. Clinton is given credit is not his work at all. It is the work of the Tavistock Institute which has provided the scripts and the answers for every predicament into which Mr. Clinton has fallen. It is not Mr. Kendall and Paul Begala who deserve credit for the successful way Mr. Clinton has threaded a pathway through the minefields in which he placed himself. I am in a position to know these things simply because I know precisely how Tavistock works. I am the only private individual who has one of their training manuals. This enabled me to say from the very beginning of Mr. Clinton's troubles that he would survive them all and remain in office for the rest of his term.

Again, in my opinion, the furor over y2k looks and sounds suspiciously like the work of the Tavistock brainwashers, whose specialists demonstrated just how good they are at mass brainwashing by turning every single one of Mr. Clinton's problems around, thereby creating the "Comeback Kid" legend. My opinion is bolstered by some information I was able to "acquire" which points in the direction of y2k being a project of the New World Order inside a One World Government.

Let us examine the goal of the One World Government. Simply put, it is to exercise control over a world bereft of national borders and cultures, where pride of face and pride of place will give way to a polyglot mob of disoriented people who no longer know or care about who they are and where they are headed. Evidence of this abounds and is all around us. The U.S. Immigration Reform Act of 1965 is one instrument being used to implement the ideal. The Education Act of 1980 is another example of how the face of the United States is being altered forever. Add abortion and gun control legislation and you will begin to get the picture. The United States in the year 2080 will be so radically different from what it was in 1900 as to make one weep. The European Union or "Common Market" is but a step in the direction of eradicating nations and countries.

In 1986 there was an exchange of ideas between the Club of Rome and the Bilderbergers. What was being explored were ways of hastening the advent of the New World Order. Within these two organs of the Committee there was general discussion about how to push the One World Government timetable forward. Several possible scenarios were discussed, some workable, and others not.

What was being sought was not the gradualism which, almost unnoticed by the American people, has overcome them, but some catastrophic prediction to which a firm date could be assigned.

According to my information, the Bilderbergers were charged with the responsibility of coming up with a workable plan in which the recalcitrants of the world could be brought to heel. This would involve governments, private sector companies, banks, government departments and a massive propaganda drive devised by Tavistock to popularize the project. Spreading confusion seems to be one of the themes of the paper, while another aspect deemed useful was to accelerate existing plans "to unify banking and bring smaller, independent banks to a position where they could be more readily absorbed by the major banks".

We know from what has been mentioned by the press that banks, especially smaller banks, are expected to be hard hit by y2k confusion. Does this fit in with the Club of Rome-Bilderberger conspiracy? "What we must emphasize," says the Club of Rome memo, "is a situation where a series of problems will come

to the fore at more or less the same time. These events would have the effect of demoralizing certain groups whom we know to be troublesome and highly critical of our efforts to unify the world. Unfortunately, these actions will also affect many who are our friends. It is a case of the rain falling on the just and the unjust.”

Reading the many accounts of what “experts” predict will be the result of y2k, is that in a remarkable way, most writers emphasize that while big banks, big government departments will be only slightly affected, it is the small businesses, banks and companies who will suffer the most. Does this not perhaps tie in with what the Club of Rome-Bilderbergers would like to see happen? Would the y2k crisis, if it materializes in a serious way, demoralize such groups? Could anti-government persons be selected as targets for y2k, and their businesses disrupted by what might appear to be the year 2000 bug?

CHAPTER 8

THE SKY IS FALLING AND IT'S NOT GOOD WATCH THOSE LETHAL CONTRAILS OVERHEAD

by Ray Bilger 2/19/99

Editor's note: The following is the second part of this amazing subject, promised in conjunction with last week's Front Page story.

Most adults in America today have had occasion to look up into the sky at one time or another and see a high-flying jet with a white contrail streaming behind it. Those are condensation trails ("con-trails") made mostly from hot jet engine exhaust vapor that rapidly condenses in the cold environment of the upper atmosphere. Those contrails then very quickly dissipate and disappear into the blue sky. At least that's the way it used to be.

The Jan. 26, 1999 issue of *CONTACT* ran an article in the News Desk, on page 5, about today's contrails but the implications of this important subject continue to unfold, and the Feb. 16, 1999 issue of *CONTACT* had a Front Page story that elaborated even further on deadly things that fall from the sky. This current article will hopefully put even more of this story into perspective.

Many of the contrails we are seeing today do not dissipate as normal contrails would, but are instead coalescing into broad cloud-bands that gradually spread out to cover the sky with a thin haze. Technically speaking, what we are seeing today cannot be called contrails as they do not dissipate as normal contrails (composed mostly of water vapor) do. Since there appears to be ever-increasing disease, debilitating physical conditions and death associated with what is being intentionally sprayed on us by today's jets, it might be better to call it chemical and biological warfare being waged against the general population. It's insidious, but true.

William Thomas is an Environmental Reporter who carefully and meticulously researches and documents his findings. He is the author of a book called *Bringing The War Home* (published by Earthpulse Press, Inc.) which deals with the Gulf War Syndrome. He was recently asked (in January) to investigate the growing contrail story, and what he found very quickly painted an unmistakable and undeniable picture. He immediately published a paper called "Contrails—Poison From the Sky", available on the Internet (<http://www.islandnet.com/~wilco/investsky.htm>).

Mr. Thomas made an appearance on Art Bell's late-night talk-radio program on Jan. 25th, 1999 and presented his shocking story. Art had trouble believing this is intentionally being done with the knowledge of our government, but even he could not deny the overwhelming evidence Mr. Thomas presented. Regular readers of *CONTACT* should know that part of the "elite's" Global Plan 2000 involves a major depopulation of the planet. Is this current story part of that plan? Let's see what Mr. Thomas uncovered and then you be the judge.

Mr. Thomas' investigation started because people in Washington state were reporting mysterious disease

and illness they associated with contrails sprayed in their area. (quoting)

Washington state resident William Wallace became ill with severe diarrhea and fatigue after watching several multi-engine jets spend New Year's day laying cloud lines in an east-to-west grid pattern. A neighbor working outside came down with similar symptoms. Both their wives, who remained indoors, suffered no ill effects from the inexplicable maneuvers which observers liken to high-altitude "crop-dusting" by unidentified multi-engine aircraft.

Wallace wonders if ethylene dibromide, a highly toxic component of JP-8 military jet fuel, is making people sick. (End quoting)

Ethylene dibromide, also known as EDB, is a pesticide that was banned in the U.S.A. in 1983 because it was found to be a highly toxic carcinogen and mutagen that causes eye and skin irritation, cardiopulmonary arrest, and respiratory failure. It attacks the liver, the lungs and the skin, causing liver and lung damage and cancer. It also lowers the body's immune system by depleting the B-vitamins and zinc. EDB is a stable compound, meaning it does not easily decompose. This would account for the substance staying in the air for long periods of time. But then it falls to Earth where it comes into contact with humans, plants and animals.

To quote from William Thomas' article: (quoting)

The strange spray patterns [from jets] are being reported repeatedly over towns in Tennessee, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, Nevada, Idaho, Mississippi, Montana, Michigan, Texas, Oklahoma, Washington state, California and Florida.

Wallace has been watching formations of high-flying jets weave grid-like contrails above his home since last summer [1998]. Each time, "We get a taste in our mouth," he reports. He and his wife Ann get "kind of tired and sick," having "no energy to do anything."

After plants began dying around his mountain cabin, "I got real sick for about three weeks," Wallace relates. "My eyes watered. Fluid came out of my nose. I could hardly move my arm up above my head to comb my hair for about a week."

Wallace and his wife are not alone in their plight. In March, 1996, Dr. Greg Hanford [a dentist] bought an expensive camera and binoculars to keep an eye on jets spraying white bands above his Bakersfield, California home. Hanford has counted 40 or 60 jets on some "spray days".

"Everybody seems to be getting sick from it," Hanford told ENS. "Hackin' and coughin' when you really get nailed with this stuff." The dentist, many of his patients and two receptionists have repeatedly contracted severe respiratory infections. Hanford's illness lingered for five months despite courses of four different antibiotics.

"It's really weird," Hanford says. "You think two jets are going to hit each other—and then they make an X." The dentist says he has sometimes seen "furry globular balls" spread downwind in a long feather from the high-flying aircraft...

“Passenger jets don’t make contrails that stay and become clouds,” Wallace observes. Government officials deny that anything unusual is taking place. When Hanford called the local airport, tower personnel told him there was “nothing going on”. The jets were “just commercial” undergoing “international flight training”. But a skeptical Hanford responded, “Is the F.A.A. going to allow two jets to come at each other?”

Pseudo-color, multispectral images taken April 20, 1994 by a N.O.A.A. [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration] satellite, reveal a number of contrails over Oklahoma and Kansas. X’s, overlapping W’s and the Roman numeral XII are among the patterns flown by the mystery aircraft. Last June, Hanford watched four aircraft spraying in circles to form a perfect bulls-eye. Through his Swarowski binoculars, Hanford could see what “looked like a 737” painted all-white on top with an “orangish-red” underbody and red engine cowlings. Another 727-like aircraft was painted “all-white with a black stripe up the middle of the fuselage”. None of the planes carried identifying markings.

Pat Edgar has been watching the jets spraying over eastern Oklahoma since a sunny day in October, 1997 when as many as 30 contrails occluded the sky. “They look like they’re playing tic-tac-toe up there,” he says. “You know darn well it’s not passenger planes.”

Edgar says he has watched “cobwebbing stuff coming down” from the zigzagging jets flying “all day long, line after line, back-and-forth, like furrows in a farm field”. Edgar adds that “There is a lot of Lupus in the area now. A lot of women have come down with it.”

Edgar’s father-in-law, a former judge, and three or four other close friends were hit hard in their immune systems. Symptoms include swollen hands and legs, night fever and shortness of breath. Retired Oklahoma state judge Bill Ed Rogers now runs out of breath after walking 20 feet to the bathroom. Climbing stairs, he says, “is directly out of the question.”

Rogers does not attribute his strange malady to the mystery jets. But neither he nor his doctors can explain his breathing difficulty, which began shortly after spraying began in November, 1997, and is getting worse. The 57-year-old former judge says he thought he was experiencing congenital heart failure when he was admitted into the Mayo Clinic last January. But after being diagnosed with severe inflammation in his right lung, a team of top surgeons were unable to pump an unidentified “jello-like” fluid from his lung.

Edgar, Wallace, Hanford and other eye-witnesses are uneasy over the ongoing aerial “experiments” and the secrecy surrounding them. “They’re gettin’ ready, practicing,” Edgar believes, for some kind of mass population cull.

Before Edgar sold his restaurant, customers came in complaining of airplanes “flying around all night” over a remote area of Oklahoma. In the morning, they could see “stuff comin’ out of their wings”. Edgar says he knows four dozen witnesses who have “come down violently ill, coughing up blood for two weeks—or [with] real bad nosebleeds.” As far as he’s concerned, “it had to be something in that doggone plane that was spillin’ out in the middle of the night.”

Edgar joins witnesses across the U.S. who worry that whoever is behind the mystery spraying just has to “come up with something a little stronger later on. “It’s just a guess,” he says. “But it sure seems weird. They have a mission. They go back and forth all day. Hey man, I’m talkin’ hundreds of contrails a day!

It's unbelievable." (End quoting)

William Thomas himself believes the available data definitely points to a cull being conducted by someone(s). And the aerial spraying over Bakersfield has been easily visible from just west of Tehachapi.

Rob Meyer (a past president of the Northeast Chapter of the International Tesla Society) of Sedona, Arizona, whose e-mail address is robmeyer@sedona.net, is now putting out information and reports he is receiving on the unfolding contrail story. One woman from southern Florida just reported seeing several of these strange contrails in a huge J-shaped formation. If all of the above is the story we are hearing, how much more is there that has not been reported?

Lorraine Gersic of New River, Arizona (just north of Phoenix) said that in late January, 1999, a Phoenix TV-station news anchor-woman stated on live TV news that she personally had some kind of strange substance fall on her car, and that she believed it was from a jet. Lorraine also reports that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers now wants to use JP-8 jet fuel (with EDB) to help burn the chemicals on Chuck Byers property at New River!

Robert Nakaya, who lives in Orange County, California (just south of Los Angeles) just called Dr. Al Overholt and told him the aerial spraying has been going on in Orange County and everyone he knows is sick.

As an example to show that we must use discernment when using the Internet, Rob Meyer posted information from a man named Jack O'Brien who believes that the jet spray also contains "a vaccine against Anthrax".

Mr. O'Brien wrote that he "did a lot of yes-no questioning and intuiting," and determined that "They [the government] are dumping a killed strain [of Anthrax] hoping to cause immunity in the general population." He was "picking up" the idea that there was "a plot by the Iraqi government to spread such a disease [Anthrax] in populated areas of the U.S.," and that our government doesn't "want to divulge this because of the panic it would cause, just as a nation-wide vaccination would."

Mr. O'Brien adds that, "The large-scale spraying means they have been working on this potential problem for some time and are acting because they believe the threat is imminent. The people in charge are taking a calculated risk that the benefits far outweigh the risks."

Now, think about this information seriously and think about how much our government tries to help us(?). Does this information from Mr. O'Brien sound accurate? It might seem more logical that Mr. O'Brien is himself being deceived through specific disinformation being programmed into his head, or that he could be a disinformation agent intentionally giving us this wrong data.

Think clearly about this for a moment and try to read between the lines. When Mr. O'Brien says they have been working on this for some time because they believe the threat is imminent, does this mean our government is planning to hit us with a major Anthrax attack and then blame it on Iraq?

Coincidentally (?), on the same day that William Thomas was on Art Bell's show (1-25-99), President

Clinton was making remarks about possible germ warfare attacks by terrorist groups! This would obviously include Anthrax. And on the same day there were news reports about military personnel threatening to resign if they are forced to take Anthrax vaccinations.

Mr. O'Brien also said that the people in charge were taking a calculated risk that the benefits would outweigh the risks. What if they don't and we all get Anthrax from a government-orchestrated attack, or worse from the aerial spraying itself? He has already told us their plan might not work. Read all information very carefully, as these times require great discernment on our part.

The Anthrax scare is being hyped and perpetrated on us almost on a daily basis. On Feb. 4th, 1999, it was announced on C.N.N.-TV (Cable News Network) that packages in Atlanta, Georgia which supposedly contained Anthrax were later found to be hoaxes. In the last months of 1998, in Los Angeles, there were four Anthrax scares over a four-week period. There have been many other such incidents recently, and in most cases no one claims responsibility, which is unlike terrorist groups who always want to draw attention to their cause. So, who's doing it? Government-orchestrated terrorist acts and incidents never identify the perpetrator (as in the Oklahoma Federal Building bombing)!

In the Front Page story in last week's *CONTACT* (Part I of this series), there was testimony from Dr. Leonard Cole before the U.S. Senate Committee on Veteran's Affairs in 1994. Dr. Cole laid out an extensive pattern of aerial spraying (so-called "tests") conducted by the U.S. Army since 1949 and at Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah. Dr. Cole said that if such tests must continue there should be an informing of the people effected by the spraying of biological agents, a monitoring of the health of said people and a full informing of the neighboring medical community.

The fact that Dr. Cole's policy suggestions have never been implemented since 1994 and have never been followed in any manner should be clear and convincing evidence that we are not talking about tests, but that we are talking about chemical and biological war being waged against the Citizens of the United States of America, in total contravention of the *Constitution*!

At the Internet website address of <www.cbdcom.apgea.army.mil/Missions/dp/fs_120c.html>, at the "Domestic Preparedness" page, there is a list, put out by the U.S. Army, of 120 American cities which are considered as potential terrorist targets. By order of President Clinton from early 1998, some of those cities are being stockpiled with Anthrax vaccine.

Since we know that our government will attack and kill American Citizens and blame it on terrorist groups (e.g., Oklahoma City Federal Building), and since we know that vaccines, including the Anthrax vaccine, may actually be for the purpose of infecting the people with deadly Anthrax, are we possibly being prepared for a major Anthrax attack in the United States? William Thomas certainly appears to be correct in saying that what is being sprayed on us in the "contrails" is for depopulation. Again, regular readers of *CONTACT* should understand that this is but part of a larger plan for major depopulation of the planet. What are we going to do about it???

On Feb. 18, 1999, William Thomas made a second appearance on Art Bell's radio program. Since his first appearance last month, he has spoken with over 200 eye-witnesses including doctors, police officers, pilots and military personnel coast to coast. Many hospitals coast to coast are filled to overflowing with

sick people, and doctors in New York admit this is not any kind of flu, but some type of unknown upper respiratory infection.

Mr. Thomas has now documented the spraying (which he has named “chemtrails” instead of contrails) in over 41 states, with more chemicals than just EDB. And he contends that some of the symptoms now match Gulf War Illness. He has posted a new paper on his website titled “*Hospitals Jammed as Banned Pesticide is Sprayed From the Skies*”.

Art wondered why NBC, CBS, ABC, and CNN are not reporting on this shocking information. When you realize as well that the C.D.C. (Centers For Disease Control) is also absolutely silent on this diabolical issue, not issuing any type of warning or announcement whatsoever, you realize that none of this is supposed to exist—in other words, we are not supposed to know about it! So don’t expect any official acknowledgement any time soon.

Art said that after Mr. Thomas’ first program, he went out to observe how the jets were flying over his Pahrump, Nevada studio/home. Art was shocked to see aerial spraying, and both he and his wife got sick!

Art’s second program with Mr. Thomas got into the subject further, and rather than make this segment overly long, it will be better to continue this with a third segment soon to follow.

Some things that will be covered in Part III include—People being brought into ERs, many for the first time, with acute respiratory problems like bronchitis and phenemonia—The fact that sighting reports of spraying match the areas where hospitals are overflowing with admissions—Doctors coast to coast admit we have an epidemic [of something]—Hospitals in Phoenix and Oklahoma are not admitting new patients—Schools are being closed due to the epidemic—Areas recently sprayed include Knoxville, Tennessee, Asheville, North Carolina, and Dallas, Texas—One “test” spraying in 1953 was over a Minneapolis, Minnesota elementary school with 600 children inside—Minneapolis was sprayed in 1997 on 61 separate occasions—Title 50 of the United States Code, at Section 1520, allows all this spraying if “the experiment is related to research activity”—Pathogans are being sprayed, which are produced by the American Type Tissue Culture Corporation (A.T.T.C.C.), the same corporation in Maryland that sent 72 shipments of germ-warfare cultures to Saddam Hussein between 1984 and 1993!!!

Mr. Thomas points out that only two things are currently known to help the conditions reported—colloidal silver, and oxygenation therapy. Fortunately, with New Gaia Products we have an even greater arsenal to fight those assaults on our health.

Stay tuned for more of this breaking story.

Editor’s note: As our Front Page story last week and again this week make very clear (and which will be made even more scary in next week’s story on this subject), this is SERIOUS TIME for illness being inflicted upon we-the-people. One matter William Thomas made very clear on Art Bell’s late-night talk-radio show on 2/18/99 was that only colloidal silver and oxygen (ozone) therapies were effective against whatever is being sprayed on us; antibiotics were rather useless in many instances.

With that in mind, we are here reprinting excerpts from a series of three writings by Commander Hatonn from almost four years ago now. This information may “just” save your life!

5/11/95 #1 HATONN

SILVER AND GOLD

“*Diamonds are a girl’s best friend*”? Well then, gold is man’s best friend. It is also his worst enemy—so choose your product wisely.

I’m not interested in your “pretties”, but in diamond chips, which are the **best** you can have around for data storage and memory keeping. The problem is that Elite cartels own them all, and you are only given what THEY want you to have. Unfortunately for you-the-people, THEY have them for use in their mighty mischief machines and you don’t have them for your best advantage. We won’t linger on that for now—you will be able to use more simple forms of carbon for our body needs, for the moment, and for a lot less cost.

SERIOUS TROUBLE AFOOT

Gold, however, is going to prove to be a must if you wish to survive the CRYSTALLINE viral assaults. In some of the man-altered viruses the zinc molecule which attaches the cap (head) to the viral body has been tampered and upgraded to, in some instances, titanium. Why? So the antibiotics of choice can’t knock it out easily. When you remove the attaching programmed “head” or “cap” of the virus, the entire robot then disseminates. If there are “drias” or “drianas” present, the particles will be absorbed as fuel for the cells and then absorbed or washed away.

So, you have to have something able to carry enough “harmless to the other body cells” frequency to break or bind with—the attaching molecule. This is all tampering with DNA, RNA and genetic structures of cells or CRYSTALLINE life forms. EBOLA is one of them and it has been UPGRADED with a new “neck”.

One reason the “silver” colloid has been allowed to continue on the market is because the enemy knows he has some attackers on which silver won’t be quite so effective. The immune system using silver backup will defend the body pretty well, but with a massive assault by the virus, it can’t handle the load because of the rapidity of reproduction built into the programming of some of these viruses. By the way, the one now upon you is MAN-MADE and was INCUBATED IN “GREEN MONKEYS”. SO DON’T THINK YOU ARE DEALING WITH GREEN MONKEYS SIMPLY HANGING AROUND THE JUNGLE—EXCEPT OF COURSE, FOR THE INFECTED ONES INTENTIONALLY INTRODUCED INTO THE DESIRED OUTBREAK AREAS, SO YOU CAN BE TOLD IT’S IN THE MONKEY GENES. You will then go forth and kill off your animal friends in addition to killing off great masses of people.

THE MAN-MADE DEADLIES

These diseases such as Lassa Fever and Ebola, and Marburg Fever, were created to assure winning in

WAR. You have been told over and over again to expect biological warfare and, by the way, Russia STILL has the highest and most effective weapons of same.

[Editor's note: Mr. Clinton is in Moscow, summoned, we expect, by Mr. Yeltsin. Mr. Clinton was apparently declining to provide some assistance requested by Mr. Yeltsin, who was quoted as remarking something like: "Not to worry, we always have our 'spheres of influence' to fall back upon." Cosmospheres, perhaps?]

WHY THE ATTENTION-GETTER MOVIES AND
NEWS REPORTS?
REMOVAL OF YOUR *BILL OF RIGHTS*

To PROTECT you-the-public, not just from terrorists with bombs but especially terrorists with disease organisms—the Government NOW HAS ALL IT NEEDS to have a REAL INTRA-National Emergency on a domestic basis. You must understand that during INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY OR WAR the WHOLE of your *Constitution* is not automatically “set aside”—the *Bill of Rights* is supposed to continue to cover you as citizens. BUT, in a Domestic National Emergency of such widespread potential as disease, terrorist activities, or other widespread problems—EVERYTHING STOPS! The *Bill of Rights* is suspended for the duration of the “National Emergency”.

I can tell you NOW that the disease in Zaire is intentional because the testing needed to be done with a somewhat less virulent strain of virus to see what would happen to the immune-system-compromised populations. That basically includes everyone on the globe because of such atrocious nutrition deprivations; however, the intended show-and-tell will be decided among the HIV carriers. This is a method of finally wiping out great numbers of people. Why Africa? Because that is the place where the most of the population are less worldly, less modern. You have tribal or primitive modes of living in those African communities where disease is going to run rampant. THERE ALWAYS HAS TO BE A “TEST” GROUND AND A “COUNTER-CONTROL” GROUP. AIDS WAS INTRODUCED INTO AFRICA UNDER THE GUISE OF SMALLPOX IMMUNIZATIONS and there you have it: Africa, for introduction, is the place of Choice. It is also being introduced at the SAME time as the Russian/USA summit meeting—TO MAKE A POINT! THE POINT HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND THE U.S.A. EFFECTIVELY NEUTRALIZED!

I will speak of “protection” or countering possibilities in a minute but now I am going to scare the pants off you and I hope you listen up. I, further, ask you, whether you believe me or not—to go forth and get A *HIGHER FORM OF KILLING* or get the journal which covers the subject of biological warfare. (*A Higher Form of Killing: The Secret Story of Chemical and Biological Warfare*, Robert Harris and Jeremy Paxman, 1982. Hill and Wang, New York [A division of Farrar, Straus and Giroux]).

I want to present a short excerpt from that book from pages 218-219. I want you to keep in mind that there is actually NO DIFFERENCE IN the Soviet Union Bolsheviks and that which RUNS THE U.S.A. I also wish you to realize that this book was presented over a decade ago—so guess how far the bastards have moved since then—and, it was bad enough THEN.

[QUOTING:]

As the deadline for the destruction of biological weapons approached, attention turned to the Soviet Union. Would a similar display take place there? The Russians merely issued a statement announcing that the Soviet Union “does not possess” any bacteriological weapons. Ignoring the question of whether they had ever developed any biological device in the thirty years before the treaty was signed in April 1972 did not help to build confidence between the Superpowers.

In addition, the agreement to ban biological weapons contained one serious flaw. There was no provision for one side to inspect the other’s facilities to determine whether or not the treaty was being adhered to. The growing distrust led to a campaign in the Western press the likes of which had not been seen since the scare stories of Russian “disease factories” in the early fifties. Within months of the Biological Weapons Convention coming into effect, suggestions were appearing that the Russians were already breaking its terms.

[H: Remember what we told you at least five years ago: THERE ARE MORE RUSSIANS IN YOUR CIA THAN AMERICANS—AND—IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND WITHIN YOUR CENTERS FOR DISEASE “CONTROL” THERE ARE AS MANY RUSSIAN SCIENTISTS AS THERE ARE AMERICAN—MAYBE MORE. Now, do you still wonder WHY there is also a massive movement of Russian equipment and war apparatus, along with soldiers, now infiltrated into your country? YOU ARE UNDER SIEGE, WORLD, AND IT HAS ALMOST NOTHING TO DO WITH “RUSSIA”. RUSSIA JUST HAPPENS TO BE CONTROLLED BY THE SAME “GODHEAD” AS IS NOW CONTROLLING THE U.S.A. IT IS ANTI-CHRIST AND IT INTENDS TO HAVE IT ALL, INCLUDING A MASSIVE DEPOPULATION OF THE GLOBE. I THINK PERHAPS WE ARE GETTING TO THE TIME WHERE OUR JOURNALS WON’T BE SO ASSAULTED AND DENIED. WHAT DO “I” INTEND TO DO ABOUT THIS? NOTHING!! THIS IS YOUR MESS—YOU CLEAN IT UP! Neither am I going to GIVE you some magic potion to sooth your aching head OR “protect” you. We will offer that which we CAN in your regulated society of idiots, to shelter those of our people—who obviously are readers, etc., of our presentations.

The prophecies down through the eons have warned you of these days and they are upon you. Mine is not to either “tell you so” or preach on anything, spiritual or otherwise. How did the prophets KNOW? Because it was ALWAYS written in the Adversary’s GAME PLAN—ALWAYS RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF YOU WHILE YOU SLEPT AND DID ALL MANNER OF ATROCIOUS THINGS AGAINST GOD. So be it—now that PIPER is expecting to reap his rewards and no, I won’t interfere. It is not appropriate for I am not SENT to SAVE anything except God’s people, and that ONLY IF THEY WISH TO BE MADE SAFE WITHIN THE REGULATIONS, THIS TIME, OF GOD!]

“There is evidence,” said an article in a Boston newspaper, “that within recent months the Soviet Union has been constructing or expanding facilities which appear to be biological-arms production plants, having very high incinerator stacks and large cold storage bunkers that could be used for stockpiling the weapons.” Three months later came another claim, this time from the syndicated columnist Jack Anderson. Anderson told his readers that the chief Soviet medical attaché in Washington had been caught trying to “weasel suspicious information” from American scientists over dinner at a genetic-engineering conference in California. “His efforts to elicit information that could help the Soviets advance their germ warfare

research were obvious,” said Anderson.

The claims continued. In January 1978, a correspondent with *Reuters* news agency reported from NATO headquarters that “scientific experts” had informed him that the **Russians were developing three horrific new diseases for warfare: LASSA FEVER, WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCES, KILLS 35 OF EVERY 100 PEOPLE IT STRIKES, EBOLA FEVER, WHICH KILLS 70 OUT OF EVERY 100, AND THE DEADLY MARBURG FEVER (GREEN MONKEY DISEASE).**

Not surprisingly, the effect of these allegations was to throw serious doubt on the value of attempting to negotiate a second treaty with the Soviet Union to ban gas warfare. Indeed, in the summer of 1978 a story appeared suggesting that Nixon’s original decision to stop developing new chemical and biological weapons had been the result of work by Soviet spies. “According to US intelligence officials,” said the *New York Times*, “the Soviet Union attempted to influence then-President Richard Nixon in 1969 to halt chemical and biological weapons development by transmitting information through double agents working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.” The paper maintained that the director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, had conveyed the information to Nixon personally. While none of Nixon’s White House staff was able to recall having been given any information about chemical or biological weapons by FBI agents, the *New York Times* report was sufficient nonetheless to add to the growing disquiet over what the Russians might be up to....

[END OF QUOTING]

I’m not going to offer the repeat of the information—how much is run in the paper is up to the staff of the paper. I am, further, not going to put my people through the assaults and complaints which continue to beat them down every day. We have to work with about three people to do the damnable work of twenty and THEY mostly volunteer their time and efforts just to keep pushing information and products to you.

I would like to close this now—it has not been so pleasant a writing, I suppose, but I don’t know how else to offer such information. We will continue to make product as quickly as we can—but we act only within the regulations and that is simply all that we can do—save shut down entirely.

You will have the strength you need AND WE WILL CONFRONT THE NECESSITIES AS THEY ARRIVE.

Let us close this so that we can begin to organize, in our own minds, our steps.

Thank you.

We will continue this subject when next we can.

5/12/95 #1 HATONN

I feel I need to keep you a bit updated on some of the subjects we drop like a bomb on your minds. I rarely intend to frighten you but sometimes your health and your circumstances are severely jeopardized and when I see it coming, readers, I AM GOING TO INFORM YOU and, further, I will tell it as seriously as I can and worthy of the attention.

THE SOVIETS

“They” can change the name of Communism to distract you—but there is NO CHANGE IN THE SOVIETS. There is NO COLLAPSE of the Soviet SYSTEM. And, THEY have the U.S. boxed into the CORNER with nowhere to run and nowhere to hide.

NUCLEAR

When asked to back off sending nuclear material and equipment to Iran it was said by Mr. Yeltsin to Mr. Clinton at the phony summit: “Don’t push us, Mr. Clinton, we have other spheres of influence.” (That was ON YOUR NON-NEWS!) Yes they do—and they showed it—at Zaire with something that, given the “enhanced” and molecularly changed virus, THERE IS NO TREATMENT. They, further, have control and that New World Order you somehow think YOU WILL RUN—is NOT going to be run by the United States, good friends—it is going to be run by the highest Elite thugs on your planet.

BUGS

You are surrounded by Cholera, Bubonic and Pneumonic Plague, parasites introduced into water systems which CARRY HIV and Trichinosis and even spirillum and the whole family of spirochetes (syphilis-causing organisms). In the testing of water supplies, readers, some of these things are never even tested. Parasites are rarely isolated in the testing procedures and, until there is a breakout of illness they are not particularly noted. Why? Because the plan is to “luck out”. The ordinary treatment methods do not kill off the most serious of these organisms which CARRY other disease causers.

What is being intentionally loosed on you, however, has NO TREATMENT and will run rampant, like smallpox did through the Native American population in early America. These are diseases brought forth by the Anti-Christ—STOP BLAMING GOD! GOD gives you ways to deal with it IF you want to deal with it. But we certainly are NOT going far out of our way to bear the brunt of your hate-mail as is now happening. You go right along thinking and spouting that we are quacks and cultists and thus and so—and go right down the tubes. But please stop annoying us. It is YOU, who spout the negatives, who will be HELD RESPONSIBLE AS THINGS FALL APART AND THE MASSES RISE UP AGAINST “YOU” FOR YOUR STUPIDITY AND BIG MOUTH. IT IS HAPPENING NOW—AS WE SPEAK. AS PANIC RUNS THROUGH THE POPULATION, TERROR IS BORN AND THE ONES WHO ALLOWED AND LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THIS INSIPID DOWNFALL AND INFECTING OF HUMANITY—WILL RECEIVE THE BRUNT, EVENTUALLY, OF THE MASSES. THERE WILL BE NO GOD THERE TO HELP YOU THEN!

WE CAN ONLY OFFER HEALTH INFORMATION

I would like to offer as we can, more health information and I ask, especially, AS LONG AS WE CAN HAVE A PAPER, that there never be an edition without a HEALTH section. You MUST know about the products available and you must know about the reasons for the choosing of the products available through New Gaia. In EVERY instance, if produced by anyone working with us—they are going to be LIVING, as in enhanced DRIAS, the LIVING CELL OF LIFE. The spelta here, is soaked in Gaiandriana before

planting so that the seed is planted with the Drias present to become one with the kernels. Even the colloids are held in a Gaiandriana suspension to HOLD the frequency which is THE property which allows the destruction of viruses and bacteria species with low-frequency structure. Actually, the frequency in DRIAS can EXCEED anything structured to any frequency. You cannot get “higher” than that offered by the invisible solar frequencies which totally mutate cells of human structure. So, we keep the frequency to the level of non-negative effect on anything save the organism in target. The Dria carriers are limited by DNA to accept damaging frequency for human use. Almost all living “animals” can use and tolerate much higher and lower “frequencies” than can humans.

You cannot “overdose” on these Gaia products—BUT you sure can destroy your necessary organisms that must be present in your digestive tract [*by overusing the OxySol or GaiaCol colloidal silver & gold solutions*]. So, if you feel a need to overdo—then replace the organisms with supplements. My advice is to use your brains. If you are sick and you have symptoms of any disease “prevailing in your community” (because if you have been using our products—you won’t get sick FIRST), then act accordingly. For instance, if there are 32 or 150 or 10 or 2 people who have been diagnosed with Pneumonic or Bubonic Plague and YOU HAVE THE IDENTICAL SYMPTOM STARTING—GET WITH A HEAVY HIT OF COLLOIDS. DON’T BE FOOLISH—GET WITH A HEAVY INTAKE IMMEDIATELY. THE WORST THAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER A FULL SERIES OF INTAKE IS A NEED TO RESTORE THE ACIDOPHILUS AND LACTOBACILUS.

Would it be better when invaded by these “mystery” and deadly organisms to get the “stuff” by IV or IM? Yes, but that is against the LAW for us to suggest, so we won’t suggest it. It would be PERFECTLY SAFE in all ways to use it that way and, in a Gaiandriana solution, used such as Saline solution for shock, would be so enhancing and quick-acting as to shock the world. You see, the cells (Driana and Drios) CARRY OXYGEN JUST AS DO BLOOD CELLS—they are perfect little critters who TAKE ON INDIVIDUAL DNA-RNA TO SUIT THE HOST. One drop of your blood into a bottle of Gaiandriana solution—will produce a DNA reading, as transformation takes place, of YOUR DNA. This is why you can’t begin to actually claim O.J. Simpson even had to have blood at the site of his so-called “murders”. Blood is so easily CLONED, in several ways, as to be silly and totally grotesque to be argued over in the manner presented in the courts. However, in that case, it isn’t even that complicated—he simply didn’t do it and this is a set-up to continue to pull you into chaos. Read Gary Wean’s presentations on this subject [*see the 3/28/95 issue of CONTACT*]. IT IS ACCURATE and now it is KNOWN who did the “ritual” murders. It is YOU-THE-PUBLIC who are deceived. The rest of the world KNOWS, they just are past the time of being able to do anything about it—JUST AS, SOON YOU SHALL BE.

Yes, you can “treat” yourselves but you will notice that most of those “treatment” modalities are called “quackery” [*by the AMA and FDA quacks*] and are shut down from your access. Ozone in PROPER use will kill the little suckers and Hydrogen Peroxide will take them out. The reason for the “carriers” is that chlorination, as THE only system of protection, will only weaken the parasite, which then allows for the growing of the borne-organisms to become ever more strong and resistant to antibiotics. Then, when out of the reach of the chlorine, they can break loose and flourish.

A healthy body and immune system is, of course, the best defender of your turf, but immune systems are so badly assaulted by demineralization of food supplies that you hardly ever find a really healthy immune system any longer. Junk food junkies pay the price now because that which is in, say, wheat products,

corn products, etc., is stripped of nutritious value. That's not the half of it, though, because so is your flour, bread and thus and so. Your milk products are filled with everything done to the cow in order to keep her alive long enough to give milk. I prefer, actually, artificial milk—but that is not available in too many places any longer. Next best is acidophilus-added milk. The acidophilus (which you have to have in the intestinal tract) is killed through pasteurization. Medicine [*conventional*] to “save you from yourself” is KILLING YOU.

That is your business and certainly it doesn't require a massive program of do-or-die replacement with whole grains such as spelta, and then you can eat the garbage and it won't particularly hurt you—except of course for FAT build-up. Fat, in itself, is a good storage for energy, and the anorexic who is skin and bones to be fashionable—will not make it through disease or hard times. This is for two reasons: a reasonable fat cover is excellent for bogging down deleterious, purposely broadcast frequency waves and pulses, protects from the higher invisible Sun rays and gives a reserve for energy storage. Too much, of course, is debilitating. Therefore as the Master Teacher said: All things in moderation! But, readers, as far as I am concerned—any way you wish to commit suicide is up to you—keeping you from doing so is NOT MY BUSINESS. What I object to is your lack of ability or allowance to REALLY choose up your own weapons for a duel with the Grim Reaper.

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STAYIN' ALIVE

I need to remind you succinctly about Colloids and a couple of other things we have offered you—plus some we now stand ready to offer you, in limited supply, as upgraded items. You already have available the “grape seeds” through New Gaia [*see p. 19 for ordering information*], and our people are seeking out a way to get to you, from here, the equivalent of DHEA and Melatonin. You do not need much of either—but the cost at retail level of these products is mind-boggling, to me. We also have to have a product of superior quality or New Gaia's name will not be affixed. THE LIES REALLY DO STOP RIGHT HERE!

I choose to not write on these things yet because what is happening around you is so much the more important because you may well not have ANYTHING available now to counter the assault of the DNA-upgraded attacker-viruses.

I need to integrate into your “knowledge” banks the changes we bring and WHY, along with what to expect, especially visually, from any products from this source.

In the NEW tampered viruses, where a molecule of zinc once held the “head” or “cap” of the virus onto its body and thus allowed “life” from this crystalline formation and allowed programming, the molecule utilized now is most often Titanium, while they work on an even higher-frequency-tolerant “neck”. Silver [Ag] colloid can knock out the zinc molecule easily but can only disrupt those viruses bearing that insignia. This does NOT mean that it isn't good for all the other hundreds of known invaders, but even when you move into the category of the nervous system attackers and brain invaders, you are “iffy” with just a silver colloid. Why? Because you must now deal with “**frequency**” or “**light emission**” (**color**) of the “antibiotic” and yet when you move into such high-frequency radiation—you kill off the body as well as any negative

bacterial or biological substance. So, you need to go with something that carries high frequency, is harmless to “life” in a relative manner (even helpful to body function if at all possible), and can act as an immune system “shield” or enhancer.

Silver colloid will do this, but cannot destroy anything with a “higher” frequency than itself. Therefore, to have adequate POWER FREQUENCY you must move to higher elements which will take on the higher frequencies (beyond visible or even invisible ultraviolet rays). The word “violet” is a KEY word here. You are going to have to move into the purple frequency range AT LEAST for the new manmade invaders. It isn’t going to be, and I will tell you this right up front, enough to simply add a little gold [Au] and turn the solution violet.

That will help because in colloidalizing gold within the already colloidalized silver, the frequency will be brought up to meet the raw gold. However, if the “neck” on the virus is titanium alchemized into violet spectrum—you still are not going to blast out the little buggers, easily. You have GOT TO HAVE A SOLUTION BEARING THOSE SOLAR FREQUENCIES AND EVERY MACHINE WHICH PRODUCES SUCH FREQUENCIES HAS BEEN TAKEN **FROM YOU** AS FAST AS THE “BIG BOYS” HAVE FOUND THEM.

Well, it doesn’t do any good to raid the Drias, for they have a programmed mind of their own and whether you like it or don’t like it—WE SPACE HOSTS HOLD THE PROGRAM KEY.

The “Big Boy’s” main puppets hold the antidotes for these manmade diseases but they may find it interesting when those very bugs are upgraded and turned back upon themselves!

LIES: EBOLA & HIV

It’s OUT! The real news is leaking out! Hundreds of thousands (into the multi-millions) of people are now dying because of this one untreatable thing they are CALLING Ebola. It is programmed to immediately invade HIV carriers. It interacts with the HIV virus and forms an immediate bond and is deadly and is untreatable. I don’t know if, after combination, the solution we can offer will have the capacity to destroy the recombinant virus formed by that alliance. The problem is that by the time you get anything to the body—it is usually already dead. The new viruses formed by this bonding, however, are not inhibited by the dead body.

THERE IS NOT ONE HONEST THING COMING OUT OF AFRICA—TO YOUR ATTENTION. IF YOU ARE TO SURVIVE THIS PARTICULAR PLAGUE, YOU WILL HAVE TO ENHANCE THE IMMUNE SYSTEM “IN TIME” TO GET YOUR OWN IMMUNE SYSTEM UNDER CONTROL, KNOCK OUT ANY SIMILAR VIRUSES TO HIV (ANY OF THE RELATIVES OF HIV) AND **SHIELD** SELVES.

You are not allowed to have it in the public sector (and the doctors don’t have and CANNOT use unapproved products), so you are in a Catch 22: damned if you do, damned if you don’t. People could be “saved” in time if IV use of our solution could be utilized—but now the laws say NO.

YOU CAN’T EVEN GIVE ANYTHING INTRAMUSCULARLY IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THAT

CAME ABOUT WITH THE USE OF IV DRUGS ON THE STREET. BUT, YOU SEE, WITH IV STREET-DRUG USE, THE HIV OR SIMILAR SUITABLE BONDING PARTNERS ARE INTRODUCED—IF NOT FROM THE INVASION BY NEEDLE, BY THE SUBSTANCE ITSELF!!

The “unwanted” useless eaters with terminal disease (including some forms of cancers) with these hosts in the body—will be “combined” and taken out. The substances themselves THRIVE on the conversion of alcohol in the body as well. If the simple conversion doesn’t work, the parasite carriers will produce what the viruses need and haul them around piggy-back.

I am accused of bringing FEAR into your innocent lives. NO, I BRING TRUTH, and if it instills FEAR within you—that is YOUR PROBLEM, NOT MINE.

We are terribly limited by that which we can offer you but there is still a “legal” way to enhance the silver colloid and we do it. However, we are having to meet restrictions (those Big Boys intend to not have interference from the balcony crowd) and this limits the ability to do what we would prefer—but, for now, we have sufficient frequency capability. The real “product of choice” is to allow the purple solution to totally clarify to white transparency in Gaiandriana in the Sun—but the process is bothersome and too slow for our immediate needs. We can move as fast, however, as can our enemy. We START where the silver colloidalizer leaves off.

New Gaia Products may wish to consider the following discussion for a “brochure”.

OXYSOL & GAIACOL
FREQUENCIES FOR LIFE

In searching for that which can serve most effectively as a universal type of “antibiotic”, the obvious is, for general use, colloidalized silver. However, with the NEW and deadly man-tampered and invented, viruses, silver frequency is not going to be totally sufficient to the needs as the enhanced viruses are ‘sprung’ on you.

It is the “frequency” of the mineral which is the really effective “charged” particle—carried in solution by the metallic particulate utilized. Gold is the borderline mineral capable of being utilized, from your elements available, for higher frequency, WITHOUT CELL DAMAGE TO THE HUMAN BODY.

Therefore, to have a SAFE higher frequency in a solution bearing at least the frequency of gold (purple color tone), you must move to the elusive “non-elements” of light and living cellular manifestation. We know those as “Drianas”, a whole-life form from DNA-RNA, bearing capability of holding the highest invisible energy as part of itself.

Introduced into the gold-colored, then purple, solution of colloidal silver, enhanced by “gold” frequency—the little life forms will convert the liquid, given time for gestation, especially in the unblocked rays (day or night) of the higher cosmic frequencies, to crystal-clear solution that will almost levitate. The particulate released DOES LEVITATE AND IS INVISIBLE. THE REMAINDER IS CAPTURED

WITHIN THE COLLOIDAL SOLUTION.

We offer the necessary solution for ongoing structuring in Gaiandriana [*see p. 19 for ordering information*]*—*but you need a major counter for the assaulting organisms hitting you now. Silver, however, is not enough without enhancing the frequency to at least the frequency of gold. We pull off, in processing, in the Drianas, monatomic particulate which offers higher frequencies than are recognized on “your place”. In combination the monatomic particulate bonds and actually creates a new element not yet named on your place. You can’t even isolate it and those who realize the importance are very quickly shut down from production or, at the least, from sharing of the products resulting from the conversion.

We don’t have any interest in competition with any big-company products which, by the way, are presented to NOT offer healing. More damage is now committed to your “treated” bodies than can be repaired by any methods. You are moving into the areas, however, of “soul energy” damage and therein is where the confrontation must ultimately come about. I do not speak here of “faith healing” but I do suggest that you had better square away with God if you expect to heal. That is up to YOU and only YOU. We might be able to knock off the head of a virus—but HEALING IS UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL IN POINT.

To simple life forms, silver is as toxic as the most powerful chemical disinfectants, and this, coupled with its relative harmlessness to animal life, gives it great potential as a disinfectant. Remember that silver nitrate was the “antibiotic” of choice for treating infant’s eyes in hospitals—at birth, routinely. This was to kill any organisms which might be carried from the birth canal. Silver nitrate, however, is toxic and can be deadly.

There is no disease-causing organism previously recognized that can live in the presence of even minute traces of the chemical element of simple metallic silver. There are organisms now present which can do so—and do so. This means that silver has to be upgraded in some manner of coalition with other things if you are to have full coverage from the new man-made organisms.

By the turn of this 20th century, scientists had demonstrated that silver was a proven germ fighter. They had also found that, beyond silver, gold was the element of choice, along with mercury (which was deadly in itself if overused). Gold was not toxic in any way, but the use was misunderstood and, moreover, nobody wanted to “use up” the prized element in anything as mundane as fighting disease! Worse, the old available methods of colloidalizing would not handle well the gold frequency for colloidalization. However, colloidized silver was commonly used in medicine as one of the mainstays of antibiotic treatment. Although it was considered to be quite “high-tech” at that time, compared to today’s colloidal silver solutions it was inferior from a technological standpoint.

One of the drawbacks was that the particle size of the silver never reached its optimum ultra-microscopic size and, therefore, its highest level of efficacy. It is the ability of the particle to become “one within a molecule of pure water” which makes the difference, on a one-to-one basis. Never mind that which “settles out”.

It is the electrification release of the “FREQUENCY” of the given element which is the KEY factor here—not settling out versus non-settling. It is the molecularization of the “bound” elements which HOLD THE

CHARGES which allow effectiveness.

Even so, such prestigious scientific journals as England's *Lancet* have published the results of scientific studies which examined the many successful uses of colloidal silver. The results were phenomenal and there were some competent pioneers in the field of study dealing specifically with the element, silver. It was found that colloidal silver was highly germicidal, harmless to humans, and absolutely non-toxic.

Silver in its colloidal form has been proven to be useful against many different infectious conditions and, for all practical purposes, is non-toxic in its micro-concentrations of 3-5 ppm [*parts per million*]. But it is, however, toxic to all species tested, of fungi, bacteria, protozoa, parasites and certain viruses.

I would qualify the "parasite" community, however, for some are NOT vulnerable to the silver colloid, in resistant form, as carriers of viruses. Among these are some forms of flukes and virus-bearing cryptosporidium. These have to encounter still higher "frequency" to knock them out AND kill the disease organism within them.

Proper ozone application and hydrogen peroxide will do the trick, for they are not oxygen-loving organisms—in the raw oxygen form. You can, however, have your flukacide AND your viral assault weapon. We call it *OxySol* [*see p. 19 for ordering information*] which is a catalytic form of ionized silver, gold and hydrogen peroxide in the presence of carbon. This gives you all the properties of life—including the presence of Drianas, which hold the "charge" and contain the solution.

Even in silver colloidal solution in laboratory tests it was found that destructive bacteria, virus, and fungus organisms **are killed within mere minutes** of contact. It was further found that a "douche" of colloidal silver or silver nitrate solution at childbirth, protected both the mother and the child from any microbes present. It later became quite unhealthy for the POCKETBOOK to do such a good job of cleaning. After all, if you have no infection—how can you SELL DRUGS?!?

A doctor, Larry C. Ford of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, UCLA School Of Medicine, Center For The Health Sciences, reported in a letter dated November 1, 1988:

"I tested them (the silver solutions) using standard anti-microbial tests for disinfectants. The silver solutions were anti-bacterial for concentrations of 105 organisms per mil. of Streptococcus, Apyogenes, Staphylococcus Aureus, Neisseria Gonorrhoea, Gardnerella Vaginalis, Salmonella Typhi and other enteric pathogens, and fungicidal for Candida Albicans, Candida Globata, and M-Furfor."

You will, however, notice an absence of Spirochetes which cause such as Syphilis. Both take several forms. AIDS, especially in the carcinoma form, will always show the presence of Spirochetes in the lesions. AIDS is therefore most often a form of Tertiary Syphilis and could be EASILY treated if anyone actually WANTED TO TREAT IT.

I care not what people choose to do with their lives, but those who would continue to live in certain lifestyles which risk the entire population of Earth with their activities—are not my focus. Silver colloids will, however, actually knock out the HIV-bearing Spirochetes because the spirochetes are mutations in themselves and, when released, don't do well in reconstructing themselves in a severed state.

An antibiotic of today will kill perhaps a half-dozen different disease organisms, more or less, but silver kills around 650. Resistant strains fail to develop. Moreover, silver is virtually non-toxic. Silver has been the best all-around germ fighter you have had, but I always wonder why the researchers fail to move on beyond and consider WHAT ACTUALLY IS HAPPENING. IT IS IN PART THE PHYSICAL SILVER—BUT THE POINT IS MISSED AS TO WHY IT WORKS. Just to lay a silver dollar on your arm or hold it in your hand—doesn't do the systemic job. So you have to realize something alchemizing has to take place.

COLLOIDS

The term colloid (kol' oid) refers to a substance that consists of ultra-fine particles that don't dissolve, but remain suspended in a medium of different matter. These ultra-fine particles are larger than most molecules, but so small they cannot be seen by the naked eye. Not all brands which claim to be colloidal silver are, in fact, "true" colloids of silver. In fact, I suggest that most ARE NOT!

In a true colloid of silver the ideal size of the silver particles falls within the range of 0.005-0.015 microns [*a unit of length equal to one-ten-thousandth of a centimeter; and a centimeter is about as long as half an inch*] in diameter and most instruments cannot measure the particles, **but they can only be read on a spectrometer which measures COLOR frequencies.** These tiny particles are electrically charged to activate the germicidal quality of the silver and allow the silver particles to remain suspended in the solution of deionized water.

There are two principle ways of producing metallic colloids: chemical and physical (electrical). The two methods of production yield widely **different** results (e.g., *OxySol* and *GaiaCol*). Both serve their own individual PURPOSE, but let us consider the electrical colloid method here, since this presents the necessary homogeneity, minuteness of granules, purity, and stability, so far sought in the community of health watchers. It is NOT enough that they don't seem to think far enough to encompass the full needs. You do have to get suspension in solution by the tiny charge placed on the particles—but you also need something to continue to allow upgrading of charge and this is mostly overlooked. Silver has always fit the needs of the day—up to now. So, why look further into the unknown when the other organisms which would come were not available for the testing? This is WHY millions die with each NEW plague—the lack of foresight and anticipation of need.

A "true" colloid that is properly prepared does not require an artificial stabilizer or additive of any kind. Typically, the "stabilizer" used in products which claim to be genuine colloids, but are not, is a protein, often listed on the label as a "natural excipient" (or is not listed at all). The problem with the use of stabilizers is that they tend to disturb the charge which, in turn, renders the solution relatively useless by blocking the action and reducing the overall effectiveness of the colloid—by simply releasing the "charge" instead of holding and enhancing it.

The desirable particulate size of anything in colloidal solution is extremely minute because it must enter into and be held in suspension within molecules of the starting liquid. Too large particulate can lodge in intestinal linings and damage the surface lining. However, I am not impressed with that, for the body HAS TO HAVE THESE MINERALS FOR HEALTHY MAINTENANCE.

No, I do not suggest you eat coins—that plugs up the system quite effectively sometimes. By the introduction of gold electrodes, the frequency of the silver is raised to that of more than the sum of the two frequencies combined, and the particulate will become more refined while the overabundance will settle out. The addition of Drias will pull the combined frequency on up higher, but will cloud the solution as it converts the very substance into a new element form which will then take the cosmic energy charge and hold it.

This brings us to the *COLOR ISSUE*:

The critical indicator of the quality of colloidal silver is color. As the size of each silver particle gets larger, the color of the solution ranges from yellow to brown to red to gray to black. This is not good transformation if dealing ONLY with silver. In terms of quality IN A SILVER-ONLY COLLOID SOLUTION, this range of color can be interpreted as “best to fair to mediocre to inferior”. Colloids of silver that are produced using the proper **electrocolloidal** method are a different color than the “grind” or **chemically** produced colloids, except in the case of some products that contain **artificial food coloring** to achieve the **right color to fool you**. **The ideal form of Colloidal Silver is a golden yellow color, which is the FREQUENCY tone of silver.**

Gold will give off a purple color tone. In the presence of gold electrodes (which introduce gold into the silver solution), the entire solution will be brought into the frequency of the purple color range. So if you have colloidal silver, which is golden yellow, you will have a conversion of color (in the presence of gold electrodes) and gold particulate, to purple or shades thereof.

When you add Drias to that solution and put in presence of intense light (such as the direct Sun), the immediate reaction starts to happen—moving from cloudy to aqua-colored translucent solution to, finally, clarification and ultimately back to pure transparent liquid.

You don't need all that transmutation, as the violet solution is superb for what is put upon you NOW. Mostly the golden colloid of silver will confront anything you have present right now—but you will need to upgrade as we can upgrade. And you will note that *GaiaCol* is violet in hue.

SILVER AND GOLD

Silver and gold occur naturally in the soil as trace minerals and, as such, are two of many essential elements required by plants, animals and man that were once naturally obtained from organic soils via fruits, vegetables, nuts, grains and legumes. Now, with most of the crop plants grown on highly depleted, chemically fertilized soils, many of the more important metallic minerals such as **iron, zinc, copper, magnesium and chromium, and trace minerals like silver and gold**, are no longer readily available to us except through the use of mineral supplements.

Silver and gold are linked DIRECTLY to the immune systems of living beings. People or animals with a low intake of these minerals will not be healthy and will be greatly prone to illness and mutation.

Tests show that silver and/or gold in true colloidal solution (3-5 ppm) have little effect on “friendly” bacteria. This is because those which dwell WITH YOU will have your frequency already and will therefore not be substantially assaulted by higher frequencies which your body can adapt to quickly. However, in higher dosage intake, they will be put at risk and need to be replaced. Since the availability of supplemental good bacteria is easy to acquire [*from the shelves of your local health food store*], don’t worry about it—just enhance your possibly depleted system by supplementation (planting of new friendly bacteria).

NOT NEW

The use of these minerals, silver and gold, are old as “time” itself. Today you have a better method of preparation for faster, safer and better use potential. The antibiotics allowed to you for use will NOT stop the assaulting new viruses and enhanced microbes—which is intentional.

We offer that which is well within the guidelines of regulators, for we intend no cross arguments with anyone of them or you. We will provide; you will decide. We don’t claim anything about “cure”. You are the miracle curing agent—anything else is nothing more than a simple, and possibly helpful, “tool”.

From the rich caravan merchants of old Persia (the Khazarians), to the great Incas of the Andes, from the Alchemists of Alexandria, to the Master Healers of India and the Orient, silver and gold has come to you from deep in your past—as a wonder of modern medicine. For millennia, the knowledge that silver and gold can cleanse the body and fortify its natural defenses has been well known.

Now we can offer you the ideal product for using both. In conjunction with one another, *GaiaCol* and *OxySol* [*see p. 19 for ordering information*] give antiseptic topical application, water purification (especially if also used with hydrogen peroxide for purification of water), effective mineral intake in usable form, AND an antibiotic agent which surpasses anything available. It comes in a harmless natural form and we wish you LIFE and WELL-BEING.

A “little bit” goes a long way, so ask God within, accept HIS “light” and use in good health to build a lighted shield for your immune system—as you recognize His own GIFTS unto you, that you may find your journey ever in HIS passage.

I would offer our manufacturing disclaimer, however, in meeting needs of regulators:

Disclaimer: Neither manufacturer nor seller makes any claims as to any specific benefits accruing from the use of colloidal silver with trace gold. Information conveyed herein is based on records and research for your information only and is not meant to imply that you will experience similar benefits or results.

So, too, are the platinum and rhodium higher frequency elements, but these are not necessary at this time of evolution, for the simple precious metals are sufficient. So we don’t yet need to tinker with the higher frequency metals. **Note, however, what is used in catalytic converters for non-pollution????!!** If we need to, we will move on to the platinum frequency as an interim step for the charge carriers, Dianas. We take one safe and careful step at a time. I don’t, at this time, wish to confuse or frighten people away from the harmless products we can offer. However, realize that as the molecule of bonding of viruses is

upgraded in frequency itself, we will have to meet the needs. I do not believe it will come to necessity to work with platinum or other higher elements, but it may.

As we turn to these things of life substance we will turn over the information vehicles to others to great extent and give some of you a needed respite and allow for instructions regarding these other life-form necessities as “Mother” rearranges herself.

Disease from the dead and decaying will be horrendous in larger land-mass areas until the seas, etc., can clean themselves. I realize it is both a time of anticipation in unknowing (sometimes recognized, for lack of better terminology, as fear) and wonder of experience. Allow it to flow to the wonder of experience and we will be just fine.

God’s people will begin to heed HIS call, and those who deny and refuse will simply go their way and be absorbed within their own circumstances. It is a time of choosing and sorting, and preparation for great and wondrous changes! So be it.

CHAPTER 9

PART 2 IN A SERIES

THE WHOLE STORY ABOUT GLOBAL ALLIANCE INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION

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Author's note: The reception of our first article, titled "A History Lesson About Value-Based National Banking", in last week's CONTACT, has prompted us to send at least one more. It is a compilation of several smaller ones, combined to reduce the redundancy of an introduction in each one. The headings are reproduced so that you see this documentation much as the corporate, banking, and government people here and in Malaysia (and in the many embassies in both countries) see it.

WHAT IS GLOBAL ALLIANCE?

As the name suggests, it is an alliance, currently in formation, of individuals, organizations, corporations, and nations, the intent of which is to establish a non-usury solidly-based banking system, impervious to manipulation by forces external to any nation, as an alternative to the current paper/credit system being used to exploit and control the wealth of all nations. Additionally, it is being formed to create a "liquid" flow of capital into nations and communities that allows for the PEOPLE, at a grass roots level, to better themselves through employment in building housing, agricultural and infrastructure projects, medical and educational facilities, and in industries of all kinds—to improve the quality of life and to share God's abundance with all of His people, not just the greedy and avaricious who now control the wealth and who would wrest from the poor any new wealth created.

A corporation has been formed, headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, with representatives in Canada, Greece, South Africa, the Philippines, Malaysia, and several States in the U.S.

WHAT IS THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE OFFER?

To enter into a Joint Venture (JV) with a Joint Venture Partner (JVP) wherein GLOBAL (GAIA) furnishes the Collateral which can be used by the JV to fund the purchase of gold to be utilized as additional collateral against which lines-of-credit can be arranged. **THIS POINT MUST NOT BE MISSED! THE GAIA COLLATERAL PROVIDES ADDITIONAL EMPOWERMENT TO A CENTRAL BANK TO CREATE "NEW MONEY" FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOLD FOR ITS OWN RESERVES. THE GAIA COLLATERAL IS TO BE USED TO PURCHASE GOLD AND ONLY TO PURCHASE GOLD.** The gold will be divided 50/50 with GAIA and can then be used as collateral to fund the projects of both. **SO, FOR PROJECT FUNDING THE GOLD IS THE COLLATERAL**, not the Gaia Collateral. The effect to the JVP is that it has enough collateral to fund its project (even if the project itself has or produces little or no collateral), in exchange for the effort of providing only the banking contacts needed. Gold is currently low in price and can be expected to rise in price as a result of the significant amount of buying expected. The rise in price is quite likely to be sufficient to pay off the project loans. The price of gold is

currently (November 1998) around US\$300 per ounce; in 1980 it reached \$850. If there were no increase in the price of gold, when the project is finished and can support itself the gold can be sold to pay off the line-of-credit and the Collateral retained by the funding bank. Should this program spread widely and gold raises in price corresponding with the additional demand, the profit can be retained by the JVP or, as in the case of Islamic-type (non-usury) banking, shared with the bank in lieu of paying interest on the line-of-credit. The quality of the Collateral exceeds that of U.S. Treasury debt and might be re-used for additional projects. For emphasis and additional clarity let us express the GAIA OFFER as a formula:

DEED (GAIA Collateral) —> issued to **JV** —> **CENTRAL BANK** —> issues its own new funds to buy **GOLD** —> uses **GOLD** as Collateral for two equal **LINES-OF-CREDIT** —> **PROJECT FUNDS** (for both JVP and GAIA), when **PROJECT** finished —> **GOLD** is (or can be) **SOLD** —> **LINE-OF-CREDIT paid off** —> remainder, (if any) is **PROFIT** (which could be shared with bank).

WHY A JOINT VENTURE?

A joint venture is required because GAIA has not been successful in accomplishing such funding alone and, without the use of the Collateral neither the JVP nor the funding bank would move to accomplish their funding, nor would they participate in the benefit of the claim to ultimately be made against the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve (U.S.T./F.E.D.). (At some as yet unknown time, the JVP and/or funding bank, in concert with GAIA and other claimants (including we-the-people of the U.S.), can make a claim against the U.S.T./F.E.D., and thus the owners of the FED, the international banking Cartel who also own and/or control the Bank of International Settlements, the World Bank and the IMF. The Cartel banks have assets reportedly in excess of one hundred trillion dollars.)

An important note: Although the FED acts as the Central Bank for the U.S., it is a private corporation established in 1913 pursuant to the Federal Reserve Act and is owned by the wealthy European families referred to herein as the Cartel. These same families control the United Nations and international press, as well as virtually all of the finance, industry, commerce, and politics in the so-called “industrialized world” through interlocking boards of directors and a series of organizations, a few of which are the Council on Foreign Relations, the Tri-Lateral Commission and the Bilderberg Society. These same families are the guarantors of the GAIA Collateral.

WHAT IS THE GAIA COLLATERAL?

The Collateral is the interest accrued to the 1875 Peruvian bearer bond Bonus #3392-181 as valued by the FED at the direction of Alan Greenspan and accepted by U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen for then-President George Herbert Walker Bush in 1989. It is a valid debt of the FED and the owners of the FED because the FED accepted all prior debt of the U.S. as a condition of the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 authorizing the FED to act as the central bank of the U.S. It is a debt of the U.S. Treasury because the U.S. Congress and President Theodore Roosevelt assumed the debt of Peru in 1906 to avoid war with several European nations pursuant to the Monroe Doctrine (a mutual defense pact between all nations of the Western Hemisphere).

These are well-established facts, facts which can be verified in many ways, facts that cannot be refuted. George Bush called it his “Superfund” and used it on several occasions. But George Bush was not the

owner of the Bonus 3392 bond; it was owned by Russell Herman, his long-time friend from the time of his directorship of the CIA. Mr. Herman had it reconformed and reissued as a Contract/Jurat of identifiable ownership by the Peruvian consulate in Los Angeles (Order No. 7309, Document No. 046) to Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing, Inc. As CEO of Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing, Inc. Mr. Herman assigned the Contract/Jurat to Mr. Rick Martin who subsequently assigned it to GLOBAL ALLIANCE INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION. This chain of title has been recorded in the States of Illinois and Nevada through every legal means available and there is no way to refute it. It is clear that as long as a claim is not entered against the U.S. Treasury the use of the debt as collateral will not suffer interference.

We have spent some four years and a lot of money in what we perceived to be the need to prove its authenticity. Every attorney we have consulted has reached the same conclusion: As a matter of law there is no legitimate question as to its authenticity. It is merely a contest between those who control the world of finance and a small team efforting to make a legitimate claim against them. They have the bigger gun right now. In the process, however, we consulted an attorney, a reputed expert in foreign bonds in Texas, who, after some study, said (I will paraphrase), "This is like a major artwork. You cannot prove that it is an original; you can only prove that it is not a forgery. In art, when you meet with a genuine, legitimate, qualified buyer (in this case, user) it is up to the buyer to examine the article and when he and any experts he might employ are satisfied that it is not a forgery, the assumption must be made that it is legitimate and takes the appraised value." That is where we are now, and that is what makes us so confident that all that is left to do is to USE it so that it may establish its own worth.

WHY NOT CLAIM AGAINST THE U.S. TREASURY?

We did. We soon learned that the Secretary of Treasury, Robert Rubin, is an employee of (paid by) the IMF. To honor the GAIA claim would be instant disaster (for them) so they delay, stall and stonewall. They have agreed, however, that we can use it as collateral, off shore, as long as no claim is made to the U.S. Treasury. How about suing them in Federal Court? We then learned that the U.S. Attorney General, Janet Reno, whose approval is required to sue a Federal Agency, is also an employee of the IMF. However, when there are enough claimants of national stature the U.S.T./F.E.D. can be sued successfully in the World Court. Until then we intend to leave them alone and to use it as they have suggested, as collateral for loans made off shore.

The Memorandum of Agreement (establishing the JVP) contains a paragraph (#4) stating that no effort to make a claim on, or verify, or otherwise authenticate the Collateral will be made without the express written permission of GAIA. This requirement has several objectives: the primary one being to coordinate the claims when it is appropriate to make them so that they are all prosecuted simultaneously; next, it is a foregone conclusion that such a request (for validation) cannot receive a positive response, and finally, we have agreed to discourage such contacts to the Treasury to save the time of Treasury, ourselves, and our joint venture partners and their funders. Further, the debt is all structured in one entity so that to honor any part of it is to honor all of it, which would destroy the present banking system before its alternative is available.

Several attempts have been made by the U.S.T., representatives of the Bush family, and the FED to buy all of the Collateral from GAIA, the most recent in Manila by two Americans claiming to represent the FED

and offering “membership” in the “London high-yield trading club” whereby the profit would be “unlimited”. Compared to that, Bush and Twigs are cheapskates (their best offer was \$5 million and an island in the Bahamas).

THE MONEY CIRCLE— NEW WAY OF COLONIZATION

In the U.S. the news is so well controlled by the Cartel that there is hardly enough information available to allow one to understand what is happening, especially outside the U.S. Having exhausted the possibilities of making a successful claim in the U.S., and having a contact in the Philippines, in August of 1998 we (the Board of Directors of GAIA) flew to Manila. As soon as we were exposed to the real news our suspicion that the IMF was being used as a re-colonization tool was confirmed. It is also the mechanism through which the Cartel transfers all of the interest paid by the nations, people, corporations, and small banks, to its Big Banks.

This concept is so important that some time must be given to understanding how it operates.

Over a long time the Big Banks have succeeded in establishing the idea that they get to make the rules regarding banking. They have been so successful in subverting governments (via “democracy”) that there is hardly a government left in the world that does not submit to them.

As an aside, to explain how governments are controlled: it is easiest and least expensive to manage a democracy, which explains the constant drive to convert all nations to democracies. Democracies require campaigning for votes which takes money. The Cartel owns the Press and Media and most of the relevant Public Relations firms. The Cartel, through one mechanism or another (usually through PR firms) provides advice and financial support to all candidates, no matter to which “side” or “party” the candidate belongs, which leaves all elected officials and legislators beholden to them. During a campaign as much money as possible is raised from the people and corporations, which is supplemented by representatives of the Cartel when useful. All of this money is spent on advertising, etc., which ultimately is paid to the press and media, which they own. The Cartel thus makes a lot of money from every election (no matter who wins) while making all of the candidates feel obligated to certain representatives (not recognized as such, of course) of the Cartel. Assassination, blackmail, and the murder (or threatened murder) of family members are also employed when necessary to keep government officials in line.

But the having of such political control is not enough to satisfy the peculiar ego-needs of the Cartel owners. They cannot ever be satisfied; they must flaunt it to truly enjoy it.

The objective of the Cartel (already owners of most manufacturing, commerce, media, and money, in the world) is the complete subjugation of the world by the year 2000. In fact, it is called Plan 2000. The so-called “millennium bug, Y2K”, is one of their devices to trigger chaos after which they can gallop forth and “rescue” the world, which by then will be very grateful to be rescued.

Keeping in mind their Plan 2000, we can better see what they are doing. First they created and tested “derivatives” to see if they could get away with the enormous leverage required to despoil whole currencies. Then they invented and used their so-called “high yield” “trading/roll-over programs” to justify their

huge increase in “assets” without admitting that it was all simply increasing the money supply. Next (actually, it was all a process rather than a sequence) they promulgated the “globalization” concept to remove currency controls and position everything for the kill. By this time their hedge funds and currency traders were in place so that, in concert, they could quickly drive down the value of currencies, in whole regions, not just one nation at a time. This currency trading is hugely profitable, allowing them to suck billions out of each system. At the same time they could short-sale the stock markets, thus making more billions while devaluing stocks to bargain-basement prices. (*Who knows how much profit they made during the period while those same stocks were being puffed up to inordinately high values.*) All of this money is now poised to be used to purchase stocks, businesses and properties at fire-sale prices. **They have successfully stolen from each nation far more than enough money to buy everything of value in the nation, with a profit left over.**

But that is not all. Some of these nations may still have some value left, especially in oil, minerals, or other raw materials. Most smaller nations have sought loans from the Big Banks, which they cannot now repay with their economies in disarray. IMF “to the rescue”! IMF loans (granted in return for a continuing license to steal from the nation—open currency, transparency, privatization, 100% alien ownership, etc.) are offered, sometimes, as in the case of Brazil, before the nation knows it will need such “help”. In the Philippines we were told by one distraught Secretary, “If I accept \$1B of the IMF loan nearly all of it will go to pay the money-center banks. I will be left with only a few pesos for projects and the public will not know or believe where the money went. I will be accused of stealing or wasting it. If I do it I may be jailed; if I do not I may be fired. It is a hard place to be.”

So the IMF is used to complete the circle; the debt is transferred to the IMF and the Big Banks get their interest. And so our point is made: ALL interest money will ultimately end up back in the coffers of the Big Banks. It seems quite clear that the Cartel has invented a way of periodically squeezing the juice from its former colonies without taking any responsibility for their welfare between squeezings.

THE MONEY MYTH:
ONLY “THEY” CAN INTRODUCE
NEW MONEY SUPPLY

An idea that the Big Banks have succeeded in inculcating in the banking business is that the money supply and granting of credit (which adds to money supply) must be tightly controlled or “inflation” will occur, devaluing the currency. Such amateurs as are found in typical banks and central banks are of course not qualified or experienced enough to make such determinations; such momentous calculations must be done “up there” somewhere—at a much higher level (nobody seems to know exactly where or who has that responsibility).

The concepts of globalization, openness, transparency, privatization, and so forth are all part of the scheme to de-nationalize the control of a nation’s money by the nation and place it in the hands of the banking Cartel, i.e., IMF. A few hundred years ago there was a clear distinction between money and credit. To be real, money had to have substance, or to be backed by substance, usually gold or silver, so that the slips of paper representing the money could be redeemed in gold or silver. This meant that banks had to keep gold and silver equal to some fraction of the paper money issued, usually in the neighborhood of 1/20, on the theory that all depositors will not ask for their metal at the same time. Being tied to the price of gold, which

(for their purposes) had to be controlled world wide, was far too confining for the elite bankers so they have finally forced all nations except the Swiss off the “gold standard”. Now anyone espousing the gold standard is laughed at and derided for being “old fashioned” and out-of-date. Paper currencies (although really worthless) are more “modern” and provide greater “flexibility”. Besides, gold-based currencies are not so easily “traded” and devalued as are paper currencies. Now, excepting the Swiss franc, all money is credit. There is no real money, only credit. The U.S. currency has imprinted at the top: “Federal Reserve Note”. A Note is evidence of a debt, a promise to pay, which equals credit. The world no longer deals in value, it deals in debt.

Nations have the right, and the duty to their people, to issue their own currency. It is uniquely their prerogative within their own country to issue a lot or a little. However, when it comes to inter-country (international) transactions, there are guidelines and requirements to be met to establish a par value for the currencies of the countries involved. In June of 1997 the currency traders, in league with the IMF (they are all of the same club), mounted a merciless raid on the currencies in Southeast Asia, taking perhaps as much as a trillion dollars (U.S.) out of the area. If we use business logic instead of bankers’ traditional teachings, we will arrive at the conclusion that, done cautiously and with care, at least that amount of money can be created within Southeast Asia to be re-injected into the system to make it whole again, especially if it is used to first purchase gold to be used as the reserve upon which the newly-created money can be based. From a business perspective, there is no investment available today with the upside potential, and low downside risk, of gold. From a humanitarian perspective, there is no other opportunity to do so much good for the poor people of the world, without harm, even to the elite banksters. It is the mission of GAIA to accomplish this.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

God (Aton, Allah) frequently shows us His sense of humor, fair play, and justice. But seldom all at once in such a recognizable way as He has done with His provision of the GAIA Collateral.

Collateral frequently takes the form of third-party debt. An example would be a U.S. Treasury Bond, a debt of the U.S. Treasury, perhaps purchased as a stable, interest-earning reserve by the central bank of another nation, and then used by that nation as the Collateral for the issuance of its own currency (or other banking device) as payment for some obligation, perhaps an international trading transaction. Thus the U.S. Treasury Bond, actually a debt, is treated as though it were an asset, the theory being that, in addition to acting as a “reserve”, it can be sold or traded or “cashed-in” at the U.S. Treasury. Some U.S. Treasury Bonds are issued to mature (be paid off) at the end of 30 years and thus cannot be “cashed-in”, even though this does not prevent their use as central banking reserves and interest-earning investments for banks, insurance companies, pension funds, etc. Some are constantly in motion, being bought and sold and traded around the world just as if they were not a debt which could be made worth zero at the stroke of a U.S. President’s pen.

The GAIA Collateral is a debt of the U.S. Treasury. But it is even more valuable than the typical U.S. Treasury Bond because it is **payable in gold** (not in paper money), and its claim for payment reaches beyond the U.S. Treasury to the European-based International Banking Cartel, owners of the Federal Reserve System (FED) (which acts as the central bank for the U.S.), and thus cannot be abrogated by a U.S. President. The QUALITY of the GAIA Collateral is far greater than that of U.S. currency (Federal

Reserve Notes) or U.S. Treasury debt issued after 1933—they are not backed with anything other than the so-called “good faith and credit” of the U.S., which was secretly declared bankrupt in 1933 and is now by far the world’s largest debtor. Only U.S.T. debt pre-dating the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 has a claim on the FED and its owners, the Cartel. In reality, the only collateral in the world today that has greater quality than the GAIA Collateral is the actual possession of physical gold. Whatever can be done with U.S.T. Notes, Bills or Bonds can be done even more safely with GAIA Collateral.

The question is frequently asked, “What good is collateral if you cannot claim on it?” Can you claim on a U.S.T. 30-year bond? Of course not. You might trade or sell it but it will not be redeemed before its date of maturity. Why would you want to redeem the GAIA Collateral? What would you get for it? You would get U.S. currency which is redeemable in nothing but more paper, not gold, and is not a claim on the really big money in the world, the Big Banks owned by the Cartel. When it becomes recognized, through use, the GAIA Collateral will become the second-most treasured reserve in the world, after only physical gold.

That God had a hand in the creation of the GAIA Collateral can be most easily shown by recounting the events leading to its valuation by the FED and its acceptance by the U.S. Treasury in 1989. It began in New York City in 1875 when a bond-house named Hobson & Hurtado issued and sold 3600 gold certificates at \$1000 each for the government of Peru to finance the expansion of Peru’s bat guano industry. Bonus Bond No. 3392-181 was not turned in for redemption when due in 1885 and was thus an outstanding debt of Peru in 1906 when the U.S. assumed all of Peru’s then-outstanding debt pursuant to the Monroe Doctrine (a Western Hemisphere defense pact) to avoid war with Germany and England who were threatening to invade Peru, Bolivia and Chili.

Bonus Bond No. 3392-181 was still outstanding when, after more than one hundred years of political finagling, the European Bankers finally managed to get control of the U.S. central banking function through the enactment of the Federal Reserve Act in 1913. As a condition of allowing the new Federal Reserve System, a private corporation owned by the European Bankers, to issue (and be paid interest on) U.S. currency, the FED assumed all then-outstanding U.S. debt, which of course included Bonus No. 3392-181.

Bonus No. 3392 is next mentioned in the documentation as the subject of a legal opinion rendered by a lawyer named Ernesto Arias Schreiber in Lima, Peru dated June 9, 1977 (confirming that, per the Peruvian Civil Code, “the nature and effects of the obligation are ruled” by the laws of “the United States of America”). George Bush was Director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency in 1975-1977. There has never been any question that the bond, a “bearer” bond (meaning that its bearer is its owner), was the property of Mr. Russell Herman who was a high-level CIA operative when George Bush was CIA Director. Mr. Herman has told Mr. Rick Martin on several occasions that he and Mr. Bush were at one time good friends and business partners.

The next documented appearance of Bonus No. 3392 was when a consortium containing Alan Greenspan (FED Chairman), George Bush (President), James Baker III (Secretary of State), Lloyd Bentsen (Secretary of the Treasury), and Russell Herman had it valued at the FED’s Los Angeles office and accepted by Bentsen for Treasury.

In August of 1989 Mr. Herman had the bond reconformed as a Jurat/Contract and issued as one of

identifiable ownership to his corporation named Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing, Inc. In 1993 Mr. Herman, as CEO, assigned the Contract to Mr. Rick Martin and in April 1998 Mr. Martin assigned it to GLOBAL ALLIANCE INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION. As a request accompanying his assignment to Mr. Martin, Mr. Herman received Mr. Martin's pledge that no less than 48% of the funds made available through the use of the Collateral would be used for the benefit of "we the people", meaning the American people whom Mr. Herman came to realize he had wronged by participating with Bush & Company (CIA) in their drug importation business, and that, to the degree possible, none of the funds would be used for war or war-related activities.

All of the above is documented and filed in both the States of Illinois (where the assignment to Mr. Martin occurred) and Nevada (where GAIA is domiciled), and appropriate public notices have been published.

Who, but God, could turn the thievings of the European Banksters into such a magnificent asset that it can free and empower all of the world's people—at the expense of the Banksters?

HOW IT CAN BE USED

Because the GAIA Collateral is a debt of the U.S.T./F.E.D. payable in gold, its proper use is to obtain gold. Then the gold so obtained can be used as collateral for loans with which to provide liquidity for banks, central banks, pension funds and other large trusts, insurance and finance companies, and for corporations to use in funding projects.

The first, and seemingly most difficult to visualize, step is the conversion of the Collateral to liquid funds to be used to pay for gold. There are many ways: Central banks issue currency, so that one is easy. If the Central bank has been the victim of Bankster brainwashing to the idea that it must "sell bonds" to obtain cash, it may not be so easy. Banks, insurance companies, and large corporations usually have access to a wide variety of funding mechanisms such as Letters-of-Credit, Bankers Acceptances, Prime Bank Guarantees, Collateral Receipts, Commercial Paper, Guaranteed Investment Contracts, and so forth. One key to using them is to take in the Collateral as a rented item (so as not to trigger a tax), have it accepted by the Board of Directors and immediately added to the balance sheet as an asset titled "U.S.T. debt". (The "rent" could be the effort required to assist GAIA in funding its portion.) It might be useful to include a statement in the corporate minutes that the corporation intends to use the Collateral as an asset with which to purchase gold—at current prices gold is a legitimate investment, more especially when the Collateral with which to purchase the gold costs only effort and time on the part of certain executives.

Small and medium-sized corporations have to have help from banks or big-brother corporations. Some smaller banks may wish to use a collateral Receipt to gain the help of a larger bank. Transactions involving insurance companies and banks can also be useful.

By far the best solution, however, is to arrange the assistance of the central bank which, when the benefits are understood, should not be difficult for the business and banking community. Can central banks issue credit without the Collateral? Yes—they have been doing so for years. The main advantages of using the Collateral are 1) a valid claim on the Cartel's gold (at the proper time) resulting in a doubling of the central bank's profit, 2) through added numbers of participants, a greater certainty that collection will be made, 3) that collection will be made sooner, and 4) through the Alliance, better protection from IMF, the currency

traders and the corporate raiders.

While it is not possible to foresee every kind of transaction and provide a template to be used, it is possible to state that GAIA controls its own collateral and is ready, willing and able to “tailor” transactions to fit situations.

WRAPPING IT UP

There is a relatively small group of persons, calling themselves Zionists, planning to own/control all of the world by the end of the year 2000. Although headquartered in the City of London, most of them call themselves Jews. They operate through the Council On Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission (which includes some Japanese), the Bilderbergers, the Club of Rome, high officers of the Freemasons and most “Fraternal Orders”. Only a small percentage of Jews belong to this elite “club” we have referred to herein as the Big Banks and the international Cartel.

These elite Jews use the *Talmud*, not the *Torah*. In the *Talmud* ALL non-Jews are called goyim—cattle. To the elite Jews (who are the Cartel, and now the debtors of GAIA) there are only two kinds of people in the world, Jews and goyim. Cattle, (goyim) have no rights—to property or to life—and, under their rules, the elite Jew is free to take either or both from any non-Jew at any time. Most of them are from the sect known as Ashkenazi, which are not Semites (descendants of Shem) but they frequently murder (car bomb, etc.) their brothers of the Sephardic Jews (blaming Palestinians, Lebanese, etc.) to foment trouble to help achieve funding or legislation.

In their earlier years one of their flagship companies was the British East India Company, the first great international drug distributor. Opium and Heroin were much more profitable than spices and tea.

It is a cruel self-delusion to think that it will “get better”. The whole world has entered the maelstrom and is spiraling downward, pushed and guided by the Satanic sadists who are safe enough themselves; they are even prepared for atomic war.

Any propaganda leading us to believe the Big Banks, Japan, or the U.S. will save the situation is just that, propaganda to mislead and keep us off balance, hoping and hesitating, until it is too late. Y2k is a clever illusion to be used, whether real or not, to create massive shortages of money, everywhere. No money —> No Food —> Looting, Burning & Riot = CHAOS. The GAIA Collateral can be used to counter it BUT TIME IS SHORT. Please contact us at the numbers below if you can help us.

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CHAPTER 10

Editor's note: To fulfill the legal requirements, we are presenting the following Public Notice for four consecutive weeks. This Public Notice herein reproduces a legally binding document on the parties working as top-level management personnel. This is the first of four presentations.

—PUBLIC NOTICE—

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
NATIONAL SECURITY
(CONFIDENTIAL)
September 9, 1996

The following constitutes an agreement among the following parties: **E.J. Ekker, Doris Ekker, and Rick Martin**. These parties, signing as individuals, shall stand individually and jointly responsible for ONLY their actions as they apply to themselves individually or to any corporate entity wherein they are jointly corporate officers and/or directors. They shall NOT be responsible for the actions of ANY OTHER PARTIES nor shall they stand responsible for the actions of any alleged-owners, alleged-partners, trustees or beneficiaries. This agreement concerns transactions utilizing the instrument referred to as the Peruvian Bonus Certificate 3392-181, which originated in 1875 and was accepted as United States of America Treasury debt in 1906, and subsequently as debt of the Federal Reserve in 1913. Said debt, as accepted, is inclusive of all interest and penalties (as reflected in the calculations made on the Federal Reserve's own computer in Los Angeles, California in 1989 with members of the "intelligence" community present to monitor the activity). This agreement arises as result of several telephone conversations with authorities in the Treasury Department held over the past few weeks and is meant to memorialize those conversations for our own future use.

Since the debt was assumed prior to any other agreements involving monetary departments, divisions, or branches of government, it is a bonafide outstanding debt of the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve System.

The applicable restrictions and limitations in this transaction will apply to all participants. Due to NATIONAL SECURITY considerations no input to change or remand the validity of the debt created by BONUS 3392 will be accepted from the COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, the UNITED NATIONS, or any other entity, foreign or domestic.

As a consideration of National Security (as well as Global Security), transactions WITHIN these guidelines will not be interfered with or blocked by the U.S. or its assigns. The consideration for such noninterference is that none of these contracts will be lodged for collection until such time as there is an additional agreement as to the lodging and honoring, through payoff, of the contracts.

Generally, it will be the practice of the Holder to expect the funder to provide loan capabilities and to purchase gold as needed wherever there is security; it is NOT required that the gold be housed within the U.S.

The Holder will not directly do business with any national group under sanction by either the U.S. or U.N. There is to be no restriction, however, on other parties or nations conducting business in their normal way. The Holder will conduct itself in the strictest accordance with all applicable laws.

The Holder has agreed to use its portion of funds for humanitarian purposes. No portion of its funds or assets will be used for purposes of ARMS ACQUISITION, WAR MAKING, OR THE OVERTHROW OR SUBVERSION OF ANY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. However, the Holder has no way to police the use of funds by any other participating party.

We agree that we will issue no SINGLE deed in excess of \$10 billion (USD) and no group issue to a single entity of greater than \$1 trillion (USD)—per year. Preferably the deeds will be issued and utilized in increments which would be appropriate in “ordinary” working conditions. It is also agreed that in any one year there will be no more than \$5 trillion (USD) and there must be capability of the currency sources to issue funds timely. The understanding is that the documents themselves will be used as COLLATERAL so that it is not utilized as a “cash” demand or a “call” on the gold reserves. We, the below signed, herein agree that all transactions involving us, individually or as corporate representative, will be additionally backed by hard-metal gold (or other precious metal) totaling the full value of our portion, prior to any line-of-credit being drawn-upon against the “bonus” collateral. If this is impractical at the time of a transaction, it will be accomplished as soon as possible.

Further, it is understood and accepted that any outside requests made to the U.S. Treasury for confirmation of the validity of the debt of Bonus Certificate 3392-181 will be met with denial and a “wall of silence” as is considered standard procedure in such matters concerning national security.

We, the below signed, attest that we will make it clearly understood to all participants wishing to utilize the Bonus Certificate 3392-181 for collateral that the debt is not to be “called” by those participants. However, we also clearly stipulate that once the deed has been issued, we are unable to control the actions of any other individual and/or corporate participant, and as such, we will not be legally held accountable for another’s actions. We further stipulate that when functioning in our capacity as a corporate representative, we are protected under the laws governing the corporation to the full extent that such protection exists. Further, we will not agree to negate the value of the contracts if and when there should be a call on the Treasury, Federal Reserve or its owners. It is our understanding that the Federal Reserve has a working relationship with the Treasury Department regarding valid debt both prior to and following the Federal Reserve Act of December 23-24, 1913. We have not been made privy to those arrangements.

It is also agreed that in the event of a call for payment on this debt, negotiations can be entered into to accept currency of the date of demand rather than a full demand for payment in gold. In this instance, however, it must be noted, again, that the holders are not responsible for the use or intent of use of any participating entities who are not parties to this agreement.

We, the below signed, agree that we will affix our fingerprints to legal documents, agreements and understandings, and to all deeds to be utilized. We also agree to take such further security measures as are known to us to make the collateral instruments secure from forgery or duplication.

We, the below mentioned, do hereby sign this agreement being individually of sound mind and body,

and do hereby do so under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, the State of Nevada, the Federal Laws of the United States of America, and under the Constitution of the United States of America.

***INSERT SIGNATURES**

CHAPTER 11

THE NEWS DESK

by Dr. Al Overholt 2/20/99

APOLLO ASTRONAUT WAS MURDERED, SON CHARGES

From the INTERNET, courtesy of Calvin Burgin, <wrldline@texas.net>, 2/14/99: [quoting]

Virgil I. Grissom, the astronaut slated to be the first man to walk on the Moon, was murdered, his son has charged in the Feb. 16 edition of *Star* magazine.

In another stunning development, a lead NASA investigator has charged that the agency engaged in a cover-up of the true cause of the catastrophe that killed Grissom and two other astronauts.

The tabloid exclusive by Steve Herz reports that Scott Grissom, 48, has gone public with the family's long-held belief that their father was purposefully killed during *Apollo I*.

The Jan. 27, 1967, *Apollo I* mission was a simulated launch in preparation for an actual lunar flight.

NASA concluded that the *Apollo I* deaths of Grissom, as well as astronauts Edward H. White and Roger Chafee, were the result of an explosive fire that burst from the pure oxygen atmosphere of the space capsule. NASA investigators could not identify what caused the spark, but wrote the catastrophe off as an accident.

"My father's death was no accident. He was murdered," Grissom, a commercial pilot, told *Star*.

Grissom said he recently was granted access to the charred capsule and discovered a "fabricated metal plate located behind a control panel switch. The switch controlled the capsule's electrical power source from an outside source to the ship's batteries." Grissom argues that the placement of the metal plate was an act of sabotage. When one of the astronauts toggled the switch to transfer power to the ship's batteries, a spark was created that ignited a fireball.

Clark MacDonald, a McDonnell-Douglas engineer hired by NASA to investigate the fire, offered corroborating evidence. Breaking more than three decades of silence, MacDonald says he determined that an electrical short caused by the changeover to battery power had sparked the fire.

He says that NASA destroyed his report and interview tapes in an effort to stem public criticism of the space program.

"I have agonized for 31 years about revealing the truth, but I didn't want to hurt NASA's image or cause trouble," MacDonald told the paper. "But I can't let one more day go by without the truth being known."

Grissom's widow, Betty, now 71, told *Star* she agrees with her son's claim that her husband had been murdered.

"I believe Scott has found the key piece of evidence to prove NASA knew all along what really happened but covered up to protect funding for the race to the Moon."

Scott Grissom told *Star* that the motive for his father's killing may have been related to NASA's desire not to have his father be the first man to walk on the Moon because of criticism leveled at Grissom in 1961 after his Mercury capsule, *Liberty 7*, sunk in the Atlantic.

Critics of Grissom, including novelist Tom Wolfe, have claimed the astronaut panicked when his space capsule landed in the ocean, and he prematurely pulled an explosive charge to open the ship's hatch, causing it to sink.

Fellow astronauts, however, gave Grissom the benefit of the doubt for several reasons. Grissom was a decorated Korean War pilot who had flown nearly 100 combat missions. He was a courageous man not known to panic.

There was also evidence that the explosive device on the hatch could accidentally blow without being pulled—a fact that led NASA to remove such devices from future spacecraft.

Also, had Grissom pulled the explosive release on the hatch, his hand or arm should have had powder and bruise marks. Neither were found.

Grissom, one of the original Mercury seven, was the senior astronaut when the *Apollo* missions began. Among the astronauts, Grissom was the most critical of the problem-plagued *Apollo* program, and of the main *Apollo* contractor, North American Aviation.

Shortly before his death, Grissom had taken a large lemon and hung it around the space capsule as the press looked on. He had suggested publicly that the project could never be accomplished on time.

The *Associated Press* reported, "Pretty slim" was the way [Grissom] put his *Apollo*'s chances of meeting its mission requirements.

The Grissom family had reason to doubt the official NASA ruling from the beginning. Even before *Apollo I*, Grissom had received death threats which his family believed emanated from within the space program.

The threats were serious enough that he was put under Secret Service protection and had been moved from his home to a secure safehouse.

According to his wife, Grissom had warned her that "if there is ever a serious accident in the space program, it's likely to be me."

The *Apollo I* disaster led to a series of congressional hearings into the incident and NASA. During the hearings, one launch pad inspector, Thomas Baron, sharply criticized NASA's handling of the incident and

testified that the astronauts attempted to escape the capsule earlier than officially claimed.

Baron was fired soon after giving the testimony, and died, along with his wife, when his car was struck by a train. Authorities ruled the deaths as suicide.

During the congressional hearings, Sen. Walter Mondale questioned the efficacy of manned space programs. Manned space flights were opposed by many of the leading space scientists at the time, including Drs. James Van Allen and Thomas Gold. [End quoting]

It looks like the truth is finally coming out on this tragedy. It is the time of the uncovering of long-buried truths!

DRASTIC EARTH CHANGES
AND THE LARGER PICTURE

From the INTERNET, Mitch Battros, Producer—Earth Changes TV, <<http://www.earthchangesTV.com>>, 2/11/99: [quoting]

Hi Folks,

I realize many of the news items I will be sending are grim and perhaps at times overwhelming. Let us not ignore what past and current prophecy ranging from Edgar Cayce, Nostradamus, Dannion Brinkley, Hopi Prophecy, the *Bible* and so many others have stated. For those of you who do not get the TV Show or have not heard me at one of the conferences or lectures, I will state again, “We are based in science and bridge the gap to the esoteric.” This is why I post and send documented facts such as the two latest breaking news stories below. I feel it is important to show that the Earth Changes being witnessed are NOT status quo. You only have to notice the RECORDS being broken on almost a weekly basis. Until now, I felt my mission was to prove something BIG is happening. I am beginning to believe that message has been accomplished.

Folks, now I will turn more of my attention to how we can survive and best cope with the changes that are here and expected to escalate exponentially. One of the ways to best cope, is to have an understanding of WHY these events are occurring. I have done this by interviewing some of the top scientists in their field to explain these Earth events. But now, it is time to balance this most important information with those more involved with what many call the “Esoteric”. In part, I believe what is happening is part of a bigger picture. Not just from a natural and evolutionary standpoint, but from a spiritual foundation. I like to use the Jungian word “Synchronicity”. The Earth Changes that are here, are part of a bigger picture. Even though it may appear bad, wrong, regressive or harmful, it is in perfect order of a much larger unfolding.

JANUARY SETS TORNADO “RECORD”
(2/10/99)

Spring-like weather patterns produced a record 163 tornadoes over the United States in January, the most ever for the first month of the year. The total is more than three times the previous record for January (52) set in 1975. The January tornadoes were caused by an unusual weather pattern for the month, said Harold

Brooks, meteorologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Okla. He said the storms were caused by a southerly flow of wind from the Gulf of Mexico, which brought in moisture at low levels, and then combined with a strong upper air pressure, which causes wind at about 30,000 feet.

VOLCANO ERUPTS IN WESTERN MEXICO (2/10/99)

An explosion shook the crater of the Volcano of Fire in western Mexico early Wednesday, releasing lava, gas and ash and forcing officials to evacuate some nearby residents. The government's *Notimex* news agency said the village of Juan Barragan at the base of the volcano was being evacuated due to a cloud of gas released by the 2 a.m. explosion at the volcano, part of the Colima Volcano complex. Diego Hernandez, a radio operator at the Colima state civil defense department, said several other villages also were being evacuated. But he said "there are no great risks" to human life. [End quoting]

As Art Bell calls it—"the time of the "QUICKENING"!

MOST POWERFUL GAMMA RAY EXPLOSION EVER

From the INTERNET, Mitch Battros <earthcng@earthlink.net>, 2/11/99: [quoting]

Organization: Earth Changes TV

(NASA) Two weeks ago one of the most powerful cosmic explosions ever recorded bathed the Earth in gamma rays. The gamma-ray burst—called GRB990123—was so intense that its visible light could have been seen through common binoculars.

Since then the optical counterpart to GRB990123 has faded until it is 4 million times dimmer than it was during its peak.

Yesterday astronomers released a new Hubble photograph of the gamma-ray burst's fading optical counterpart. The relic fireball appears to be embedded in a faint, irregular galaxy.

A Hubble telescope image of GRB990123 taken between Feb 8, 1999 23:06 UT and Feb 9, 1999 03:21 UT. The image is of a square region about the gamma-ray burst, 3.2 arcseconds on each side. The optical counterpart, a point source at the center of the image, is seen to be superposed on an irregular galaxy, which could perhaps be an interacting system. [End quoting]

More of the QUICKENING!

A WEB OF DECEIT

Excerpted from *TIME*, by Christine Gorman, 2/8/99: [quoting]

The latest e-mail scare campaign attacks
an artificial sweetener. Here is how
to find the truth.

Heard the one about the common shampoo ingredient that causes cancer? Or how about the epidemic of blindness among toddlers who accidentally get waterproof sunscreen in their eyes? These absurd fictions used to be the stock-in-trade of ninth-graders bent on frightening the younger kids. But now such tall tales are appearing on the Internet, and many adults are taking them seriously.

Consider the latest electronic health scare: about the artificial sweetener Aspartame, which is found in everything from Equal to Diet Coke. A widely disseminated e-mail by a “Nancy Markle” links Aspartame to Alzheimer’s, birth defects, brain cancer, diabetes, Gulf War syndrome, lupus, multiple sclerosis and seizures. Right away, the long list warrants skepticism. Just as no single chemical cures everything, none causes everything.

In this and similar cases, all the Nancy Markles of the world have to do to fabricate a health rumor is post it in some Usenet news groups and let ordinary folks, who may already distrust artificial products, forward it to all their friends and e-mail pals. I received several copies last week, as have many doctors and health organizations.

When I searched Altavista <www.altavista.com> for Aspartame AND brain AND seizure AND sclerosis, I learned that Markle’s message is almost identical to an anti-Aspartame screed first penned under a different name in 1995. None of the specific allegations pan out, however... [End quoting]

A reader sent me this with a notation that “we consumers don’t know what or whom to believe”!

One thing for certain: if it is artificial or chemical instead of a naturally grown product, it is never really good for you and that is what Aspartame is.

Consider the source—*TIME* magazine—one of the “elite’s” top weekly publications. Remember it’s their job to do damage control and believe me the message about Aspartame is getting out and many people are benefiting with tremendous health improvement by refusing to use it anymore. The “elite” are being hurt in their pocketbooks.

Don’t let them confuse you, because anytime the “elite” start getting upset you can be almost certain it’s because we-the-people have found out another scam they’ve been pulling on us. Always, always do your own research if you have any questions—and also go within and get some help!

HAND ME DOWN
MY ASPARTAME

From the INTERNET, <HEOT@onelist.com>, 2/11/99: [quoting]

Here is an e-mail I received.

From: R H
Subject: Aspartame test

My wife is a diabetic with hand and joint pain. She has been a diet Dr. Pepper drinker for eight years (approx 1-1.5 liters per day) and was diagnosed with insulin-dependent diabetes five years ago. Her sugar has never been controlled (200-600) even with two hospital stays for balancing.

When your article crossed our path she decided to go cold turkey off the diet Dr. pepper. Almost immediately, her blood sugars went to 56-180 with fasting sugars around 125-140. Some binge snacks had small effects on her sugar but not the 150 points we had previously seen. Additionally, after about one week, her joint pain disappeared and she stopped the two medications she had been taking for fibromialgia. After two weeks there had been no joint pain and controllable sugar.

As a test, two weeks later she drank a two liter bottle of diet Dr. Pepper one evening. The next morning her joint pain was back, she could barely walk, and her sugar was out of control.

Needless to say, she will never touch an Aspartame-laced product again.

We are very thankful your article crossed our path. After seeing several doctors, we had basically had given up on controlling her sugar and pain. I have forwarded copies to my friends and our family physician and her endocrinologist [*endocrinologist?*]. Thanks again for your article. [End quoting]

Another article verifying the dangers of this product. BEWARE!!

I'll believe this before I believe anything written in *TIME*.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER NEWS MEDIA
ADMITTED IN 1996

From the INTERNET, <para-discuss@tje.net>, 2/13/99: [quoting]

“A good example of the tremendous degree to which the major news media organizations are called to heel is seen in the facts surrounding the two-year hiatus in the professional career of CBS broadcaster Connie Chung, who had the misfortune to have ended up being paired with Dan Rather several years ago.

On a live call-in TV talk show some two years ago, Ms. Chung responded with a bit too much candor to a question as to what actually gets reported publicly by the major news media, given the great number of stories and items which come from the numerous sources of “raw” information. How are the stories which get the attention of the media chosen and by whom?

Connie Chung replied to the effect that it wasn't too hard to decide what stories get aired—they just “checked with Washington D.C. to see what had been cleared for publication by the government”. Oops!

As a result of her being foolish enough to tell the truth in what was likely just a naive, probably unintentional

and inadvertent slip, within no more than a few hours Ms. Chung was out of a job and remained blacklisted in the industry for a good two years, only resurfacing in 1998 with a position at ABC—sufficiently chastened, some no doubt believe, to allow her to grace the public airwaves once again.” —John Quinn. [End quoting]

It finally comes out from someone who knows—on TV! The “elite” probably consider her safer than anyone to not slip again—after what it cost her for that little “slip”.

REMEMBER MAD COW DISEASE.
WARNS PROFESSOR

Excerpted from the INTERNET, <para-discuss@tje.net>, 2/13/99: [quoting]

Tony Blair and his Ministers were standing virtually alone last night against mounting calls for action over genetically-modified (GM) food.

They rejected fresh demands for a moratorium on the “Frankenstein foods”, despite a stark warning from top scientists that millions could be at risk from cancer and killer infections.

The panel said experiments showing that GM food damaged rats, which were dismissed and discredited last year, had in fact been accurate.

Meanwhile a new poll showed a clear majority against GM foods, and supermarkets began bowing to pressure to improve their labelling.

It left the Government looking increasingly out of touch. Mr. Blair claimed that public concern was not scientifically justified and urged people not to get “the facts mixed up”. And Cabinet “Enforcer” Jack Cunningham spent most of the day tying himself in knots to justify the stance.

In a BBC radio interview he used a letter from countryside advisers English Nature to support his cause. But the group immediately accused him of quoting it out of context, and said it actually did want a moratorium. Dr. Cunningham was forced to make an undignified return to the programme within minutes.

The row came as it emerged that two men who have been among New Labour’s most powerful advisers are now helping the U.S. firm Monsanto, the leading producer of GM food. Labour’s former chief spokesman David Hill advises it on media presentation while American pollster Stan Greenberg, who played a key role in Mr. Blair’s election strategy, has done consultancy work.

The heaviest blow to the Government’s stubborn defence of GM foods came as an international panel of experts backed a researcher whose career was ruined after he sounded a warning about side-effects.

Professor Arpad Pusztai was suspended from the Rowett Research Institute in Aberdeen last August after he said that rats fed on GM potatoes had developed weak immune systems and their vital organs showed serious damage.

His work, funded by the Scottish Office had been one of the first serious attempts to study the risks of GM foods. But within days Prof. Pusztai had been forced into early retirement, said by Institute director Professor Philip James to have made mistakes and released ‘misleading information’.

Yesterday, a panel of scientists who have studied the work backed Prof. Pusztai’s conclusions and suggested that his ‘harsh’ treatment was the result of political pressure.

Professor Ronald Finn of Liverpool University, a past president of the British Society of Allergy and Environmental Medicine, warned: “We in the UK have just had a very narrow escape following the epidemic of mad cow disease and we have probably got away with it.

“We have been warned once and we should be extremely careful to monitor any further change in food technology.” [End quoting]

It looks like the “elite” are getting more and more backlash over their numerous ways of causing illnesses and deaths to we-the-people! Let’s keep up the legal resistance to their war against us!

TRANSACTIONAL LAWYERS...
AT THEIR BEST

From *TEC PUBS*, 2/14/99: by Sue Johnson, Title Dept., Pima County: [quoting]

A New Orleans lawyer sought an FHA loan for a client. He was told it would be granted if he could prove satisfactory title to the parcel of property being offered as collateral. The title to the property dated back to 1803, which took the lawyers three months to track down. After sending the information to FHA, he received the following reply (actual letter).

“Upon review of your letter adjoining your clients loan application, we note that the request is supported by an Abstract of Title. While we compliment the able manner in which you have prepared and presented the application, we must point out that you have only cleared title to the proposed collateral back to 1803. Before final approval can be accorded, it will be necessary to clear the title back to the origin.”

Annoyed, the lawyer responded as follows (actual letter):

“Your letter regarding title in Case No. 189156 has been received. I note that you wish to have title extended further than the 194 years covered by the present application. I was unaware that any educated person in this country, particularly those working in the property area, would not know that Louisiana was purchased by the U.S. from France in 1803. The year of origin identified in our application. For the edification of uninformed FHA bureaucrats the title to the land prior to U.S. ownership was obtained from France, which had acquired it by Right of Conquest from Spain. The land came into possession of Spain by Right of Discovery made in the year 1492 by a sea captain named Christopher Columbus, who had been granted the privilege of seeking a new route to India by the then reigning monarch, Isabella. The good queen, being a pious woman and careful about titles, almost as much as the FHA, took the precaution of securing the blessing of the Pope before she sold her jewels to fund the Columbus expedition.

“Now the Pope, as I’m sure you know, is the emissary of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. And God, it is commonly accepted, created the world. Therefore, I believe it is safe to presume that He also made that part of the world called Louisiana. He, therefore, would be the owner of origin.

“I hope to hell you find His original claim to be satisfactory. Now, may we have our damn loan?”

They got it. [End quoting]

This is what our society has become—funny or not.

THE STRUGGLE OVER SOCIAL SECURITY

Excerpted from *THE MODESTO BEE*, 1/31/99: [quoting]

The framework for Social Security reform President Clinton laid out in his State of the Union address this month is more a political marker than a real plan for shoring up the retirement system.

The president urged reserving \$2.7 trillion, or 62 percent of projected budget surpluses over the next 15 years, for Social Security. And, he suggested investing \$700 million of the \$2.7 trillion in the stock market.

Of course, the “budget surpluses” are primarily Social Security surpluses in the first place; the government collects considerably more in payroll taxes than it must disburse in benefits to retirees. For years, the feds have drained this annual surplus and used it for general spending, **trading IOUs for quick bucks**.

Social Security’s trust fund is therefore void of money and flush with IOUs. Now, if lawmakers are to follow Clinton’s plan and funnel trillions in “surplus” revenue into the same trust fund, Congress must kick its looting-and-spending habit. Additional IOUs will do nothing to “save” Social Security.

In other pertinent financial news, the national debt stands at \$5.6 trillion and climbing—thanks in part to the growing pile of Social Security IOUs. According to Pete Sepp, vice president for communications of the Alexandria, Va.-based National Taxpayers Union, Americans pay \$1 billion a day (yes, a day) in interest on the debt, and 46 cents of every tax dollar Washington collects goes toward debt service.... [End quoting]

How many times will we allow these scam artists to scam us before we **wake up?** Won’t we ever learn, when politicians say they are going to fix something, it’s them saying they are going to steal a bigger chunk out of our pockets. Anybody who believes Clinton, really needs their head examined after what he has just put the whole world through with his **lies!**

A WRENCH FROM SPACE

From *POPULAR SCIENCE* magazine, Mar. 1998: [quoting]

Every homeowner is familiar with the clicking sound of a ratchet wrench—and with the frustration that

comes from trying to turn nuts or bolts in tight spaces and finding there's only enough room to get one or two clicks, or none at all, as the wrench is reversed.

But a new ratchetless wrench, invented—of all places—at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and currently in development at the University of Maryland at College Park, could eventually alleviate that common frustration.

Unlike conventional ratchet wrenches that require reverse rotation, or backthrow, of 10 degrees or more before the next internal gear tooth engages, the new wrench features a novel locking-roller clutch that reduces backthrow to about 2 degrees. The tiny backthrow permits operation in spaces too small for conventional ratchets, and leads to more effective use of motion in less challenging circumstances.

The mechanism that determines the rotation direction of the new wrench can also be set to lock the tool in place, a feature unavailable in existing ratchet wrenches.

The ratchetless design, which is intended to enhance astronaut efficiency during extravehicular operations, was tested in space for the first time during the recent Space Shuttle mission. [End quoting]

One wonders just how long this invention has been around before we-the-public were allowed to have it.

MTBE SPREADS FARTHER BEYOND LAKE TAHOE

From *THE MODESTO BEE*, 2/5/99: [quoting]

A controversial gasoline additive that has been showing up in Lake Tahoe-area water supplies has been detected at a reservoir 30 miles away. Area ranchers are worried about the discovery of MTBE, developed in the 1970s to allow fuel to burn cleanly, at the reservoir in Alpine County. [End quoting]

Let's not let up on the demand to outlaw this product even though its intended poisoning effects have likely already been accomplished upon we "useless eaters".

MILLENNIUM WARS

From *THE MODESTO BEE*, letter to editor, 1/31/99: [quoting]

Woody Woodward, in his letter of Jan. 27, states that it should be obvious to all that the first year of a new millennium must have a year date that ends in one, as 1001 or 2001. A year that ends in 00 must belong to the previous century or millennium. By this logic, it must be equally obvious that when looking at a ruler, the first inch of said ruler is the space between the marks 1 and 2, and therefore, the one-inch interval between the end of the ruler and the mark 1 belongs to the ruler that immediately preceded this ruler off the assembly line. —James Paras, Modesto, CA [End quoting]

We argue over the trivial while Rome burns!

SEC CHAIRMAN SAYS U.S. CORPORATIONS
ARE MANIPULATING EARNINGS REPORTS

Excerpted from *THE WALL STREET UNDERGROUND*, 12/98: [quoting]

Finally, official confirmation of what I've been telling you all along.

Arthur Levitt, Chairman of the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC), said that companies are fearful that any profit shortcomings will trigger a sell-off in their stock.

Then came the bombshell. Levitt said companies are increasingly manipulating their earnings, to meet Wall Street analysts' quarterly estimates. He said financial reports are descending into the gray area between legitimacy and outright fraud.

Folks, I read as many financial reports of corporations as any man alive. The SEC Chairman is right. Wall Street is committing fraud; hiding losses; and playing lots of games. You cannot trust any of their numbers. I've done story after story about how Wall Street overstates their earnings. Now the head of the SEC confirms what I've been telling you all along.

And there's more. In an unprecedented joint statement, the SEC, the FDIC, the Federal Reserve, the Office of Thrift Supervision, the Controller of the Currency and the Treasury Department, warned U.S. banks about inflating reserves set aside for bad loans. They warned about manipulating earnings, and misleading investors.

As I've reported to you, the mutual funds are running the game. **U.S. corporations are using every trick in the book to manipulate their stock prices, and hide the fact that they are starting to lose big money....** [End quoting]

It's about time that this gets more publicity. We have been stating for many years in these pages that our manufacturing infrastructure has moved to cheap, third-world labor countries and corporate profits are a matter of hot air trying to keep afloat a sinking ship. There has to come a time, now, when even the whoppers can't cover for the truth.

PRIEST ADMITS LYING
ABOUT RACIAL ATTACK

From *THE FINAL CALL*, 2/9/99: [quoting]

A 55-year-old priest recently admitted stabbing himself 88 times and trying to cover up the suicide attempt by saying two Black men attacked. Rev. Thomas Spisak also told some 25 city and church leaders at Progressive Baptist Church, a predominantly Black church in Warren, Ohio, that he wanted to make amends.

Mr. Spisak will go to trial in February at the Trumbull County Common Pleas Court. Charged with falsification, he faces up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. A Catholic bishop said Mr. Spisak had

been depressed over heart surgery. The priest's Jan. 27 remarks came when he returned to Warren following six months at a therapy center in Canada. [End quoting]
Mental health is a rapidly dwindling asset these days.

ZERO-TOLERANCE DRINKING AND
DRIVING INITIATIVE—MORE ON
PROPERTY SEIZURES

From the INTERNET, <para-discuss@tje.net>, 2/14/99: [quoting]

The New York City Police Department has learned a valuable lesson from state and national law enforcement agencies. The Department will implement its "Zero-Tolerance Drinking and Driving Initiative" sometime within the next month according to Police Commissioner Howard Safir. The stated goal of this new program is to discourage drunk driving and means anyone arrested for drunk driving in NYC will have their car seized until acquittal of the charges. The policy is based on the fact that city code permits police to seize "instrumentalities of crime". Commissioner Safir expects the program will result in thousands of cars being seized in the near future. According to criminal lawyer Gerald Lefcourt, this is a serious misuse of the forfeiture laws as they were not intended for this type of situation.

Mr. Lefcourt is right in his supposition that the forfeiture laws were not originally intended to address crimes such as drunk driving. Originally they were to punish drug dealers by confiscating the goods they bought and used with the proceeds from the drug trade. However, it has not taken government agencies long to realize the full potential of forfeiture laws since any property used in committing a crime or that results from illegal activities can be seized. This provides government an easy way to take from the public whatever it wants and is a natural motivator for unscrupulous, unethical and illegal actions by the government. In this case, if the city of New York wishes to discourage drunk driving it can increase jail time for a conviction, but its much more lucrative to confiscate a nice car. [End quoting]

When will we ever wake up and see that this isn't about drunk driving—it's an excuse to steal your property? If they wanted to help stop drunk driving, they can find much better ways of doing it.

UN STANDING ARMY

Next 5 articles are from *THE SPOTLIGHT*, 2/15/99: [quoting]

Un Secretary-General Kofi Annan, in response to an increasing number of countries reluctance to donate troops, has announced that the UN is discussing setting up a battalion of international soldiers at the UN's beck and call. The proposal calls for a "strategic reserve for the Security Council's deployment", under the sole command and control to the UN. The soldiers would be specially trained for UN "peacekeeping" missions, and would remain in their respective countries until they are needed. [End quoting]

Looks like the UN is experiencing greater and greater reluctance among member nations to go along with their more diabolical plans.

Do you think this was simply a prank or they were well paid from "behind the scenes"?

HATE CRIME?

[quoting]

Two Black Miami University students have been charged with posting racist messages at the campus' Black learning center. The incident took place Oct. 30, when staff at the center reportedly discovered fliers with Ku Klux Klan written on them and a drawing of a Black man being hanged. The two were implicated when the state's crime lab discovered that 87 percent of the fingerprints on the fliers were matched to the two students. [End quoting]

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

[quoting]

The Center for Individual Rights which recently contested affirmative action in a Texas law school admissions, has announced that it is setting up a program to seek personal damages against trustees of universities that support admission preferences for minorities. The group cites a 1996 ruling by the US Court of Appeals in New Orleans striking down cultural "diversity" as a rationale for considering admission. [End quoting]

Whatever happened to admissions based simply on merit?

LABELS

[quoting]

A number of churches have discovered that they can attract more parishioners by simply omitting the word "Baptist" from their name. Church leaders say that people hold misconceptions of Baptist churches as an "angry, judgmental kind of fundamentalism". They contend that by dropping the "brand name" they can reach many more people than they would otherwise. [End quoting]

It's bad enough to preach misleading doctrines, but it's really getting pitiful when they have to change or drop names to keep or get you hooked into their web of deceit.

PRIVACY ISSUES

[quoting]

The Washington Post reported that state officials in South Carolina have begun selling drivers license photographs to a private company that wants to create a database of photos and personal information. The company, Image Data LLC, says it wants to use the information to create a listing to assist the private sector in preventing crimes resulting from "identity theft", when criminals get hold of someone's confidential information to get access to their credit cards and bank accounts. New York Gov. George Pataki (R) was reportedly planning to do the same, but had to back down after Public outcry. [End quoting]

This will continue until enough people say “I’m not going to take this any longer.”

A SOURCE FOR
VENTLESS HEATERS

I found what I feel is one good source for ventless heaters—about which I had an article several weeks ago in this column. It is the Gas Giant, phone # 1-800-640-0114. I’m sure there are others out there, but this will serve those who asked me about them.

SEVERAL MORE
WEBSITES FOR YOU

<http://macheiman.acns.carleton.edu/JW/>

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shadowlands/6583/projects.html>

<http://www.sightings.com/>
Enjoy.

NEW YEAR’S PROMISE

From *ANGELS ON EARTH*, Jan/Feb, 1999, *Guideposts*, 39 Seminary Hill Rd., Carmel, NY 10512:
[quoting]

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant ... The strains of the Christmas carol echoed down the hall at the parochial school where I teach. It was the last day before vacation and the students were gathered to sing. I could hear them from my empty classroom as I surveyed the presents piled up on my desk. Somehow I didn’t feel I could count myself as one of the faithful.

For the last few months I’d been praying and praying for my youngest daughter, eight-year-old Ashley, and I was beginning to fear my prayers would never be answered. I gazed at Ashley’s picture on my desk. Her brown eyes dancing, pigtails framing her face, freckles sprinkled across her nose, she wore a delighted smile. How I wished I saw more of that smile lately. Instead I was becoming used to her look of bewilderment and frustration as we struggled over her homework night after night.

There was a knock. I glanced up to see Kari, one of my fifth graders, standing at the door.

“Mrs. Lohmeyer, can I come in?” she asked. “If you’re busy I can come back later.”

“There’s nothing here that can’t wait. Come on in.”

Kari was a favorite of mine. She was a quick learner and a joy to have in the classroom. Recently her father had taken a job in Texas, commuting home to Maryland on weekends. I knew that was hard on her and I expected she wanted to talk about it. Instead, with all the earnestness of a 10-year-old, she said, “I have to explain about my present.”

My desk was covered with plates of cookies, jars of homemade preserves and small boxes wrapped in red and green. “Which one, Kari? I haven’t had time to open them yet.”

“It’s not here,” she said. “My mom ordered it from a catalog and they promised her it would come in time but it didn’t and I didn’t want you to think I didn’t get you anything.” It all came out in one breath.

“You know I don’t need a present. You’ve been a wonderful student, and that’s enough.”

“But my gift is very special, Mrs. Lohmeyer, and I wanted to give it to you before Christmas.”

I could see her disappointment. “Yours will be my first gift of the new year when we come back from vacation, okay?” I promised. With that she gave me a quick smile and waved good-bye as she rushed down the hall to the singing.

Ashley was probably down there too, joining in the chorus. She attended the school where I taught. Initially that had not been a problem. I loved the easy camaraderie of the kids, the closeness of the teachers, the curriculum that incorporated religious instruction. I could pass Ashley in the hall and be confident of all she was learning.

But in third grade she was diagnosed with dyslexia. By fourth grade, when the workload increased, everything she did became a struggle. My husband, Mike, and I had to hire a tutor three nights a week to help her get by. And when the tutor wasn’t there I filled in, trying not to lose my own patience. By now both her teachers and I knew she needed a different school, where her learning disabilities could be better addressed. But finding the right school and worrying about getting her in—and how we were going to pay for it—had become a whole new trial.

I sighed as I put my gifts in a big shopping bag to take home. *Lord, I prayed, I have a lot of burdens and you’re going to have to help me with them. I’m a teacher, but I can’t teach my daughter the way she needs to be taught. Give her a place where she can grow.* When the dismissal bell rang, I took my presents out to the car.

That afternoon at home Ashley rushed up to me with a folder from her backpack. “Mommy, we have homework for the vacation.”

I tried not to groan. I had counted on the Christmas break as a respite from the nightly homework ordeal. We both needed it. “What have you got, baby?”

“It’s fun stuff, Mommy,” she said. “All I have to do is look up some *Bible* verses and draw a picture of what each one means to me.”

Thank goodness for Ashley’s teacher. Whenever there was a project that required a lot of writing, she found a way that Ashley could do it by drawing pictures.

“Okay, set yourself up on the table in the family room and get out the *Bible*. We’ll do the first one right now. I’ll be there in a jiffy.” I went into the kitchen, put some water on to boil for spaghetti and returned

to Ashley.

Together we looked up the first quote her teacher had assigned: *Luke 1:37*. It was in the story of the angel Gabriel telling Mary she would have a son. The Annunciation. When Mary wonders how she can have a child when she doesn't even have a husband, the angel replies, "With God nothing will be impossible."

As Ashley slowly repeated each word, "With God nothing will be impossible," I found myself thinking of that frightened young woman 2000 years ago who would bear the weight of history. What would have happened if she hadn't trusted the archangel's words? How would things have turned out?

Ashley dug into her box of colored pencils to sketch an angel reassuring a young woman of Nazareth. She started drawing, her gaze intently following the line of her pencil. *That's right*, I thought to myself, *with God nothing is impossible*. Not teaching a dyslexic fourth grader how to read and write. Not finding the right school for her. Not finding the money to pay for it. *With God nothing is impossible*. That would be my New Year's wish.

The vacation passed quickly. Ashley never forgot her homework. Almost every day she took out a sheet of paper and worked on a *Bible* quote. And I worked on believing without a doubt that very first one, that with God nothing is impossible. It was beginning to sink in, and I felt my burdens lifting.

By the time we returned to school, Ashley had all her drawings finished. But that morning as we drove back, I could tell she was anxious. So was I. Perhaps I had expected too much of God.

As we walked from the car Ashley grabbed my hand. "Hi, Mrs. Lohmeyer," someone called on our way down the hall. The smells of books and chalk mingled with the sound of children laughing. Ashley slowed as we reached her classroom. I turned to give her a goodbye hug. She pulled me down and put her arms around my neck.

"It will be okay, baby," I whispered in her ear. "The day will go by fast, and when school is over we'll go for a treat."

She let me go, but tears filled her brown eyes. I fought off tears of my own as I watched her walk to her desk.

I wasn't really thinking of my students when I entered my classroom. "Mrs. Lohmeyer!" Kari came running up to me. "It's here!" she said. "Your present finally came." She handed me a small package.

"Thank you, Kari," I said. "I'll open it during my break."

"Open it now," she said, her cheeks flushed. "Please."

Unable to resist her enthusiasm, I put my books down, sat in my chair and undid the curly ribbon. "My first gift of the new year," I said, repeating my promise. As I tore the paper, I prepared in my mind all the wonderful things I would say about this gift, regardless of what it was, but when the wrapping was gone and I held the notepad in my hands, I was speechless. Kari studied me, worried.

“Mrs. Lohmeyer, what’s wrong? Don’t you like it?”

“Yes,” I managed to say, giving her a huge hug. “I love it.”

“It has your name on every single page,” Kari said.

And above my name, as though the angel were uttering it directly to me, were the words, “With God all things are possible.” They were, they had been, they would forever be. “How did you know that was my favorite promise in the *Bible*, Kari?” Kari grinned, finally convinced the notepad was indeed the perfect present.

Two months later I received a phone call from a private school we’d been looking at for Ashley. The principal said she would love to have her as a student the following year, and she’s been enrolled there ever since. She’s blossoming with the help of first-rate teachers and an excellent program. Sometimes, I admit, there are rough patches, and Mike and I still worry about how we can afford everything. But then I remember, nothing is impossible. Really, nothing. It’s a promise God has kept for 2000 years. —by Raquel M. Lohmeyer, Ellicott City, Maryland [End quoting]

Aren’t God and His angels wonderful in the way they fulfill their purposes, and their timing is so magnificent!

CHAPTER 12

WHAT TO DO ABOUT WE

UPPITY PEOPLE:

SCARY APPRAISAL OF POSSIBILITIES

The following is one of the scariest documents we here at CONTACT have come across in a long time. It is a comprehensive report to the European Community “Elite” concerning the current state of people-control technologies. You will quickly remember from just a few weeks ago (in the 2/9/99 issue of CONTACT) our Front Page story about the high-tech spy system called Echelon. That imposing system is just one of the clever tools mentioned herein. Longtime CONTACT readers will recognize many disgusting techniques and technologies for exercising and maintaining control over large groups of people, subjects which we have covered in great detail over these many past years. Put all together here, the picture being painted is truly diabolical and provides sobering food for thought.

In typical understated style, this report could not help but at least give casual mention to the high level of “public concern” about both the machineries and the implications of such sophisticated people control. However, with the Global Plan 2000 in high gear as the millennium approaches ever closer, you can know that comprehensive measures must be in place to insure the achievement of the goal of the so-called “Elite” over we mere “useless eaters and consumers of natural resources” as we are so fondly called. It remains to be seen just how many of the sheeple are led to the slaughter without the slightest inkling of what has happened or how slick were the methods used to achieve the goal. Or will enough awaken in time to render this madness ineffective? I guess we’ll find out pretty soon now!

—Dr. Edwin M. Young, Editor-In-Chief

AN APPRAISAL OF THE TECHNOLOGIES OF POLITICAL CONTROL

An Omega Foundation Summary
& Options Report
For The European Parliament

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1. INTRODUCTION

This report represents a summarized version of an interim study, “An Appraisal of the Technology of Political Control” (PE 166.499), (referred to throughout this document as the Interim Report), prepared by the Omega Foundation in Manchester and presented to the STOA Panel at its meeting of 18 December

1997 and to the Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs on 27 January 1998.

The Interim Report aroused great interest and the resultant high-profile press comment throughout the European Union and beyond, indicates the level of public concern about many of the innovations detailed by the study. This current report is framed by the same key objectives as the Interim Report (1), namely:

- (i) To provide Members of the European Parliament with a succinct reference guide to recent advances in the technology of political control;
- (ii) To identify and describe the current state of the art of the most salient developments, further clarifying and updating the areas of the interim report which have aroused the greatest public concern and comment;
- (iii) To present MEP's with an account of current trends both within Europe and Worldwide;
- (iv) To suggest policy options covering regulatory strategies for the future democratic control and management of this technology;
- (v) To provide some further succinct background material to inform the Parliament's response to the proposed declaration by the Commission on electronic eavesdropping which has been put on the agenda for the plenary session of the European Parliament, on Wednesday 16 September 1998.

This report also has seven substantive sections covering (a) the role and function of the technologies of political control; (b) recent trends and innovations; (c) crowd-control weapons; (d) new prisoner control technology; (e) new interrogation and torture technologies; (f) developments in surveillance technology (including the creation of human recognition and tracking devices and the evolution of new global police and military telecommunications interceptions networks; (g) the implications of vertical and horizontal proliferation of this technology and the need for an adequate EU response, to ensure it neither threatens civil liberties in Europe, nor reaches the hands of tyrants.

Thus, the purpose of this report is to explore the most recent developments in the technology of political control and the major consequences associated with their integration into processes and strategies of policing and internal control. The report ends each section with a series of policy options which might facilitate more democratic, open and efficient regulatory control, including specific areas where further research is needed to make such regulatory controls effective.

A brief look at the historical development of this concept is instructive. Twenty years ago, the British Society for Social Responsibility of Scientists (BSSRS) warned about the dangers of a new technology of political control. BSSRS defined this technology as "a new type of weaponry"..."It is the product of the application of science and technology to the problem of neutralising the state's internal enemies. It is mainly directed at civilian populations, and is not intended to kill (and only rarely does). It is aimed as much at hearts and minds as at bodies." For these scientists, "This new weaponry ranges from means of monitoring internal dissent to devices for controlling demonstrations; from new techniques of interrogation to methods of prisoner control. The intended and actual effects of these new technological aids are both broader and more complex than the more lethal weaponry they complement."(2)

BSSRS recognised that the weapons and systems developed and tested by the USA in Vietnam, and by

the UK in its former colonies, were about to be used on the home front and that the military-industrial complex would in the future, rapidly modify its military systems for police and internal security use. In other words, a new technology of repression was being spawned which would find a political niche in Western Liberal democracies. The role of this technology was to provide a technical fix which might effectively crush dissent whilst being designed to mask the level of coercion being deployed. With the advent of the Northern Irish conflict, the genie was out of the bottle and a new laboratory for field testing these technologies had emerged.

There have been quite awesome changes in the technologies available to states for internal control since the first BSSRS publication. Some of these technologies are highly sensitive politically and without proper regulation can threaten or undermine many of the human rights enshrined in international law, such as the rights of assembly, privacy, due process, freedom of political and cultural expression and protection from torture, arbitrary arrest, cruel and inhumane punishments and extra-judicial execution.

Proper oversight of developments in political control technologies is further complicated by the phenomena of 'bureaucratic capture' where senior officials control their ministers rather than the other way round. Politicians both at European and sovereign state level, whom citizens of the community have presumed will be monitoring any excesses or abuse of this technology on their behalf, are sometimes systematically denied the information they require to do that job.

2. THE ROLE & FUNCTION OF POLITICAL CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES

Throughout the Nineties, many governments have spent huge sums on the research, development, procurement and deployment of new technology for their police, para-military and internal security forces. The objective of this development work has been to increase and enhance each agency's policing capacities. A dominant assumption behind this technocratisation of the policing process, is the belief that it has created both a faster policing response time and a greater cost-effectiveness. The main aim of all this effort has been to save policing resources by either automating certain forms of control, amplifying the rate of particular activities, or decreasing the number of officers required to perform them.

The resultant innovations in the technology of political control have been functionally designed to yield an extension of the scope, efficiency and growth of policing power. The extent to which this process can be judged to be a legitimate one depends both on one's point of view and the level of secrecy and accountability built into the overall procurement and deployment procedures. The full implications of such developments may take time to assess. It is argued that one impact of this process is the militarisation of the police and the para-militarisation of the army as their roles, equipment and procedures begin to overlap. This phenomena is seen as having far reaching consequences on the way that future episodes of sub-state violence is handled, and influencing whether those involved are reconciled, managed, repressed, 'lost' or efficiently destroyed.

What is emerging in certain quarters is a chilling picture of ongoing innovation in the science and technology of social and political control, including: semi-intelligent zone-denial systems using neural networks which can identify and potentially punish unsanctioned behaviour; the advent of global telecommunications surveillance systems using voice recognition and other biometric techniques to facilitate human tracking; data-

veillance systems which can match computer-held data to visual recognition systems or identify friendship maps simply by analysing the telephone and e-mail links between who calls whom; new sub-lethal incapacitating weapons used both for prison and riot control as well as in sub-state conflict operations other than war; new target acquisition aids, lethal weapons and expanding dum-dum like ammunition which although banned by the Geneva conventions for use against other state's soldiers, is finding increasing popularity amongst SWAT and special forces teams; discreet order vehicles designed to look like ambulances on prime time television but which can deploy a formidable array of weaponry to provide a show of force in countries like Indonesia or Turkey, or spray harassing chemicals or dye onto protesters. Such marking appears to be kid-glove in its restraint but tags all protesters so that the snatch squads can arrest them later, out of the prying lenses of CNN.

Whilst there are many opposing schools of thought on why these changes are happening now, few doubt that there are fundamental changes taking place in the types of tactics, techniques and technologies available to internal security agencies for policing purposes. Yet many questions remain unanswered, unconsidered or under-researched. Why for example, did such a transformation in the technology used for political control dramatically change over the last twenty-five years? Is there any significance in the fact that former communist regimes in the Warsaw Treaty Organisation and continuing centralised economic systems such as China, are beginning to adopt such technologies? What are the reasons behind a global convergence of the technology of political control deployed in the North and South, the East and West?

What are the factors responsible for generating the adoption of such new policing technology—was it technology push or demand pull? What new tools for policing lie on the horizon and what are the dynamics behind the process of innovation and the need for a vast arsenal of different kinds of technology rather than just a few? Are the many ways this technology affects the policing process fully understood? Who controls the patterns of police technology procurement and what are the corporate influences?

The technology of political control produces a continuum of flexible options which stretch from modern law enforcement to advanced state suppression. It is multi-functional and has led to a rapid extension of the scope, efficiency and growth of policing power, creating policing revolutions both with Europe, the US and the rest of the world. The key difference being the level of democratic accountability in the manner in which the technology is applied. Yet because of a process of technological and decision drift these instruments of control, once deployed quickly become “normalised”. Their secondary and unanticipated effects often lead to a paramilitarisation of the security forces and a militarisation of the police—often because the companies which produce them service both markets.

3. RECENT TRENDS & INNOVATIONS

Since the “Technology of Political Control” was first written (Ackroyd et al., 1977) there has been a profusion of technological innovations for police, paramilitary, intelligence and internal security forces. Many of these are simple advances on the technologies available in the 1970s. Others such as automatic telephone tapping, voice recognition and electronic tagging were not envisaged by the original BSSRS authors since they did not think that the computing power needed for a national monitoring system was feasible. The overall drift of this technology is to increase the power and reliability of the policing process, either enhancing the individual power of police operatives, replacing personnel with less expensive machines to monitor activity or to automate certain police monitoring, detection and communication facilities

completely. A massive Police-Industrial Complex has been spawned to service the needs of police, paramilitary and security forces, evidenced by the number of companies now active in the market.. An overall trend is towards globalisation of these technologies and a drift towards increasing proliferation.

One core trend has been towards a militarisation of the police and a paramilitarisation of military forces in Europe. In some European countries, that trend is reversed, e.g. in 1996, the Swiss government (Federal Council and the Military Department) made plans to re-equip the Swiss Army *Ordnungsdienst* with 118 million Swiss Francs of less-lethal weapons for action within the country in times of crisis. (These include 12 tanks, armoured vehicles, teargas, rubber shot and handcuffs.) The decision was made by decree preventing any discussion or intervention. Their role will be to help police large scale demonstrations or riots and to police frontiers to ‘prevent streams of refugees coming into Switzerland.’(3)

There has also been an increasing trend towards convergence—the process whereby the technology used by police and the military for internal security operations, converges towards being more or less indistinguishable. The term also describes the trend towards a universal adoption of similar types of technologies by most states for internal security and policing. Security companies now produce weapons and communications systems for both military and the police. Such systems increasingly represent the muscle and the nervous system of public order squads. (4) Given the potential civil liberties and human rights implications associated with certain technologies of political control, there is a pressing need to avoid the risks of such technologies developing faster than any regulating legislation. MEP’s may wish to consider how best it should develop appropriate structures of accountability to prevent undesirable innovations emerging via processes of technological creep or decision drift. Towards that end, members of the European Parliament may wish to consider the following policy options:

3.1 POLICY OPTIONS

- (i) Accepting the principle that the process of innovation of new systems for use in internal social and political control should be transparent (i.e. open to appropriate public and parliamentary scrutiny) and be subject to change should unwanted and unanticipated consequences emerge;
- (ii) Give consideration to what committee and procedural changes might be needed to ensure that Members of the European Parliament are adequately informed on issues relating to technologies of political control and can effectively act should the need arise;
- (iii) Consider if there is a need to amend the terms of reference of the Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs Committee to include powers and responsibilities for matters relating to, for example, the civil liberties and human rights implications of developments in political control technologies such as:
 - (a) new crowd and prison control weapons and technologies, lethal and less lethal weapons and ammunition;
 - (b) developments in surveillance technologies such as data-veillance, electronic eavesdropping, CCTV, human recognition and tracking systems;
 - (c) private prisons and related equipment and training;

- (d) torture and interrogation of detainees;
- (e) any class of technology which has been shown in the past to be excessively injurious, cruel, inhumane or indiscriminate in its effects.

4. INNOVATIONS IN CROWD CONTROL WEAPONS

The Interim Report critically evaluated the so-called safety of these allegedly harmless crowd-control weapons.⁽⁵⁾ Using earlier US military data and empirical data on the kinetic energy of all the commonly available kinetic weapons such as plastic bullets, it found that much of the biomedical research legitimating the introduction of current crowd control weapons is badly flawed. All the commonly available plastic bullet ammunition used in Europe breaches the severe damage zone of kinetic energy used to assess such weapons by the US military scientists. (Over 100,000 plastic bullets were withdrawn in the UK in 1996 for possessing excessive kinetic energy but according to this report their replacements are still excessively injurious.) The price of protest should not be death, yet given that these weapons are frequently used against bystanders in zone clearance operations, this aspect is particularly important.

Likewise there is a need to consider halting the use of peppergas (OC) in Europe until independent evaluation of its biomedical effects is undertaken. Special Agent Ward, the FBI officer who cleared OC in the USA, was found to have taken a \$57,000 kickback to give it the OK. Other US military scientists warned of dangerous side effects including neurotoxicity and a recent estimate by the International Association of Chief Police Officers suggested at least 113 peppergas linked fatalities in the US—predominantly from positional asphyxia.⁽⁶⁾

Amnesty International has said that the use of pepper spray by Californian police against peaceful environmental activists, is ‘cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of such deliberateness and severity that it is tantamount to torture.’ (Police deputies pulled back protesters heads, opened their eyes and “swabbed” the burning liquid directly on to their eyeballs.)⁽⁷⁾

Sometimes when technologies are transferred, their characteristics also change. For example CS Sprays authorised for use by the police in the UK from 1996 were five times the concentration of similar MACE products in the US and have dispersion rates which are five times faster. This means that they dump twenty-five times as much irritant on a target’s face as do US products yet were justified as being the same. In practice this meant that one former Metropolitan police instructor Peter Hodgkinson lost between 40-50% of his corneas after he volunteered to be sprayed at the beginning of trials. Most police forces in the UK have now adopted the spray which was authorised before findings on its alleged safety were published.⁽⁸⁾

In the early Nineties, much to the disbelief of serious researchers, a new doctrine emerged in the US—non-lethal warfare. Its advocates were predominantly science fiction writers such as (Toffler, A., & Toffler, H., 1994) and (Morris, J., & Morris, C., 1990, 1994), who found a willing ear in the nuclear weapons laboratories of Los Alamos, Oak Ridge and Lawrence Livermore. The cynics were quick to point out that non-lethal warfare was a contradiction in terms and that this was really a “rice-bowls” initiative, dreamt up to protect jobs in beleaguered weapons laboratories facing the challenge of life without the Cold War.

This naive doctrine found a champion in Col. John Alexander (who made his name in the rather more lethal Phoenix assassination programmes of the Vietnam War) and subsequently picked up by the US Defence and Justice Departments. After the controversial and overly public beating of Rodney King (who was subdued by an electro-shock “taser” before being attacked); the excessive firepower deployed by all sides in the Waco debacle (where the police used chemical agents which failed to end the siege); and the humiliations of the US military missions in Somalia—America was in search of a magic bullet which would somehow allow the powers of good to prevail without anyone being hurt. Yet US doctrine in practice was not that simple, it was not to replace lethal weapons with “non-lethal” alternatives but to augment the use of deadly force, in both war and ‘operations other than war’, where the main targets include civilians. A dubious Pandora’s box of new weapons has emerged, designed to appear, rather than be, safe. Because of the “CNN factor” they need to be media friendly, more a case of invisible weapons than war without blood. America now has an integrated product team consisting of the US Marines, US Air Force, US Special Operations Command, US Army, US Navy, DOT, DOJ, DOE, Joint Staff, and CINC’s Office of SecDef. Bridgeheads for this technology are already emerging since one of the roles of this team is to liaise with friendly foreign governments.

Last year, the interim report advised that the Commission should be requested to report on the existence of formal liaison arrangements with the US, for introducing advanced non-lethal weapons into the EU.(9) The urgency of this advice was highlighted in November 1997 for example, when a special conference on the “Future of Non-Lethal Weapons”, was held in London. A flavour of what was on offer was provided by Ms. Hildi Libby, systems manager of the US Army’s Non-lethal Material Programme.

Ms. Libby described the M203 Anti-personnel blunt trauma crowd dispersal grenade, which hurtles a large number of small “stinging” rubber balls at rioters. The US team also promoted acoustic wave weapons that used “mechanical pressure wave generation” to “provide the war fighter with a weapon capable of delivering incapacitating effects, from lethal to non-lethal”; the non-lethal Claymore mine—a crowd control version of the more lethal M18A1; ground vehicle stoppers; the M139 Volcano mine which projects a net (that can cover a football-sized field) laced with either razor blades or other “immobilisation enhancers”—adhesive or sting; canister launched area denial systems; sticky foam; vortex ring guns—to apply vortex ring gas impulses with flash, concussion and the option of quickly changing between lethal and non-lethal operations; and the underbarrel tactical payload delivery system—essentially an M-16 which shoots either bullets, disabling chemicals, kinetic munitions or marker dye.

One of the unanticipated consequences of these weapons is that they offer a flexible response which can potentially undermine non-violent direct action. Used to inflict instant gratuitous punishment, their flexibility means that if official violence does tempt demonstrators to fight back, the weapons are often just a switch away from street level executions.

At their last conference in Lillehammer, the Nobel Peace Prize-winning organisation Pugwash came to the conclusion that the term ‘non-lethal’ should be abandoned, not only because it covers a variety of very different weapons but also because it can be dangerously misleading. “In combat situations, ‘sub-lethal’ weapons are likely to be used in co-ordination with other weapons and could increase overall lethality. Weapons purportedly developed for conventional military or peacekeeping use are also likely to be used in civil wars or for oppression by brutal governments.”

Weapons developed for police use may encourage the militarisation of police forces or be used for torture. If a generic term is needed “less-lethal or pre-lethal weapons might be preferable.”(10) Such misgivings are certainly borne out by recent developments. US expert Bill Arkin has warned that the new generation of acoustic weapons can rupture organs, create cavities in human tissue and produce shockwaves of 170 decibels and potentially lethal blastwave trauma.(11) Pugwash considered that “each of the emerging less-lethal weapons technologies required urgent examination and that their development or adoption should be subject to public review.”(12) Informed by principle 3 and 4 of the United Nations Basic Principles on The Use of Force & Firearms (13), MEP’s may wish to consider the following options:

4.1 POLICY OPTIONS

- (i) Reaffirm the European Parliamentary demand of May 1982, for a ban on the use of plastic bullets;
- (ii) Establish objective criteria for assessing the biomedical effects of so called non-lethal weapons that are independent from commercial or governmental research;
- (iii) Seek confirmation from the Commission that:

Member States are fully aware of their responsibilities under Principles 3 and 4 of the United Nations Basic Principles on the Use of Force & Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials and to ask for clarification of exactly what steps individual Member States are taking to ensure that these are fully met, given the power of “less-lethal weapons” changes and whether consistent standards apply;

- (iv) Request the Commission to report on the existing liaison arrangements for the second generation of non-lethal weapons to enter European Union from the USA and call for an independent report on their alleged safety as well as their intended and unforeseen social and political effects.

- (v) During the interim period, consider restricting the deployment by the police, the military or paramilitary special forces, of US made or licensed 2nd. generation chemical irritant, kinetic, acoustic, laser, electromagnetic frequency, capture, entanglement, injector or electrical disabling and paralysing weapons, within Europe.

- (vi). Establish the following principles across all EU Member States:

- (a) Research on chemical irritants should be published in open scientific journals before authorization for any usage is permitted and that the safety criteria for such chemicals should be treated as if they were drugs rather than riot control agents.

- (b) Research on the alleged safety of existing crowd-control weapons and of all future innovations in crowd-control weapons should be placed in the public domain prior to any decision towards deployment.

- (c) that deployment of OC (peppergas) should be halted across the EU until independent non-FBI funded research has evaluated any risks it poses to health.

5. NEW PRISON CONTROL SYSTEMS

Some of the equipment described above, such as the surveillance, area denial and crowd-control technologies, also finds ready use inside permanent prisons and houses of correction. Other devices such as the area denial, perimeter fencing systems, portable coils of razor wire, prison transport vehicles with mini cage cells, to create temporary holding centres. Permanent prisons are however, literally custom built control environments, where every act and thing, including the architecture, the behaviour of the prison officers and daily routines, are functionally organised with that purpose in mind. Therefore many of the technologies discussed above are built in to the prison structure and integral to policing systems used to contain their inmates. For example, area denial technology, intruder detection equipment and surveillance devices are instrumental in hermetically sealing high security prisons. If disturbances develop within a prison, the riot technologies and tactics outlined above, are also available for use by prison officers. The trend has been to train specialized MUFTI (Minimum Force Tactical Intervention) squads for this purpose. Outside Europe, irritant gas has been used not only to crush revolt but also to punish political detainees or to eject reticent prisoners from their cells before execution. The Interim Report describes prison restraint techniques using straitjackets, body belts, leg shackles, padded cells and isolation units, some of which infringe the European Convention against Torture.(14)

Apart from mechanical restraint, prison authorities have access to pharmacological approaches for immobilising inmates, colloquially known as “the liquid cosh”. These vary from psychotropic drugs such as anti-depressants, sedatives and powerful hypnotics. Drugs like largactil or Seranace offer a chemical strait-jacket and their usage is becoming increasingly controversial as prison populations rise and larger numbers of inmates are “treated”. In the USA, the trend is for punishment to become therapy: “behaviour modification”—Pavlovian reward and punishment routines using drugs like anectine, producing fear or pain, to recondition behaviour. The possibilities of testing new social control drugs are extensive, whilst controls are few. Prisons form the new laboratories developing the next generation of drugs for social reprogramming, whilst military and university laboratories provide scores of new psychoactive drugs each year. (15)

Critics such as Lilly & Knepper (1992, 186-7) argue that in examining the international aspects of crime control as industry, more attention is needed to the changing activities of the companies which used to provide supplies to the military. At the end of the Cold War, “with defence contractors reporting declines in sales, the search for new markets is pushing corporate decision making, it should be no surprise to see increased corporate activity in criminal justice.” Where such companies previously profited from wars with foreign enemies, they are increasingly turning to the new opportunities afforded by crime control as industry.(Christie, 1994).

Several European countries are now experiencing a rapid process of privatisation of prisons by corporate conglomerations, predominantly from the USA. Some of the prisons run by these organisations in the US have cultures and control techniques which are alien to European traditions. Such a process of privatisation can lead to a bridgehead for importing U.S. corrections mentality, methods and technologies into Europe and there is a pressing need to ensure a consensus on what constitutes acceptable practice. There is a further danger that such privatisation will lead to cost-cutting practices of human warehousing, rather than the more long term beneficial practice of prisoner rehabilitation.

In some European countries, particularly Britain, where changes in penal policy are leading to a rapid rise in prison population without additional resources being applied to the sector, the imperative is to cut costs either through using technology or by privatising prisons.(16)

Already, the UK Prison Service has compiled a shopping list of computer-based options with existing CCTV surveillance systems being complemented by geophones, identity recognition technology and forward looking infra-red systems which can spot weapons and drugs.(17) Alongside such proactive technologies, UK prisons will face increasing pressure to tool up for trouble. Much of this weaponry including the contract for between 950,000 and 2,500,000 of side handled batons, kubotans, riot shields etc. made by the Prison Service in March 1995, is likely to be originally manufactured in the United States.(18)

The U.S.A. adopts a far more militarised prison regime than anywhere in Europe outside of Northern Ireland. A massive prison-industrial complex has mushroomed to maintain the strict control regimes that typify American Houses of Correction. The future prospect is of that alien technology coming here, with very little in the way of public or parliamentary debate. A few examples of US prison technologies and proliferation illustrate the dangers.

Many prisons in the U.S, use Nova electronic 50,000-volt extraction shields, electronic stun prods and most recently the REACT remote-controlled stun belts. In 1994, the US Federal Bureau of Prisons decided to use remote-controlled stun belts on prisoners considered dangerous to prevent them from escaping during transportation and court appearances. By May 1996, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections said that no longer will inmates be chained together “but will be restrained by the use of stun belts and individual restraints.”

Promotional literature from US company Stun Tech of Cleveland, Ohio, claims that its high pulse stun belt can be activated from 300 feet. After a warning noise, the Remote Electronically Activated Control Technology (REACT) belt inflicts a 50,000 volt shock for 8 seconds. This high pulsed current enters the prisoners left kidney region then enters the body of the victim along blood channels and nerve pathways. Each pulse results in a rapid body shock extending to the whole of the brain and central nervous system. The makers promote the belt “for total psychological supremacy ... of potentially troublesome prisoners”. Stunned prisoners lose control of the bladders and bowels. “After all, if you were wearing the contraption around your waist that by the mere push of a button in someone’s hand, could make you defecate or urinate yourself, what would you do from the psychological standpoint?”(19) Amnesty International wants Washington to ban the belts because they can be used to torture, and calls them, “cruel, inhuman and degrading”. Some officials say the belts can save money because fewer guards would be needed. But human rights activists and some jailers oppose them as the “most degrading new measure in an increasingly barbaric field”. (Kilborn, 1997) Already, some European countries are in the process of evaluating stunbelt systems for use here. (Marks, 1996)

Without proper licensing and a clear consensus on what is expected from private prisons in Europe, multinational private prison conglomerations could act as a bridgehead for similar sorts of technology to further enter the European crime control industry. Proper limits need to be set when a licence is granted with a comprehensive account taken of that company’s past track record in terms of civil liberties, rehabilitation and crisis management rather than just cost per prisoner held. Amnesty International in the USA is currently asking the large multi-national prison corporations to sign up to the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights and a similar approach with associated contractual obligations, might prove to be a useful way forward here in Europe. Members of the European Parliament may wish to consider the following options:

5.1 POLICY OPTIONS

- (i) To let commercial requirements to make profits from prisoners become the primary criterion in running Europe's private jails;
- (ii). Further examine the use of kill fencing and lethal area denial systems in all prisons within the European Union, whether private or public, with a view to their prohibition;
- (iii) That the European Parliament establish a rigorous independent and impartial inquiry into the use of stun belts, stunguns and shields, and all other types and variants of electro-shock weapons in Member States, to assess their medical and other effects in terms of international human rights standards regulating the treatment of prisoners and the use of force; the inquiry should examine all known cases of deaths or injury resulting from the use of these instruments, and the results of the inquiry should be published without delay;
- (iv) That the European Commission be asked to:
 - (a) Ensure that the UN Minimum treatment of prisoners rules banning the use of leg irons on prisoners are implemented in all EU correctional facilities.
 - (b) Implement a ban on the introduction of in-built gassing systems inside European gaols on the basis of the manufacturers warnings of the dangers of using chemical riot control agents in enclosed spaces. Restrictions should also be made on the use of chemical irritants from whatever source in correctional facilities wherever research has shown that a concentration of that irritant could either kill or be associated with permanent damage to health.
 - (c) Explore legal mechanisms to ensure that all private prison operations within the European Union should be subject to a common and consistent licensing regime by the host member. If adopted, no licence should be granted where proven human rights violations by that contractor have been made elsewhere. Consideration might be given to providing a contract mechanism whereby any failure to secure a licence in one European state should debar that private prison contractor from bidding for other European contracts (pending evidence of adequate human rights training and appropriate improvements in standard operating procedures and controls by that corporation or company).
- (v) Seek agreement between all Member States to ensure that:
 - (a) All riot control, prisoner transport and extraction technology which is in use or proposed for use in all prisons, (whether state or privately run), should be subject to prior approval by the competent member authorities on the basis of independent research.
 - (b) Automated systems of indiscriminate punishment such as built-in baton round firing mechanisms, should be prohibited.
 - (c) The use of electro-shock restraining devices or other remote-control punishment devices including shock-shields should be immediately suspended in any private or public prison in the European Union, until and unless independent medical evidence can clearly demonstrate that their use will not contribute to

deaths in custody, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

6. INTERROGATION, TORTURE TECHNIQUES & TECHNOLOGIES

The Interim Report on the variety of hardware, software and liveware involved in human interrogation and torture.(20) Millennia of research and development have been expended in devising ever more cruel and inhumane means of extracting obedience and information from reluctant victims or achieving excruciatingly painful and long-drawn-out deaths for those who would question or challenge the prevalent status quo. What has changed in more recent times is (i) the increasing requirement for speed in breaking down prisoners' resistance; (ii) the adoption of sophisticated methods based on a scientific approach and (iii) a need for invisible torture which leaves no or few marks which might be used by organisations like Amnesty International to label a particular government, a torturing state. Today, the phenomena of torture has grown to a worldwide epidemic. A report by the Redress Trust, 1996, found that 151 countries were involved in torture, inhuman or degrading treatment, despite the fact that 106 states have ratified, acceded to or signed the Convention Against Torture.

Helen Bamber, Director of the British Medical Foundation for the Treatment of the Victims of Torture, has described electroshock batons at "the most universal modern tool of the torturers" (Gregory, 1995) Recent surveys of torture victims have confirmed that after systematic beating, electroshock is one of the most common factors (London, 1993; Rasmussen, 1990). If one looks at the country reports of Amnesty International (which recently published a survey of fifty countries where electric shock torture and ill treatment has been recorded since 1990)(21), confirm that electroshock torture is the Esperanto of the most repressive states. Since publication of the Interim Report, one news story has uncovered evidence suggesting that Taiwan-made electroshock weapons are being sold with the EC "mark of quality", despite the resolution passed by the European Parliament seeking a ban on such devices. There is an urgent need to establish whether this is a bogus claim or whether there really are people in the Commission building whose job is to make sure the electro-shock weapons produced by foreign manufacturers can produce the requisite level of paralysis & helplessness beloved of torturers everywhere.(22) Members of the European Parliament may wish to consider the following policy options:

6.1 POLICY OPTIONS

- (i) That the Civil Liberties Committee should receive expert evidence to determine whether:
 - (a) New regulations on the nature of in-depth interrogation training should be agreed which prohibit export of such techniques to forces overseas known to be involved in gross human rights violation.
 - (b) All training of foreign military, police, security and intelligence forces in interrogation techniques, can be subject to licence, even if it is provided outside European territory.
 - (c) Restrictions on visits to European MSP related events by representatives of known torturing states can be effectively implemented.
- (ii) The Commission should be requested to achieve agreement between member States to:

(a) Carry out an investigation of claims that the EC “mark of quality” is being used to endorse electroshock devices and Immediately prohibit the transfer of all electroshock stun weapons to any country where such weapons are likely to contribute to unlawful killings, or to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, for example by refusing any export licence where it is proposed that electroshock weapons will be transferred to a country where persistent torture or instances of electric shock torture and ill treatment have been reported.

(b) Introduce and implement new regulations on the manufacture, sale and transfer of all electroshock weapons from and into Europe, with a full report to the European Parliament’s Civil Liberties committee made each year. [Special consideration should be given to controlling the whole procurement process, covering even the making of contracts of sale, (to prevent a purchase deal made in a European country being met by a supplier or subsidiary outside of the EU, in an effort to obviate extant controls)].

(c) Ensure that the proposed regulations should cover patents and prohibit the patenting of any device whose sole use would be the violation of human rights, via torture or the creation of unnecessary suffering. The onus should be on the patent seeker to show that his patent would not lead to such outcomes.

(iii) The European Parliament should look at commissioning new work to investigate how existing legislation within member states of the EU, can be brought to bear to prosecute companies who have been complicit in the supply of equipment used for torture as defined by the UN convention of torture. This new work should examine, in conjunction with the Directorate of Human Rights:

(a) The extent to which such technology produced by European companies is being transferred to human rights violators and the role played by international military, police and security fairs organised both inside and outside European Borders;

(b) The possible measures that could be set in place to monitor and track any technology transfer within this category and any potential role in this endeavour that might be played by recognised Non-Governmental Organisations.

7. DEVELOPMENTS IN SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY

Surveillance technology can be defined as devices or systems which can monitor, track and assess the movements of individuals, their property and other assets. Much of this technology is used to track the activities of dissidents, human rights activists, journalists, student leaders, minorities, trade union leaders and political opponents. A huge range of surveillance technologies has evolved, including the night vision goggles; parabolic microphones to detect conversations over a kilometre away; laser versions, can pick up any conversation from a closed window in line of sight; the Danish Jai stroboscopic camera can take hundreds of pictures in a matter of seconds and individually photograph all the participants in a demonstration or March; and the automatic vehicle recognition systems can track cars around a city via a Geographic Information System of maps.

New technologies which were originally conceived for the Defence and Intelligence sectors have, after the Cold War, rapidly spread into the law enforcement and private sectors. It is one of the areas of technologi-

cal advance, where outdated regulations have not kept pace with an accelerating pattern of abuses. Up until the 1960s, most surveillance was low-tech and expensive since it involved following suspects around from place to place, using up to 6 people in teams of two working 3 eight-hour shifts. All of the material and contacts gleaned had to be typed up and filed away with little prospect of rapidly cross checking. Even electronic surveillance was highly labour intensive. The East German police for example employed 500,000 secret informers, 10,000 of which were needed just to listen and transcribe citizens' phone calls.(23)

By the 1980s, new forms of electronic surveillance were emerging and many of these were directed towards automation of communications interception. This trend was fuelled in the U.S. in the 1990s by accelerated government funding at the end of the Cold War, with defence and intelligence agencies being refocussed with new missions to justify their budgets, transferring their technologies to certain law enforcement applications such as anti-drug and anti-terror operations. In 1993, the US Department of Defence and the Justice Department signed memoranda of understanding for "Operations Other Than War and Law Enforcement" to facilitate joint development and sharing of technology. According to David Banisar of Privacy International, "To counteract reductions in military contracts which began in the 1980s, computer and electronics companies are expanding into new markets—at home and abroad—with equipment originally developed for the military. Companies such as E Systems, Electronic Data Systems and Texas Instruments are selling advanced computer systems and surveillance equipment to state and local governments that use them for law enforcement, border control and Welfare administration."(24) What the East German secret police could only dream of is rapidly becoming a reality in the "free world". (25)

7.1 CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) SURVEILLANCE NETWORKS

In fact the art of visual surveillance has dramatically changed over recent years. Of course police and intelligence officers still photograph demonstrations and individuals of interest but increasingly such images can be stored and searched. Ongoing processes of ultra-miniaturisation mean that such devices can be made to be virtually undetectable and are open to abuse by both individuals, companies and official agencies.

The attitude to CCTV camera networks varies greatly in the European Union, from the position in Denmark where such cameras are banned by law to the position in the UK, where many hundreds of CCTV networks exist. Nevertheless, a common position on the status of such systems where they exist in relation to data protection principles should apply in general. A specific consideration is the legal status of admissibility as evidence, of digital material such as those taken by the more advanced CCTV systems. Much of this will fall within data protection legislation if the material gathered can be searched, e.g., by car number plate or by time. Given that material from such systems can be seamlessly edited, the European Data Protection Directive legislation needs to be implemented through primary legislation which clarifies the law as it applies to CCTV, to avoid confusion amongst both CCTV data controllers as well as citizens as data subjects. Primary legislation will make it possible to extend the impact of the Directive to areas of activity that do not fall within community law. Articles 3 and 13 of the Directive should not create a blanket covering the use of CCTV in every circumstance in a domestic context.

A proper code of practice such as that promoted by the UK-based Local Government Information Unit (LGIU, 1996) should be extended to absorb best practice from all EU Member States to cover the use of

all CCTV surveillance schemes operating in public spaces and especially in residential areas.(26) As a first step it is suggested that the Civil Liberties Committee formally consider examining the practice and control of CCTV throughout the member States with a view to establishing what elements of the various codes of practice could be adopted for a unified code and an enforceable legal framework covering enforcement and civil liberties protection and redress.

7.2 ALGORITHMIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

The revolution in urban surveillance will reach the next generation of control once reliable face recognition comes in. It will initially be introduced at stationary locations, like turnstiles, customs points, security gateways etc. to enable a standard full face recognition to take place. The Interim Report predicted that in the early part of the 21st century, facial recognition on CCTV will be a reality and those countries with CCTV infrastructures will view such technology as a natural add-on. In fact, an American company, Software and Systems, has trialed a system in London which can scan crowds and match faces against a database of images held in a remote computer.(27) We are at the beginning of a revolution in “algorithmic surveillance”—effectively data analysis via complex algorithms which enable automatic recognition and tracking. Such automation not only widens the surveillance net, it narrows the mesh. (See Norris, C., et. al, 1998)

Similarly, Vehicle Recognition Systems have been developed which can identify a car number plate then track the car around a city using a computerised geographic information system. Such systems are now commercially available, for example, the Talon system introduced in 1994 by UK company Racal at a price of 2000 per unit. The system is trained to recognise number plates based on neural network technology developed by Cambridge Neurodynamics, and can see both night and day. Initially it has been used for traffic monitoring but its function has been adapted in recent years to cover security surveillance and has been incorporated in the “ring of steel” around London. The system can then record all the vehicles that entered or left the cordon on a particular day. (28)

It is important to set clear guidelines and codes of practice for such technological innovations, well in advance of the digital revolution making new and unforeseen opportunities to collate, analyze, recognise and store such visual images. Already multifunctional traffic management systems such as “Traffic Master”, (which uses vehicle recognition systems to map and quantify congestion), are facilitating a national surveillance architecture. Such regulation will need to be founded on sound data protection principles and take cognizance of article 15 of the 1995 European Directive on the protection of Individuals and Processing of Personal Data. Essentially this says that “Member States shall grant the right of every person not to be subject to a decision which produces legal effects concerning him or significantly affects him and which is based solely on the automatic processing of data.”(29) There is much to recommend the European Parliament following the advice of a recent UK House of Lords Report (Select Committee Report on Digital Images as Evidence, 1998). Namely: (i)that the European Parliament “produces guidance for both the public and private sectors on the use of data matching, and in particular the linking of surveillance systems with other databases; and (ii) That the Data Protection Registrar be given powers to audit the operation of data matching systems”.

Such surveillance systems raise significant issues of accountability, particularly when transferred to authoritarian regimes. The cameras used in Tiananmen Square were sold as advanced traffic control systems by Siemens Plessey. Yet after the 1989 massacre of students, there followed a witch hunt when the authorities

tortured and interrogated thousands in an effort to ferret out the subversives. The Scoot surveillance system with USA-made Pelco cameras were used to faithfully record the protests. The images were repeatedly broadcast over Chinese television offering a reward for information, with the result that nearly all the transgressors were identified. Again democratic accountability is only the criterion which distinguishes a modern traffic control system from an advanced dissident capture technology. Foreign companies are exporting traffic control systems to Lhasa in Tibet, yet Lhasa does not as yet have any traffic control problems. The problem here may be a culpable lack of imagination.

7.3 BUGGING & TAPPING DEVICES

A wide range of bugging and tapping devices have been evolved to record conversations and to intercept telecommunications traffic. In recent years the widespread practice of illegal and legal interception of communications and the planting of ‘bugs’ has been an issue in many European States.(30) However, planting illegal bugs is yesterday’s technology. Modern snoopers can buy specially adapted lap-top computers, and simply tune in to all the mobile phones active in the area by cursoring down to their number. The machine will even search for numbers “of interest” to see if they are active. However, these bugs and taps pale into insignificance next to the national and international state-run interceptions networks.

7.4 NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTIONS NETWORKS

The Interim Report set out in detail, the global surveillance systems which facilitate the mass supervision of all telecommunications including telephone, e-mail and fax transmissions of private citizens, politicians, trade unionists and companies alike. There has been a political shift in targeting in recent years. Instead of investigating crime (which is reactive) law enforcement agencies are increasingly tracking certain social classes and races of people living in red-lined areas before crime is committed—a form of pre-emptive policing deemed data-veillance which is based on military models of gathering huge quantities of low grade intelligence.

Without encryption, modern communications systems are virtually transparent to the advanced interceptions equipment which can be used to listen in. The Interim Report also explained how mobile phones have inbuilt monitoring and tagging dimensions which can be accessed by police and intelligence agencies. For example the digital technology required to pinpoint mobile phone users for incoming calls, means that all mobile phone users in a country, when activated, are mini-tracking devices, giving their owners whereabouts at any time and stored in the company’s computer. For example Swiss Police have secretly tracked the whereabouts of mobile phone users from the computer of the service provider Swisscom, which according to *SonntagsZeitung* had stored movements of more than a million subscribers down to a few hundred metres, and going back at least half a year. (31)

However, of all the developments covered in the Interim Report, the section covering some of the constitutional and legal issues raised by the USA’s National Security Agency’s access and facility to intercept all European telecommunications caused the most concern. Whilst no-one denied the role of such networks in anti-terrorist operations and countering illegal drug, money laundering and illicit arms deals, alarm was expressed about the scale of the foreign interceptions network identified in the report and whether existing legislation, data protection and privacy safeguards in the Member States were sufficient to protect the

confidentiality between EU citizens, corporations and those with third countries.

Since there has been a certain degree of confusion in subsequent press reports, it is worth clarifying some of the issues surrounding transatlantic electronic surveillance and providing a short history and update on developments since the Interim Report was published in January 1998. There are essentially two separate systems, namely:

(i) The UK/USA system comprising the activities of military intelligence agencies such as NSA-CIA in the USA subsuming GCHQ & MI-6 in the UK operating a system known as ECHELON.

(ii) The EU-FBI system which is linking up various law enforcement agencies such as the FBI, police, customs, immigration and internal security.

Although the confusion has been further compounded by the title of item 44 on the agenda for the Plenary session of the European Parliament on September 16, 1998,(32) in intelligence terms, these are two distinct “communities”. It is worth looking briefly at the activities of both systems in turn, encompassing, Echelon, encryption; EU-FBI surveillance and new interfaces with for example to access to Internet providers and to databanks of other agencies.

7.4.1 NSA INTERCEPTION OF ALL EU TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Interim report said that within Europe, all e-mail, telephone and fax communications are routinely intercepted by the United States National Security Agency, transferring all target information from the European mainland via the strategic hub of London then by Satellite to Fort Meade in Maryland via the crucial hub at Menwith Hill in the North York Moors of the UK.

The system was first uncovered in the 1970s by a group of researchers in the UK (Campbell, 1981). A recent work by Nicky Hager, *Secret Power*, (Hager, 1996) provides the most comprehensive details to date of a project known as ECHELON. Hager interviewed more than 50 people concerned with intelligence to document a global surveillance system that stretches around the world to form a targeting system on all of the key Intelsat satellites used to convey most of the world’s satellite phone calls, Internet, e-mail, faxes and telexes. These sites are based at Sugar Grove and Yakima, in the USA, at Waihopai in New Zealand, at Geraldton in Australia, Hong Kong, and Morwenstow in the UK.

The ECHELON system forms part of the UKUSA system but unlike many of the electronic spy systems developed during the Cold War, ECHELON is designed for primarily non-military targets: governments, organisations and businesses in virtually every country. The ECHELON system works by indiscriminately intercepting very large quantities of communications and then siphoning out what is valuable using artificial intelligence aids like Memex to find key words. Five nations share the results with the US as the senior partner under the UKUSA agreement of 1948, Britain, Canada, New Zealand and Australia are very much acting as subordinate information servicers.

Each of the five centres supply “dictionaries” to the other four of keywords, phrases, people and places to “tag” and the tagged intercept is forwarded straight to the requesting country. Whilst there is much informa-

tion gathered about potential terrorists, there is a lot of economic intelligence, notably intensive monitoring of all the countries participating in the GATT negotiations. But Hager found that by far the main priorities of this system continued to be military and political intelligence applicable to their wider interests.

Hager quotes from “highly placed intelligence operatives” who spoke to the Observer in London. “We feel we can no longer remain silent regarding that which we regard to be gross malpractice and negligence within the establishment in which we operate.” They gave as examples. GCHQ interception of three charities, including Amnesty International and Christian Aid. “At any time GCHQ is able to home in on their communications for a routine target request,” the GCHQ source said. In the case of phone taps the procedure is known as Mantis. With telexes it’s called Mayfly. By keying in a code relating to Third World aid, the source was able to demonstrate telex “fixes” on the three organisations. With no system of accountability, it is difficult to discover what criteria determine who is not a target.

Indeed since the Interim Report was published, journalists have alleged that ECHELON has benefited US companies involved in arms deals, strengthened Washington’s position in crucial World Trade Organisation talks with Europe during a 1995 dispute with Japan over car part exports. According to the *Financial Mail* On Sunday, “key words identified by US experts include the names of inter-governmental trade organisations and business consortia bidding against US companies. The word ‘block’ is on the list to identify communications about offshore oil in area where the seabed has yet to be divided up into exploration blocks ...” It has also been suggested that in 1990 the US broke into secret negotiations and persuaded Indonesia that US giant AT&T be included in a multi-billion-dollar telecoms deal that at one point was going entirely to Japan’s NEC.(33)

The *Sunday Times* (11 May, 1998) reported that early on the radomes at Menwith Hill (NSA station F83) in North Yorkshire UK, were given the task of intercepting international leased carrier (ILC) traffic—essentially, ordinary commercial communications. Its staff have grown from 400 in the 1980s to more than 1400 now with a further 370 staff from the MoD. The *Sunday Times* also reported allegations that conversations between the German company Volkswagen and General Motors were intercepted and the French have complained that Thompson-CSF, the French electronics company, lost a \$1.4 billion deal to supply Brazil with a radar system because the Americans intercepted details of the negotiations and passed them on to US company Raytheon, which subsequently won the contract. Another claim is that Airbus Industrie lost a contract worth \$1 billion to Boeing and McDonnell Douglas because information was intercepted by American spying. Other newspapers such as *Liberation* (21 April 1998) and *Il Mondo* (20 March 1998), identify the network as an Anglo-Saxon Spy network because of the UK-USA axis. Privacy International goes further. Whilst recognising that “strictly speaking, neither the Commission nor the European Parliament have a mandate to regulate or intervene in security matters ... they do have a responsibility to ensure that security is harmonised throughout the Union.”

According to Privacy International, the UK is likely to find its “Special relationship” ties fall foul of its Maastricht obligations since Title V of Maastricht requires that “Member States shall inform and consult one another within the Council on any matter of foreign and security policy of general interest in order to ensure that their combined influence is exerted as effectively as possible by means of concerted and convergent action.” Yet under the terms of the Special relationship, Britain cannot engage in open consultation with its other European partners.(34) The situation is further complicated by counter allegations in the French magazine *Le Point*, that the French are systematically spying on American and other allied coun-

tries telephone and cable traffic via the Helios 1A Spy satellite. (*Times*, June 17 1998)

If even half of these allegations are true then the European Parliament must act to ensure that such powerful surveillance systems operate to a more democratic consensus now that the Cold War has ended. Clearly, the Overseas policies of European Union Member States are not always congruent with those of the USA and in commercial terms, espionage is espionage. No proper Authority in the USA would allow a similar EU spy network to operate from American soil without strict limitations, if at all. Following full discussion on the implications of the operations of these networks, the European Parliament is advised to set up appropriate independent audit and oversight procedures and that any effort to outlaw encryption by EU citizens should be denied until and unless such democratic and accountable systems are in place, if at all.

7.4.2 EU-FBI GLOBAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

Much of the documentation and research necessary to put into the public domain, the history, structure, role and function of the EU-FBI convention to legitimise global electronic surveillance, has been secured by *Statewatch*, the widely respected UK-based civil liberties monitoring and research organisation.(35)

Statewatch has described at length the signing of the Transatlantic Agenda in Madrid at the EU-US summit of 3 December 1995—part of which was the “Joint EU-US Action Plan” and has subsequently analysed these efforts as an ongoing attempt to redefine the Atlantic Alliance in the post-Cold War era, a stance increasingly used to justify the efforts of internal security agencies taking on enhanced policing roles in Europe.(36) *Statewatch* notes that the first Joint Action ‘out of the area’ surveillance plan was not discussed at the Justice and Home Affairs meeting but adopted on the nod, as an A point (without debate) by, of all places, the Fisheries Council on 20 December 1996.(37)

In February 1997, *Statewatch* reported that the EU had secretly agreed to set up an international telephone-tapping network via a secret network of committees established under the “third pillar” of the Maastricht Treaty covering co-operation on law and order. Key points of the plan are outlined in a memorandum of understanding, signed by EU states in 1995 (ENFOPOL 112 10037/95 25.10.95) which remains classified. According to a *Guardian* report (25.2.97) it reflects concern among European Intelligence agencies that modern technology will prevent them from tapping private communications. EU countries, it says, should agree on “international interception standards set at a level that would ensure encoding or scrambled words can be broken down by government agencies.” Official reports say that the EU governments agreed to co-operate closely with the FBI in Washington. Yet earlier minutes of these meetings suggest that the original initiative came from Washington. According to *Statewatch*, network and service providers in the EU will be obliged to install “tappable” systems and to place under surveillance any person or group when served with an interception order.

These plans have never been referred to any European government for scrutiny, nor to the Civil Liberties Committee of the European Parliament, despite the clear civil liberties issues raised by such an unaccountable system. The decision to go ahead was simply agreed in secret by “written procedure” through an exchange of telexes between the 15 EU governments. We are told by *Statewatch* the EU-FBI Global surveillance plan was now being developed “outside the third pillar”. In practical terms this means that the plan is being developed by a group of twenty countries—the then 15 EU member countries plus the USA,

Australia, Canada, Norway and New Zealand. This group of 20 is not accountable through the Council of Justice and Home Affairs Ministers or to the European Parliament or national parliaments.(38) Nothing is said about finance of this system but a report produced by the German government estimates that the mobile phone part of the package alone will cost 4 billion D-marks.

Statewatch concludes that “It is the interface of the ECHELON system and its potential development on phone calls combined with the standardisation of “tappable communications centres and equipment being sponsored by the EU and the USA which presents a truly global threat over which there are no legal or democratic controls.” (Press release 25.2.97) In many respects what we are witnessing here are meetings of operatives of a new global military-intelligence state. It is very difficult for anyone to get a full picture of what is being decided at the executive meetings setting this Transatlantic agenda. Whilst *Statewatch* won a ruling from the Ombudsman for access on the grounds that the Council of Ministers misapplied the code of access, for the time being such access to the agendas have been denied. Without such access, we are left with “black box decision making”. The eloquence of the unprecedented Commission statement on Echelon and Transatlantic relations scheduled for the 16th of September, is likely to be as much about what is left out as it is about what is said for public consumption. Members of the European Parliament may wish to consider the following policy options:

7.5 POLICY OPTIONS

- (i) That a more detailed series of studies should be commissioned on the social, political commercial and constitutional implications of the global electronic surveillance networks outlined in this report, with a view to holding a series of expert hearings to inform future EU civil liberties policy. These studies might cover:
 - (a) The constitutional issues raised by the facility of the US National Security Agency (NSA) to intercept all European telecommunications, particularly those legal commitments made by member States in regard to the Maastricht Treaty and the whole question of the use of this network for automated political and commercial espionage.
 - (b) The social and political implications of the FBI-EU global surveillance system, its growing access to new telecommunications mediums including e-mail and its ongoing expansion into new countries together with any related financial and constitutional issues.
 - (c) The structure, role and remit of an EU- wide oversight body, independent from the European Parliament, which might be set up to oversee and audit the activities of all bodies engaged in intercepting telecommunications made within Europe.
- (i) The European Parliament should reject proposals from the United States for making private messages via the global communications network (Internet) accessible to US Intelligence Agencies. Nor should the Parliament agree to new expensive encryption controls without a wide ranging debate within the EU on the implications of such measures. These encompass the civil and human rights of European citizens and the commercial rights of companies to operate within the law, without unwarranted surveillance by intelligence agencies operating in conjunction with multinational competitors.

(ii) That the European Parliament convene a series of expert hearings covering all the technical, political and commercial activities of bodies engaged in electronic surveillance and to further elaborate possible options to bring such activities back within the realm of democratic accountability and transparency. These proposed hearings might also examine the issue of proper codes of practice to ensure redress if malpractice or abuse takes place. Explicit criteria should be agreed for deciding who should be targeted for surveillance and who should not, how such data is stored, processed and shared and whether such criteria and associated codes of practice could be made publicly available.

(iii) To amend the terms of reference of the Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs Committee to include powers and responsibilities for all matters relating to the civil liberties issues raised by electronic surveillance devices and networks and to call for a series of reports during its next work programme, including:

(a) How legally binding codes of practice could ensure that new surveillance technologies are brought within the appropriate data protection legislation.

(b) The production of guidance for both the public and private sectors on the use of data matching, and in particular the linking of surveillance systems with other databases; and addressing the issue of giving Member State Data Protection Registrars appropriate powers to audit the operation of data matching systems.

(c) How the provision of electronic bugging and tapping devices to private citizens and companies, might be further regulated, so that their sale is governed by legal permission rather than self regulation.

(d) How the use of telephone interception by Member states could be subject to procedures of public accountability referred to in (a) above? E.g. before any telephone interception takes place a warrant should be obtained in a manner prescribed by the relevant parliament. In most cases, law enforcement agencies will not be permitted to self-authorise interception except in the most unusual of circumstances which should be reported back to the authorising authority at the earliest opportunity.

(e) How technologies facilitating the automatic profiling and pattern analysis of telephone calls to establish friendship and contact networks might be subject to the same legal requirements as those for telephone interception and reported to the relevant Member State parliament.

(f) The commission of a study examining what constitutes best practice and control of CCTV throughout the member States with a view to establishing what elements of the various codes of practice could be adopted for a unified code and a legal framework covering enforcement and civil liberties protection and redress.

(iv) Setting up procedural mechanisms whereby relevant committees of the European Parliament considering proposals for technologies which have civil liberties implications (e.g. the Telecommunications Committee) in regard to surveillance, should be required to forward all relevant policy proposals and reports to the Civil Liberties Committee for their observations in advance of any political or financial decisions on deployment being taken.

(v) Setting up Agreements between Member States Agreement whereby annual statistics on inter-

ception should be reported to each member states' parliament in a standard and consistent format. These statistics should provide comprehensive details of the actual number of communication devices intercepted and data should be not be aggregated. (To avoid the statistics only identifying the number of warrants, issued whereas organisations under surveillance may have hundreds of members, all of whose phones may be intercepted.)

8. REGULATION OF HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION

The Interim Report warned of the potential of some of these weapons, technologies and systems to undermine international human rights legislation—a consideration particularly poignant in this the 50th anniversary year of the signing of the UN Declaration on Human Rights. Many of the major arms companies have a paramilitary/internal security operation and diversification into manufacturing or marketing this technology, is increasingly taking place.

NGOs like Amnesty International, have begun to catalogue the trade in specialised military, security and police technologies, to measure its impact on industrialising repression, globalising conflict, undermining democracy and strengthening the security forces of torturing states to create a new generation of political prisoners, extra-judicial killings and “disappearances”. (Amnesty International, 1996). The key issue for Members of the European Parliament is how they will deal with the human and political fall-out of what is a systemic process of exporting repression: either importing a tidal wave of dispossessed refugees, or keeping them in desperation at the borders of Europe. There is an urgent need for greater transparency and democratic control of such exports and a clearer recognition of their frequent linkage with gross human rights violations in their recipient states.

The Interim Report catalogued in some detail examples of how this technology, including electroshock systems, was being supplied by European countries to assist in acts of human rights violation abroad, despite the fact that a substantial body of international human rights obligations should theoretically prevent such transfers.(39) The European Parliament made a resolution, on 19 January 1995, which called on the Commission to bring forward proposals to incorporate these technologies within the scope of the arms export controls and ensure greater transparency in the export of all military, security and police technologies to prevent the hypocrisy of governments who themselves breach their own export bans.(40) Members of the European Parliament may wish to consider the following policy options:

8.1 POLICY OPTIONS

- (i) That new research should be commissioned by the European Parliament to explore the extent to which European companies are complicity supplying repressive technologies used to commit human rights violations and the prospects of instituting independent measures of monitoring the level and extent of such sales whilst tracking their subsequent human rights impacts and consequences;
- (ii) Consider if there is a need to amend the terms of reference of the Committee for Foreign Affairs and Security to include powers and responsibilities for liaising with Member States to:

(a) Enable the European Parliament to explore the possibilities of using the Joint Action procedures used to establish the EU regulations on the export of Dual Use equipment to draw up common lists of proscribed military, security, police (MSP) technology and training, the sole or primary use of which is to contribute to human rights violations; sensitive MSP technologies which have been shown in the past to be used to commit human rights violations; and military, security and police units and forces which have been sufficiently responsible for human rights violations and to whom sensitive goods and services should not be supplied.

(b) Enable Member States to monitor and regulate all exhibitions promoting the sale of security equipment and technology to ensure that any proposed transfers such as electroshock weapons, will not contribute to unlawful killings, or to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

(c) Explore mechanisms to ensure that all military, police and security exhibitions are required to publish guest lists, names of exhibitors, products and services on display and no visas or invitations should be issued to governments or representatives of security forces, known to carry out human rights violations.

(d) Find more effective means for ensuring that the sender should take legal responsibility for the stated use of military, security and police transfers in practice, for example making future contracts dependent on adherence to human rights criteria and that such criteria are central to the regulatory process.

(iii) That the Commission should be requested to achieve agreement between Member States to undertake changes to their respective strategic export controls so that:

(a) All proposed transfers of security or police equipment are publicly disclosed in advance, especially electroshock weapons, (including those arranged on European territory where the equipment concerned remains outside Member States' borders) so that the human rights situation in the intended receiving country can be taken into consideration before any such transfers are allowed, and that reports are issued on the human rights situation in the receiving countries.

(b) Member States Parliaments are notified of all information necessary to enable them to exercise proper control over the implementation of their legal obligations and commitments to international human rights agreements, including receiving information on human rights violations from non-governmental organisations.

9. CONCLUSIONS

With proper accountability and regulation, some of the technologies discussed above do have a legitimate law enforcement function; without such democratic control, they can provide powerful tools of oppression. The real threat to civil liberties and human rights in the future is more likely to arise from an incremental erosion of civil liberties, than it is from some conscious plan. As the globalisation of political control technologies increases, Members of the European Parliament have a right and a responsibility to challenge the costs, as well as the alleged benefits of many so-called advances in law enforcement. This report has sought to highlight some of the areas which are leading to the most undesirable social and political consequences.

Members of the Parliament are requested to consider the policy options provided in the report as just a first step to help bring the technology of political control, back within systems of democratic accountability.

NOTES

1. The Interim Report on “An Appraisal of Technologies of Political Control” (PE 166.499), is available free on request from the STOA secretariat in Luxembourg. Where appropriate, readers of this summary report seeking further detail are referred to the relevant pages of the interim study.
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The Technology of Political Control, Penguin Books, Middlesex, UK.
3. *Statewatch*, October 1996, pp 6-7. A more recent related example concerns the proposed WEU creation of an 800-strong armed paramilitary police force drawn from existing specialist squads at the national level, for intervention in Central and Eastern Europe, to deal with public order, riot control and terrorism. (*Statewatch*, Vol 8, No.3-4, August 1998)
4. The Interim Report discusses in further detail specific innovations in area-denial technology; surveillance technology including biometric systems such as face recognition; data-veillance; discrete order vehicles; less-lethal weapons; lethal weapons; and execution technologies (Interim Report, Sections 3.1-3.6, pp 8-15).
5. Interim Report, pp 22-39
6. “Critics Question Use of Pepper Spray”, *Rutland Herald* and *Barre Times-Argus*, 22.2.98, Vermont, USA.
7. Amnesty International Press Release, AI: “USA: Police use of pepper spray is tantamount to torture”, 7 November 1997.
8. No one from the police or home office has subsequently visited this inspector who remains partially sighted—See *The Guardian*, 29 January 1998.
9. Interim Report, p 39.
10. *Pugwash Newsletter*, November 1997, p. 276.
11. Bill Arkin writing in *Journal of Medicine, Conflict and Survival*, quoted in *The Guardian*, 9 December 1997.
12. *Pugwash*, Ibid.
13. Principle 3 states that “the development and deployment of non-lethal incapacitating weapons should be carefully evaluated in order to minimise the risk of endangering uninvolved persons, and the use of such weapons should be carefully controlled”; principle 4 requires governments to take steps to ensure that arbitrary or abusive use of force is not used by law enforcement officers, and that force is used “only if other means remain ineffective”.
14. Interim Report, pp. 40-43.
15. Jessica Mitford’s, *The American Prison Business*, Penguin 1977, provided a good discussion of early behaviour-modification techniques tested in US gaols.
16. For example in 1996, the UK treasury announced enforced cutbacks of some 3,000 prison jobs. With the UK prison population expected to grow by 20,000 over the next 10 years due to the sentencing changes introduced by Home Secretary Michael Howard, staffing levels are sliding back to those prevailing at the time of the prison riots in the late 1980s. In these circumstances, the shortsighted prospect is one of expensive wardens being replaced with cheaper and more malleable technology, both passive and punitive.
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19. Quoted in Amnesty International, United States of America—Use of electro-shock belts, June 1996.
20. Interim Report, pp 44-52; 54-57.
21. In its report “Arming the Torturers” (Amnesty International, 1997) Amnesty named the fifty countries where electroshock torture and ill treatment had been carried out in prisons, police stations and detention centres. They are:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chad, Chile, China, Cyprus, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Indonesia/ East Timor, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco/Western Sahara, Nepal, Netherlands Antilles, Nigeria, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Russian federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Togo, Turkey, USA, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Kosovo province, Zaire.

Amnesty recognises that the real figure is probably higher, “as the use of these weapons in torture can be very difficult to detect.”

22. Quoted in *Sunday Business*, 30.9.98, London.

23. Speech by Hansjourg Geiger, German Federal Commission for the Stasi Files, April 14, 1993.

24. David Banisar, *Covert Action Quarterly*, No. 56, Spring 1996.

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26. The Interim Report (p 18) covers the minimal elements of such a code.

27. Patrick Hook, “Putting a Face to a Face,” *The Telegraph*, 13.08.98.

28. “Your number may be up,” *Times*, May 13, 1994.

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38. *Statewatch*, Vol 7, No. 4 & 5, July to October 1997

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