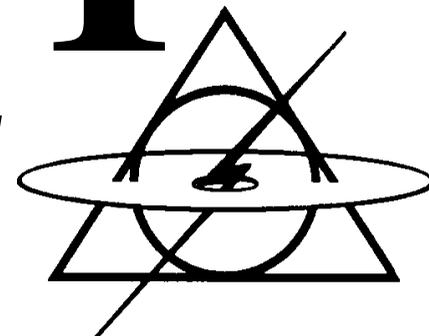


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V.K. Durham's "Holding Trust" Fraudulent As It's Represented?

1/21/02—#1 (15-158)

RE: VKD DIATRIBE OF 01/19/02 RE. HER HOLDINGS & ACTUAL DOCUMENT COPIES RELEVANT TO THIS TOPIC

Hatonn—Dharma asks for input and I have caused you all to research information that you have and question some things you don't have. This does not necessarily have anything to do with me other than, hopefully, offering some clarity. These things, at this point, still need addressing and possibly adding as an "addendum" to the affidavit to be of record. That needs your signatures.

First of all, however, I will address the distress to Margie regarding the handwritten note from Gail (Irwin-Martin-Cortright) regarding the paper information provided for, actually, RICK MARTIN who is not in contact with any of *CONTACT's* or *GAIA's* associations for several years. It was a gracious offer, Margie, and I now suggest, however, that you cease any interchange.

For you readers, Margie is going through some

really serious medical problems and this kind of nasty discourse is unmerited. Gail has written: "MARGIE, WE DO NOT (underlined x 3) WISH TO HAVE THIS CRAP (AND I AM BEING KIND) IN OUR SPACE—EVER. (underlined twice)—GAIL"

Well, Ms. Gail, I suggest you consider your position, for you personally have caused such problems for Rick, and yes, Charles Neil, as to consider your karmic possibilities as to be staggering. That is your choice but it seems possible that Rick is very involved, to his eyes, in this matter and you keeping information from him is serious indeed. We know that you read and re-read *CONTACT* to use against us at every opportunity—but this goes way beyond the bounds of "a loving wife"! We have NEVER had a pick of any kind with Rick Martin regarding THIS focus and you do him a great disservice. So be it, the choice was made and no further effort will be made to keep him informed. Will we go "around" you to him? NO, it is now "your" problem.

I take this up this morning so that we do not delay the necessary business trip of Mark by causing hold-up of information for the paper.

There is no cause to delay and cause inconvenience, please.

There actually, in our focus, is nothing more important to ongoing function than is clearance of this continuing encounter which seems to always end up impacting us. However, I repeat, we have nothing to do WITH V.K. DURHAM or whatever she claims as her "holdings", the states of Illinois or Iowa or whatever her current game in play might be. She is obviously offering, unbacked except by her selected documents, to do fundings; we want NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER with such programs. Therefore, it is worthy of the time and effort to counter the lies but unworthy of wiping eyes and noses of those who keep trying to somehow "beat the system"—and that includes V.K. Durham and her "Executive Trustees".

Obviously there is much tampering with V.K. Durham materials filed in BOTH counties in Illinois for "doing due diligence". It only backs our position so let us not waste more time on these absurd soap-serials of the daily time-eaters. Counter what is apparent and blatant and move on.

When we find that which V.K. has SUPPLIED to

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Instrument No. _____

RECORDED

County of _____

State of Illinois _____

Date: Aug 1, 1994

Time: 1:50 P.M.

BY EX-433/Pg.

Thomas Gray
Recorder

WARRANTY DEED

Prepared by: Name U.K. Durham, Signatory, CEO

Return to: Name SAME Fax _____

Address _____ City _____

Tax ID No: NA (CONTRACT) BONUS 3392-N-181 1875

Address SAME City SAME

The Grantor,

for and in consideration of COSMOS SEAFOOD ENERGY MGT, LTD Nominal DOLLARS
in hand paid, CONVEY AND WARRANT to U.K. DURHAM, SIGNATORY, &
ROSSELL HERMAN (son)

the following described real estate: BONUS 3392-N-181, MAY 1, 1875; By
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No. 046, NUMERO DE TARIFA 60. By JURAT/SEAL
COUNSEL GENERAL de ASCRITO, LOS ANGELES
CAL.: "SE LEGALIZA LA FIRMA, QUE ANTECEDE"
SE LEGALIZA LA FIRMA, DEL CONTENIDO" Aug 21,
1989.

- ① APPROP: LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION (ANTECEDES)
- ② CONTRACT ON BONUS 3392 of MAY 1, 1875
- ③ CERTIFICATE of DEBT, BONUS 3392 By JURAT/SEAL
- ④ PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTIONAL CONTRACT

Public Plat:
NA 181 NO 18

(optional legal description on reverse)

situated in the County of _____, in the State of _____ hereby releasing and waiving all rights
under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of this State.

DATED Aug 1 1994 U.K. Durham (SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

STATE OF _____

County of _____

CAROL L. HEGGEMEIER NOTARY, in and for said County.

in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that U.K. DURHAM

Place
Seal Here

personally known to me to be the same person whose name U.K.
subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and
acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as
her free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes
therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of Homestead.

"WITNESSE"

Given under my hand and Notary seal.

Exempt under provisions of Paragraph
Section 4, Real Estate Transfer Tax Act,
July 1, 1984
Buyer, Seller or Representative
OR DOCUMENTARY STAMPS

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WARRANTY DEED

Prepared by: Name U.K. Durham, Secretary, CEO
 Address PO BOX 479 on DREAMLINE, ILL.
 Return to: Name SAME Post _____
 Address _____ City _____
 The Seller: Name AB (CONTRACT) BONUS 3392-N-181 1875
 Address SAME on SAME

Instrument No. _____
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 Time 1:50 P.M.
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Thomas J. Henry
 Recorder

The Grantor,

for and in consideration of COSMOS SEATED ENERGY MKT, LTD, Nominal DOLLARS
 in hand paid, CONVEY AND WARRANT to U.K. DURHAM, SECRETARY, &
RUSSELL HERMAN (son)
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- 1) JURAT/SEAL Aug 21, 1989, ORDER NO. 7309, DOC. NO. 046, NUMERO DE TARIFFA 60; BY JURAT/SEAL COUNSEL GENERAL de ASORIDTO, LOS ANGELES CAL.: "SE LEGALIZA LA FIRMA, QUE ANTECEDES" SE LEGALIZA LA FIRMA, DOEL CONTENIDO" Aug 21, 1989.
- 2) AFFIXED: LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION (ANTECEDENT)
- 3) CONTRACT on BONUS 3392 of MAY 1, 1875
- 4) CERTIFICATE of DEBT, BONUS 3392 BY JURAT/SEAL
- 5) PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTIONAL CONTRACT

Exempt under provisions of Paragraph Section 4, Real Estate Transfer Tax Act, dated 1-1-1994
 Before Sealer or Representative
 OR DOCUMENTARY STAMPS

Public Notice
 1994, No. 12

(continue legal description on reverse)

situated in the County of _____, in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of this State.

WITNESSED AND SIGNED on this Aug 1 day of 1994 by _____ (SEAL)
 _____ (SEAL)
 _____ (SEAL)
 _____ (SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Washington County
Carol L. Hebbemeier NOTARY, in and for said County,
 in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that U.K. DURHAM

personally known to me to be the same person whose name IS
 subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that She signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as free free and voluntary act, for the reasons and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
 Carol L. Hebbemeier
 Notary Public, State of Illinois
 Washington County
 My Commission Expires 03/31/98

Given under my hand and _____ NOTARY seal.
Aug 1 1994
Carol L. Hebbemeier Notary

COSMOS, S.E. MARKETING LTD

24928 Girard
San Jacinto, California 92383

TEL: 714-925-2061

FAX: 714-925-5136

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP; December 2nd, 1989, BONUS 3392 NO. 181-1875

1 By; JURAT Aug. 21, 1989, Order No. 7309, Document No. 046.

2 The Corporation of Cosmos Seafood Energy and Marketing Ltd,, does
3 herein acknowledge a sale of Gold Certificate BONUS 3392 No. 181,
4 For Valuable Consideration and do here-in Mandate the sale shall
5 be irrevocable.

6 The sale made with valuable consideration of said certificate
7 BONUS 3392 NO. 181, herein transfer the "known" certificate to
8 responsible parties known as; Russell Herman and V.K. Durham
9 to be held as their personal and private property to dispose of
10 at their personal wish.

11 This sale is made without encumbrances of "any kind" on
12 said certificate.

13 Date 12-2-89

CEO Russell Herman
Signed *Russell Herman*

Russell Herman, Title
aka Russell Herrmann

16 Date 12-2-89

Signed *V.K. Durham*
V.K. Durham Title

19 Witness *Betty Michel*

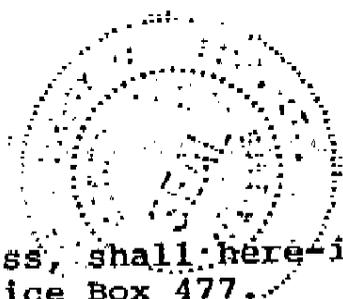
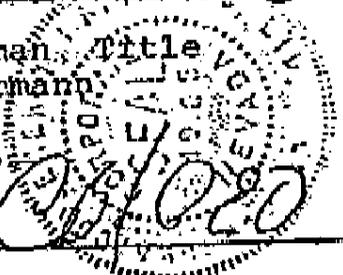
20 Witness *Lynda L. Michell*

Corporate Seal

22 Notice of change of residence and mailing address, shall here-in
23 be noticed as OKAWVILLE, ILLINOIS 62271, Post Office Box 477,
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V.K. DURHAM, SIGNATORY
P.O. BOX 477
Okawville, IL. 62271

RUSSELL HERMAN, SIGNATORY
P.O. BOX 477
Okawville, IL. 62271



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stated, I hereby transfer my portion of ownership in the Bonus 3392-181 into your care and careful management.

Signed: *[Signature]* Witnessed: *Rich Martin*



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JURAT

State of California
County of San ss.



Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me

this 3rd day of July 1993

(1) Rich Martin
Name of Signer(s)

(2) _____
Name of Signer(s)

Lillian LaGay
Signature of Notary Public

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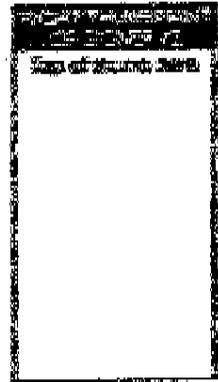
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Description of Attached Document

Title or Type of Document: Assignment of Ownership of Bonus 3392-181 Re: Russell Thomas Lee

Document Date: Aug 5, 1993 Number of Pages: 1 only

Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: _____



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FAX

To: Contact: The Phoenix Project, and
Doris & E.J. Ekker (and others)
Via Fax: 661-822-9658

From: V.K. Durham
712-384-3830

Ref: Forged, Bogus, Fictitious International Banking-Gold Deeds of Assignment from E.J. Ekker Signatory Global Alliance Investment Association U.S. and Philippines;

Ref: Deeds of Assignment recently tendered to The Durham Holding Trust for underwriting of "Collateral"..in the amount of 10B\$..

Mr. & Mrs. Ekker. We recently had experience of having to PROVE we were the actual owners of Bonus 3392-181 in regards to one of your GAIA "Deeds of Assignment" in the amount of 10B\$. Upon doing due diligence, your instruments FAILED to meet the requirements of the Financial Industry as being "Legitimate". Mr. Ron Krizinger also attempted to prove "legitimacy" by tendering to the e-mail group (Interpol, U.S. Secret Service, Banks etc all keyed in at the same time) being THE ONE TO WHOM YOU TENDERED THE 10B\$ "GAIA" DEED OF ASSIGNMENT..a page 79 from your recorded instruments alleging "assignment of interest" while claiming the following pages were somehow "missing".. We, then tendered the pages 80 through 90 of your recorded instruments (Clark County, Nevada) on to the individual with the 10B\$ Deed of Assignment. Page 80 contains the NOTARY of a DECEASED INDIVIDUAL'S SIGNATURE, the following pages are nothing more than "chronological's" taken from our original files. The "Seal" alleging to be "Cosmos" seal.. was NOT AN ORIGINAL COSMOS CORPORATE SEAL OF EITHER CORPORATE OFFICER OF WHICH "BOTH" SEALS AND BOTH SIGNATURES WERE REQUIRED SINCE DECEMBER 1989 TO "ASSIGN AN INTEREST IN BONUS 3392-181" (ALSO IN THE INTERPOL OFFICES). The COSMOS SEAL over RUSSELL HERMAN'S NAME is your own Cosmos Seal after you fraudulently incorporated COSMOS in 1998. CSEML had been Retired in 1997, proper notice given, and PUT INTO THE DURHAM HOLDING TRUST, Recorded of Public Record. The individual holding the 10B\$ Deed of Assignment noticed his "ALL KADA" funders/facilitators to CEASE AND DESIST funding projects.

The December 28, 2001 letter you so ELABORATELY "ELABORATED ON" in your January 9, 2002 issue..was a letter written to INTERPOL regarding communications with A PRESIDENT OF ANOTHER NATION. See how wrong you can be when you "assume"..! You were just as wrong about this letter being to President Bush, as you are about the "FORGED" signature of Russell Herman.

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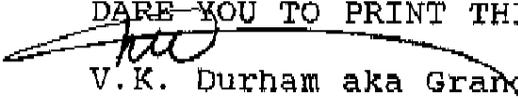
It is interesting how suddenly you find old records when you have told court after court ALL OF YOUR RECORDS WERE TAKEN FROM YOU BY THOSE WHO WERE "SUING YOU" for taking or doing Conversions of their properties? It is believed that is called PERJURY...

Incidentally; Your solicitation of persons to "be judge and jury" regarding your own PERJURY, AND FRAUDS.. while alleging "The Big Bad Wolves SNUFFED THE WRONG PARTY" could be taken in such a light that you are SOLICITING "MY MURDER"...in public print, no less.

Well, anyway..HAVE A NICE DAY..(some real pits days are coming your way).

The 1977 letter you addressed..cost me \$5,000 just to get the records translated and a legal opinion... Bonus 3392-181 was not put into CSEML until 1989 when I went in as CORPORATE CO-CEO.. Prior to that time CECELIA XZALIS was the additional corporate officer plus sever others..

~~DARE YOU TO PRINT THIS ONE!~~

 V.K. Durham aka Grandma Herman



us as her “partner” was tampered and false—we turn it over to legal counsel for safekeeping; we will publish no further information which raises more time-consuming tit for tat. We offer the Affidavit and brief addendums but we GIVE V.K. NO FURTHER FORUM THAN IS MANDATED BY US IN WHICH TO SPREAD HER VENOM.

These confrontations, however, are mandatory for your realization that “people” who do not understand or want to cut a better deal of some kind are less imbued with honor than V.K. herself. Deku’s people wanted to do an end run—AFTER HE NO LONGER EVEN HELD VALID “ASSIGNMENTS” RELATIVE TO GAIA. Remember that he had “lost” his MOA when he got in trouble for dealing “on shore” and had his deed itself withdrawn by GAIA.

Our commitment and agreement with the U.S. GOVERNMENT TREASURY DEPT. and thus FEDERAL RESERVE was to NOT use anything based on paper gold and moreover to not do our business “domestically” (within the U.S.; until or unless agreements were negotiated otherwise).

We will put a couple of things to correct for public presentation and then go on about our work.

WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING CONNECTED TO ONE V.K. DURHAM AND THAT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL POINT. SHE OBVIOUSLY HAS NO IDEA ABOUT ANYTHING THAT IS FUNDAMENTAL AND RELATIVE TO GAIA’S PROGRAM. ANY INFORMATION SHE RECEIVED FROM PROF. DEKU IS OBVIOUSLY FLAWED AND HIS CORRECTIONS TO HER RANTINGS PROVE HE WAS INVOLVED IN “END-RUNNING”. THAT IS HIS PROBLEM NOT OURS, EXCEPT TO SET OUR OWN COURSE THROUGH THE ROUGH SEAS SO THAT BEFORE ANY COUNCIL OR AUDIENCE WE STAND CLEAN AND CLEAR.

It is probably time to bring forth a couple of the documents which seem to be crucial to V.K. and present them with the research and detailed investigation already presented by “forensic” “experts”. This would be the claimed “Notarizing” of a Russell Herman signature some four years after the date of signing. Just present the paper for the world to see. It has a description of that to which the document in point refers (as all notaries would do for reference) and a notarization of Rick Martin’s signature.

The other document referred to as “The Michel” paper is even more absurd. It claims some signatures were affixed in 1989 but undated. The participants would have been in California at that time regardless of who actually signed the documents.

The papers were then claimed to have been actually filed in Washington County, Illinois on AUGUST 1, 1994.

Now, in the paperwork SUPPLIED to Rick by V.K., the document is not only tampered but the “County” in both the Clerk’s “box” and all of the information on the Notary’s “box” is altered. Not only is it tampered but actually “whited out”.

On the “face” page of the document “Warranty Deed” (apparently a purchased form from any office supply store) has a full removal of V.K. Durham’s address and other information.

However, in the actual filed paperwork these are filled in and reflect “PO Box 477, Okawville, Ill.”

Moving to the “Michel” document: The “paper” (stationery) shows “COSMOS S.E. MARKETING LTD,

San Jacinto, California”. It represents a “TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP” as the reference to the document itself. The “dates” are filled in by the same party. There are NO dates relative to the witness signatures but “x” marks the signature lines for signatures of other than one claiming to be V.K. Durham.

It is claimed NOW, to everyone who questions paperwork, such as Prof. Deku, that there is a statement about some two seals and signatures and other instructions which are supposed to somehow cause a question as to GAIA’s valid documents. Well GAIA HAD NO other documents except the tampered ones provided by V.K. Durham, wouldn’t you know, when there was a joint venture underway.

THERE IS NO SUCH REFERENCE TO SEALS OR OTHER ADDITIONS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE DOCUMENT: EXCEPT: “Notice of change of residence and mailing address, shall here-in be noticed as Okawville, ILLINOIS, 62271, Post Office Box 477.” That statement is set apart by multitudes of “/”. Then along the left margin is repeated the same address information twice.

The interesting thing is that there is not even reflected a location address—only a box number.

Now to the more interesting focus: THE SIGNATURES OF RUSSELL HERMAN.

In the “Signed” line is a handwritten “Russell Herrmann”—and then above the line and OUTSIDE the seal edge is ADDED: “Russell Herman”.

Now, note further that there is a place on the typed document for “title” but only V.K.’s bears the “title” in the space.

In front of the ADDED signature of “Russell Herman” is penned-in “CEO”.

Experts determine that the “Russell Herman” was ADDED on or about Aug. 1, 1994. The carefully placed “seal” is obviously intended to include the signatures—and even though the seal was sufficiently large to cover all signatures given, it is below the “Russell Herman” addition.

This is the signature claimed by V.K. to be (the pattern for) the forged signature on Russell’s assignment of August 5, 1993 (a full year prior to this “Michel” document or the above-referred to “tampered” “Warranty Deed”).

Before Russell died HE TOLD RICK AND E.J. THAT V.K. HAD THE ASSIGNMENT.

All of the documents filed with the (Washington) County Recorder are creations/fabrications of V.K. DURHAM or, at the least, filed under her authority. Not filed, curiously, are the calculations of “value” as were calculated, we were told, by the Federal Reserve in response to the request of the Administration of the U.S.

The calculations are so lengthy as to require special “banking type” computers to do the calculations, so this is not under question—at this time.

The “certificate” changed to a contract is listed as a “bonus” document and the calculations of interest and value are based on this particular document. This is borne out by Treasury, Federal Reserve, IMF and other parties applicable for consideration as “authorities” AND WHY the holding is of any interest at all.

This is also a moot point, for in the documentation provided to Mr. Birkic of Hong and Chang, Attorneys at Law for Mr. Peter Yong Ho Shin, there are no shown “calculation” documents. Therefore:

It must be concluded that the “arrangements of the calculation” documents provided us are

NOT reflected under the contents of the “Warranty Deed” of Aug. 1, 1998.

BECAUSE OF THESE DISCREPANCIES, WE HAVE SEEN TO IT THAT NO GREATER AMOUNTS THAN WOULD BE FULLY REFLECTED IN ANY CALCULATIONS OF A “RUSSELL HERMAN PORTION” are utilized by GAIA (Global Alliance Investment Association) under any circumstances. And THAT reflection is not caused to stand alone but only GOLD stands as OUR collateral and LOAN basis along with strict adherence to all agreements which have been published fully and according to LEGAL requirements.

We do not support in any way the roll-over, hi-yield, trading programs and have PUBLIC AGREEMENT on that point. If there is evidence of intent to use our documents for that purpose, we decline any consideration at all. We cannot control what “joint venture partners” might do AFTER the conclusion of our interest in the venture which ENDS with the full collateralization and banking procedures established.

ALL parties inquiring, including INTERPOL, are welcome as are the police, military, and any and all investigative agencies, including and never excluding the CIA, MOSSAD, KGB and Peter Sellers or Colombo (not to forget the *Get Smart* group.)

Why have we caused absolute care and accuracy to our program? TO NEGATE ANY AND ALL SUCH CONTINGENCIES AS PRESENTED BY THOSE WHO WOULD ABUSE, ACCUSE AND MISUSE ANYTHING TO WHICH WE ARE A PART. And yes indeed, people have been so impatient as to literally make some very bad choices in their own tampering with our program. NO, IT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

Professor Deku has no standing with us one way or another. He misused his documents in the first place and is now reaping the venomous outrage of one, V.K. Durham. She has now accused him of involvement and funding of terrorist groups—to INTERPOL (according to her claims). GAIA IS CLEAN AND CLEAR, AND THEIR HARANGUES ARE NOT OURS.

In the last (known) publication of V.K. Durham of 01/19/02 to “Contact: The Phoenix Project, and Doris & E.J. Ekkers (and others)”, sent to CONTACT by Fax on the same date, there is repetition of her same idiotic claims but very definitely damaging to one, Professor Deku without, more insultingly, naming him directly as if that will somehow protect her from her own bad behavior.

V.K. even outlays in her “evidence” (indicting herself again) others such as “CECELIA XZALIS” (incorrectly spelled) as having been the prior (before V.K.) corporate officer of CSEML.

Cecelia is Greek and known to Russell Herman and by Herman’s associates as his “closest” female friend in all the world. This has been referred to by Durham even at the time of Herman’s funeral.

Interesting to note here that there were two very close Greek associates of KNOWN contact with Russell Herman; one is Cecelia and the other is known to the CONTACT people as Terry (Terry the Greek we called him). Terry even took documents TO GREECE and to, personally, Princess Diana IN LONDON. This was while we were still trying to work WITH V.K. Durham.

There were so many contacts before and after Russell’s death that numbers were kept handy in the desk Rolodex. Cecelia even set up meetings in Greece and other places with VERY HIGH-LEVEL persons that we have no cause, here, to name.

So, when did V.K. go into high gear to get things into HER SOLE POSSESSION? In or about July of 1994 when she came to know that Russell Herman had pulled an assignment on her.

Now, please understand something, readers. EVEN IF THERE WERE CAUSES TO INVALIDATE THE 100% HOLDING OF ANYONE, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO THE GAIA PROGRAM—NONE AT ALL. Such assaults against the documents themselves have no bearing, for there can be NO LOSS to anyone, nation or even BANK. V.K. WOULD SINK THE TITANIC IF IT WERE NOT ALREADY DOWN.

Now to her “holding trust”. Trusts are registered and have specific numbering systems that prove right off the top that hers is NOT VALID as claimed, was NOT in evidence in 1980 when she claims to have holding of the “certificate or legal photograph” and was not in registration in 1997.

She claims “Public Record” which means nothing at all as to actual REGISTRATION. Public recordings are simply THAT, public records as turned over by whoever wants a recording for “safekeeping”. If lies are entered, lies will come out. **The “Holding Trust” is, AT BEST, fraudulent as represented** and certainly cannot LEGALLY hold some of the things she says she has in that “Holding Trust” which, in fact, is even presented by so many different labels as to be untraceable through standard procedures. GAMES AND SUPPOSITIONS ACTUALLY DO NOT FILL NEEDS.

Remember she handed out that “assume” position quite arrogantly and idiotically in her 1/19/02 letter regarding the 12/28/2001 letter FROM HER (to: ???) in which she had blacked out the information at the head of the letter itself and now claims some interesting NEW INFORMATION that it was NOT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. BUT TO “INTERPOL” regarding “A PRESIDENT OF ANOTHER NATION”. This new claim, when her letter is a quote of what is directed TO PRESIDENT BUSH.

We do note that THIS directive document shows no particular “CCs” but is directed to “others” than the named intended receivers. Therefore is the underlying reason for publication of the document AND THE RESPONSE here offered.

The certifying officer (Clerk) often used by V.K. as “clerk of record” in Washington County, Illinois—in V.K.’s own documents bears at least TWO signatures in total variance for Mr. Ganz himself. WHY? Clerical recognition or deliberate fraud?

Almost none of Ms. Durham’s dates are accurate even if she is directly copying from another document. Her statements as copied directly from another document are tampered, interpreted and mis-typed. Her stories do not stand scrutiny from one telling to the next and where she again refers (in the 1/19/02 letter) to “The 1977 letter you addressed..cost me \$5,000 just to get the records translated and a legal opinion...” is most interesting of all. By her other, under oath, claims of not being with Russell Herman between 1969 and 1986, she now claims the 1977 document as her OWN PROPERTY.

By the way, even the documents with the Peruvian seal represented are her concoction but utilizing legal “paper” and restructuring, adding to and rearranging the document itself to reflect her own qualifying signatures, seals, etc. Sorry, **V.K. Durham is a fraud and her claims are totally invalid** even to her new claims of “fraud” in the corporate reality of CSEML which she now claims is somehow “fraudulently

incorporated COSMOS in 1998”.

NOW KNOW, READERS, THAT OUR INTENT IS TO HONOR COMMITMENTS MADE TO ONE MAN: RUSSELL HERMAN. We have no interest in V.K. Durham or her fraudulent tamperings, constructions or manipulations of anything. She may rest with whatever she has but we have met agreements and have no interest in playing further games with irrational parties.

Furthermore, if it should turn out that because of her provision of fraudulent, fake or tampered documents, we or others utilizing her documents have difficulty, she will be brought to a court of law to show cause for her actions of criminal intent, interference with business of other parties, misuse of recording procedures, misrepresentation of facts, slander, liable and false accusations made to Heads of State(s) (internationally), International agencies, i.e., INTERPOL, Central Banks of various nations where even her TERM “FICTITIOUS” has been used in response to some persons right in the Philippines and obviously to Professor Deku of Ghana.

This IS coming to a legal action as a “class action cause” in the Philippines. There is no “cause” even shown to Ekkers or GAIA as a corporation or entity. EVERY AGREEMENT HAS BEEN KEPT BY GAIA AND REPRESENTATIVES THEREOF, EVEN IN THE FACE OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES BREAKING THEM ALL.

Now, Dharma, you may either publish this as is, or hold, because we back everything right to the last signature and paperwork presentation in PRINT and we will tolerate no accusations regarding “mysticism” or suggested “spiritualism” of some “thing” without credibility.

I DO, yes, suggest that you publish the “DARE YOU TO PRINT THIS ONE!” by “V.K. Durham aka Grandma Herman” and the little silly angelic logo.

It is mandatory to respond to actual lies and set them to straight. It is not suitable to give further forum to a “truth challenged” and “emotionally compromised” individual.

If V.K. is in terror of some damage to her life or limbs, then she had best look elsewhere than in Manila—for I would suppose the enemies she perceives as hers are far closer than 10,000 miles distant.

It appears and is stated by legal counselors that “the lady has manipulated and tampered documents of gravely serious content”; however, GAIA, stands “clear and uncompromised”. EVERYTHING GAIA DOES OR ISSUES IS PUBLICLY TRANSPARENT AND ON TWO OCCASIONS HAS PASSED S.E.C. INVESTIGATION AS WELL AS THROUGH THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OF THE PHILIPPINES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE S.E.C. AND, AS WELL, WAS CLEARED AS A VALID “FINANCIAL INDUSTRY” PROGRAM THREE YEARS AGO BY INVESTIGATORS DIRECTLY TO OUR ATTORNEY BY THE CENTRAL BANK.

V.K. Durham obviously has NO IDEA what we have, offer or present. If indeed Professor Deku went to V.K. Durham for “underwriting” of anything—IT COULD HAVE NO CONNECTION TO ANYTHING FROM GAIA. There is no, even remote, connection to our program in any type of “underwriting”. Anything with which we have connection is directly involving Russell Herman.

Even his Last Will and Testament was buried and changed-out to the extent that it was not even acceptable for entering, other than simply as papers in the Country

records—it was denied all legal consideration and was written AFTER Herman’s death, BY V.K. DURHAM AND WITNESSED BY ANDY NICHOLAW. EVEN THE NICHOLAW SIGNATURES ARE IN DIRECT QUESTION AS TO AUTHENTICITY but that is their problem and none of our own.

And as to GAIA: V.K. Durham’s continuing to refer to our documents as “International Banking—Gold Deeds of Assignment only proves INTENT TO MISREPRESENT. GAIA HAS NO GOLD DEEDS—PERIOD AND END OF STORY.

And, denial by V.K. Durham regarding Russell Herman’s connection with Marcos, i.e., “Philippines” is ludicrous. All of the “big heist” AND TAKEOUT of Marcos was built around use of the Superfund to cover the gold shipments around the globe to corner the assets. Bush just pushed the envelope beyond the limits of such people as Russell Herman and other “patriots” watching a system gone amok. SECURITY MUST BE REGAINED and MAINTAINED through honorable, honest and goodly people. I believe we accomplish that goal—and V.K. Durham can do that which she will but her program should not work because it is a deadly potential which she claims. Further, she DEMONSTRATES that she is both irrational and unstable and that is deadly to people and nations; the end of SOVEREIGNTY TO EITHER.

Russell Herman knew the circumstances and set about, even while dying, to secure some semblance of security and yes, we accepted the responsibility in the face of all negative odds and threat of deadly force against our people—TO SEE TO HIS WISHES. So shall it be and yes indeed, we go nowhere outside the needs of that accomplishment—but we will meet the “enemy” at every encounter set forth BY THOSE ENEMIES.

If YOU, reader, cannot understand the magnitude of this responsibility—then you are sorely lacking in recognition of the world around you.

We can change a world into good revolution OR we can break camp, fold our tents and turn you over to the V.K. Durham’s of the sick world of greed and egotistical positioning. It is all a matter, directly—every time—of just “who” is doing the abusing as to considered goodness or badness. WRONG is not “blessed” by self-righteous proclaimers of “my way”.

Yes, it IS difficult to stay the course in the face of this kind of accepted behavior but it gives stability and enduring foundation of total credibility.

Does “Fingers” make typographical errors? Yes, more quickly than almost anyone else around her. However, errors of the fingers or of memory can be corrected easily—issuing of wrong information by intent is not correctable except through presenting truth.

V.K. Durham’s presentations and datings DO NOT STAND CREDIBLE.

E.J., please fax directly the documents mentioned above from the files for publication. Include please, the Notarization always touted as “four years after his death” as well. Save space, however by not re-running the assignment itself because we have run those so many times as to not waste space in a paper so cluttered with this focus. People can make their own “due diligence” if they so choose.

There is room enough under the notarization itself for explanation of what it is.

Thank you, GCH

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PUBLIC NOTICE

“DECLARATION-AFFIDAVIT”

RE: ASSIGNMENT OF RUSSELL HERMAN

DORIS J. EKKER

E.J. EKKER

January 19, 2002

INTRODUCTION: This document is being presented to answer the need for information regarding Global Alliance Investment Association (GAIA) in relationship to Russell Herman, the owner of the BEARER BOND (Peruvian Gold Certificate “Bonus 3392-181”) which is the asset utilized by George Bush, Sr., Lloyd Bentsen, James Baker III, Oliver North and many others and was, in the late 1980s and early 1990s, referred to as the “SuperFund”.

The necessity to assert the GAIA position has been brought about by the slanderous, libelous interference with several of our business relationships by Russell Herman’s former business associate, V.K. Durham. At the time of Mr. Herman’s assignment of his portion of the contract/jurat to Rick Martin in August of 1993 we had assumed that “his portion” was 50% and Ms. Durham’s portion was 50%. As we have been obliged to probe the documentation in greater depth and detail, it appears that Ms. Durham (V.K.) may not have had any ownership at all and that her recent venomous attacks upon us are her desperate acts to obfuscate that fact.

Much of the following information has been substantiated by Lt. Commander Al Martin (plus many people who have had personal contact with Russell Herman and V.K. Durham) and will be augmented by information in his recently-published book, *The Conspirators: Secrets of an Iran-Contra Insider*.

Copies of most of the relevant documents are in hand in Manila, Philippines today. Some, also relevant to this “assignment” are either held by Rick Martin or were in files which were lost to the FBI/FDA in a raid under the guise of mislabeled “drugs” being distributed by a vitamin distributor. The local manager of the vitamin distributor, New Gaia Products, was our daughter, Diane. Computer drives were seized, products seized and all file records were taken from several locations which had nothing to do with “New Gaia” or Diane Kunick.

The FACTS are that the attempt was to get, and eliminate, all records regarding the “CONTRACT” AND THE HERMAN ASSIGNMENT. That would not be possible because so many of the relevant records and documents have been published in the existing paper *CONTACT* that the facts are widely known. (Prior to the “name” *CONTACT* the paper was first called *The Phoenix Journal EXPRESS (EXPRESS)* and then the “*PHOENIX LIBERATOR*.”) (*Liberator*)

Our first “recognized” contact with Russell Herman and/or V.K. Durham is documented on **Dec. 10, 1992** in Vol. 21, #9 of the *Liberator*.

The article was under the byline of “Hatonn” and had to do with “COSMOS” and Dare Schaut. (Doris J. Ekker is “secretary-transcriber” for “Hatonn”.)

In a writing dated **Dec. 16, 1992**, Hatonn states, Re: COSMOS: “I am not going to discuss details about this ongoing situation. I cannot jeopardize my people or the project by loose speaking. Suffice it to say that things ARE happening and if you pay attention, you will see what many of them ARE!”

In *THE PHOENIX LIBERATOR*, Vol. 21, #12, page 28, Nord Davis wrote an article regarding a **Nov. 27, 1992** Dare Schaut/(Dr.) Andy Nicholaw “conference call” (present were some dozen people, visitors and staff) concerning “Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing Ltd.” The address for COSMOS was given over the air as being RR1 Box 171, Okawville, IL 62271 (V.K. Durham’s address).

In a letter to Hatonn dated **Jan. 20, 1993** from Charles Dare Schaut, Schaut cries libel at information written about COSMOS (appearing in Vol. 22, #1 of *THE PHOENIX LIBERATOR*). In another letter written by V.K. Durham and signed by Russell Herman, CEO/CB and V.K. Durham, CO-CEO/CB for Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing, Ltd. (CSEML), she ends the letter with the following statement: “By the way, it surely must be real or George Bush would have not tried to obtain \$2B40M.10 for Iran in **1989**. Of course, we, Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing Ltd. refused him collateral.”

IT SHOULD BE NOTED AT THIS POINT THAT RUSSELL HERMAN INCORPORATED CSEML **MARCH 13, 1985**. THIS IS LONG PRIOR TO HIS ASSOCIATION WITH V.K. DURHAM WHO HAS DOCUMENTED THAT SHE HAD NO CONTACT WITH RUSSELL HERMAN BETWEEN **1969 AND 1986** (VERY BRIEFLY) AND THEN AGAIN IN **1987**.

Jan. 29, 1993 on page 16 of Vol. 22, #3 of the *LIBERATOR*, IS A FAX DATED **Jan. 29, 1993** addressed to “Mister Rick Martin”. [Quoting:]

“We are in receipt of your **Jan. 26, 1993** edition wherein you did print our response. Thank you.

“We would like to apologize to our lateness in response as on Christmas Day, we were in an auto accident which left us in a state of disarray. These things happen, however we do apologize for our lateness in responding.”

[Still quoting, later on:]

“To keep you on an update, WE (CSEML) forwarded on to President Bill Clinton on the **19th day of January 1993** our offer to assist in the restoration of the Republic, this consisted of 18 pages which originally was intended to *THE PHOENIX LIBERATOR* to publish so all of you could read what we had to say. We are holding it up for 30 days to allow our new president, Bill Clinton, time to peruse our letter. If there is no response in 30 days, we shall send this on for publication so you will be kept informed.” [END OF QUOTING]. It was initialed by V.K. and Russell.

During the time from **Jan. 1993 to August 5, 1993** there were numerous phone calls from RUSSELL HERMAN, sometimes with V.K. also on the line or taking her “turn” on the phone. Later on toward **August 5, 1993** he only called while she was out. He also gave explicit instruction as to how to present Public Notices and to whom back-up Certified information should be sent. This was confirmed by Texas attorney Robert Knecht.

In mid-summer of **1993** the calls became very serious as Russell said that he was being set up to be “taken out”. At that time we understood it to be “the Government, i.e., Bush, *et al.*” However, as time progressed it became evident he also felt “someone(s) around me” was trying to “get rid of me”. He specifically named Andy Nicholaw which only LATER became IMPORTANT to both Russell’s death and the contract/jurat. Russell said, “I’ll be lucky to make it past Thanksgiving.”

At one point V.K. wrote the following but the date is not clear, even on this original document. Both Russell Herman and V.K. Durham expressed their concern, as well as disapproval of the activities of Dr. Andy Nicholaw. Sometime between **August 1993 and April 1994**, Andy went to see Russell and V.K. According to V.K., when Andy entered their home, Russell said to V.K., “He’s been sent here to kill us.” After Russell’s death V.K. told the following story. When Andy said he was going to the bathroom (during this visit), V.K.—with a handgun in her hand—said to Andy, “When you come out of there you’d better have only your pecker in your hand because if you have anything else in it I’m going to shoot you where you stand.”

Rick Martin stated that, “V.K. has confided in me that Andy Nicholaw was the one who set Russell up for take-out.” Russell and V.K. both seemed very, very concerned over Andy’s activities with the certificate and they said they did not feel safe around him.

“Andy continued for months ‘peddling the Peruvians’ in the Los Angeles area and is, in all probability, still working with Dr. Robert Knecht to this very day on them.” This notation was dated **10-22-97** by Rick Martin as being from V.K.

By **July 1993** Russell told us directly that he did not have long to live and he had to do something about the “Contract”. He then asked us if we would take his portion and secure it. At that point I, Doris, wanted NOTHING to do with this new game; by then there was so much attention as to cause me to consider it very dangerous. Further, Russell said that once “they get rid of me” it will be a free-for-all as to gaining possession of EVERYTHING and that would be countered by no less than the Bush “bunch” trying for the same thing. Russell said he would make arrangements to be sure we had all the documentations we needed.

I was outvoted by E.J., Rick and Charles who felt we had to hold it should Russell be incapacitated. This, in turn, started a whole new barrage of “secret” phone calls and document exchanges which DID NOT include, directly, Ekkers. Mr. Herman said he knew what to do and how to accomplish it and worked out the details with Rick Martin. Russell said it

would be much better if Rick handled it as he was single, a recognized journalist, known by V.K. and could easier and with less notice be the receiver and holder of the documents themselves.

Russell also told us to keep good records, for we would surely need them and surely we have. So far, all we have needed is what came through her and our own timelines. She was smart enough to send us everything but the Will—more on that later.

At one point in a discussion with Russell there was an exchange when I (Doris) said I was under the impression that “he and V.K. were married”. The response was a chuckle and then an emphatic “No—never”. There was no further discussion. That was fully recalled, however, when later (a week before his death) V.K. said she and Russell Herman were married. That point was mentioned in the paper and V.K. had one of her tirades and demanded we not ever mention that again. Within two weeks, however, it became her “claim”. She then began calling herself “Grandma Herman”.

Russell told us that he had held onto that Peruvian BEARER BOND Gold Certificate but, to keep from getting killed, had converted it to a “contract” which was issued to CSEML. Less than four months later it was “sold” to him and V.K. as “individuals” to do with what they each pleased. (More on this under the heading: FORGERY.)

Following the working arrangement with Rick Martin there are documented phone calls from Russell Herman AND/OR TOGETHER with V.K. Durham on the following dates: 9/21/93, 12/3/93, 12/10/93, 12/27/93, 12/30/93, 1/3/94, 1/6/94, 1/7/94/ 1/14/94, 1/15/94, 1/17/94, 1/18/94, 1/18/94, 1/19/94, 1/20/94, 1/21/94, 1/24/94, 1/26/94.

Ms. Durham obviously opens herself and her Trust to lawsuit for an uncountable number of causes of action in her letter dated **July 12, 2001**, on a letterhead styled:

V.K. Durham, SIGNATORY-CEO
The Durham Holding Trust
State of Illinois and Iowa U.S.A.
PO BOX 112; IDA GROVE, IOWA 51445
TEL: 712-364-3830 FAX: SAME
July 12, 2001

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United Nations NOTICE OF INTERNATIONAL BANKING FRAUDS

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Via fax: 661:822-9658

And

INTERPOL INTERNATIONAL BANKING FRAUDS DIVISION

Via fax: (number has been redacted)

And

The Philippine Minister of Foreign Affairs, Attention: Erick

Via fax: 202-328-7614

NOTICE To: ALL NATIONS, ALL NATIONS

BANKS; Doris and E.J. Ekker, John and Jean Ray, Jack Jones, Greg Paulson, Rick Martin etalliis operating under (GAIA) GLOBAL ALLIANCE INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION:

Ref: Forgery of Corporate Officer, Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing Ltd; Russell Herman’s Signature, Unlawful Conversion of Title Instruments, International Banking Frauds (World Bank, IMF etalliis), Deceptive Practices with Malicious Intent to Cause Harm, and involvement in the Homicide of Russell Herman.

The document rambles on for four full pages (as the subject heading promises), finally getting to a reference to Mr. Marcos which we want to quote. On the way, however, we cannot pass up a wonderful paragraph that demonstrates V.K.’s inventiveness.

4. Mr. Jack Jones made the mistake of FILING his Annual Corporate (Nevada) Reports, leaving same in the Computer Data Base Records. Said reports indicate a payment from CORT CHRISTI (sic) (Nevada Corporations (sic) Headquarters) in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones, John and Jean Ray, then, while assisting the bereaved widow Herman (PER RECENT CONTACT PUBLICATIONS)... take COPIES of documents from the Herman Home conveying said copies to THE CONTACT OWNERS AND PERSONNEL who then RECORD THE COPIES AS THEIR OWN “RECORDED INSTRUMENTS OF TITLE.”

Anyone knowing Jack Jones and the Rays will recognize what a complete fabrication this is. We can predict that it will become another round of lies, entangling V.K. deeper and deeper in her own web.

On page three of the “letter” V.K. writes: “For the Record; RUSSELL HERMAN (though it makes good reading) was not involved with FERDINAND MARCOS or the PHILIPPINE GOLD.” We have to wonder what purpose this lie serves. We have met 10-15 people here who will testify under oath that they knew Russell Herman but that they did not see him after the **1986** coup of Mr. Marcos. Obviously he returned to the U.S. and “retired” some time between **1987** and moving to Illinois in 1990.

A NEW STORY OF RUSSELL HERMAN’S LAST DAYS: On **May 26, 1995**, CONTACT received the following information from V.K. Durham: [QUOTING:]

Received your paper and the article on killer germs. Most impressive. However, curiously, this killer germ identified as Cryptosporidiosis is almost identical to the resident germ in the bathroom camode in the house Russell and I have inhabited.

I believe there is cause and reason to believe this is the origination of the illness of Russell Herman, and later he was gassed by Serin out in the yard in front of the house. [END QUOTING]

Really? What happened to the rectal dose of radiation allegedly administered by Geo. Bush’s goons? What happened to the murder charge she allegedly filed against Geo. Bush, Bill Clinton etalliis? [Still quoting, later on:]

Reasoning: Prior to the incident of the “gassing”, Russell had been swelling profusely in the abdominal regions, as a matter of fact, the swelling was so profuse, he would have to split the seams in his jeans to accommodate the swelling. He was exhibiting bloody stools, and kidney difficulties with extreme pain in the mid-section.

Immediately after the gassing, he perspired profusely. He was bleeding from the eyes, nose, ears, spitting up blood, nauseated and disoriented and did lose consciousness. The combination of the two made him ill enough for the first encounter with the hospital “United Nations medics”, all employees/ personnel in St. Mary’s were wearing dark blue slacks/shirts, white blouses, black ties with epaulettes on the shoulders in the wing where Russell was taken.

Russell, while missing from 9:30 a.m. on **October 28th, 1993** until 21:27:52 hours that date, was strung up like a piece of beef with a pair of hooks under the shoulder blades with a cross bar across the shoulders in the back, he was burned with cigarettes, and beaten to the point of his left rib cage being broken, as was the left arm from the shoulder to the elbow.

Evidenced on Russell’s rectum were marks where a prod had been placed up his rectum, with entry areas around the anal area as though wires had been inserted in addition to the initial prod. [END QUOTING]

The question then and now remains: There was no autopsy so just how did V.K. have such interesting knowledge? Did she actually go about checking Russell’s very anus? I never felt this was a valid tale and still do not. But, we were not there and therefore cannot testify.

“After leaving St. Mary’s, Russell expelled what looked like tobacco in his feces. From appearances, pure tobacco had been shoved up his ass, up and through the intestines to reach the liver area which would cause abnormal liver functioning (the evidence exists).”

No, evidence cannot exist; any medically-trained individual would certainly realize the total impossibility of shoving anything up the rectum to the liver, tobacco or otherwise.

“Still, this did not kill on the desired time level, nor did he cooperate with them, they never did get what they wanted, and that WAS HIS SIGNATURE TO SIGN OFF ON THE CERTIFICATE/CONTRACT. Russ could not have signed off had he wanted to, he did not have that capacity.”

True, HE HAD ALREADY ASSIGNED IT TO RICK MARTIN (CONTACT).

“Being unable to walk to and fro to the bathroom facilities here at home, it became necessary to use a urine bottle. After a while the same killer germ Cryptosporidiosis began to cultivate in

the urine bottles, (The evidence exists.)”

Well, another “inaccuracy”: Cryptosporidia is a PARASITE, not a “germ”.

“All the cancer tests were negative. Accuracy rate 75-80%. Still radiation and chemotherapy was given, the burns are evidenced on his hips. Now we have excessive invasive radiation.

“Well, that did not kill him. Hospice decided with the doctors that I was to give him 10 mgs of morphine every four hours with a 2 hour break-through, and I was supposed to rub it into his gums even if he was asleep (then I would have been guilty of murder).

“Russ and I wised up to the morphine in a hurry. He cold turkeyed all the way. Much to their consternation, that little guy still was alive. He still had not died.

“I truly feel as though I let him down, and I was too exhausted to care for him and I put him back into the hospital where he could be given proper care, WHILE I GOT SOME NEEDED REST. I had told the hospital and doctors on Sunday, ‘I am going to take him home on Tuesday, as he is doing so well.’ On that Monday, he was murdered. His vital body fluids were extracted while he was still alive; the redness is from morphine and the accompanying fear.”

ASSERTING HER “INTEREST”: On Jan. 4, 1995, Grandma wrote to CONTACT:

“Please be assured; in the event I can get that portion of my own proceeds (referencing the Herman Will), the CONTACT will indeed get \$40 million dollars out of my own, this will be in Federal Reserve notes, and the gold bequeathing shall not be affected.” [This was directed to Rick and E.J.]

“Russell Herman and I decided too many years ago, how very important this CONTACT paper is to the people, and we both, the two of us made a free choice to assist this paper in the event we were able to do so. This is the reason the Will of Russell Herman left such a bequest.”

This was a strange entry, the only of its “kind” in the “Will” of Russell Herman. V.K. and Andy Nicholaw were working overtime during this period to somehow cause the documentation to reflect her interest. Russell had already assigned his interest in the contract/jurat. The separate issue concerning CONTACT we considered to be a token bequeath. So be it, it is signed and witnessed by no less than Andy Nicholaw.

In one of her narrations, V.K. said that during the period 1969 to 1986, while she was not in touch with Russell Herman, she was busy raising three children and he had two. She also said he had a “wife” in China. All of these revelations came after his death. Were his children Chinese and no longer loved by him? Seems strange that a man who thinks to leave one \$2.410 billion to CAVE IN ROCK, Hardin County, Ill. and another \$2.410 billion to East St.

Louis, Ill. forgets to include his children?

Another strange situation is that here is the richest man in the world, a man touted to belong to several of the most closely-knit groups in the world, the CIA, etc., etc., dying alone. Was V.K. his only friend? V.K. said he said, only a few months before his death when Andy Nicholaw came to visit, “He’s been sent to kill us.” So either Andy was not Russell’s friend or her story is another V.K. ploy. Actually, Russell had many friends and those who were in touch with us had no love for V.K.—but they were extremely loyal to Russell.

On December 28, 2001 we received a fax from V.K. via CONTACT that contained a single-page “NOTICE TO ALL BENEFICIARYS” (which seems to have been the second addendum to the “Will”). January 2, 2002 we received a fax from V.K. via CONTACT that contained the following:

“Additionally; After I discovered the Herman 24.4 percent would not cover the needs of THE STATES of the UNITED STATES for INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS; ON September 9, at 2:49 P.M. ‘I’ kicked in another 24.4 Percent to the Herman Estate which accounts for the ‘48 Percent’ you allege HERMAN ASSIGNED TO ‘YOU’..”

Reading her attached “NOTICE TO ALL BENEFICIARYS” (sic) does not seem to reveal that she actually gave anything. It says, “does herein make of public notice; (please note the semicolon) A LIKE AMOUNT OF 24.4%...” Was it a “gift”, an “assignment”, or some new V.K.ese? The document was filed and witnessed by Andy Nicholaw who was also the witness to Russell’s Will, and a lot of other of V.K.’s promotions.

The need to file this document smells a bit fishy. The recorded documents show the FED calculations of the value of 3392 to have been \$206+ Quintillion as of May 1, 1990. 24.4% of that is at least \$50 Quintillion. That is \$50,000,000 TRILLION, or 1 million trillion dollars per state. Which state would need more? Strangely, there are no such figures in the published “NOTICE TO ALL BENEFICIARYS”. At the most generous reading it bequeathed only slightly more than two-hundred-trillion dollars, which would leave a remainder of \$49,999,800 trillion. So what was the REAL objective of filing this document? (More on this under the heading THE WILL.)

Another ploy was her assurance to CONTACT of January 5, 1995 that she would pay the \$40 million from her portion. Sounds more like she and Andy were trying desperately to establish that she had a portion.

We have noted and wish it documented IN THIS AFFIDAVIT that Andy Nicholaw appears on all documents of importance following the “murder” of Russell Herman as well as those purportedly created before.

Recently, within the past few months, V.K. Durham has accused us, the Ekkers and some other people, of participating in the “homiciding of Russell Herman”. We had thought that to be the exclusive territory of George Bush. Isn’t it strange that now we get Cryptosporidia and serin gas,

along with other V.K.-diagnosed ailments? What happened to George and radiation-induced cancer?

It is now obvious to us that a concerted effort was/is being made to get Ekkers, *et al.*, OUT OF THE WAY by sending absurd information to central banks, “Arabs”, INTERPOL, “Islamic Gold Banks”, the President and the Central Bank of the Philippines, the U.S. Treasury Department, the U.S. Secret Service, and even the President of the U.S.—all BY V.K. DURHAM’S OWN DECLARATIONS. What could be the source of such venom? Is she the only participant? Is Andy still scheming and witnessing?

HOW I (V.K.) CAME BY THE CERTIFICATE: Bonus 3392 is claimed by V.K. Durham to have been in her family since the 1800s.

In *The Okawville Times*, 4/19/95, a copy of which was sent to us YESTERDAY, 1/11/02, is an interview WITH V.K. DURHAM. We will quote a short portion:

“DURHAM ADMITS THAT THEY OBTAINED POSSESSION OF THE GOLD CONTRACT BY ACCIDENT. SHE FOUND IT IN AN OLD BIBLE SHE PURCHASED IN 1977...”

And in an interview with *The Chicago Tribune*, 6/13/95:

“... SINCE HERMAN’S DEATH LAST FALL, HIS WIFE, WHO WITNESSED THE WILL AND IS ALSO LISTED AS A BENEFICIARY (A COMBINATION NOT ALLOWED BY STATE LAW), HAS URGED PEOPLE AROUND THE COUNTRY TO FILE CLAIMS FOR A PIECE...”

To assure the accuracy of this affidavit we have had to quite carefully review the documentation furnished to us by V.K. Durham. We have noted several different versions of V.K.’s “How I came by the Certificate” story, and the one mentioned above is another example. We will mention a few of them but first we should furnish a bit of background.

In an eight-page document faxed to us October 26, 1994 (less than two months after Russell’s death), V.K. makes the following statements (This will be an exact quote, extra periods and all.): “Didn’t see Russ again until 1969.. he was on his way to VIET NAM..he had his RED HAT ON..and I knew he was SPECIAL FORCES..all the way... He had a little time..he had called me to have dinner with him...We had dinner at Petes Steak House in Evansville, Indiana. We stayed there untill Pete’s closed at 2:am.. He had his own Air Plane..out at Dress Regional..I drove him out to Dress Regional..watched him taxi out..and off into the wild black younder..and then I did not see him again until 1986...” A page later, “Finally when we did meet again in 1986...neither of us were the same...” On page 5, “When I first saw Russ in 1986, he was so thin..” If we accept her writing on the subject, we have to agree that she did not see Russell in the 17 years from 1969 until briefly in 1986 and then constantly from 1987 until his death in 1994.

Her comments about that period include: “When I finally saw Russ again..he had changed so much..I hardly recognoised (sic) him... He was still a very distrubed (sic) and troubled man... He had divorced..and he had two girls.. I had divorced..two girls and a boy...” This is the only mention of either

of them having children that we can recall.

With the background of a 17-year hiatus in their acquaintanceship, we can return to the "How I came by the Certificate" stories, one of which is on page 6 of this narration being quoted. She says, "Just think about this...the Certificate (BONUS) was drafted on **May 1, 1875**... I bought the Bible in **May of 1975**....the Bible was printed in **1874**...(?)" In the interview quoted above she says, "SHE FOUND IT IN AN OLD BIBLE SHE PURCHASED IN **1977**..." In an e-mail dated **January 7, 2002** she says, "The BOND at issue belonged to MY FAMILY, not MR. HERMAN'S." In an e-mail dated **January 5, 2002** she says, "This BOND has been in THE DURHAM TRUST since **1980**." In another e-mail of the same date she says, "Gentlemen; Earlier publications as put out by THE PHOENIX (a former CONTACT: The Phoenix Project news paper name): **1994-95-96** editions ran volluminious (sic) articles regarding "V.K. Durham finding the BONUS CONTRACT BOND 3392-181 in her 'Family Bible' dated **1874**." "The instruments were given to Lady Sarah by her father (my great grandfather) who won the darned thing IN A POKER GAME. Check out the 'back issues'..your needs to know WHO OWNED THE DARNED THING is CONFIRMED in Public Print. The Ekkers are fully aware of the HOLY BIBLE issues. The issues can be affirmed by prior-previous publications. They are and were also aware of THE DURHAM TRUST assigning a 'portion' over to COSMOS SEAFOOD ENERGY MARKETING LTD (whereas on **June 12, 1991** CSEML offered a 50-50 split with the U.S. Treasury); COSMOS SEAFOOD ENERGY MARKETING LTD is HELD IN THE DURHAM (INTL. LTD;) HOLDING TRUST (TIAS 12087) Recorded of Public Record." (We have underlined a short part of the last sentence to make it easier to return to that subject a bit later.)

There are other stories but these should suffice to establish the pattern.

Given V.K.'s multiple assertions that she did not see Russell from **1969 to 1986**, none of those stories can be true. She could not have been involved in the **1977** opinion letter from Lawyer Schreiber of Lima, Peru concerning Bonus 3392. She was not involved in the formation of CSEML in **March of 1985** nor in the taking of the photograph of Bonus 3392 in **May of 1985**. (The photographer mentioned in his affidavit that he delivered the photograph August 6, 1986.) Nor was she around when the translator, Roberto Lozo of the Staff Linguistics Interpretations Section, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, finished his translation of the contract on the face of Bonus 3392-181 **August 24, 1984**. Russell was clearly and obviously the BEARER of the BOND which was not declared "lost or stolen" until **August 1989**.

THE IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE DOES NOT ALLOW THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE THAT V.K. DURHAM HAD ANY INTEREST IN BONUS 3392 UNTIL IT WAS REISSUED TO COSMOS SEAFOOD ENERGY MARKETING LTD. AUGUST 21, 1989, IF THEN.

We say, "if then" because the more research we do, the more we become convinced that V.K. had no established interest, even at the time of Russell's death, and that she and Andy Nicholaw began a frantic campaign to establish ownership of "her portion" some two months before Russell died **August 29, 1994**. On **August 1, 1994** in Washington County she filed a form titled WARRANTY DEED which is the "cover page" for the following (her list) documents:

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP (the "Michel" doc) Dec 2, 1989 (There is no "seal" requirement typed in on the bottom)

(1) A F F I X E D : L E G I S L A T I V E AUTHORIZATION (Antecede) July 6, 1994

(2) CONTRACT on Bonus 3392 (Historical Demographics) July 12, 1994

(3) CERTIFICATE OF DEBT (by Jurat/Seal) July 6, 1994 (Appears to be "her" translation of face of 3392—poorly done)

(4) PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTIONAL CONTRACT July 6, 1994

This is the OFFICIAL FILE that you get when you go to the Courthouse in Nashville, Washington County, Illinois. The copy we have was certified by the RECORDER, Thomas Ganz. At first we were aghast at what was NOT in this file. After comparing it with the Clark County, Nevada file, a copy of which we provide to each Joint Venture Partner, we were struck by the fact that every document but one in this file was authored by V.K. Durham between, probably, **July 1, 1994** and **July 12, 1994**. Some 90% of the material in the above four numbered documents is contained in other documents that have credible third-party authors and would be far more acceptable as a basis for the authenticity of Bonus 3392. Why was not the Lawyer Schreiber letter there? It was written about Bonus 3392 in **1977**. Why was not the "Peruvian Consulate" document there? As a background document, it is by far the most credible. Why did V.K. go to the trouble to plagiarize (badly) the beautiful and authentic translation of the Bonus 3392 face page by Roberto Lozo? It finally dawned on us. The "Peruvian Consulate" document is where the Photographer is mentioned as having been commissioned to take a color photo of the Bond in **1985**. The translation of the Bonus 3392 face page by Roberto Lozo is dated **1984**. So the mystery is solved: Ms. V.K. Durham was hiding the fact that all of the really important authentication of Bonus 3392 was done at a time when she was not yet one of the participants.

Why would it matter, if she had clear title to half of \$206 Quintillion plus subsequent interest accruals? We can think of only one reason: She did not have a clear (or any) title to anything.

THE "ODD" DOCUMENT: We have referred to the single-page document beginning with the words TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP; as the "Michel" document because it is purportedly witnessed by Betty V. Michel and (unreadable) L. Michel, neither of whom dated their signature. The purported date of the document and the Russell

Herman plus Russell Herrmann and V.K. Durham signatures is **December 2, 1989**. According to V.K.'s recent e-mail to Arnie Gammelsgarrd, Interpol Fraud Division, Denmark <CCU@KBHPOL.DK>, the necessity to "sell" Bonus 3392 to themselves as individuals arose "after you warned us about TOO MANY COSMOS CORPORATIONS OUT THERE PRETENDING TO BE 'US'.. We promptly corrected, drew the BOND out of Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing Ltd; put it into our own personal control whereas the requirements for entering into any Financial Agreement mandatorily required BOTH Mr. Herman's Signature, His SEAL, My signature and MY SEAL." She closes with "Keep on top of this Arnie..".

Is there an "Arnie"? Did Prof. Deku get a response from Arnie to his e-mail? We kind of doubt it. Perhaps someone with more Internet skills would have time to make an inquiry. The indication is that a Marion Aikens was a George Bush man that got caught trying to use some of Bonus 3392 in 1989 and Arnie was the Interpol man trying to prosecute Aikens but a Lynn Schively from U.S. Treasury refused assistance. The story is an old one so it could have some truth to it; what is doubtful is that this latest flurry from V.K. Durham is really reaching "Arnie".

That is not the BIG question concerning this document. The document was not recorded until **August 1, 1994**, under the above-mentioned WARRANTEE DEED. On **October 12, 1993** (two months after Russell's assignment to Rick Martin), V.K., as Co-CEO of CSEML, entered "Peruvian Gold Cert. Series 3392 #181" "for collection" at Boatman's Bank, Belleville, Illinois. If CSEML was not, and had not been, the owner for four years, that was a clear and deliberate fraud against Boatman's Bank. If it was not a fraud and CSEML still owned it, what did Russell assign to Rick Martin? He said it was "his portion", and he said it twice in his assignment, and his signature is sealed with the CSEML corporate seal, but he made no mention of CSEML in the assignment. Is it possible that he didn't know about the "Michel" document? Is it possible that the Michel document was created just in time to be filed **August 1, 1994**? Who are the Michels? Do they live in California or in Illinois? Are they real? Without saying so at the time, Russell Herman may have known he was assigning 100%. If you read his assignment with that possibility in mind, it takes on new meaning.

V.K. shrieks that Arnie has a copy of this document with the statement typed on the bottom that says two signatures and two seals are required to initiate any Financial Transaction. Since the statement is not on the copy filed in Washington County, which is supposedly her official filing, it would not be enforceable if it were on Arnie's copy, so the matter becomes moot.

FORGERY: V.K. has yowled "forgery" since she first laid eyes on Russell's signature on the assignment, claiming that it was an exact copy of his signature on the Michel document. She has claimed that Rick Martin could have used the special equipment available to journalists to make an exact copy (he had no such equipment).

She says, “Doris; NEVER MIND HERRMAN’S PASSPORT SIGNATURE...FORENSICS have proved no individual signs his-her name TWICE the SAME WAY.” What a ridiculous assertion. (An aside we cannot overlook: V.K.’s spelling of Russell’s name as Herrman here is on neither his passport nor the document.) Perhaps there is no kind way to say this: Whether or not an individual can sign his-her name twice the same way, a good forger can. Russell asked me (E.J.) on the telephone one day, “Can your wife sign your name?” I answered, “Sure, but it won’t pass muster at the bank.” Then he said, “V.K. can sign my name better than I can.” Maybe she is right about “forensics” and she signed the document (for him, of course) and he signed the assignment. His signature on the assignment is a simple Russell Herman and looks very little different from that on his Passport—which is the only signature we know has to be his.

V.K. insists that the “Michel” document, from which she asserts Rick lifted the assignment signature, also contains a statement at the bottom that any assignment must contain two signatures and four Seals. We have more than one copy of that document from the Washington County, Illinois filing, and it contains no such statement. It would not be a valid requirement even if it were there, as a postscript, because in the body of the document are the words, “...to dispose of at their personal wish”. In the event of such a conflict in a document, which would you expect to control? Postscripts are always added “later”, in this case: years later, if at all. And the document contains a second signature spelled “Herrmann” which he didn’t ever use unless she had typed it in, forcing him to use it to make it look right. It is just as plausible to say that V.K. forged all five signatures on the Michel document as it is to say Rick Martin, or someone, forged Russell’s signature on the assignment.

For more evidence of her ability as a forger, see the section on the Will.

MARRIAGE: One of the biggest problems for V.K. and Andy to overcome was the lack of a marriage. They “solved” that by making entries in a “family?” bible, the face page of which is provided showing “PHILADELPHIA: A. J. HOLMAN & CO., 1874. This technique was not acceptable to the military or to Social Security, so she was not able to collect “his” earned benefits as his wife. Rick Martin, a skilled investigative journalist, had the records checked in several California counties and the two counties in Illinois and found no record of their marriage. Added to the fact that Russell told us they were not married seems to clinch that. A top-notch attorney in the Philippines, where the laws were patterned after the U.S., asked if they were married—and when the answer was “no”, his instant response was, “Then she probably has no enforceable claim.”

In 1996 V.K. writes the story of having lunch with Russell and William Colby, former CIA Director, some time between his retirement and death in a “boating accident”. Quoting: “Now, there is the matter of my husband enlisting Colby’s assist in straightening out his military records, as another Russell Herman

was drawing Russell Herrman’s military pay. Allegedly, there is a ‘computer glitch’.”

Here is a quote from V.K. Durham’s fax of Sunday, August 5, 2001:

Per my husband; There were FIVE Russell Herman’s. Reconstructive Surgery had been done on these person’s in order they would look like the real Russell E. Herrman (Herman). Further, per Russell E. Herrman (Herman) “the others used a different hand for writing than he.” How did my husband’s name go from Russell E. Herrman or Russell Herrman to Russell Herman...? A U.S. MILITARY PAY ROLE RECORD’S SNAFU.

One Russell Herman was from Dalton, Illinois. A second Russell Herman was from ALTON, Illinois (He died at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis in 1991). A third did live in Palm Springs, California. The fourth in San Diego, California. The fifth lived in the Chicago Illinois area. This can be verified through the Freedom of Information Act.

There seems to be no rationality in the woman when she gets started on a lie. It seems to consume and take over her brain. Then, when she reads it after sending it to someone, she has to lie more to cover that one. Reminds us of the “Mean Little Kid”, one of Red Skelton’s radio characters: “The devil made me do it.”

All this time we were led to believe her efforts to prove marriage were for dinky pension benefits while she was really trying to nail down her claim to the jurat.

SEALS & SIGNATURES: V.K. has just made a new rule. She says, “One Seal, and one signature ‘DOES NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT MAKE.’” Just think about that. How many times in your life do you, either as an individual or the officer of a corporation, foundation, etc., sign documents without a seal? Your signature on a credit card charge slip is an enforceable contract. What does your “seal” look like? On our corporate documents we are in the habit of using a seal—but in most states, and the Republic of the Philippines, it is not required, even for a corporation. V.K. says that the seal on the assignment from Russell to Rick Martin “does not match either SEAL being the SEAL OF RUSSELL HERMAN or the SEAL OF V.K. DURHAM”. Now here is something new: His SEAL & Her SEAL. If they look different from the Corporate Seal but are distinguishable as His & Hers perhaps they were purchased at the same time. The seal on the assignment looks the same as the standard Corporate Seal provided with a Corporation Kit at the time the Corporation is formed. Maybe Russell didn’t want to use “His” SEAL on that document.

In her “letter to the President” of December 28, 2001, V.K. writes the following:

1: Mr. Herman had no “assignable interest” as evidenced by the Peruvian Sealed instrument. It was, and is DONNA VINA DURHAM identified by Passport Number and Document Numbers who’s “signature is firm and shall not be contested”..(Se

Legaliza La Firma, No El Contenido).

The Filipinos speak nearly as much Spanish as English, having been colonized by the Spanish for 200-plus years. We have been told by many well-educated Spanish-speaking people here that the parenthetical expression in Spanish has absolutely no reference to “DONNA VINA DURHAM”, and that it can only refer to the document. It does intend to assure that the replacement of Bonus 3392-181 is officially acknowledged and none of the dozens of Filipino attorneys who have studied our documents has ever even offered to argue their authenticity. The Koreans did, went to Washington County to get their own copies, and came back saying ours were copies of the originals, not re-writes by V.K. Durham, and they have been contented with ours.

V.K. has two other “habits” designed to mislead the casual reader. She loves to sign documents as Executrix and **ATTORNEY IN FACT**, and to append “May 1, 1875 GRANDFATHERED” to references to Bonus 3392.

V.K.’s CHARGE OF MURDER AGAINST GEO. BUSH: Just a reminder that this was probably another lie. Attorney Robert Knecht told Rick that he, as attorney for the Herman Estate, could disperse the \$40 million to *CONTACT* right away. As we recall, the following day Mr. Knecht reported to Rick that V.K. told him she had filed a charge of murder against Bush and the others. If it was filed, it should be a public record. Do you suppose she will claim George had it “expunged”? And that should lead us to further questions about the “Will”.

THE WILL: Via a copy of a letter from “Katherin” faxed to *CONTACT* dated December 28, 2001 and purportedly sent to someone she referred to as “The President of the United States”, V.K. makes the following statements: [QUOTING]

3. After filing Mr. Herman’s Last Will and Testament with the Gallatin County Treasury, John Ellis on Sept. 6, 1994 at 12:06 pm (signed by Mr. Ellis as received and timed) calculations determined there was not enough “collateral assigned” to meet the requirements of the Will.

4. Sept. 9, 1994, Instrument No. 20185 page no. 003 at 2:49 P.M. “I assigned another “24.4 percent” into the Herman Estate to meet the needs of the formerly filed Will.

The Will was never probated as FILING IN TIMELY FASHION for the Beneficiaries Expired per the State of Illinois who, incidentally DENIED the existence of the Recorded instruments (Certificate of Indebtedness of Peru, Re-Instatement by Peru, Mortgage, Legislative Annex’s, Liens etc.) Received by John Ellis on Sept 6, 1994 at 12:06. Subsequently, THE BEFORE MENTIONED PERCENTILES WERE BROUGHT BACK INTO THE “DURHAM (INTL. LTD;) HOLDING TRUST identifies by recorded number and filed of Public Record. [END QUOTING]

Since our name and that of GAIA is mentioned several times, we would be very embarrassed to think that V.K. Durham is so uncouth as to send such tripe to the President. She has the capability of writing a decent letter and surely would not be caught sending such as this to someone she would want to favor her. She ended the letter with "Talk to you later.. Vina". Please recall that the heading was "Katherin". Such a farce.

But a more important farce is that the entire last-quoted paragraph is such a lie. Russell knew and told us she would "bury" his Will. The purported Last Will and Testament that she filed in Gallatin County September 6, 1994 was not signed by Russell Herman, not even under her Power of Attorney, or even forged. It was styled as:

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTYS
To
GALLATIN COUNTY ILLINOIS ETALLIIS

Surviving Signatory/Owner) Last Will and Testament of Decedent, Russell
) Edward Herman/Herrman/Herrmann
V.K. DURHAM)
) and ADDENDUMS
in and on the behalf of)

Russell Edward Herman/Herrman/Herrmann)
SELF EVIDENCED "TRUTHS", a PLEDGE OF)
LIFE, and PORTION OF PROPERTY.)

After half a page of underlined listings of recordings in Washington County, and several Constitutional references to Articles, and "a reservation of portions of %176 percentiles over and above the accrued interest from May 1, 1990 for the people of the states successfully re-acquiring their 10th Amendment Rights of State Sovereignty", appears the following paragraphs [QUOTING:]

All partys (sic) shall act in GOOD FAITH with PURE INTENT OF GOOD WILL TO THE SUBJECTS/PARTYS (sic) of this "Bequest" i, e, Notice to all parties of the DECEDENT, Russell Edward Herman/Herrman/Herrmann also known to the SIOUX NATION as "Cheif (sic) Red Feather" of the now almost extinct EVERGREEN CLAN, who died on August 29th, 1994 at 7:45 p.m. that date, at the Marion Veterans Health Care Facility in Marion, Illinois, and at no times shall undue stress, undue duress, coercion and/or fraud be evidenced by "ANY" party to this bequest.

The Laws to which this 1875 contract, bonus certificate 3392 sub-number 181 are subject: The Laws of 1875 being; the COMMON CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS OF THE PEOPLE pursuant to Article IV., Section IV., and the 10th Amendment of the United States Constitution of America IN PURE FORM (U.S.C.A.) [END QUOTING]

It is dated September 5th, 1994 8:00 AM and signed EXECUTRIX; V.K. DURHAM and then Dr. Andy Nicholaw "witness" 8:01 A.M. and then: "Acknowledged: Catherine Herman/Herrman, Wife, Sept 5, 1994"

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As Doris puts it so well: We don't know whether to laugh or cry. If this purports to be a Will, the poor man died "intestate", i.e., without a Will. What of the marvelous tapestries and huge diamonds and goblets supposedly being sold for V.K. by Dr. Knecht? Where are they now? Knecht told us (several of us gathered around a speaker phone) that they were worth some \$300M and he had offered them at \$250M as a "package" and had several potential buyers but V.K. kept scuttling his "deals".

Is it any wonder "The Will was never probated as FILING IN TIMELY FASHION for the Beneficiaries Expired per the State of Illinois who, incidentally DENIED the existence of the Recorded instruments (Certificate of Indebtedness of Peru, Re-Instatement by Peru, Mortgage, Legislative Annex's, Liens etc.)." Quite obviously the farce could not be supported and the above are excuses meant to further, in some convoluted way, V.K.'s self-serving schemes.

The foregoing and the following document were published in more than one issue of CONTACT, the one we have being dated May 19, 1998. The second is titled:

DECLARATION AT COMMON LAW
NOTICE TO; BENEFICIARYS [misspelled, of course]
ADDENDUM TO ESTABLISHMENT
OF
BENEFICIARYS
RUSSELL EDWARD HERRMAN/HERMAN
AND/OR
V.K. DURHAM
OWNERS/SIGNATORYS (also misspelled) BONUS 3392
SUB-NUMBER 181, ITS CONTRACT... [Signed by V.K. (but not as "wife") and Russell and witnessed by Andy Nicholaw purportedly February 4, 1994.]

Returning for a moment to a statement from the "Will"—"and at no times shall undue stress, undue duress, coercion and/or fraud be evidenced by 'ANY' party to this bequest"—we want to point out V.K.'s ability to stretch, bend, or create new Truth, here is what she wrote to us in her fax dated 12/13/02 (sic): "...the Will specifically states; 'No undue stress or duress shall be put upon the Executrix. If in the event undue stress and duress is put upon the Executrix all provisions of said Will shall become NULL AND VOID AND OF NO EFFECT.'" [Underlining hers.] Then "...AUTOMATICALLY create a NULLITY upon any 'bequest' you might have received, had the Estate not expired..." Trying to figure out what sort of game she might be playing, we looked up the term, pathological liar. It seems to come pretty close.

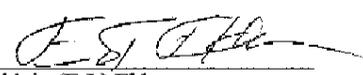
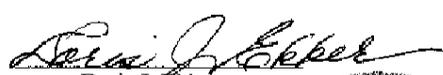
How would an Estate "expire"? Maybe there was no Estate to begin with. And SHE accuses US of fraud? There were two (or more) copies of the "WARRANTEE DEED". Who "whited out" the State, County and Date on the one filed in Washington County so that it would look authentic for the filing in Gallatin County? It was not Ekkers or Rick Martin.

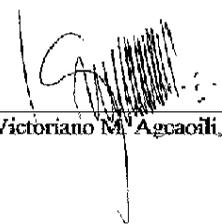
Okawville, where V.K. Durham and Russell lived at the time of his death, is some five miles from the County Seat of Nashville, where the Courthouse and facilities needed to settle an Estate are located. Why would the Will be filed for probate in Gallatin County, some five counties and over 100 miles away? Is that where the Estate expired? Here is a quote from a V.K. letter dated 12/13/02 (sic): "(d) expiration of time regarding timely filing regarding matters of estate automatically VOIDING the entire Russell Herman Estate..." Would it not be interesting to learn exactly what occurred with the Herman Estate? Perhaps V.K. knew the Will and documents would not pass muster in Washington County but thought she could fool the hicks off the "beaten track". Could that also be why nearly one whole page (of 5) of the "NOTICE TO; BENEFICIARYS" was devoted to the gifting of \$2.410 billion to Gallatin County? No wonder Mr. John Ellis, Treasurer of Gallatin County, asked for more assets which caused V.K. and Andy to run back to Shawneeville with "another 24.4 percent" "from her portion" September 9, 1994.

EPILOGUE: V.K. Durham claims to have made statements that there are "Federal Warrants for Ekkers' arrest" through the Internet to Interpol and U.S. agencies, as well as to the president of the Philippines and the central bank of the Philippines.

Russell Herman asked that we do everything possible to work WITH V.K. Durham to see IF it could be perfected through her, for what real reason we do not know. We did everything we could to honor that request until 1997 when it became clear that she was a professional leach and we refused further association with her. We gave her thousands of dollars in the three years we tried to help her.

We swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true to the best of our knowledge and recollection. Signed in Manila, Philippines, this 19th day of January 2002.


Eddyjo (E.J.) Ekker

Doris J. Ekker


Attorney Victoriano M. Agcaoili, Jr., Witness



The News Desk

By John & Jean Ray

UN TRIBUNAL FOR WORLD DEBT?

The New American, 01/28/02

Here it comes: a new campaign for an International Debt Court (IDC), an International Bankruptcy Tribunal (IBT), or some such creature. The advocates: the one-worlders at the *New York Times*, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, Wall Street, and the Council on Foreign Relations. The massive debt crisis and the likelihood that other debtor nations may follow Argentina into default necessitates an institution of this kind, they say. The plan was floated in an article by Daniel Altman in the *Times* on January 6th entitled, "A Country in Chapter 11? Yes, but..."

"Argentina alone owes \$141 billion, mostly to the IMF, the World Bank, other countries and institutional investors," noted the *Times*. What to do about this? Create and empower a new UN institution, of course. Mr. Altman tells us the IMF "recently suggested offering countries the same sort of bankruptcy reorganization procedures, through an international tribunal, that are available to companies and municipalities in the United States." This would mean, naturally, investing the new institution with broad governmental powers. No problem; the folks at the IMF, World Bank, and UN have never been shy about "empowering" themselves.

"The idea, which has been around for at least a decade, was revived by no less a personage than Anne O. Krueger, the No. 2 official at the IMF, in a November speech," reported the *Times*.

"One of the first to propose this idea," the story continued, "was Jeffrey D. Sachs, the Harvard economist well known for his work advising Russia." The *Times* doesn't tell its readers, of course, that Krueger and Sachs are both members of the Council on Foreign Relations and leading architects for the new economic order that is largely responsible for the staggering international debt load. All of which recalls the observation of the great 19th-Century economist Frederic Bastiat, who noted that governments seek to increase their power by "concocting the antidote and the poison in the same laboratory"—i.e., by either creating or exacerbating problems which then require statist "solutions". If accepted, the "antidote" being proposed by Sachs, Krueger, and other chemists in the CFR/IMF laboratory will prove more deadly than the poison.

[JR: Amen as to the statement that the IMF antidote becoming the poison that will kill us all. There's nothing like allowing the UN to step in and set up another new agency to become the sole authority over us all. This is another reality of the New World Order nightmare part II.]

LOSS OF RIGHTS FEARED WORLDWIDE, FIGHT AGAINST TERROR

By Charles J. Hanley,
The Salt Lake Tribune, 01/14/02

(AP)—In parliamentary chambers and cabinet rooms around the globe, the fears and suspicions of a

world on edge are fast translating into the cold legal language of police power.

In London, New Delhi and beyond, these stern new anti-terrorism laws have now themselves, for some, become a cause for worry.

"First it was communism. Now it's terrorism," said Singapore opposition leader Chee Soon Juan, complaining that his city-state's government has always found justifications for stifling civil liberties. In Russia, Spain, India and elsewhere as well, some foresee the anti-terror offensive being turned into a campaign against political dissent.

Government leaders counter that if they are to head off terror attacks, they have no choice but to equip police and intelligence agencies with new authority to eavesdrop, to dip into private files, to lock away people on mere suspicions.

French President Jacques Chirac, for one, says the times require extraordinary measures, "in proportion to the gravity of the risks, the scale of which was revealed by the mass crimes perpetrated Sept. 11 in the United States."

Britain's home secretary, David Blunkett, trying to cool a fiery debate last month in the House of Lords, defended his government's counter-terrorism proposals as "a proportionate and necessary response to the tragic events of Sept. 11".

In the aftermath of that day of terror, Washington led the way in expanding state security powers. Through legislation and presidential order, the U.S. government has resorted to secret detentions of hundreds of people, to loosened rules on wiretapping, to listening in on lawyer-client conversations, to contemplating closed military tribunals for terrorism suspects.

Other governments have followed suit. The British, Australians and Indians have adopted or will soon approve laws enabling intelligence and enforcement agents to detain terrorism suspects without trial, keeping them off the streets while searching for evidence against them.

Some rights advocates are alarmed, including Terry O'Gorman in Australia, where the government plans to allow its intelligence agency to hold people for questioning for 48 hours without legal representation. This is an invitation to mistreatment, said O'Gorman, president of the Australian Council for Civil Liberties.

"Any system that keeps lawyers out of police stations or detention centers where powers can be abused is fraught with dangers," he said.

Australia's conservative government also proposes giving intelligence agencies the authority to intercept e-mail, one example of moves worldwide, including in Canada, India and Italy, to authorize more extensive tapping of private communications.

Italy's Parliament also put a new crime on the books, association for the purpose of international terrorism, recalling the use of "criminal association" charges to round up Italian mobsters.

Europe's noisiest debate over eroding liberties played out in Britain's Parliament. The ruling Labor Party

pushed through a package allowing the government to detain foreigners indefinitely without trial on suspicion of terrorism, and giving police more power to sift through personal financial and tax records. But in the upper, unelected House of Lords the legislation ran into a wall of protest, with Conservative leader Lord Strathclyde saying it encompassed "the most far-reaching powers ever seen in peacetime". He objected that police would be empowered "to commandeer private and personal information on the merest suspicion of a criminal offense quite unrelated to terrorism".

[JR: Sept. 11 had to happen as it was the final stage of a brilliant plan to implement a super police state on an uninformed, unsuspecting and supportive public. The Elite's war on terrorism is in essence a declared war on every citizen in every country in the world who are now considered a potential threat to those in power and their plans for world control. We are now living the nightmare called the "New World Order".]

CHURCH PROBED OVER ANTI-SEMITIC CHARGE

Tribune, 01/18/02

YEKATERINBURG, RUSSIA—After years of complaints by a Jewish group, Russian prosecutors have opened a criminal inquiry into the sale of anti-Semitic texts by a Russian Orthodox Church diocese in the Ural Mountains region.

The case marks a rare effort to prosecute anyone on charges of inciting religious intolerance in Russia. It is also the first time federal authorities have challenged the country's majority church over alleged anti-Semitism.

The inquiry began last month after prosecutors received a protest from 16 non-governmental organizations in the Sverdlovsk region. They objected to the Yekaterinburg diocese's sale of a book by a czarist-era priest, Sergei Nilus, and diocese newspapers containing allegedly anti-Semitic material.

Church officials in Yekaterinburg, about 900 miles east of Moscow, have said Nilus' writings do not target Jews.

[JR: This is a very abbreviated U.S. version of the issues brought against the Russian Orthodox Church which conveniently omits the who (Jewish group), the what (16 non-governmental organizations?)—and the why (the anti-Semitic material) for us the (un)enlightened people of the lie. With our relationship with Russia tenuous even in the best of times, why are these pertinent facts omitted by our news media? The article below from *The Moscow Times* fills in the details so lacking in our U.S. newspapers.]

PROTOCOLS OF ZION PUTS CHURCH IN HOT WATER

By Andrei Zolotov Jr., *The Moscow Times*, 01/14/02

For Mikhail Oshtrakh, a Jewish activist in Yekaterinburg, it seemed like a lost cause: Over three years he sent numerous—and fruitless—protests to prosecutors and other officials over what he saw as anti-Semitism in official Orthodox Church publications.

But it took one meeting with a Kremlin official in Moscow for the regional prosecutors to suddenly change

their mind. Last month, they opened a criminal investigation into the fact that the Yekaterinburg diocese has distributed through church stores a book by early 20th-Century author Sergei Nilus that contains a notorious anti-Semitic forgery known as *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and had a bishop's blessing on its title page.

"When anti-Semitic literature is disseminated by marginal groups—and they have been doing it for a long time—no one attaches much weight to it," Oshtrakh, a biophysicist, said in a telephone interview last week. "But when it is done by the authoritative church, when it is presented with a bishop's blessing, it becomes dangerous."

The issue underscores widespread anti-Semitic convictions within the Russian Orthodox Church and its leaders' unwillingness or inability to deal with them. The secular authorities have also been reluctant in past years to go after hate rhetoric, whether espoused by State Duma deputies or neo-Nazi groups. Article 282 of the Criminal Code, which makes "igniting ethnic, racial or religious hatred" punishable by up to four years in prison, has been applied rarely in the five years of its existence. Only a few cases have made it to court, and no high-profile convictions have been reported.

Oshtrakh's campaign began in 1999 when *Pravoslavny Vestnik*, a magazine published by one of Yekaterinburg's Orthodox parishes, published anti-Semitic poems. Oshtrakh, who leads the Sverdlovsk regional branch of an organization called Jewish National Cultural Autonomy, sent letters to the regional department of the Press Ministry and to the prosecutor's office. Both went unanswered, he said.

After several other similar cases—in which his complaints also went unanswered—last July he saw in one of the church-run book stalls Nilus' book *Bliz Yest, Pri Dverekh* (It Is Near, Right at the Door), which contains as an appendix the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. The book was published by Dioptra Orthodox Literature Center in St. Petersburg and bore the blessing of Archbishop Afanasy of Perm and Solikamsk.

By going after Nilus—the best known popularizer of the *Protocols*—Oshtrakh has touched one of the foundation stones of Russian religious nationalism with its strong anti-Semitic component.

Sergei Nilus (1862-1929) was an eschatologically inclined Orthodox writer who first included the *Protocols* in his 1905 book *Velikoye v Malom*. The apocalyptic vision of a Jewish-inspired conspiracy of liberals and socialists against traditional European Christian monarchy became the central theme of his 1911 book, *Bliz Yest, Pri Dverekh*.

The *Protocols* purport to be a report from a series of meetings in Basel, Switzerland, in 1897 at the time of the first Zionist congress, at which Jews and Freemasons were said to be plotting to undermine Christian societies and establish a global government based on the power of money.

Exported to the West by Russian emigres (ACCENT AIGU ON BOTH Es), many of whom saw the 1917 Revolution in apocalyptic terms, the *Protocols* became a classic of anti-Semitic literature and captured the imagination of anti-Semites from Henry Ford to Adolf Hitler. Ford's newspaper, *Dearborn Independent*, cited them as evidence of a Jewish threat, and in Nazi Germany they became mandatory reading at schools.

Even though several investigations in the 1920s and 1930s proved the *Protocols* were forgeries by the

Russian secret police—who concocted them out of a 19th-Century French satire about Napoleon III and a German fantastic novel—the pamphlet continues to circulate among archconservative and White supremacist groups worldwide.

Banned in Soviet Russia, Nilus' writings and the *Protocols* emerged in the past decade as one of the main pillars of the mythology of a Holy Russia destined to become the last bastion of Christendom struggling against a host of liberal devils personified by Jews and Freemasons. This mythology is so strong in the Russian Orthodox community that even church leaders who refuse to underwrite it usually do not dare to oppose anti-Semitism publicly. When Patriarch Alexy II addressed a group of New York rabbis in 1992 with a carefully worded speech intended to mend bridges between the two faiths, he returned home to face vociferous accusations of heresy from influential groups of laymen.

Since in his book Nilus attacks not only Jews and Freemasons but also Muslims, Oshtrakh, who heads the Sverdlovsk division of KNOR, a coalition of groups representing ethnic minorities, organized a new series of petitions this time around—also on behalf of **Yekaterinburg's Tatar and Kazakh groups**. It sent complaints to many government bodies—from the mayor of Yekaterinburg to the presidential administration in Moscow, as well as to the prosecutors. But as before, first the city's and then the region's prosecutors saw no grounds for opening a criminal case.

Apparently unwilling to enter into a dispute with the influential Orthodox Church, some of the city's Jewish leaders also refused to support Oshtrakh. "We don't take the contents of Nilus's book kindly, but we don't consider it a pretext for creating a religious and political scandal," the spokeswoman for the city's synagogue said in July, news agencies reported. "We have long-standing and friendly relations with the Yekaterinburg Diocese."

In an attempt to quell the conflict, Archbishop Vikenty of Yekaterinburg and Verkhoturye, the head of the Orthodox Church in the region, met in August with the region's **chief rabbi, Zelik Ashkenazi, who is part of the Lubavitcher-dominated Federation of Jewish Communities of Russia, a major Jewish group backed by the Kremlin in its rise to prominence**. But the archbishop said it was Oshtrakh who was responsible for inciting hatred.

"There has never been any enmity between us, and attempts to sow it are dangerous," a diocese press release quoted the archbishop as saying during the meeting with the rabbi. Vikenty acknowledged that Nilus' book might be sold in some church bookstores. "But it is at the very least strange to consider it 'anti-Semitism,'" he said. "While fueling emotions by some individuals around what was written 100 years ago does indeed help ignite inter-ethnic enmity."

Feeling a little bit like a lonely warrior, Oshtrakh persisted. Help came from the Civic Forum—a congress of nongovernmental groups organized by the Kremlin in November to foster a "dialogue between the state and society".

As a part of the forum, Oshtrakh met with government officials including Andrei Protopopov—the top-level Kremlin official in charge of relations with religious organizations. "I had everything with me," Oshtrakh said. "I passed the documents to Protopopov and he promised to sort it out."

Just three weeks after he returned home, Oshtrakh received a letter from the prosecutor's office of the Urals Federal District, which supposedly of its own volition reconsidered the case and ordered the Sverdlovsk regional prosecutors on Dec. 13 to launch an investigation. By mid-February, Oshtrakh said, prosecutors promised to present preliminary results.

"We would be satisfied if these materials are officially recognized as igniting ethnic and religious hatred," Oshtrakh said in a telephone interview. "As a result, their dissemination without commentary should not be permitted by law."

He holds out little hope of anyone being punished, but he would like to receive a public apology from the diocese or, even better, from the Moscow Patriarchate. "If the church recognizes that Nilus' substantiation of a Jewish conspiracy is not normal, it would do a great deal to shake the foundations of religious anti-Semitism," Oshtrakh said.

That is unlikely to happen. Yekaterinburg Diocese spokesman Boris Kosinsky said the diocese will stop buying Nilus' books for its warehouse, but would make no apology.

"If I make such a statement, there will always be people who will say that powerful forces made me do it, and we will turn this fact of literature and history into a greater conflict," Kosinsky said in a telephone interview from Yekaterinburg.

Banning Nilus' books is not the answer and would only increase public interest, he said. "We lived long enough in a totalitarian society where certain things were forbidden to be published to serve one or another ideology," he said. "One book can only be challenged by another book and not by a court."

Archpriest Vladimir Silovyev, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Publishing Council, cautiously described the *Protocols* as an "early 20th-Century document that requires research and analysis."

"There is no anti-Semitism in the fact that they [the *Protocols*] were published as part of Nilus' heritage," Silovyev said in a telephone interview. They should not have been published, however, with the blessing of a bishop, he said. The Patriarchate has investigated the case and established that Archbishop Afanasy did not give the blessing that was printed in the book, Silovyev said.

In a letter to Oshtrakh, Archbishop Afanasy said he was sorry for the "misunderstanding about the blessing" and expressed his respect for the Jewish people.

[JR: The Jewish group mentioned in the brief U.S. article is an individual named Mikhail Oshtrakh who is the head of KNOR (the 16 non-governmental organizations) which represents ethnic minorities in the Siberian region. The why is the issue of the publication of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion which they label as anti-Semitic. The Protocols first became known in Europe after a Jewish conference was held in Basel, Switzerland in 1897. Some thought the Protocols to be just notes taken at a lecture for Jewish students regarding a "program in progress"(which is in place today). To single out ex-Tsarist era priest Sergei Nilus as the author is convenient but may not be accurate. The Protocols were published in a Russian newspaper in serialized form in 1903 and then in book form in 1905 written by a Russian scholar Vladimir Solovin. Nilus had presented the Protocols to Tzar Nicholas II (date unknown) who ignored the Protocols and banished

Nilus. If any investigations were conducted by the Russian Secret Police in the 1920s and 1930s as to the origin of the *Protocols*, this evidence could be suspect given the fact that some Jews claimed the credit for the Bolshevik Russian Revolution. The Bolsheviks succeed in changing Russia from a Christian nation into a godless totalitarian state. It is interesting that the *Protocols* and the charges of anti-Semitism is against the Archdiocese of Yekaterinburg. One could presume Ekaterinburg (spelled without the "Y") to be the same place where Tzar Nicholas II and his family were held as prisoners and were then murdered. If so, how convenient to suppress and bury the truth in the place where the Tzar and his family spent their last days.]

U.S. THROWS WRENCH INTO RUSSIA TIES

By Howard Witt, *Tribune*, 01/17/02

WASHINGTON—For all the talk of a strengthening personal relationship between President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin, the Bush administration has begun pressing Moscow, bluntly and without apology, to accept a range of U.S. security decisions that clearly are rankling to the Kremlin.

First it was the unilateral U.S. withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty over sharp Russian objections. Then came indications that Washington is contemplating establishment of long-term military bases in formerly Soviet Central Asia. Last week the administration revealed it is planning to retain nuclear weapons that the Russians thought would be destroyed as part of a mutual arms reduction agreement the former Cold War rivals are negotiating.

A senior Russian defense official visited the Pentagon on Wednesday, seeking clarification of the U.S. plan to maintain decommissioned warheads as a security reserve. He left without much satisfaction.

Administration officials have argued that the security decisions are being taken to safeguard essential U.S. interests. But it's the administration's expectation that Russia will simply accept them without jeopardizing the newfound bilateral relationship that is provoking alarm among Russia experts.

"There's now a real question arising within the Putin administration whether the Americans are sincere in trying to reshape the relationship with Russia," said Stanford University professor Michael McFaul, an authority on Russia. "Suddenly the terms of the friendship have become vague."

Administration officials no longer offer even the pretense that the U.S.-Russia relationship is a partnership of equals.

A senior U.S. diplomat, speaking last week on condition that he not be identified, offered an unblinking assessment of Russia's comparative weakness.

"If we were to defer to Russian neuralgia" over the prospect of NATO expansion, for example, the senior official said, "if we were to nevertheless defer to this irrational judgment, it would only embolden the Russians to kind of go back to a sphere of influence policy toward all their neighbors, and we'd end up making our lives more difficult."

Putin, the official said, has "put aside all this mumbo jumbo about a multipolar world" and "cast his lot very clearly with the West... as a means of

playing in the big-power game".

Such words are startling to the Russians, who, despite a decade of economic turmoil and military decline after the collapse of the Soviet Union, still consider their country a "big power". Now, they see Washington rewarding their quick support for the U.S.-led anti-terrorism coalition with unilateral decisions on issues such as nuclear arms reductions.

Bush and Putin, declaring that the U.S. and Russia no longer were nuclear foes, agreed in principle last November to dramatic mutual reductions of nuclear weapons over the next 10 years. Each side pledged to reduce its nuclear arsenal by about two-thirds, to fewer than 2,200 warheads.

But it was only last week that the administration revealed the fine print behind its proposal: An unspecified number of decommissioned warheads and missiles would not be destroyed but would be stored as a reserve for future redeployment.

The Russians strongly protested. Coming on the heels of Bush's decision last month to withdraw from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty so the administration can pursue creation of a missile defense system, the U.S. intention to retain part of its decommissioned nuclear arsenal raised Russian fears that Washington was seeking to maintain a long-term advantage in nuclear weapons.

"We are for transparency. We are for predictability," Yuri Baluyevski, first deputy chief of the Russian armed forces general staff, said after a meeting with Pentagon officials Wednesday. "But we also are for irreversibility of the reduction of the nuclear forces."

The issue of keeping nuclear arms in reserve threw a wrench into ongoing disarmament negotiations between American and Russian officials intended to codify the proposed nuclear arms cuts so Bush and Putin can formalize them at a summit meeting in the spring.

"We didn't get to the point of even agreeing to disagree" about the reserve plan, said Douglas Feith, U.S. undersecretary of defense for policy.

In Central Asia, meanwhile, the U.S. is deepening military cooperation with former Soviet republics, ties that flourished quickly after Sept. 11.

The U.S. is building an air base in Kyrgyzstan that military officials say will be a "transportation hub" in the region and house up to 3,000 troops. Uzbekistan offered extensive use of its military bases to U.S. forces for the Afghanistan campaign, and U.S. officials have suggested that the arrangements could be long-term. The State Department recently lifted arms sales restrictions against Tajikistan to recognize its cooperation in the international anti-terrorism coalition.

The Central Asian nations have welcomed the American military presence as a potential bulwark against the spread of Islamic extremism in the region—an objective that suits Moscow's interests as well.

But Putin, for whom the Central Asian region holds deep strategic interests, said in December that he didn't expect U.S. forces to stay a long time.

The Russians are also awaiting clarification of a U.S. proposal to extend NATO cooperation with the Kremlin by means of a new NATO-Russia council, intended to mitigate Russia's long-standing objections to expansion of the European defensive coalition. NATO is set to consider adding new member countries next fall, including the Baltic nations, which by their acceptance would extend NATO's border to Russia.

"A month ago, it didn't seem much in doubt that the

Bush administration wanted to coax Russia toward a deeper cooperation with the West," said Andrew Weiss, a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and a Russia specialist in the Clinton administration's National Security Council. "But today, there are a lot of questions about how much the administration thinks it can keep ramming down the Russians' throats."

[JR: The U.S. can't be trusted to be bound by its word or any agreement or treaties she enters into and then chooses to ignore or void. Why would this sound familiar to the people in the Middle East...like in Palestine. Is our effort to build permanent U.S. bases in the ex-republics of Russia a deliberate attempt to provoke Russia into reacting? Will the U.S. bases in Central Asia hold the same meaning to the Russians as the Jewish settlements are to the Arabs in Palestine? It is unlikely that Moscow would allow Russia to be betrayed by the West as it was in 1917 and have history repeat itself in Central Asia at Russia's expense.]

MOSCOW RATTLED BY U.S. PRESENCE

By Toby Westerman, *WorldNetDaily.com*, 01/14/02

Moscow is interpreting the opening of a U.S. military base in Central Asia as a desire for America to develop a "permanent military presence" in a "traditional zone of Russian influence," according to official Russian sources.

The new base in Kyrgyzstan, used by the American military in anti-terrorist operations in Afghanistan, will give the U.S. a "pretext for penetrating" into an area which Moscow still considers to be vital to Russian interests.

The statements were broadcast by the Voice of Russia World Service, the official broadcasting service of the Russian government.

The Voice of Russia's remarks came in response to both the opening of a U.S. rapid deployment base at the airport in Manas, and the visit to Central Asia by a bipartisan U.S. congressional delegation led by Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.

The U.S. states that the Manas base is intended as a center for anti-terrorist operations in Afghanistan, but the Moscow broadcast stated flatly that "this should not be taken as true," claiming that the base is the beginning of a long-lasting military presence.

The Kyrgyz government has given the U.S. permission to use the base for one year, and reports indicate that the facility will be home to several thousand troops, an undetermined number of whom could be Kyrgyz soldiers.

The Lieberman delegation also came under severe criticism, accused of having both an "official" and more questionable "unofficial" purpose for its trip.

Officially, the visiting senators are acknowledged as assessing the social and military situation, while unofficially they are seen by Moscow as having a "much more important agenda" of examining prospects for U.S. influence in the region.

Central Asia is known to possess vast quantities of oil, natural gas and precious metals. The region's geographic position in relation to the Middle and Far East gives it great strategic value.

The itinerary of the Lieberman delegation has included Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan in

Central Asia, as well as visits to Turkey, Afghanistan, Pakistan and the Gulf state of Oman.

Russia has continually sought to maintain firm control of Central Asia, beginning with the Tsarist conquest of the region in the 19th century and continuing with the formation of Soviet republics during the era of the USSR.

Following the collapse of the USSR, thousands of Russian scientists, teachers and technicians fled Central Asia to escape the eruption of anti-Russian hostility and steadily worsening economic conditions in the newly independent Central Asian nations.

As the first blush of Central Asian nationalism subsided, Russian experts began to return to the region, and native experts were trained in Russian schools and universities. At the same time, Moscow continually sought to work closely with the Central Asian heads of state, all of whom had close ties to the former Soviet power structure.

Over the past decade, Moscow has succeeded not only in firming political relations with Central Asia, but also extending its cultural dominance over the region.

In Kyrgyzstan, Russian is the preferred language of the news media. Russian language newspapers, radio and television stations are more popular than their Kyrgyz-language counterparts.

Politically, Kyrgyzstan stands with Moscow.

In February 2000, Kyrgyz President Askar Akayev declared that his government would seek to join the Union State of Russia and neo-communist Belarus. Akayev stated that the possibility of joining the Union "has been received," and that "step by step we are going toward such integration [with Russia]," affirming that Russia "remains our main strategic partner."

Although Kyrgyzstan thus far has been the sole state in Central Asia to express overt interest in joining the Union State of Russia and Belarus, a number of bi-lateral and multi-lateral arrangements exist to anchor the region close to Moscow.

ATTACKS ALLY INDIA, TURKEY, ISRAEL

By Martin Walker, *The Washington Times*, 01/16/02

Events after the September 11 attacks on the United States have pushed India toward closer military ties with both Israel and NATO-member Turkey in a development that analysts say threatens to alter the military balance in South Asia.

No treaties have been signed, and few specific details of the military intelligence agreements have been made public.

But with the recent tensions between India and Pakistan over the divided territory of Kashmir, the conviction is growing in diplomatic circles that the world is witnessing the emergence of a new triple alliance in Eurasia.

Israel, India and Turkey always have had important interests in common, and Israel and the Turkish military have been cooperating closely for the past five years and more.

The Israeli Air Force uses Turkey's far larger airspace for training.

Israeli Special Forces also have taken part in Turkey's regular "incursions" into the Kurdish territories of Northern Iraq.

In addition, Israel is seeking American approval to manufacture the joint U.S.-Israeli Arrow 2 anti-missile missile in Turkey.

But the events after the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, and the recent mobilization of more than 1 million Indian and Pakistani troops on the border between the two countries, have brought India into the strategic equation.

India keenly wants to join the Arrow 2 consortium, desperate to acquire a missile that could offer some prospect of destroying Pakistan's own missiles.

The *Washington Times* reported on Monday that Pakistan was constructing missile-launch sites and moving missiles near its border with India.

With tensions between the two nuclear-armed rivals soaring after last month's attack on India's Parliament building by Islamic militants based in Kashmir, India likewise has deployed its own missiles for a strike against Pakistan.

This week's visit of Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to India, the third such meeting in less than a year, offered a visible sign of the new relationships.

The two countries now have an intelligence-sharing agreement that includes Israeli access to the results from India's own new reconnaissance satellite.

Israeli technicians also are helping India upgrade some of its obsolescent military hardware, ranging from the sights and range finders on tank guns to military communications equipment.

Most important of all is the pending agreement for Israel to sell 3 Phalcon Airborne Warning and Command aircraft—originally intended for China until the United States vetoed the deal—to India in a \$1 billion deal.

Believed to be as advanced as or even better than the American AWACS aircraft, the Phalcon would allow the Indian air force to control a series of air battles along the 1400-mile frontier with Pakistan.

Washington asked Israel last week to "maintain a low profile" on the Phalcon sale in light of current tensions in the subcontinent, the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* reported recently.

Israel, India and Turkey are all regional military powers, with highly regarded armed forces in dangerous neighborhoods.

[JR: Isn't Israel's stealth alliance with Turkey and India going to add to the already multi-complex partnerships in Central Asia? If Israel takes India's side and we side with our current ally Pakistan, where is this going to lead in the arms race between India and Pakistan? Sir Powell is now there talking peace...so what is it all about? What will happen if Russia decides to exercise her options with Iran, Iraq or Syria? Then there is always the dark horse China. For the past five years the Israeli Special Forces along with the Turkish military have made incursions into Northern Iraq. Israel has no right to infiltrate into Iraq as she did Southern Lebanon. Are we allowing Israel to take over and control the affairs in this part of the world? Long before the conflict heated up between India and Pakistan, Israel was already active in India doing her part to make it happen and to profit from it. Sharon has visited India three times in less than a year while Israeli technicians have been busy upgrading India's military capabilities. The U.S. is well aware of these deals since Israel wants (and will get) our approval to build the Arrow missiles in Turkey. Why does it have to be built in Turkey? Is this the U.S./Israeli payoff to seal our dirty deals? Turkey, like Israel, is anyone's friend for a price but will sell you cheap to your enemies.]

TURKEY BANKING ON SADDAM

By Nadire Mater, *Asia Times*, 01/16/02

Turkish leaders are particularly worried by the prospect of Washington turning on Iraq after Afghanistan. The Pentagon's leading hawk, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, hinted on Tuesday last week that an attack on Iraq is not on the immediate U.S. agenda. But Turkish political and military leaders remain uneasy about U.S. intentions.

"U.S. ambitions to topple Saddam Hussein regime might not result in an imminent attack, yet in unofficial talks U.S. envoys are still asking my advice on pros and cons of a military strike against Iraq," former Turkish chief of staff Doan Gures said during a TV talk-show last Thursday night. Then in an interview with Turkish news channel NTV this week, Ecevit said that he will express Ankara's worries to Bush that any U.S. operation against Saddam could encourage uprisings in the mostly Kurdish northern areas of Iraq bordering Turkey.

Bush will be hosting the leader of a NATO country who in the past has not hidden his sympathies for Saddam Hussein. Ecevit visited the Iraqi leader twice in Baghdad as a journalist in 1990-91. At that time, then Turkish president Turgut Ozal was offering the senior George Bush full Turkish support for an invasion of Iraq. Ecevit's opponents later dubbed him a "Saddamist". However, Ecevit's views changed after he rose to power in the late 1990s, says political analyst Hasan Cemal of Milliyet. "The military briefings during his days as prime minister, and the obligations of pursuing an alliance with the U.S. and NATO reshaped Ecevit's thoughts."

Ecevit is prompted today by concerns over the Kurdish question, rather than sympathy for Saddam. Divided into four parts after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, most of 12 million Kurds now live in southeastern Turkey, with some 2 million in Northern Iraq, about a million in Iran and less than a million in Syria. Kurdish guerrillas have launched an insurgency in southern Turkey and northern Iraq for the creation of a Kurd state. The Turkish government fears that Iraq may not be able to hold its present territory if the Saddam regime were to collapse under U.S. strikes.

Kurdish political analyst Umit Firat told IPS, "Turkey indeed fears from replacement of the Saddam Hussein rule by a democratic regime which would grant broader freedom to Northern Iraqi Kurds, which in turn might present a legitimate model for Turkey's Kurds."

The Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) declared war on Turkey in 1984 in pursuit of self-determination. Fifteen years of armed conflict have left 30,000 dead, and a devastated countryside. The PKK has built rear bases in northern Iraq and recruited guerrillas among Iraqi Kurds. It is a situation of concern to the U.S. as well. "Washington would certainly listen to Turkey's advice before laying down concrete decisions on the issue," says political analyst Sami Kohen.

Another sour foreign policy issue to be discussed during the meeting is the 28-year-old Cyprus question, which remains a major roadblock in Turkey's relations with the West. This Mediterranean island to the south of Turkey remains divided into a Turkish north and a Greek south. The division came after the Turkish invasion of 1974 in response to a military coup by Nikos Sampson against then Cyprus

president Archbishop Makarios II. Makarios II had until then led a bi-communal government.

The Turkish government maintains about 40,000 troops in the north of Cyprus on the grounds of providing security to Turkish Cypriots. UN-sponsored negotiations for a solution have been unsuccessful. The UN recognizes the Cyprus Republic as the sole legal representative of all inhabitants of the island while the Ankara-backed Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is not recognized by any country but Turkey.

The issue has assumed urgency since last year after the European Union decided to start negotiations for full membership of the Cyprus Republic notwithstanding the Turkish position. Ecevit is expected to seek U.S. support for Ankara's position that Cyprus' accession to EU membership be suspended until Ankara's demands for a bi-communal government in the island are met. Bush will have heard the Greek side of the argument before his meeting with Ecevit. Greek Prime Minister Kostas Simitis began an official visit to Washington January 10.

Ecevit and Bush will also discuss the dire straits the Turkish economy is in after the financial crisis that shook the Turkish banking system in February 2000. Shockwaves from that saw the Turkish economy shrink 40 percent last year. Looking to resume economic growth by 2003, Ecevit will be looking for reduction of U.S. tariffs on Turkish exports, particularly textile products. Some 100 business leaders who will accompany Ecevit will also be looking for increased cooperation with U.S. firms.

[JR: It appears as though Iraq is an important pawn to the power players besides the U.S. and for a lot of different reasons. Turkey is going to have major problems with the 12 million Kurds if she is engaged in alliances with the U.S., Israel or NATO. Prime Minister Ecevit who once had empathy towards Saddam has been persuaded to reconsider his position since assuming the mantle of power in Turkey. For Ecevit's cooperation with the U.S., I am sure he would expect to receive a huge reward, like a bailout of the Turkish economy. The Turkish claim to Cyprus is a hot-button issue just like Kashmir is to India and Pakistan. Turkish troops occupying Northern Cyprus does not make for a legitimate claim for co-rule of the Cyprus Republic. Should the UN open up that door it can only renew the hostilities between Turkey and Greece. A divided Cyprus will be a troubled Cyprus for a long time to come.]

U.S. TO TRY NEW APPROACH ON IRAQ

By Martin Walker, *Insight Mag.*, 01/17/02

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Reckoning that they will find “no smoking gun” linking Iraq directly to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, the Bush administration is still determined to move against Iraq by citing “a smoking gun on Weapons of Mass Destruction”, according to senior sources in the State Department and Pentagon.

A strategy has been agreed to apply intense pressure on Iraq this year by demanding the unconditional return of United Nations inspectors to scour the country for signs of chemical, biological or nuclear weapons research and development, with the clear threat of

military action if Iraq refuses or blocks the inspections.

President George Bush gave the first public signal of the new strategy Wednesday, when welcoming Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit to the White House.

“I expect Saddam Hussein to let inspectors back into the country. We want to know whether he's developing weapons of mass destruction. He claims he's not; let the world in to see,” Bush said.

“And if he doesn't, we'll have to deal with that at the appropriate time,” Bush added.

Asked what the U.S. would do if Saddam Hussein defied the inspectors, Bush replied: “If he doesn't let them in? He'll find out.” Senior State Department officials believe they will be able to get United Nations backing for the demand that the UN inspection teams be allowed to return, after they were expelled by Iraq in December 1998. Iraqi defiance could then trigger a graduated enforcement response, with UN backing providing the cover that Iraq's nervous neighbors would need to cooperate.

Senior U.S. officials describe this as “a win-win strategy”. If Saddam Hussein lets the inspectors in, then they will be able to identify and publicize what the last inspection reports said was a formidable WMD arsenal, including components for 3-4 nuclear weapons, lacking only uranium fuel.

If Saddam Hussein refuses the inspections, he gives the U.S. a legitimate excuse to act, probably starting with an extension of the current no-fly zones over the whole of Iraqi airspace, along with intrusive U.S. and possibly British air patrols. As well as putting much greater pressure on the regime, this would facilitate far more detailed aerial reconnaissance of suspect WMD sites, and movements between them. Along with satellite intelligence, intensified aerial reconnaissance could identify more possible targets for intrusive inspection if and when Iraq decides to accept the return of the UN teams.

The strategy, as Bush administration officials see it, contains a number of important advantages. First, it brings the prospect of wide international support, even from the Arab world, where several countries have warned against unilateral U.S. military action.

Second, it is a graduated strategy, allowing the U.S. to escalate by tightening the diplomatic and military pressure at times of its own choosing.

Third, it relates to a clear, identifiable and proven danger to other states in the region. The evidence is clear from previous UN inspections that Iraq has maintained clandestine programs of missile and WMD development, including 50 tons of nerve gas precursors that are not accounted for.

The UN Special Commission's final report, after being expelled by Iraq, concluded (with specific reference to biological warfare agents): “The commission has little or no confidence in the accounting for proscribed items for which physical evidence is lacking or inconclusive, documentation is sparse or non-existent, and coherence and consistency is lacking. These include, for example: quantities and types of munitions available for BW filling; quantities and types of munitions filled with BW agents; quantities and type of bulk agents produced; quantities of bulk agents used in filling; quantities of bulk agents destroyed; quantities of growth media acquired for the program; quantities of growth media used/consumed; and when or whether the program ended. In addition the Commission has no confidence that all bulk agents have been destroyed; that

no BW munitions or weapons remain in Iraq; and that a BW capability does not exist in Iraq.”

Since the UN inspections ended, further evidence has accumulated from Iraqi defectors, that suggest that the danger from Iraq's WMD program has increased, “Iraq is still committed to developing weapons of mass destruction,” the Wisconsin Panel on Arms Control concluded late last year after a further survey. “In biological weaponry, Iraq is now self-sufficient; it has what is necessary to build a biological arsenal. Iraq also appears to possess stocks of chemical agent and is known to have had virtually every element of a workable nuclear weapon except the fissile material needed to fuel it. Iraq's authorized program for developing short-range ballistic missiles could enable the building of longer-range missiles, and Iraq is also showing an interest in cruise missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles.”

[JR: The U.S. is running the show in forming world opinion against Iraq and is using the UN to sanction a war at the time we choose. What evidence or connection is there that the Bush family is so desperate to bury in a pile of rubble in Iraq? Any attack from the U.S. and Britain will finish the job and bring total destruction to a country and a people that was once known as Iraq. The American people and our “friends” in the Middle East will eagerly support our actions. Worse yet, we won't have to present any proof or evidence against Iraq because they will be persuaded that Saddam Hussein is evil and that we have the sole right to destroy this evil to protect them. The U.S. is a surreal artist who paints under the color of truth ... black is white and white is black.]

SHARON ADMITS SOME RAZED HOMES NOT EMPTY

NewsMax.com, 01/14/02

JERUSALEM—Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon tacitly admitted Sunday some of the Palestinian homes in Gaza demolished by the Israeli army last week may have been inhabited, despite his defense minister's insistence they were all empty.

“Most of the buildings were empty,” Sharon said, contradicting army claims that all the homes they destroyed last Thursday had been empty for three months.

The demolitions have brought sharp criticism from both domestic and international observers.

The army said it destroyed 21 houses last Thursday, but United Nations officials said some 60 homes were demolished rendering 114 families homeless. The officials added that 145 homes have been razed in the Rafah refugee camp since the Palestinian intifada began on September 2000.

The Israeli human rights organization, B'Tselem, said 475 people were in the houses at the time of the demolitions, and that a total of 614 people were rendered homeless.

According to one government source, Defense Minister Ben-Elizier told the Israeli Cabinet he would provide replacement homes for any families displaced.

Ben-Eliezer said that he and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon gave the go ahead for the demolitions. “This is a place from which they shoot, daily, at Israeli soldiers,” he said.

The defense minister said his orders were to demolish “only uninhabited structures” and the army reported having done so. But one Palestinian resident of Rafah, Salah Abadi, whose home abutted a narrow Israeli wedge that separates the Gaza Strip from Egypt, told Israel Radio he had been awakened at 2 a.m. Thursday when the tanks and mechanical equipment approached his house.

“I don’t have another coat, shirt, underwear or shoes except for what I am wearing. My children have nothing,” said Abadi.

The narrow wedge—a few dozen meters wide—separates the Palestinian territories from Egypt, and has come under frequent attack from the neighboring Rafah refugee camp. Sharon said Sunday he would like to reach an agreement with the Palestinian Authority on expanding it.

The demolitions brought a series of stinging attacks against Ben-Elizier.

“What happened... is a disgrace for the Israel Defense Forces and the Israeli public. It is crude cruelty, a military operation that lacks human and diplomatic logic,” Zeev Schiff, a commentator for the Israeli daily *Haaretz* wrote Sunday.

“It is an example of excessive and unreasonable use of force.”

Knesset Member Zehava Galon called the demolitions, “acts of political idiocy”.

The demolitions were also criticized by Minister Without Portfolio Salah Tarif, a Labor member of the coalition cabinet. He called for mobile homes to be provided for those left homeless.

A statement from the Palestinian Authority Saturday accused Israel of responsibility for the murder of Palestinians, of violating the 1949 Fourth Geneva Convention, and of collective punishment against civilians in the Rafah refugee camp.

Palestinian human rights organizations will submit evidence to the United Nations and the international war crimes tribunal seeking charges, the statement said.

The Israeli army said that during the demolitions they discovered a tunnel Palestinians used to smuggle arms, drugs, and other goods from Egypt into the Gaza Strip. The tunnel ran under several homes and was operated by residents and Palestinian security forces, Israeli military sources added.

The prime minister’s media advisor, Raanan Gissin, told reporters that the new discovery brings to 18 the number of such tunnels Israel has found.

The tunnels served as one of the means of bringing arms into the Palestinian territories, he said.

With the destruction of Gaza International airport’s runway it has become virtually impossible to import arms by air. Israel has also blocked sea routes along the Gaza Strip’s coast after it apprehended a ship laden with arms in the Red Sea earlier this month.

Gissin accused the Palestinians of orchestrating evening attacks on Israeli forces to serve as a decoy for the gun-running operation.

Sharon suggested that the Israeli wedge at the border needed to be widened at Sunday’s cabinet meeting, and then again at a meeting with foreign correspondents in Jerusalem.

“The narrow corridor does not allow us to stop that (smuggling) so maybe there should be a more basic and serious solution,” he said.

The prime minister suggested “giving some land

around there (to the Palestinians) and pay(ing) for it.”

An aide to Sharon said the idea would be to “swap” land with the Palestinian Authority. Israel controls large tracts of land in the southern Gaza Strip around its settlements there.

The situation has its origins in the Israel-Egypt peace treaty some 20 years ago, which secured Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula. The new border cut through Rafah, part of which was Egyptian and part Palestinian.

The Israelis then fenced in a strip of land and built a patrol road along the border. The strip ran through some buildings that were demolished, but other homes in the Rafah refugee camp were left abutting the border fence.

Sharon said Israel has decided “to make every effort to stop (the) smuggling of weapons” through the tunnels it says the Palestinians have built under the border.

“As result of this smuggling not only the Israelis suffer but the Palestinians suffer and we have to find a way to do it,” he asserted.

[JR: The Israeli army’s late-night moves into refugee camps to demolish homes has to be a new low even for arch-Zionists like Sharon and Ben-Eliezer. These extreme acts are done simply to terrorize the Palestinian people and to wear down their resolve. The Israeli action in the Rafah camp is supposedly to close up newly discovered tunnels and to stop the arms smuggling. Why do Israeli soldiers need added protection when they are heavily armed and have the back-up of tanks and gun-ships to defend themselves against guerrilla actions? Her latest reason for the incursions into Palestinian lands is better than the usual tired and worn rhetoric about protecting Israeli settlements. If Israel dealt more fairly with the Palestinian people she wouldn’t have had to spend fifty years defending herself from the wrath of those whose rights she ignores.]

SEN. LEVIN:

GET U.S. OUT OF SAUDI ARABIA

NewsMax.com, 01/16/02

WASHINGTON (*UPI*)—The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee wants the United States to close Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia and shift its air operation to another base in the region, possibly Bahrain.

“The situation at the Saudi base seems very unclear. We may need to move that base,” said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., at a breakfast meeting with reporters. “I have an unease about our presence in Saudi Arabia. I think we may be able to find a place where we are welcomed much more openly.”

Last fall, according to news reports, the Saudi government denied the United States permission to use Prince Sultan Air Base to command the air war in Afghanistan.

The Pentagon denied that was the case and said it was satisfied with the cooperation from that government. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has adopted an unwavering policy of not describing other countries’ support for the

U.S. war on terrorism because of the political difficulty it can cause for the governments.

Terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden has made the expulsion of U.S. forces from Saudi Arabia a central theme in his exhortations against that government.

Levin said that behind the scenes, the Saudi government is no more welcoming than it behaves publicly.

“I do think there is a real problem when we are told by a country, presumably an ally, [that it] doesn’t want us to be seen,” he said. “They act as though somehow or other they are doing us a favor.”

The U.S. military has permanently manned bases in Saudi Arabia since the Gulf War, when it was invited into the country by King Fahd to protect it from the advancing Iraqi army.

Since 1991, the U.S. military has been enforcing no-fly zones over Iraq out of Saudi Arabia. U.S. service personnel were based in downtown Dhahran until 1996, when a truck bomb was detonated near a dormitory known as Khobar Towers, killing 19 and wounded nearly 500 others.

For security reasons, the military soon decamped to Prince Sultan Air Base, a desert airstrip about 50 miles from Riyadh. About 4,600 service members serve in Saudi Arabia at any one time, with as many as 25,000 Americans cycling through the base in a single year.

Nevertheless, the Saudi government officially denies the presence of American forces in the increasingly restive country. If pressed, government officials will say only that “UN” forces are represented in the country. The no-fly zones were tacitly approved by the UN Security Council.

Levin cites a number of concerns he has with Saudi Arabia, beginning with the fact that as many as a dozen of the Sept. 11 terrorists were Saudi citizens, according to the FBI.

“What really troubles me is the fact that so many of those fighters are Saudis. ... We’re not sure they want you there,” Levin said.

Levin’s chief concern, however, may be that the Saudi government funds the Islamic schools known as madrassas where some of the most radical Muslims are trained. Saudi-funded madrassas in Pakistan were a breeding ground for the Taliban.

Noting that many Muslim countries have restrictive customs that affect U.S. service members, Levin said the madrassas tip the balance sheet for him against Saudi Arabia.

“What makes it a little different... is the support that comes from that country for the madrassas,” he said. “I think if the Saudi government wanted (it could) prevent that from happening.”

The Saudi ambassador to the United States, Prince Bandar, denied that charge. “The kingdom of Saudi Arabia prohibits the teaching of hatred and violence. Charges that Saudi Arabia funds such schools are baseless... and lack an understanding of our culture, society and laws.

“Our two nations share the goal of peace. I have great respect for Sen. Levin, but I am surprised by his statements,” said Bandar. “If he has any concerns, I urge him to visit Saudi Arabia and personally assess the extent of cooperation and support we are giving the international coalition.”

Levin just returned from a trip to the region and said he was told by Uzbek President Islam Karimov, whose country has been home to 1,000 U.S. soldiers for several months, that the military is welcomed there.

“His attitude was ‘thank God you are doing what you are doing ...we’re not doing you a favor, you are doing us a favor, you are doing the world a favor in going after terrorism.’ You don’t get that sense in Saudi Arabia. They are acting like they are doing us a favor.”

The Justice Department has had its own frustrations with the Saudi government. In 1995, a terrorist bombing killed four Americans working in the Saudi capital with the Saudi National Guard. The Saudi courts refused to allow the FBI to interview the bombers, who may have had ties to Osama bin Laden. The men were beheaded. The government also refused to allow the FBI to interrogate suspects and review evidence in the Khobar Towers bombing.

An American grand jury in June 2001 handed down indictments against the Dhahran terrorists, about five of whom sit in Saudi jails, according to the Justice Department. The Saudi government has thus far refused to extradite the men to stand trial in the United States.

Levin also mentioned as distasteful the restrictive policies U.S. military personnel must follow, particularly women.

In December, the highest-ranking female fighter pilot in the Air Force, Lt. Col. Martha McSally, sued the Defense Department, which, in deference to local Muslim custom, requires women to wear long robes and head scarves when they leave the base. No such garb is required for men, and the State Department only requires that its female employees dress conservatively in the country.

“Our women are not comfortable. I hope that means none of us is comfortable,” Levin said. “Some of the restrictions the Saudis place on us are unappealing. There may be places in the area we can have greater use without restrictions.”

U.S. service members are prohibited from allowing the members of the opposite sex to visit their tents, restricted to sunbathing except in the immediate area of their tent, and they must be fully dressed when outside their tents at all times, according to U.S. Central Command.

About 1,000 U.S. military members, mostly Navy, serve in Bahrain.

[JR: Sen. Levin feels insulted that our presence is no longer tolerated in Saudi Arabia because of the restrictions placed upon our military personnel. Proper etiquette requires that when one is a guest in another country one conforms and shows respect by honoring the customs and laws of the host country. Relocating our U.S. base to Bahrain may be the solution and could become the home away from home for all military personnel stationed in the Middle East. Sen. Levin’s targeting of the madrassas religious schools in Saudi Arabia is highly suspect. Sen. Levin’s criticism of the Saudis is unfounded, as he well knows since the Jews have similar laws and customs that are religious in nature. The Jews can be considered just as fanatical as the Muslims in defending their right to teach and to practice their religion. Prince Bandar should not expect a visit from Sen. Levin anytime soon, as he seems to be

comfortable with the mindset (prejudice) he has towards the Saudis and their religion. Sen. Levin and Uzbek President Karimov in their exulted positions have much more in common as both have the power and the ego that goes with it.]

UBS WON’T PAY IN ENRON DEAL

By Alan Clensening, *Solon.com*, 01/15/02

A Swiss investment bank won’t pay anything to acquire Enron Corp.’s energy trading business, won’t assume any of the troubled company’s debts and will share a third of its profits with Enron and its creditors, under terms of a deal made public Tuesday.

UBS Warburg, a division of Switzerland’s UBS AG, and Enron will seek approval of the deal with the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department, according to the documents filed Tuesday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

The terms of the deal to rescue Enron Corp.’s trading operations were to have been released late Monday, but were delayed because officials had to iron out the final details of a complex deal negotiated in less than a week.

The plan to revive Enron’s trading business calls for UBS Warburg to acquire the unit without paying any cash up front, said Mark Palmer, an Enron spokesman.

Enron and its creditors will initially get 33 percent of the new business’ pretax profits and UBS Warburg the rest, the documents indicate. UBS Warburg can later gradually buy out those profit-sharing rights.

UBS Warburg is expected to lease Enron’s Houston office and employ about 800 of the division’s workers, Palmer said.

Enron’s energy trading business generated about 90 percent of the company’s \$101 billion in revenue in 2000. The deal does not include existing contracts Enron has to supply power, valued at between \$6 billion and \$7 billion.

Enron filed for bankruptcy late last year. It collapsed amid revelations of complex partnerships used to keep billions of dollars in debt off its books and mask financial problems so it could continue to get cash and credit to run the trading business.

UBS Warburg won the bidding for the trading operation, beating out Citigroup Inc., a large Enron creditor.

A creditors’ committee approved the deal, but other Enron creditors have questioned it, saying they want more information about how the agreement was reached and how the proceeds will be allocated.

The deal must be approved by Judge Arthur J. Gonzalez. A hearing is set for Friday. Dissatisfied creditors will have 10 days to appeal Gonzalez’s ruling.

Before its collapse late last year, Enron was the world’s largest energy merchant and the nation’s seventh largest company by revenue.

[JR: USB Warburg’s acquisition of Enron without assuming any of its debts or liabilities to the investors and employees reflects the kind of deals that are contrived in the secret chambers of power. The Warburgs have a very long history in banking so it is no surprise that they were able to “create” certain circumstances that would enhance their position to procure/steal Enron. The Warburg banking dynasty created the U.S.

Federal Reserve and Paul Warburg (not a U.S. citizen) became the first Chairman of this private banking organization. USB Warburg is just one of the parasites who make the laws and change the rules in order to gain control in order to influence events that impact nations.]

TWO APPROACHES TO CLONING

The New York Times, 01/19/02

The National Academy of Sciences called yesterday for a legally enforceable ban on human reproductive cloning aimed at creating a child—but strongly endorsed cloning to derive stem cells that hold great promise for curing a wide range of human diseases. That is precisely the distinction that should be drawn by Congress as it wrestles with competing bills that would determine whether and how cloning research in this country is permitted to advance.

The academy’s report on human reproductive cloning, when coupled with an earlier academy analysis that discussed stem cells derived by cloning, offers a sound guide through these contentious issues. Unfortunately, President Bush, pandering to religious conservatives, opposes cloning for any purpose, whether to produce a child or to cure disease. The House has passed a bill that would impose a total ban on human cloning and subject any violators to criminal penalties and huge civil judgments. The Senate will consider both a total ban and a more discriminating bill that would allow therapeutic cloning and simply ban reproductive cloning.

Sadly, there seems little chance that a new bioethics council appointed by the president will do anything to reverse the administration’s support of a total ban. That panel held its first meetings this week under the leadership of Leon R. Kass, an ethicist on leave from the University of Chicago, who has publicly urged that both therapeutic and reproductive cloning be banned. He will hardly let his 17-member panel do anything that could embarrass the president or change his adamant opposition.

Indeed, Mr. Kass may have signaled his intentions by opening this week’s meeting with a discussion of a short story by Nathaniel Hawthorne, called “The Birthmark”, in which a scientist who marries a beautiful woman with a blemish on her cheek inadvertently kills her while trying to remove it. That sounded as if Mr. Kass was more intent on curbing any perceived excesses of science than in facilitating medical advances.

By contrast, the academy’s panel of experts reiterated the academy’s support for therapeutic cloning to produce stem cells that are genetically equivalent to a patient’s own cells. Such cloned cells could help overcome the tendency of the body’s immune system to reject stem cell treatments it perceives as “foreign”.

But the academy agreed with the president and the House on the need to prevent cloning to produce a child. It argued persuasively that human reproductive cloning would be dangerous for the woman, the fetus and any newborn child, and would probably fail in most cases. The academy panel took no stand on whether, if the safety problems can be overcome, it would be acceptable to clone a child. That contentious issue was left to another day. 

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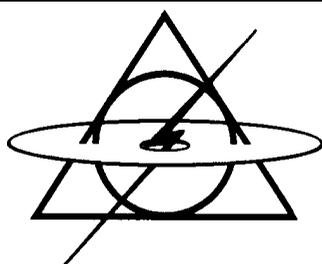
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