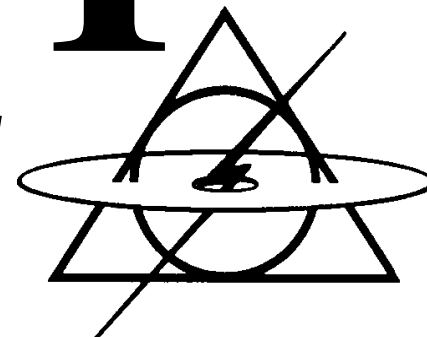


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RE: WAR ON TERRORISM; PHILIPPINES;
TOTAL MISREPRESENTATION

WAR ON TERRORISM;
THE PHILIPPINES IS STUNG SEVERELY

Hatonn—Oh well, in a less-than-10-minute phone call President Bush yesterday assured President GMA in Manila that “Balikatan will have ‘successful conclusion’”. The question remains after all the bloody hurts and feelings are ignored—that the Philippines has exactly what was rumored to be—a permanent presence of troops, no matter how the “exercise” concludes.

There will, undoubtedly, be less demonstration in the streets, for there is now an emergency LAW called into service which disallows, by military-police order, all gatherings for or against the “exercises”.

The fact that the mission begins with troops and gunships in Basilan where the problems “are” and with the U.S. troops armed to the teeth (for self-defense), it is “on”, “over”, undebated longer—or simply a minimum of “six months” game.

It is exactly like the Roman games: The very words are used as for the Olympics: “Let the games begin...”. Now, you can’t beat that for having a war, can you? Oh well, though, it is said: “Only the bad guys get killed.” No, I do not exaggerate—it is EXACTLY these words used.

Exercises? Well, just now Bush told GMA that he appreciated her total support in her efforts to fight terrorism.

You are all told that the Bush visit to Japan, South Korea and China is only an economic visit. Then from the slip of the lip of the U.S. President’s people comes the fact that it deals with the “War on Terror”. Oh well...! Should we say too much, Granny Durham will have a pseudo-intelligence breakdown.

V.K. has said in her latest barrage that she “doubts” that GAIA has the “backing” of the Federal Reserve. Say what? Who has ever said the FED/IMF “backs” GAIA? The presentation is fully presented as the FED/IMF will NOT back GAIA. The truth of fact, however, is that the FED/IMF are responsible for the “debt” and thus are THE GUARANTEE OF SAME.

GAIA, however, has no intention and it is written into every document: NOBODY LODGES ANYTHING WITH THE TREASURY IN ORDER TO “NOT” DAMAGE, IN ANY WAY, ANY ECONOMIC STABILITY.

WE INTEND TO SEE TO RUSSELL HERMAN’S WISHES AND RIGHTLY PRESENT POSSIBILITIES. V.K. HAS NO SAY IN SAME AND NO FURTHER ANY INPUT. SHE HAS FILED FALSE AND FABRICATED DOCUMENTS TO CAPTURE FOR HERSELF THE ASSETS—AND IT SIMPLY DOESN’T FLY IN THE FACE OF FACT AND TRUTH. SO BE IT. NEITHER

By the way, readers,

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HAVE WE FURTHER INTEREST NOR CAUSE TO FURTHER INFORM HER.

SHE NOW CRIES “YELLOW JOURNALISM”? SHE IS FREE TO GET AND PRESENT ANY “PAPER” OR “PUBLICATION” SHE DEVELOPS—**WHY SHOULD CONTACT PROVIDE HER A STAGE FOR HER OUTRAGEOUS FABRICATIONS? THE PAPER ITSELF WOULD BE DENOUNCED FOR SUCH NONSENSICAL SCHLOCK.**

As example: V.K., in her recent blast has named several corporations supposedly fraudulently incorporated by Ekkers which are, according to her direct statement, Federal holdings, inclusive of Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing Ltd.

All named entities are NON-EXISTENT in ANY FORM, as all named have no such name nor are they Federal. With such inaccuracy any paper who prints such garbage is open for suit for knowingly bringing to press KNOWN fabrications. V.K. misquotes DIRECTLY from that which she could simply “copy” as in “quote” which she does “incorrectly” time after time.

V.K. fraudulently filed document after document which she herself fabricated or copied and calls the filings to be sought to gain truth and proof of her holdings. No, the documents are worthless and frighteningly so.

She did not file “a Will” in Gallatin County, Illinois—she filed an absurd bunch of incredible garbage—in a county where Russell Herman never resided.

If you look deeply enough in Washington County and East St. Louis, you will surely find a recorded “Assignment” to Rick Martin for CONTACT. Now that the goose is out of the oven, please let us move on.

Yes, Ekkers will, for legal reasons, respond to accusations of exactly the above kind (the corporations) to be held for counsel and clarification. Thus far, readers (you can breathe now), EVERYTHING AND EVERY DOCUMENT WE HOLD IS PROVEN TO BE LEGALLY SOUND AS IS THE PROGRAM WE PRESENT WHICH RESEMBLES “NOTHING” DECLARED BY ONE, V.K. DURHAM.

To test your own sanity and our words: Just try to find any of these corporations, which frankly, would all be in Nevada and you will find that as she has presented them, including the one she claims for self—are not to be found on information search.

This IS important for Ekkers because we will have to continue to CONTAIN this voracious monster and it became totally evident from her “holding trust” presentations and activities that she planned to get control of the corporations she named, join with them and gain control of the global economy—based on nothing but the paper which has already destroyed the global economy.

Russell asked that we not allow this atrocity to develop. We have proven our holdings and so be it. V.K. can do anything she chooses or can accomplish without any interference from us—if she can prove to legal circles her claim which certainly “appears” to be none. We do not intend to change one iota of our presented program but we have no intention of abiding

the slander, malicious damage and libel pouring out by the pound of paper. It will be rebutted EVERY TIME.

She now claims we “Terrorize the entire U.S.” and somehow she claims the Federal political people need protection FROM “us”. We have no cause to interact with V.K. Durham by whatever name she chooses to use in person or in activities.

She even wants CONTACT to print her thank-yous to those who so quickly send her copies of the paper. She gets them long before Ekkers receive them, so no thank you. It’s over. Things needed setting to “correct” from her outrageous claims; it has been presented and whatever she may “think”, she should not want us to put to press the whole of it. She once was allowed, while Dr. Young was Editor, to totally usurp the paper with her presentations which had to be redone before they could even be placed into print. No more! This is NOT a “TRIAL”. The verdict is already established and this part of the case is “closed” as to legal resolution. She had even come to refer to CONTACT as “my paper” or at the least, “our paper” as well as demanding our corporations be signed over “unencumbered” to HER personally. Again, no thank you.

Yes indeed, this IS the one most important thing to be accomplished by CONTACT. However, nonsensical bantering is not longer appropriate. I’m sure she can find outlets more suitable for her needs.

She wishes to now blame all of us three for the 9/11 hit on the Trade Center. So, I think that the next thing that should be topically “returned to” is that 9/11 incident.

I will do so by again offering already written material because we have reached beyond our level of irritation with such accusations as are presented by mentally-challenged adversaries.

However, first I want to use the front page of the publication we will utilize for comments on the Trade Center to share an Editorial statement and you will understand the concern in places like here in the Philippines, for it puts it into perspective as to “war” or “exercises” in same.

[QUOTING AMERICAN FREE PRESS, February 11, 2002, Excerpt: Front page Editorial:]

AMERICA’S WAR ON TERROR

America’s war on terror is being expanded at an alarming rate by the Bush administration, sending U.S. servicemen on wild goose chases—first in Afghanistan, then Yemen, NOW IN THE PHILIPPINES—in ill-considered attempts to root out terrorism. All the while, the truth behind what really happened on Sept. 11 remains unanswered.

[END OF QUOTING]

As we move on into the topic of ENRON and it’s amazing connections all around the globe—YOU WILL CERTAINLY BE REMISS IF YOU DO NOT CONSIDER THE 9-11 “DISTRACTION” IN THE SAME CONTEXT OF “COVER UP” POSSIBILITIES. THAT TRULY “IS” THE ONGOING AND SURGING GOSSIP IN THE MILLS ALL OVER EVERYTHING. In addition, the Enron debris is being handed over for almost nothing in every place it had tentacles, including the Philippines. And if you think the California

energy debacles last year were “accidental”—better check more closely: ENRON.

I will, however, defend “off-shore” business facilities. It is not the fault of the “off-shore” shelters IF THE TOP POLITICAL GROUND HOGS USE THEM CRIMINALLY. Can’t there be “something” left for “you-the-people”? Bank “laundering laws”, in case you think otherwise, are ONLY to protect further the big bad guys. Honest business needs no warped secrets—except to protect them from the International Banking Cartel syndicate. Think about it, for in your rush to wipe out all of your possible shelters in other than International Banker’s black holes, you do foolish things to more tightly control and manipulate YOURSELVES.

With that said, let us look at the same front page and from Col. Donn de Grand Pre, comes the next: [MM: To subscribe to AMERICAN FREE PRESS CALL 1-888-699-6397 TOLL FREE.] [QUOTING:]

MANY QUESTIONS STILL REMAIN ABOUT TRADE CENTER ATTACK

The truth behind the mainstream media reports on the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 and earlier disasters continues to emerge through alternative sources.

How could a hijacker armed with a box cutter dispatch the crew, especially two strapping pilots up front in cramped quarters? How were the towers—plus three other buildings—actually brought down? These are among many important questions that have yet to be answered by the government’s official 9-11 theory.

Let’s look at the pilots of those Sept. 11 flights:

John Ogonowski, captain of American Airlines Flight 11, took off from Logan Airport in Boston at 7:59 a.m., with 81 passengers and 11 crew and crashed into the World Trade Center at 8:45 a.m.

Ogonowski was an Air Force fighter pilot in Vietnam and joined American Airlines 23 years ago. He lived on his farm north of Boston which was purchased and cultivated by his Polish grandfather 100 years ago. Ogonowski was big, burly and physically strong. His co-pilot, Tom McGuinness, was also in excellent physical condition,

LeRoy Homer, first officer of United Airlines Flight 93, departed Newark for San Francisco at 8:01 a.m. with 39 passengers and seven crew. Many people believe that it was taken out by an Air Force F-16. It crashed in Somerset county, Pa., at 10:10 a.m. Homer, muscular and agile, was a former Air Force pilot.

Victor Saracini, another former fighter pilot of the Vietnam era, was captain of UAL Flight 175; which left Boston for Los Angeles at 8:14 a.m., with 56 passengers and nine crew but crashed into a second WTC tower at 9:03. Saracini was in superb physical shape, with a quick and alert mind.

Chic Burlingame was a graduate of Naval Academy, flew F-4s in Vietnam, left the Navy 28 years ago and joined American Airlines. Burlingame was captain of AA Flight 77. He departed Washington Dulles at 8:10 a.m. and crashed into the

Pentagon at 9:41. Burlingame was a health nut, jogger and an exceptionally competent pilot.

No one, whether armed with razor or handgun, is going to take the controls away from these guys, much less overpower two of them.

Their absolute best defense would have been to roll the airplane over, using the eight-click "barrel roll." At the fourth click, you are inverted; at eighth click, you are once again upright and straight and level. The total maneuver time is 10 seconds. A forced takeover could never have happened inside one of their cockpits.

My group of aviation experts has several clips of raw video footage showing the two aircraft strikes on the towers and their subsequent collapse.

CHECK OUT THIS ONE

Especially revealing is a FOX 5 NEWS tape depicting the sudden implosion of the two towers, the first of which took place at 10 a.m.

The crucial segment is from 9:58 a.m. to 10:03 a.m., the screen goes blank and, a few seconds later, a great white cloud of smoke and dust rises from the BASE OF THE TOWER.

The news anchor exclaims: "There is an explosion at the base of the building... white smoke from the bottom... something has happened at the base of the building... then, another explosion. Another building in the WTC complex has blown up...".

The above reveals only a few of the many unanswered questions surrounding the worst terrorism America has experienced. That there is at this time still no thorough congressional investigation of the events of 9-11 is itself a major unanswered question. But with government cooperation or without, the historical truth will be uncovered.

[END OF QUOTING]

And so, again: What has this to do with ENRON? Oh, children, this is a far more dramatic way to shred papers. And, as well, to set up things for the bigger "rip-off" around the globe while screwing the people in a legal way which also claims to be doing each nation a "massive favor" for the "foreign investment" teams of robbers and thieves.

Didn't anybody notice the massive stashes of MONEY just this month from the WTC? Where are you, citizens? Oh indeed, this is a biggie from Tehachapi wind parks in "nowhere" California to downtown Manila and in the heart of the Philippines. SO, THE PUSH IN THE WAR ON TERROR EXPLODES EVER MORE DESPERATELY TO HIDE THE TRUTH.

Meanwhile the U.S. has a political war over Powell's suggestion that "sexually active teens wear condoms." (??) And, golllee, Americans in the Philippines, especially soldiers, cannot be caught kissing in public, condoms or not.

And yea for the patriots as claimed by V.K. Durham who says we "hate the U.S. and everybody and thing in it..." because we write about these things? Oh dear.

Back to Terrorism and "War on...".

[QUOTING NEXUS magazine, Dec. 2001-Jan. 2002 (Thank you for sharing, New Zealand) www.nexusmagazine.com:]

AN OVERVIEW OF THE WAR ON TERRORISM

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We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant fact, foreign ideas, alien philosophies and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people.—President John F. Kennedy

[As questions remain over the attacks of September 11, so too must questions be asked about the vested interests behind the U.S.-led push for a war on terrorism.]

Americans are now beginning to pay the price for sleeping through history classes, ignoring important information in the alternative media and neglecting to participate in their own political process. They find themselves in a new war—the War on Terrorism. This is a war they never asked for and never envisioned, anaesthetized as we all are by the flickering tube of distraction. It is a war predicated on the premise that a sneak attack was made on the United States on September 11, 2001.

Unlike previous wars, there is no Berlin or Tokyo to capture and hence no victory to be won, except for those who profit from war. The real victims of this war will be the average American citizen, right along with the starving Afghan.

This new war might well be compared to the failed War on Drugs and the nearly forgotten War on Poverty. No clear victory has yet been achieved over the misuse of drugs or the ravages of poverty within our own nation. Our prisons are overflowing with drug offenders, with no appreciable lessening of either demand or supply of illegal drugs, and our basic civil rights have been badly mauled. Just like those failed campaigns, the War on Terrorism for the foreseeable future will set us all on a costly course of restrictions on individual freedom, ever more centralized authority and omnipresent fear.

And where are the voices of those who would argue the merits of this new war? The airwaves and newspapers only ratchet the fear factor upwards each day, with little or no effort to hear the many thoughtful Americans who are asking themselves, "Do I really need to give up my freedoms in order to save them?"

So with flags flying on the antennae of our gas-guzzling vehicles and love of country pulsing in our hearts, we march off to yet another war for oil.

[H: Please KNOW that the ongoing reference to the war in Mindanao with the U.S. in point, is to, it is well-noted, assure an open lane is available for shipping minerals such as gold, etc., OIL, drugs and other materials inclusive of ARMS. It is much like the full network of drug distribution throughout the U.S. and on to other ports and nations contained IN FROZEN CHICKENS. After all, it made Tyson of Arkansas the major corporation it is and all that with "protection" at every checkpoint. And

no, I am not "spilling beans" as V.K. suggests—too late those beans are already dried and/or in their second or third—perhaps tenth, harvest. Will the "chicken pluckers" be prosecuted? Will there be snow falling in Bali?]

WARS FOR OIL

Yes, oil. Petroleum has been behind all recent wars, beginning in the early 1940s when a mostly rural and isolationist America was suddenly thrown into World War II as a reaction to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Americans mourned the loss of some 3,000 soldiers and civilians in Hawaii and, in righteous indignation, allowed their country to be turned into a giant military camp.

But serious students of history now know that even that "good war" was the result of machinations by a handful of wealthy and powerful men. By closing off Japan's oil supplies in the summer of 1941, Roosevelt, the quintessential Wall Street insider, ensured an eventual attack on the United States. It has now been well established that Roosevelt and a few close advisers knew full well that Pearl Harbor would be attacked on December 7, 1941, but chose to allow it to happen to further their agenda for launching America into war. (The details of this may be found in my book, *Rule by Secrecy*.)

The Vietnam War was prosecuted by men who were close to Roosevelt and the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and who had long voiced a desire to gain control over Indochina's oil, magnesium and rubber assets. Again a provocation was created. In August 1964, President Lyndon Johnson whipped Congress into a frenzy by claiming that North Vietnamese gunboats had attacked the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of Vietnam. "Our boys are floating in the water," he cried.

Congress responded by passing the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which bypassed the *Constitution* and gave Johnson the power to wage war to stop attacks on America. It was the beginning of the real-shooting Vietnam War.

And it was all a lie. No evidence has ever been brought forward that such an attack took place. In fact, editors for *U.S. News and World Report* (July 23, 1984) called it "The 'Phantom Battle' that Led to War".

While America was waging war against North Vietnam, which we were told was merely a puppet of communist Russia and China, Johnson was encouraged by his CFR advisers to grant the Soviet Union loans at higher levels than offered during World War II when they were our ally. U.S.-backed loans provided Russia with the means to build facilities which turned out war materials that were then sent to North Vietnam for use against American troops. This was a good example of the duplicity of our modern wars.

[H: While we have had mention of the CFR (Council on Foreign Relations) it should be noted that the most incredible displeasure with the Philippine President GMA is that her whole recent thrust, including her trip to the U.S. just last week and the week before was to do what she could to be made a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and for that reason she

“sold-out” the Philippines, it is said, for some old war junk from the U.S., and that without the gracious stop-over of Bush to Manila—even the airport thereof. True? Most certainly, how else can you be an important player in the fate of the world? Never mind the “polls”—citizens are NOT happy with the turning events.]

The Gulf War was all about oil, from the wells in Kuwait slant-drilling into Iraq’s southern reserves to the destruction of the oilfields at its finish. Here we found a new Hitler in Saddam Hussein, an enemy armed and financed by the CIA—an agency whose top officials have long been connected to oilmen, CFR members and other globalists (see *Rule by Secrecy*).

Saddam Hussein, strapped for cash due to his eight-year war against Iran on behalf of the U.S., decided to regain Kuwait as a means of increasing his income. Kuwait had been carved out of southern Iraq by British troops. When asked her thoughts on this move, U.S. Ambassador April Glaspie replied that the U.S. Government had “no opinion” and that the matter of Kuwait was not associated with America. But when he moved his troops into Kuwait, President George H.W. Bush mobilized a United Nations force against him, backed by a U.S.\$4 billion secret fund provided by his business associates in Saudi Arabia.

Yet, as those patriotic soldiers closed in on Saddam, the whole war stopped and George H.W. Bush’s old business partner is still in power. It appears to have been yet another provocation. And as in Vietnam, even as we prepared to fight against Saddam, the American taxpayers backed \$500 million in loans that Bush used to purchase arms for use against our forces.

CASPIAN SEA OIL COVETED

Today the real issue is the rich oil reserves of the Caspian Sea region—the prize sought by Hitler, whose drive to that area was stopped only by the tenacious Russian defense of the Volga River city of Stalingrad.

In the late 1970s, with the Soviet discovery of vast untapped oil in Chechnya, the region was ripe for exploitation but control over Afghanistan was needed to ensure the safety of a pipeline to bring the oil to world markets. But after almost 10 years of brutal, no-quarter fighting against Afghans and Arab mercenaries including Osama bin Laden, and backed by the U.S., the Soviets were forced to withdraw. The economic stress of this Russo-Afghan War was enough to topple Communism in the early 1990s.

Now the international bankers and oilmen have a foothold in cash-strapped Russia, and the estimated \$40 billion in Caspian Sea oil is again attracting serious attention. In 1997, six international companies and the Government of Turkmenistan formed Central Asian Gas Pipeline Ltd (CentGas) to build a 790-mile-long pipeline to Pakistan and perhaps on to the New Delhi area of India. Leading this consortium was Unocal Corporation, whose president, John F. Imle, Jr., said the project would be “the foundation for a new commerce corridor for the region—often referred to as the Silk Road for the 21st Century”.

[H: Now, try again: “Why is Bush visiting China?”]

But problems developed with the fundamentalist

Muslim government in Afghanistan, not the least of which was the Taliban government’s treatment of women which prompted feminist demonstrations against firms seeking to do business there. Additionally, the Taliban regime was creating chaotic conditions by pitting the various Islamic sects against each other in order to maintain control. In mid-1999, Unocal withdrew from the pipeline consortium, citing the hazardous political situation, and the project languished.

Notice that in President George W. Bush’s declaration of War on Terrorism, he never mentioned terrorists in Northern Ireland or Palestinian suicide bombers. Attention was focused only on Afghanistan, the one nation necessary to complete the lucrative pipeline.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY HEADED HALLIBURTON, A GIANT OIL INDUSTRY SERVICE COMPANY WITH VESTED INTERESTS IN THE REGION, AND HE IS GENERALLY THOUGHT TO BE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE PRESIDENT.

AFGHAN ACTION PLANNED LONG AGO

Today it can be demonstrated that military action against Afghanistan was in the works long before the September 11 attacks.

As reported by the BBC’s George Arney, former Pakistan Foreign Secretary Niaz Naik was alerted by American officials in mid-July that military action against Afghanistan would be launched by mid-October.

At a UN-sponsored meeting concerning Afghanistan in Berlin, Naik was informed that unless bin Laden were handed over, America would take military action either to kill or capture both him and Taliban leader Mullah Omar as the initial step in installing a new government there.

In a 1998 interview published in the French publication *Le Nouvel Observateur* (the significant portions of which never made it to the United States), former National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski admitted that American activities in Afghanistan actually began six months prior to the Soviet action of December 1979.

Brzezinski said the Jimmy Carter administration began secretly funding opponents of the pro-Soviet regime in Kabul in July 1979, with the full knowledge that such action might provoke a Soviet invasion. Soviet leaders at the time argued that the invasion was necessary to thwart American aggression in Afghanistan. The former National Security Adviser, who helped found the globalist Trilateral Commission, expressed no regret at this provocation, stating: “That secret operation was an excellent idea. It brought about the demoralization and finally the breakup of the Soviet empire.” It also produced the Taliban regime which we are fighting today, as well as Osama bin Laden.

By 1984, with Vice President George H.W. Bush overseeing the Afghan situation, bin Laden was in charge of the Maktab al-Khidamat (MAK), which funneled money, arms and manpower from the outside world into the war against the Soviets. He soon helped

form a polyglot formation of Muslim troops from Egypt, Pakistan, Lebanon, Syria and Palestinian refugee camps, whom the CIA found easier to deal with than the Muslim fundamentalists in Afghanistan.

There should be considerable soul-searching about America’s role in arming and training an international group of Muslim extremists in Afghanistan, long after their comrades destroyed the Marine barracks in Beirut and hijacked numerous airliners.

Little noticed in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks were reports that China had signed a pact with the Afghans and was quietly inducted into the controversial World Trade Organization—actions which under normal circumstances would have drawn widespread protest. Although such a pact is unconfirmed at this time, Pakistani General Pervez Musharraf, chairman of their joint chiefs and chief of the Pakistani Army Staff, this year visited China at their request and discussed matters of mutual interest.

Although it is claimed that Pakistan is aiding the U.S. in the current War on Terrorism, the State Department’s coordinator for counterterrorism, Michael Sheehan, told a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee that Pakistan supports and trains terrorist groups in Afghanistan.

This raises the specter of Chinese intervention, should U.S. forces become bogged down in mountainous Afghanistan. This prospect is particularly unsettling, as back in 1555 the French prophet Nostradamus, who has been proven correct in so many of his prophecies, published his prediction that America and Russia would go to war against a coalition made up of Arab nations and China (see C. III v. 60; also C. VI v. 21). Until just recently, such a notion seemed absurd.

WOULD AMERICANS ATTACK AMERICANS?

The WTC/Pentagon attacks provided a convenient excuse to launch the pre-laid plans for military action against Afghanistan. But were they simply allowed to happen, or were they contrived? The question becomes: “Would any American allow an attack on fellow Americans, just to further his own business or political agenda?” The answer unfortunately appears to be “Yes”.

Incredibly, 40-year-old government documents, thought to have been destroyed long ago but recently made public, show the U.S. military in the early 1960s proposed making terrorist attacks in the United States and blaming them on Fidel Castro. They are discussed in a recent book on the National Security Agency (NSA), entitled *Body of Secrets: Anatomy of the Ultra-Secret National Security Agency*, by James Bamford].

These documents were produced beginning in late 1961, following the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba that spring. President John F. Kennedy, angered by the inept actions of the CIA, had shifted responsibility for Cuba from that agency to the Department of Defense. Here, military strategists considered plans to create terrorist actions which would alarm the American population and stampede them into supporting a military attack on Cuba. Under consideration in Operation Northwoods were plans:

* to create “a series of well-coordinated incidents” in or around the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to include inciting riots and blowing up ammunition stores, aircraft and ships;

* to “develop a Communist Cuba terror campaign in the Miami area, in other Florida cities and even in Washington”;

* to “sink a boatload of Cubans en route to Florida (real or simulated)... foster attempts on the lives of Cuban refugees in the United States”;

* to explode bombs in carefully chosen locations and coordinate with the release of “prepared documents” pointing to Cuban complicity;

* to use fake Russian aircraft to harass civilian airliners;

* to make “hijacking attempts against civil air and surface craft”, even to simulating the shooting down of a civilian airliner.

Kennedy rejected Operation Northwoods and senior military officers ordered the documents destroyed. But someone slipped up and the papers were discovered by the Assassination Records Review Board and recently released by the National Archives.

On a more recent event, the *New York Times* (October 28, 1993) reported that an informant named Emad Salem was involved early in 1993 with Middle Eastern terrorists connected to Osama bin Laden, to develop a bomb for use against New York’s World Trade Center. Salem, a former Egyptian Army officer, wanted to substitute a harmless powder for the explosive, but his plan to thwart the attack was blocked by an FBI official who apparently did not want to expose the inside informant. The attack was allowed to proceed. The February 26, 1993 explosion in the WTC resulted in six deaths, more than 1,000 casualties, and damage in excess of half a billion dollars.

We now see that creating crises to further political goals was a methodology well understood and utilized in the 20th Century. Is this the game today? Let’s examine the September 11 attacks.

QUESTIONS OVER THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS

Superficially, it all seemed straightforward enough. According to the official story, about 19 suicidal Middle Eastern terrorists, their hearts full of hatred for American freedom and democracy, hijacked four airliners, crashing two into the Twin Towers of New York City’s World Trade Center and a third into the Pentagon. The fourth reportedly crashed in western Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to fight the terrorists.

But many disturbing questions have arisen. Among them:

* Why was the U.S. military preparing war plans against Afghanistan months before the September 11 attacks? Were they just looking for some event to propel the normally disinterested American public into a war, as in the past?

* How could paper documents incriminating bin Laden be found intact at the WTC, but the planes’ “black box” flight recorders—designed to withstand crashes—were damaged beyond use?

* Even days and weeks after the WTC

attack, why were news cameramen prevented from photographing the ruins from certain angles, as complained about by CBS correspondent Lou Young, who asked, “What are they afraid we’re going to see?”

* Why has the NYPD liaison to the FBI been sent packing as a “security risk”, as reported in the October 16 *New York Times*? Whose security is at risk? The FBI’s? What is it that the Bureau does not want NYPD to know?

* How could an obviously sophisticated terrorist plan, involving perhaps as many as 100 persons and in the works for five years, escape the notice of our intelligence services, especially the FBI and CIA? And why, instead of cashiering those responsible for this intelligence failure and totally restructuring these agencies, are we doubling their budgets?

* Why did the WTC South Tower collapse first, when it was not as extensively damaged as the North Tower which burned for almost an hour and a half before collapsing?

* Why did many witnesses claim to hear further explosions within the buildings? And why did the destruction of the towers appear more like a controlled implosion than a tragic accident?

* Why did FBI Director Robert Mueller acknowledge that the list of named hijackers might not contain their real names? Doesn’t everyone have to show a photo ID to claim a boarding pass? Where was the normal security?

* Why was there a discrepancy of 35 names between the published passenger lists and the official death toll on all four of the ill-fated flights? Internet columnist Gary North reported that “the published names in no instance match the total listed for the number of people on board”. Why the discrepancy?

* As none of these listed passengers had an Arabic-sounding name, how did the government know which ones were the hijackers?

* Why did the seat numbers of the hijackers, given in a cellphone call from Flight Attendant Madeline Amy Sweeney to Boston Air Traffic Control, not match the seats occupied by the men the FBI claims were responsible?

* Since Saudi Arabia’s Foreign Minister claimed five of the proclaimed hijackers were not aboard the death planes and in fact are still alive, and a sixth man on the list was reported to be alive and well in Tunisia, why are these names still on the FBI list?

* Why were no names of the named hijackers on any of the passenger lists? If they all used aliases, how did the FBI identify them so quickly?

* Why did one of the named hijackers take luggage on a suicide flight, then leave it along with an incriminating note in his car at the airport?

* As for the overall investigation into the September attacks, by late October U.S. authorities conceded that most of their promising leads for finding accomplices and some of their long-held suspicions about several suspects have unraveled, according to the *New York Times*. Since more than 800 people have been arrested and more than 365,000 tips have been received from the public, why has nothing substantial been forthcoming in the largest U.S. criminal investigation in history?

* Why, of the nearly 100 people still being

sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is none seen as a major suspect?

* Why are we bombing Afghanistan, when apparently no listed hijackers were Afghans but instead Arabs from various Middle Eastern nations? Since Iraq was implicated in the 1993 WTC attack, why are we not bombing that “rogue” nation?

* Why does the heavy drinking and searching for hookers by some of the hijackers in Boston, as reported by *Reuters* news service, sound more like mercenaries carousing before a mission than pious religious fundamentalists about to meet their maker?

* How did the terrorists obtain top-secret White House and *Air Force One* codes and signals—the excuse for hustling President Bush all across the country on September 11? Was this evidence of an inside job, or was it, as reported by *Fox News*, evidence that former FBI employee and double agent Robert Hanssen had delivered an updated version of the purloined Promis computer software to his Russian handlers who passed it along to bin Laden? Does this software, which was stolen from a U.S. company during the Reagan administration by Justice Department officials under Attorney-General Ed Meese, allow outsiders carte blanche entry to our top-security computers? (Hanssen’s last job before being arrested as a spy was to upgrade the FBI’s intelligence computer systems.)

* If United Airlines Flight 93 crashed as the result of a struggle between heroic passengers and the hijackers, why did witnesses tell of a second plane which followed it down, falling burning debris, no deep crater and crash wreckage spread over a six-mile area, indicative of an aerial explosion?

* Why did news outlets describe the throat-cutting and mutilation of passengers on Flight 93 with box cutters, when *TIME* magazine on September 24 reported that one of the passengers called home on a cellphone to report, “We have been hijacked; they are being kind”?

As Internet pundit Gary North wrote: “We need a theory of the coordinated hijackings that rests on a plausible cause-and-effect sequence that does not assume the complete failure of both check-procedures and the on-board seating procedures on four separate flights on two separate airlines. I don’t see how anyone can make an accurate judgment about who was behind the attacks until he has a plausible explanation of how hijackers got onto the planes and were not removed.”

But the Federal government, aided by a sycophantic mass media, did not allow such rational thinking to interfere with a rush to judgement that Osama bin Laden was the culprit behind the attacks.

[H: What ever happened to that old Osama bin Laden, anyway?]

OSAMA BIN LADEN AND HIS FRIENDS

As in the JFK assassination, authorities had a suspect even before anyone knew for certain what had happened. Osama bin Laden, born into a wealthy Saudi oil/construction family, received arms and financing from the U.S. Government during the Russo-Afghan War of the 1980s. Despite the fact that bin Laden has denied any knowledge of the September 11

attacks, he is presumed guilty by both the government and the press. No other interpretation of the attacks has been allowed in the corporate mass media.

Bin Laden is a made-to-order enemy, the man reportedly behind the 1993 WTC attack and a fugitive from United States justice for more than a decade. It has been noted that the government apparently has spent more time and money chasing Microsoft's Bill Gates than in capturing bin Laden. This may be due to the business connections between our new terrorist enemy and wealthy American companies.

According to several reports, including Jonathan Beaty and S.C. Gwynne's book *The Outlaw Bank: A Wild Ride into the Secret Heart of the BCCI* (Random House, NY, 1993) and *American Free Press* (October 15, 2001) (the reincarnation of the Washington newspaper *The Spotlight*), Bush family friend James R. Bath used money from Osama bin Laden's older brother, Salem, to open a partnership with George W. Bush in Arbusto Energy, a West Texas drilling company. Bush believed the Spanish word arbusto to mean "bush", although it generally refers to "shrub".

According to the *Houston Chronicle*, Salem bin Laden named Bath his business representative in Texas shortly after the senior Bush was named CIA Director by appointed President Gerald Ford in 1975. It was the Bush family, particularly Jeb and Neil, who were involved in the 1989-93 Savings and Loan debacle that cost taxpayers more than \$500 billion.

Through a tangled web of Texas oilmen, wealthy Saudi sheiks and unscrupulous bankers connected to BCCI, the younger George Bush eventually gained a sizeable interest in a new oil company called Harken Energy. Two months before Saddam Hussein sent Iraqi troops into Kuwait, Bush sold two-thirds of his Harken stock, netting himself nearly a one-million-dollar profit. The stock dropped when the Iraqi invasion began.

The BCCI was closed by federal investigators in 1991 after suffering some \$10 billion in losses. It was a Pakistani-run institution with front companies in the Cayman Islands that used secret accounts for global money-laundering and it was used by U.S. intelligence to funnel money to bin Laden and the Mujahedin in Afghanistan who were fighting against the Soviet-backed government.

Salem bin Laden, incidentally, was killed in the strange crash of an ultralight aircraft in 1988. The single-passenger craft suddenly and inexplicably veered into high-voltage electric powerlines near San Antonio, Texas.

It should be noted that during the Persian Gulf War it was Binladen Brothers Construction (now the Saudi Binladen Group) that helped build airfields for U.S. aircraft. The bin Laden brothers were then described as "a good friend of the U.S. Government".

Later, the bin Laden firm continued to be hired to construct an American air base in Saudi Arabia, despite the fact that Osama had already been blamed for terrorist acts such as the truck bombing of the Khobar Towers at the Dhahan base, which killed 19 Americans. A *WorldNetDaily* writer commented: "So let's get this straight. Osama blows up our facilities and his family gets the contract for rebuilding them. Do you get the feeling there is more going on than meets the eye?"

Another close connection between bin Laden and the Bush family is the \$12-billion private international investment firm known as The Carlyle Group. Although it has removed its Website since the September 11 attacks, it is known that Carlyle directors include former Reagan Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci, former Bush Secretary of State James Baker, and former Reagan aide and GOP operative Richard Darman. The *New York Times* reported that former President Bush was allowed to buy into Carlyle's investments, which involve at least 164 companies around the world.

[H: Yes, we do have more about The Carlyle Group and will send it along if we can work into the typing schedule.]

According to the *Wall Street Journal* (September 28, 2001): "George H.W. Bush, the father of President Bush, works for the bin Laden family business in Saudi Arabia through The Carlyle Group, an international consulting firm." It has been confirmed by the senior Bush's chief of staff that Bush sent a thank-you note to the bin Laden family after a social visit in early 2001.

With such connections and a son as a sitting President of the United States, the senior Bush and his Carlyle involvement were questioned by Larry Klayman, chairman and general counsel of Judicial Watch, who said: "Any foreign government or foreign investor trying to curry favor with the current Bush administration is sure to throw business to The Carlyle Group. And with the former President Bush promoting the firm's investments abroad, foreign nationals could understandably confuse The Carlyle Group's interests with the interests of the United States Government."

After detailing some of the Carlyle/bin Laden investments in several businesses including aerospace industries, Web writer and former LA policeman Michael C. Ruppert commented: "In other words, Osama bin Laden's attacks on the WTC and Pentagon, with the resulting massive increase in the U.S. defense budget, have just made his family a great big pile of money."

What made these business dealings that entangle former and current American political leaders with Middle Easterners even more suspect was the announcement that several U.S. firms were being investigated for short-selling stocks just prior to the September 11 attacks.

SHORT-SELLING INDICATES FOREKNOWLEDGE

Short-selling of stocks involves the opportunity to gain large profits by passing shares to a friendly third party, then buying them back when the price falls. Historically, if this precedes a traumatic event, it is an indication of foreknowledge. It is widely known that the CIA uses the Promis software to routinely monitor stock trades as a possible warning sign of a terrorist attack or suspicious economic behavior.

A week after the September 11 attacks, the *London Times* reported that the CIA has asked regulators for the Financial Services Authority in London to investigate the suspicious sales of millions of shares of stock just prior to the terrorist acts. It was hoped the business paper trail might lead to the

terrorists. The *Times* said market regulators in Germany, Japan and the U.S. all had received information concerning the short-selling of insurance, airlines and arms companies stock, all of which fell sharply in the wake of the attacks.

City of London broker and analyst Richard Crossley noted that someone sold shares in unusually large quantities beginning three weeks before the assault on the WTC and Pentagon. He said he took this as evidence that someone had insider foreknowledge of the attacks. "What is more awful than he should aim a stiletto blow at the heart of Western financial markets?" he added. "But to profit from it. Words fail me."

The U.S. Government also admitted it was investigating short-selling which evinced a foreknowledge of the tragedy. There was unusually heavy trading in airline and insurance stocks several days before September 11, which essentially bet on a drop in the worth of the stocks. It was reported by the Interdisciplinary Center, a counterterrorism think-tank involving former Israeli intelligence officers, that insiders made nearly U.S.\$16 million profit by short-selling shares in American and United Airlines, the two airlines that suffered hijacking, and the investment firm of Morgan Stanley, which occupied 22 floors of the World Trade Center.

Apparently none of the suspicious transactions could be traced to bin Laden because this news item quietly dropped from sight, leaving many people wondering if they tracked back to American firms or intelligence agencies.

According to Michael C. Ruppert, these transactions were handled primarily by Deutsche Bank—A.B. Brown, a firm which until 1998 was chaired by A.B. "Buzzy" Krongard, who today is Executive Director of the CIA. Besides Krongard, other prominent Americans who have been connected to both the CIA and Wall Street power include Clark Clifford (who was a key player in gaining legitimacy for the BCCI), John Foster Dulles and Allen Dulles (Allen oversaw the failed Bay of Pigs invasion and sat on the Warren Commission), Bill Casey, David Doherty, George Herbert Walker Bush, John Deutch, Nora Slatkin and Hank Greenburg.

As detailed in *Rule by Secrecy*, the CIA historically has been top-heavy with members of the Wall Street elite who desire to advance their globalist agenda. It also operates a number of front companies which themselves deal in stocks and bonds.

"I am absolutely convinced that the Central Intelligence Agency had complete and perfect foreknowledge of the attacks, down to the date, time, place and location," Ruppert told *OnLine Journal* on Oct. 12.

There were other indications of foreknowledge. San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown stated that on September 10 he was warned by his personal "airport security" not to fly the next day, according to radio station KSFO.

More ominous was a piece in the September 28 edition of the *Washington Post*, stating that officials with the instant messaging firm of Odigo in New York have confirmed that two employees in Israel received text messages warning of an attack on the WTC two hours before the planes crashed into the buildings. The firm's Vice President of Sales and Marketing,

Alex Diamandis, said it was possible that the warning was sent to other Odigo members, but they had not received any reports of such.

Military forces had been on a heightened state of alert for several days before the attack, and several psychics claimed to have had a premonition that something was afoot.

Even the Russians got in on the act. Dr. Tatyana Koragina, a senior research fellow at the institute of Macroeconomic Development, gained credibility due to her July prediction that an unusual catastrophe would strike America in late August, ruining the economy. In the *Pravda* interview, she stated: "The U.S. has been chosen as the object of financial attack because the financial centre of the planet is located there. The effect will be maximal. The strike waves of economic crisis will spread over the planet."

Following the September 11 attacks, Dr. Koragina was interviewed again and asserted that the "powerful group" behind the attacks will make new strikes. "When [Americans] understand after the upcoming, new strikes that their government can guarantee them nothing, they will panic, causing a collapse of their financial system."

Asked who was really behind this odious plan, she replied that it is not the 19 terrorists identified by the FBI but, rather, a larger group seeking to reshape the world. She said this group of extremely powerful private persons hold total assets of about \$300 trillion and intend to legitimize their power under a new global government.

REMOTE-CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT A REALITY

Thanks to newly revealed technology, it is now possible to theorize that none of the hijackers intended to die. "Global Hawk" is the name of the latest version of a high-altitude, long-endurance, unmanned air vehicle (UAV); in other words, an unmanned drone plane that can take off, conduct missions such as photographing battlefields and land by remote electronic control.

This Buck Rogers equipment made its first operational flight on October 7 when it was used for reconnaissance over Afghanistan in preparation for U.S. air and missile strikes against the Taliban regime. But this remote-controlled plane, similar to a Boeing 737 commercial airliner, was successfully tested earlier in 2001, first at Edwards Air Force Base and later at Edinburgh Air Force Base in South Australia.

When news of Global Hawk was first released, there was speculation that the UAV technology might be used to thwart airline hijackings. Once a hijacking took place, the Global Hawk technology would be triggered and the captured plane flown to a landing at a safe location regardless of the actions of the flight crew or the hijackers.

In fact, following the attacks the *New York Times*, in a September 28 article on increasing air safety, mentioned "new technology, probably far in the future, allowing air traffic controllers to land distressed planes by remote control". This made it seem that such technology is not yet available, but earlier in 2001 a former chief of British Airways suggested that such technology could be used to commandeer an aircraft from the ground and control it remotely in the event of a hijacking.

Needless to say, there are those today who question if Global Hawk's first truly operational use might have been conducted on September 11. After all, as all experienced aviation and military persons well know, if a technology such as Global Hawk is publicly revealed, it most probably has been in secret use for several years. But regardless of how the planes with the terrorists were controlled, it is clear that their managers had information, if not help, from inside the government.

[H: This has come up before and we wrote at length on it, however, the questions continue to arise and especially the objection that the pilots wouldn't sit still for flying into towers. Oh? And how could they prevent it? Why don't you consider some alternative possibilities?]

This could well have been a programmed, or surprise, exercise testing the "landing" take-over capability. It wouldn't take much time off any flight to have to, for instance, land at a nearby airport, check the systems, clear the way and go right on.

The interesting thing is that other "multiple" aircraft were involved—some were not even engaged and THAT is a fact and not a guess. All that is required in this devastating plan is to get the setup going, the plane control is taken by remote control and the pilots thinking it an exercise simply went with the exercise for there was nothing else to do. NONE OF THEM WOULD HAVE EVEN REMOTELY SUSPECTED OTHER INVOLVEMENTS NOR A TURN ABOUT INTO ANYTHING OTHER THAN A NICE SAFE RUNWAY. PEOPLE, WAKE UP, PLEASE—THE WORLD HAS TURNED.]

BIN LADEN AND THE MEDIA

And what of Osama bin Laden? What did he have to say about all this? Don't look to the corporate mass media to inform you, as they have all agreed not to broadcast anything that might detract from the official government story, even though it is acknowledged that Bush's media denunciations of bin Laden have been more filled with descriptions like "evil" and "evil-doer" than specific evidence.

Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting (FAR) noted that, on October 5, 10 network executives representing ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX and CNN were involved in a conference call with National Security Adviser and Council on Foreign Relations heavyweight Condoleezza Rice. The execs apparently agreed to limit how and what they broadcast regarding bin Laden or his al-Qaida group. Bush people even tried unsuccessfully to have *al-Jazeera*, called "the CNN of the Middle East", broadcasting from Qatar, tone down its coverage of bin Laden. They were more successful with members of Congress when they threatened to cut of intelligence reports if members spoke offhand to the media. The next day, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, already on the record as saying Americans "need to watch what they say", extended this constraint by contacting major newspapers and asking that they not print full transcripts of bin Laden's interviews.

According to a *FAR* news release: "The point is not that bin Laden or al-Qaida deserve 'equal time' on U.S. news broadcasts, but that it is troubling for government to shape or influence news content.

Withholding information from the public is hardly patriotic. When the White House insists that it's dangerous to report a news event 'in its entirety', alarm bells should go off for journalists and the American public alike."

Here's what bin Laden did say in an interview on September 28, according to the Pakistani newspaper *Ummat*: "I have already said that I am not involved in the 11 September attacks in the United States. As a Muslim, I try my best to avoid telling a lie. I had no knowledge of these attacks, nor do I consider the killing of innocent women, children and other humans as an appreciable act. Islam strictly forbids causing harm to innocent women, children and other people. Such a practice is forbidden even in the course of battle. It is the United States which is perpetrating every maltreatment on women, children and common people."

In this interview, apparently suppressed in the United States, bin Laden unsurprisingly blamed the attacks on Israel, claiming: "All that has been going on in Palestine for the last 11 months is sufficient to call the wrath of God upon the United States and Israel and for what had earlier been done to the innocent people of Iraq, Chechnya and Bosnia."

Bin Laden went on to state: "We are not hostile to the United States. We are against the U.S. Government system which makes other nations slaves to the United States or forces them to mortgage their political and economic freedom."

One cannot, of course, take bin Laden at face value—but then, the same could be said for the U.S. Government, which has been caught in so many lies and deceptions in the past that it is surprising that anyone pays any attention to official pronouncements.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

What should be thoughtfully considered is the dismal record of United States foreign policy since World War II. This policy, as confirmed by the *New York Times* years ago, has been in the hands of the Council on Foreign Relations elite since at least 1939. This elite and its associates includes former Presidents George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and (the late) Richard Nixon, virtually every CIA Director as well as a considerable number of familiar past and present government officials such as Dick Cheney, Henry Kissinger, Wesley Clark, Strobe Talbott, Alexander Haig, Alan Greenspan, James A. Baker III, Sandy Berger, Colin Powell, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Frank C. Carlucci, John Deutch, Lawrence Eagleburger, Robert McFarlane and Caspar Weinberger.

This policy has been one of neo-colonialism; that is, the subjugation and control of other nations through military dictators or wealthy families supported by, and often placed in power by, the U.S. military or intelligence services. The names of nations that have felt the brunt of U.S. CIA and/or military activity as a result of foreign policy include Somalia, Afghanistan, Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Colombia, Indonesia, Dominican Republic, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Palestinian Territories, Cuba, Vietnam, Korea, Nicaragua, Lebanon, Grenada, Haiti, Serbia, Kosovo, Bosnia, Brazil, Chad, Sudan and many others.

As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated during the

Vietnam War: “My government is the world’s leading purveyor of violence.” He did not say “my country” or “my people”. It is the government—or, rather, those who control it—that is responsible, although we, the distracted and unaware citizens who claim to live in a democracy must take our fair share of the blame.

HISTORICAL PRECEDENTS

Is there precedence in history for what is happening to America today? So much so, there is not enough space to present it all. Nero burned Rome, blamed it on his enemies and took dictatorial power. But consider what happened just last century.

On February 27, 1933, the German Reichstag or Parliament was destroyed by fire. Hitler and his Nazis blamed the destruction on communist terrorists. They even caught one: a retarded Dutch youth named Marinus van der Lubbe, who carried a Communist Party card. After some time in custody, the youth confessed to being the arsonist. However, later investigation found that one person could not have started the mammoth blaze and the incendiaries had been carried into the building through a tunnel which led to the offices of Hitler’s closest partner, Hermann Goering.

Less than a month later, on March 24, 1933, a panicky German Parliament voted 441 to 94 to pass an “Enabling Act” at Hitler’s urging, which was the starting point for his dictatorship. As a result of this act, Germans soon saw gun confiscation, national identity cards, racial profiling, a national security chief (Heinrich Himmler) and, later, mass murders and incarcerations in concentration camps.

One of the Western leaders who supported Hitler and his policies was Prescott Bush, grandfather of President George W. Bush. He must have taken notice of Hitler’s method for gaining unwarranted power.

Since the Reichstag fire, the Bush family and their associates in the Council on Foreign Relations, Trilateral Commission and the Bilderbergers have often mimicked Hitler’s tactics of creating a problem, offering a draconian solution and advancing their agenda through any resulting compromise.

The real enemy is whoever is behind the September 11 terror attacks. Osama bin Laden, so closely connected to the financial interests of the Bush family and CIA, may be the mastermind, or he may be a convenient scapegoat—yet another provocation to stampede Americans into another war for oil.

We must thoughtfully consider where the real source of terror lies: with one bearded fanatic in an impoverished Middle Eastern country, or with those who would profit while shredding the *U.S. Constitution* in the name of defending freedom.

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[END OF QUOTING]

I am continually alarmed by your seeming inability to take time to investigate YOUR OWN POSITIONS, readers.

I am brought to attention by a recent small article out of Russia where there was great denial of the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and other claims to non-existent conferences and gatherings which actually produced those *Protocols*. They have been called, a favorite term for any who wish to accuse another of their own atrocities, forgeries. What is a forgery? It is a construction of something already presented.

But people: The world famous “*Protocols*” were the MINUTES RECORDED of the first Zionist Congress, a historic assembly which took place at BASEL, SWITZERLAND (home of the Bank of International Settlements) August 29-31, 1897.

Strangely enough the denials continue while there are references, pictures of the members attending and thus and so. The information comes directly from the *Universal Jewish Encyclopedia* volume 2, 1948 edition, page No. 102. “In material which never reaches Christians the Jews are very proud of their First Zionist Congress and their *Protocols*, which have been followed to the letter,” it is stated.

Therefore it is obvious that people will believe that which they WANT to believe no matter what the topic. This is fine and is certainly allowed by God that you do so. I just wonder, however, how many of you then go and complain, blame and insult God after you are captured in your own traps?

I will tell you one thing about the author of the prior material: He will not blame Ekkers or Haton, Hatton or even “Hatonn”. All we can do is OFFER. It is interesting that once making self a fool, the foolishness continues as if the very universe revolves around the fool being the center.

Our people do NOT want publicity and no, it is not because of V.K. Durham by any of her acquired names. They want to do their job, present our program and remain as low-profile as is possible. Yea, we even demand that of the people who work with us. Anyone wishing notoriety as does V.K. can have the show but it is obvious it will not turn out as she would prefer. She is daily proving the very need of Russell Herman to protect his holdings and all the lies otherwise will not make an iota of difference.

I am here to ask “how else” are you going to get back onto sound footing? If you think through some non-existent “Holding Trust” in Iowa—you are sorely mistaken. V.K. says that Ekkers simply

haven’t been able to find her “Holding Trust” which she now claims is “A 99-year...”. Well, nobody has looked for it—it doesn’t exist. Moreover, if it did, it holds NOTHING. The point, in case missed, is to produce evidence and the matter is settled—just as would be presented proof of a marriage from the hall of records where the marriage took place—PROPERLY WITNESSED AND REGISTERED. It is not OUR FAULT if there is no such record—and to claim we are somehow setting up her “murder” through some missing records (which are her total responsibility) is ludicrous.

The GAIA program is a SOLUTION, not a problem nor another working greed-mongering of ANYTHING.

And no, “Yellow Journalism” is NOT our concern. In fact, the whole of the “yellow journalism” accusations from V.K. were not even addressed to any of us. We certainly have no obligation to even acknowledge them. She must have found another voice, for she thanks those who rush her the *CONTACTS* and other immediate information.

She blames us for a pet being poisoned or some such nonsense by our publication by giving an address of someone she claims is NOT her AND maintains we didn’t even locate the correct address. How many people in Ida Grove, Iowa are regular subscribers to *CONTACT*? Now, she expects us to continue to run her outrageous perjurious and fabricated threats?

What V.K. does with her “holding trust” assets is her business but you citizens who seem to bite frequently on these wondrous Land Claim promises without backup are not going to end up as happy campers. It is truly difficult to believe any one person can be totally and 100% incorrect in EVERY STATEMENT OFFERED WHILE SHE CLAIMS TO OWN THE WORLD’S ASSETS ALL TO HERSELF. Yes indeed, Russell Herman certainly did know what he was doing! She stole the documents and then claimed ownership between mid-July and September 1994. Russell Herman died on August 29, 1994. Suspicious? Well, it appears so to investigators.

You will also find that the other holdings of Russell Herman as to his acquisitions of artifacts, etc., were handled in his “Will” which was totally buried. V.K. said on several occasions that there WAS A HERMAN WILL—where did it go? She has never presented ANYTHING which even resembles a “Will”. What she presented was WRITTEN BY HER “AFTER” RUSSELL’S DEATH. I can guarantee that you will NOT find that Will in V.K.’s “holding trust”.

We are not playing in any way in the Big Business world of debacles and greed. Therefore we represent no threat to them in actual fact. Will we somehow pull them down? Who? Oh, those circles of Big Boys? No, they will do that on their own cause, we would suppose. We have not even set forth to “annoy” them.

We are accused by V.K. of supporting and funding such as bin Laden’s group? Funny thing—we even thought he was with the CIA and isn’t that American? No, we haven’t even offered to fund such parties and certainly haven’t.

Your enemies are at your door and yet so few seem to really recognize them. That too, is your choice.—GCH

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Watchdogs Howling Because Of Carlyle Group Improprieties

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RE: CARLYLE'S WAY: BUSH, RUMSFELD, BAKER, BIN LADEN AND THE BOYS. PAY ATTENTION, CAREFULLY, FILIPINOS—FIDEL RAMOS WAS/IS A PRIME PARTICIPANT IN THE CARLYLE GROUP

PROTECTION, PRIVACY,
AND GOOD BUSINESS V. HIDING,
MANIPULATING, AND CRIMINAL
ACTIVITIES

Hatonn—I said yesterday that we would make an effort to present something on the Carlyle Group because it gives such insight as to the workings AND the players who seem to be involved in every corrupt dealing since “dealing” began.

Also when you cannot make connections between seemingly disconnect dot-flow-lines, LOOK AGAIN. As with the Carlyle Group one of the first mentioned participants is Fidel Ramos of the Philippines.

Does Mr. Ramos have information on GAIA? Of course, about ten sets of information. Same with the other movers and shakers in the Philippines. We are delighted to present everything to anyone, or their representatives. It is interesting to note that even rather uninvolved parties demand total secrecy from even being seen in our company to be used as some political fodder. That, because of the fodder supplied to such as the Central Bank BY SUCH AS V.K. DURHAM. Since we meet with anyone who comes and all are invited, it doesn't hurt us an iota to have the publicity. It doesn't do much for Durham but she has chosen that particular line of mischief. We tried to work with her, supported her financially and a kick in the teeth is all she returned—so, have a good day.

Why would I bother to clutter further your “rather not” mind with these matters while we should be focused on making our own program work, setting the players to correct in such as the Bonus Battle and/or leaving the other nonsense out of our personal recognition? Because you will note with even a modicum of information that it is ALL the very same thing. THAT is how blind you have been and how cunning have been the manipulators.

CORPORATIONS

I am, before I go further, going to ask Ron Kirzinger, as the manager of Budget Corporate Renewals to again run his series of “corporation” information. I ask that several things be done with CONTACT starting ASAP. **One:** Get the information regarding incorporating and corporation uses and advantages before our readers AGAIN and keep it running, please. There is need for you

to pay attention. Everyone asks, yea, even God, to sort for you, save you from your woes and you go back to sleep. And **two:** If there is a company that serves the old “New Gaia” customers—keep a going bit of information in CONTACT so that our GAIA products have an inquiry point whether or not they are market-available. And, as we write on other things, where they might be found.

As we start again to have various books available, we will also need to keep reminding people of Phoenix Source so that we can have a point of reference. If that is too much for the CONTACT staff to sort as to “who” to direct the calls which come at random to the paper—then please ask someone to field those calls. Bruce Tracy has long ago volunteered to sort those calls and/or fill in where and if he can.

Bruce took a licking and barely kept on ticking when confrontations came and a shift had to be made, but we do not push our family into more and larger things such as strokes and heart attacks. Or leave it the way it is as we also know that Rex enjoys the contacts with authors and people in general who call or write, e-mail or visit.

THE LOAD WILL PICK UP

Valerie has also offered to extend her own input and I could go on and on but let us just consider a few basics right now that I KNOW will be coming forth as we can expand again, a bit at least.

As we note problems within our prior connections, i.e. example, Nevada Corporate Headquarters and now problems by those corporate people as involved in their side-companies, we are responsible to suggest other alternatives. That is our purpose and our responsibility, please.

Right now our paper is for COMMUNICATIONS purposes, for we have been under attack and badgering during the past three years to the point it is difficult to do our own project work. That is fine, surprisingly enough, for it clears the “screen”, gives us information we would not have otherwise and allows us to see a bit into the future as to NEEDS.

Each reader can assume the messages are directly for them, it is fine. Even V.K. Durham finds that she can take the entire paper back to the beginning of publication and grab it as her personal publication.

Do we object to misinformation? Yes, but a worthy publication and involved people can take it and respond appropriately. We are NOT, however, a “neighborhood watch” local and/or personal platform.

Why, then, do we and have we high-centered on the Russell Herman issues as to V.K. Durham and our own GAIA project? Because it IS totally applicable to everything we are doing and legal questions must be answered, challenges made to set

lies to truth and CONTACT has been, since inception, THE agreed-upon instrument for communications. Yes, it IS “that” simple.

I want, however, to REMIND you to be wise in your recognition of that which is total hogwash and especially that which pours onto your ears and eyes through that computer “mouth”.

Please, check further when you get information such as from ones in the circle of sensational reporting: Rayelan Russbacher (Rumor Mills) and “The Dove of Oneness”, when the presentations are outrageous with which to begin but grow exponentially in the repeating.

There is a new release on the topic of something called “NESARA” and related activities.

People, look it up and you will find it is “bill” which does NOT EVEN YET HAVE A “SPONSOR”, much the less be near passage or use.

Example of erroneous information: From Dove: In fact, what you will learn after NESARA's announcement is that ZERO of your income tax money ever went to run the federal government. All expenses of the federal government are paid out of the monthly interest on a \$65 Trillion trust and have been for years. (Not Social Security money—a different trust. I lack info about what will happen to this \$65 Trillion trust but understand the federal government will discuss its existence after NESARA.) ... In essence, income taxes went to pay the banking families who owned the Federal Reserve and also to pay the Queen of England—she gets 63% of IRS revenues. This payment to the Queen is part of an arrangement made in the first years after the *Declaration of Independence* to pay off the Royal Family as part of getting the British to leave the U.S. alone. I'm told this agreement to pay off Britain was negotiated by the head of France at that time. There's a lot that has been hidden from us; it probably seemed like a good way to stop the fighting with the British at the time.”

There goes on a lot about “White Knights” (involved with this NESARA “idea”). I say “idea” because it has gone no further, actually, than an idea.

The above quotation has so many gross inaccuracies as to be quite startling but yes, I do think the person presenting has “good intentions” but extremely faulty information which is now spread far and wide with NO FOUNDATION IN FACT OR TRUTH.

Status of NESARA? (We wrote about this program at least a year ago.) It was looked up as to status YESTERDAY so unless some magic (like updating the computer status) still has NO SPONSOR—which is mandatory for a “Bill” in the legislative system.

\$65 Trillion “trust”? Dear ones, the Fed doesn't need a “trust” of any kind nor a \$65 Trillion “trust” to print money, create electronic transfers or pay the Queen.

You have people pushing around great programs and even as with V.K. which may well be based “document wise” on “something”, unless you get a FOUNDATION of VALUE under those programs you have NOTHING BUT OUTRAGEOUS PYRAMID SCHEMES WHICH

BLOW UP IN YOUR FACES. And as Col. Al Martin states: “You have to muscle your way in—when you can prove you are right.”

We are RIGHT and we are pushing against what seems, to ordinary people, ludicrous opposition which simply has control enough to simply “ignore”, “set aside” and continue the farce of smiling manipulation of your lives and resources. A handful of players grab it all and they do it in a sheltered way through just such structured networks as the “Carlyle Group”.

How can you tell that “we” have something instead of hot air? Because you WON’T HEAR ABOUT US. You will hear about what the government and the Elite players WANT YOU TO HEAR IN INSTANCES SUCH AS THE NESARA DISTRACTION.

So, “my task”? To help sort some of the myriads of pieces of input/output which hold some truth, validity and is attention-worthy from the river of disinformation, players at new communication opportunities, and that which gives you reasonably worthy information. AND YES, TO URGE YOU TO PROTECT SELVES, OFFER POSSIBILITIES FOR “YOU” TO GROW WHILE GETTING THROUGH THIS PERIOD OF CHAOS AND BOMBARDMENT. YOU HAVE BEEN PLACED IN MORTGAGE, AND FRANKLY, EVEN THE BANKRUPTCY FORECLOSURES HAVE ALREADY BEEN PERFECTED—YOU MAY NOT HAVE NOTICED BUT IT IS SO.

Our team people do NOT want great recognition. In fact, they prefer NO RECOGNITION. This is a global program and we will honor the no-profile request to the best of allowances for same.

Ekkers, for instance, are surviving in a place where kidnapping is THE MODE OF MAKING A LIVING. So, people, you have already reached the time of having to live as prisoners in your own cells and yet you still call it “freedom”.

Of course you need to look at possibilities—all you can gather. My suggestion is not to quit investigating BUT TO USE WISDOM IN YOUR PERCEPTIONS.

I can give you one more example of what I mean:

There is the media tale, PLANTED, about one of the hijacker pilots whose plane hit the WTC while his car had luggage (for a suicide flight?) and final notes perfectly done and scattered to others as well—and his PASSPORT was found atop rubble BLOCKS AWAY from impact site. It was fed to you; you ate it and now look at how absurdly ridiculous and bizarre such a thing IS. THINK ABOUT IT! It is that the more outrageous the tale the more easily it is pushed off onto you-the-terrified-people.

And now, even in the Philippines, SIR Giuliani is being asked to clean up the nation as TOP advisor to Her High-ness, President Gloria. Lehman Brothers of New York is given carte blanche choice of industries and property as are stagnated by non-performing loans (NPL). You will note the names involved are all, once again, THE SAME NAMES, as have always grabbed it all.

People from the IMF, World Bank, major brokerage houses and always the BANKERS are not only “advising” Gloria but are running,

already, the country. They even step in and feast upon such failures as ENRON so that the leaving party is well paid and the incoming players are set to make a “killing” on the deal. THE PEOPLE PAY DEARLY AND ARE JUST SIMPLY ASKED TO “SACRIFICE” JUST A BIT LONGER, LARGER, AND PATIENTLY.

Did we KNOW it would be this way? Of course, HOW ELSE COULD IT BE? I find this in Dharma very frequently: “I want to dump this load and go home.” Readers, it is not “I” that stops that from happening—IT IS “YOU”. This little team here feels total commitment and responsibility to the rest of you who have pushed and pulled and make everything else somehow “work”. We do not have any shortcuts—every word has to be typed one by one from this keyboard. It remains that “if we can write it this way—you can find time to read it!” We are not here to simply fill up pages in print of some kind nor are we here to produce a slick magazine in honor of a producer or editor.

Please note that we were supposed to even thank those who have been supplying V.K. Durham with copies of CONTACT immediately off the press, or before, and other “information”. She demanded it all be run to “her audience” through CONTACT WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SHOUTING CONTACT AS BEING NOTHING MORE THAN “YELLOW JOURNALISM”. Even the pages and pages of rantings were not even addressed to CONTACT or crew. NO! CONTACT is NOT her publication or resource and she can send her messages to INTERPOL all she wishes—they “have her number”. But yes, we can and will if asked, run bunches of correspondence PROVIDED PERSONALLY BY V.K. HERSELF. We have nothing left to prove regarding Russell Herman’s assignment, corporate security, etc. There is a world waiting for help which Russell asked to provide. That is simple enough to understand. V.K. can do whatever she wishes—BUT HER FABRICATIONS AND LIES shall be countered.

I am left returning to the topic of the FED, etc. So, you know what is afoot and should it be exactly like “Dove” presents, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO—REALLY—ABOUT THE MESS? Unless you have a BETTER WAY, a way to stabilize—WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? Would you actually believe that someone like V.K. who is a total tyrant in her present status would be a better world Queen of the Hill? This is not to put down V.K.; this is something you had all best consider and that considers everything she claims to have in her “Holding Trust”. Everything of NOTHING is still quite small as is pointed out to me every day! But, we are building a solid foundation so that when we present “something” of “something” it will certainly be “sufficient”.

WE DID NOT MAKE V.K.’S CHOICES—SHE DID, AND SOME OF THEM WERE QUITE DAMAGING, AS IT TURNS OUT TO BE—BUT WE HAD/HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH “THAT” EITHER.

Now, I ask to move on the information received about the “Carlyle Group” as provided from the Internet and forwarded on earlier in February.

It appears it may well have been written by the

author on December 11, 2001 but is so currently in the news that it bears renewed attention as well as unfolding more clearly the association with the World Trade Center bombings.

It is also suggested here that you inquiring minds check out the Boards of Directors of Carlyle, Enron, and Daynacorp? Is “Daynacorp” a misspell? Possibly, so have fun and look up Dynacorp as well. Typos happen and yet the very misspelling is often the very shelter desired in the first place.

Why do we not just advertise the source site and not waste time here in typing and reprinting? Because, readers, our audience is not Computer-Internet literate—including my secretary. How else can this information get to people if we are unwilling to do the bit of work necessary to put it into a format which can be had by any who wish to pick up a paper. Our readers EXPECT it from us and shall continue to get all we can get to them.

[QUOTING:]

CARLYLE’S WAY—THE BIGGEST
OLD BOYS’ NETWORK AROUND
MAKING A MINT INSIDE
“THE IRON TRIANGLE” OF
DEFENSE, GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY
By DAN BRIODY

December 11, 2001

[It seems to have been forwarded to us through others but starting with “American Patriot Friends Network”. Thank you.]

Like everyone else in the United States, the group stood transfixed as the events of September 11 unfolded. Present were former secretary of defense Frank Carlucci, former secretary of state James Baker III, and representatives of the bin Laden family. THIS WAS NOT SOME UNDERGROUND PRESIDENTIAL BUNKER OR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INTERROGATION ROOM. IT WAS THE RITZ-CARLTON IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THE PLUSH SETTING FOR THE ANNUAL INVESTOR CONFERENCE OF ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL, WELL-CONNECTED, AND SECRETIVE COMPANIES IN THE WORLD: THE CARLYLE GROUP. And since September 11, this little-known company has become unexpectedly important.

That the Carlyle Group had its conference on America’s darkest day was mere coincidence, but there is nothing accidental about the cast of characters that this private-equity powerhouse has assembled in the 14 years since its founding. Among those associated with Carlyle are former U.S. president GEORGE BUSH SR., former U.K. prime minister JOHN MAJOR, and FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES FIDEL RAMOS. And Carlyle has counted GEORGE SOROS, PRINCE ALWALEED BIN TALAL BIN ABDUL AZIA ALSAUD of Saudi Arabia, and OSAMA BIN LADEN’S estranged family among its high-profile clientele. The group has been able to parlay its political clout into a lucrative buyout practice (in other words, purchasing struggling companies, turning them around, and selling them for huge profits)—everything

from defense contractors to telecommunications and aerospace companies. It is a kind of ruthless investing made popular by the movie *Wall Street*, and any industry that relies heavily on government regulation is fair game for Carlyle's brand of access capitalism. Carlyle has established itself as the gatekeeper between private business interests and U.S. defense spending. And as the Carlyle investors watched the World Trade towers go down, THE GROUP'S PROSPECTS WENT UP.

[H: And you want to talk coincidences? This meeting would ordinarily be held in plush quarters IN THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IN NEW YORK. Strange indeed that they would have just happened to be meeting in a hotel in Washington that fateful day in September.]

In running what its own marketing literature spookily calls "a vast interlocking, global network of businesses and investment professionals" that operates within the so-called iron triangle of industry, government, and the military, the Carlyle Group leaves itself open to any number of conflicts of interest and stunning ironies. For example, it is hard to ignore the fact that Osama bin Laden's family members, who renounced their son ten years ago, stood to gain financially from the war being waged against him until late October, when public criticism of the relationship forced them to liquidate their holding in the firm. **[H: Of course they didn't liquidate except on public paper as they moved in "shelter" mode. And by the way—where, exactly, IS THAT ILLUSIVE OSAMA BIN LADEN?]** Or consider that U.S. President George W. Bush is in a position to make budgetary decisions that could pad his father's bank account. But for the Carlyle Group, walking that narrow line is the art of doing business at the murky intersection of Washington politics, national security, and private capital; mastering it has enabled the group to amass \$12 billion in funds under management. But while successful in the traditional private-equity avenue of corporate buyouts, Carlyle has recently set its sites on venture capital (VC) with less success. The firm is finding that all the politicians in the world won't help it identify an emerging technology or a winning business model.

Surprisingly, Carlyle has avoided the fertile VC market in defense technology, which now, more than ever, comes from smaller companies hoping to cash in on what the defense establishment calls the revolution in military affairs, or RMA. Thus far, Carlyle has passed up on these emerging technologies in favor of some truly awful Internet plays. And despite its unique qualifications for early-stage funding of defense companies, the firm seems to have no appetite for the sector.

Despite its VC troubles, however, the Carlyle Group's core business is set for some good times ahead. Though the group has raised eyebrows on Capitol Hill in the past, the firm's close ties with the current administration and its cozy relationship with several prominent Saudi government figures has the **watchdogs howling**. And it's those same connections that will keep Carlyle in the black for as long as the war against terrorism endures.

For the 11th-largest defense contractor in the United States, wartime is boom time. No one knows

that better than the Carlyle Group, which less than a month after U.S. troops began bombing Afghanistan filed to take public its crown jewel of defense, United Defense, a company it has owned for nearly a decade. That this company is even able to go public is testament to the Carlyle Group's pull in Washington.

United Defense makes the controversial Crusader, a 42-ton, self-propelled howitzer that moves and operates much like a tank and can lob ten 155-mm shells per minute as far as 40 kilometers. The Crusader has been in the sights of Pentagon budget cutters since the Clinton administration, which argued that it was a relic of the cold war era—too heavy and slow for today's warfare. Even the Pentagon had recommended the program be discontinued. But remarkably, the \$11 billion contract for the Crusader is still alive, thanks largely to the Carlyle Group.

"This is very much an example of a cold war-inspired weapon whose time has passed," notes Steve Grundman, a consultant at Charles River Associates, a defense and aerospace consultancy in Boston. "Its liabilities were uncovered during the Kosovo campaign, when the Army was unable to deploy it in time. It is exceedingly expensive, and it was a wake-up call to the Army that many of its forces are no longer relevant."

But the Carlyle Group was having none of that. While it is impossible to say what U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was thinking when he made the decision to keep the Crusader program alive, people close to the situation claim to have a pretty good idea. Mr. Carlucci and Mr. Rumsfeld are good friends and former wrestling partners from their undergraduate days at Princeton University. And while Carlyle executives are quick to reject any accusations of them lobbying the current administration, others aren't so sure. "In this particular effort, I felt that they were like any other lobbying group, apart from the fact that they are not," said one Washington, D.C., lobbyist with intimate knowledge of the Crusader negotiations, noting the fine line between lobbying and having a drink with an old friend.

According to Greg McCarthy, a spokesperson for Representative J.C. Watts Jr. (R-Oklahoma), whose district is home to one of the Crusader's assembly plants, the Carlyle Group's influence was indeed felt at the Pentagon. "Carlyle's strength was within the DoD, because as a rule someone like Frank Carlucci is going to have access," says Mr. McCarthy. "But they have other staff types that work behind the scenes, in the dark, that know everything about the Army and Capitol Hill."

Perhaps even more disconcerting than Carlyle's ties to the Pentagon are its connections within the White House itself. Aside from signing up George Bush Sr. shortly after his presidential term ended, Carlyle gave George W. Bush a job on the board of Texas-based airline food caterer Caterair International back in 1991. Since Bush the younger took office this year, a number of events have raised eyebrows.

Shortly after George W. Bush was sworn in as president, he broke off talks with North Korea regarding long-range ballistic missiles, claiming there was no way to ensure North Korea would comply with any guidelines that were developed. The news came as a shock to South Korean officials, who had spent

years negotiating with the North, assisted by the Clinton administration. By June, Mr. Bush had reopened negotiations with North Korea, but only at the urging of his own father. According to reports, the former president sent his son a memo persuasively arguing the need to work with the North Korean government. It was the first time the nation had seen the influence of the father on the son in office.

But what has been overlooked was Carlyle's business interest in Korea. The senior Bush had spearheaded the group's successful entrance into the South Korean market, paving the way for buyouts of Korea's KorAm Bank and Mercury, a telecommunications equipment company. For the business to be successful, stability between North and South Korea is critical. And though there is no direct evidence linking the senior Bush's business dealings in Korea with the change in policy, it is the appearance of impropriety that excites the watchdogs. "We are clearly aware that former President Bush has weighed in on policy toward South Korea and we note that U.S. policy changed after those communications," says Peter Eisner, managing director at the Center for Public Integrity, a watchdog group in Washington, D.C., which has an active file on the Carlyle Group. "We know that former President Bush receives remuneration for his work with Carlyle and that he is capable of advising the current president, but how much further it goes, we don't know."

While the Center for Public Integrity looks for its smoking gun, others in Washington say hard evidence is unimportant. "Whether the decisions made by the former president are a real or apparent conflict of interest doesn't matter, because in the public's eye they're equally as damaging," says Larry Noble, executive director and general counsel of the Center for Responsive Politics. "Bush Sr. has to seriously consider the propriety of sitting on the board of a group that is impacted by his son's decisions."

The controversy is expected only to increase as Carlyle's investments in Saudi Arabia are scrutinized during the war on terrorism. Mr. Eisner says that very little is known about Carlyle's involvements in Saudi Arabia, except that the firm has been making close to \$50 million a year training the Saudi Arabian National Guard, troops that are sworn to protect the monarchy. Carlyle also advises the Saudi royal family on the Economic Offset Program, a system that is designed to encourage foreign businesses to open shop in Saudi Arabia and uses re-investment incentives to keep those businesses' proceeds in the country.

But the money flowing out of Saudi Arabia and into the Carlyle Group is of even more interest. Immediately after the September 11 attacks, reports surfaced of Carlyle's involvement with the Saudi Binladen Group, the \$5 billion construction business run by Osama's half-brother Bakr. The bin Laden family invested \$2 million in the Carlyle Partners II fund, which includes in its portfolio United Defense and other defense and aerospace companies. On October 26, the Carlyle Group severed its relationship with the bin Laden family in what officials termed a mutual decision. Mr. Bush Sr. and Mr. Major have been to Saudi Arabia on behalf of Carlyle as recently as last year, and according to reports, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is

currently looking into the flow of money from the bin Laden family. Carlyle officials declined to answer any questions regarding their activities in Saudi Arabia.

But for all the questions, Carlyle has stayed clean in the eyes of the law. Lobbying laws in Washington, D.C. are ambiguous at best, requiring only that former politicians observe a one-year "cooling-off period" before they reenter the lobbying scene on behalf of industry. It is playing within this gray area that has given the Carlyle Group some of the best returns in the business.

After David Rubenstein, a former aide in the Carter administration, and William Conway Jr., former chief financial officer of MCI Communications, hooked up at New York's Carlyle Hotel in 1987 to form the company, the Carlyle Group spent two lost years investing in a hodgepodge of companies. It wasn't until 1989, when the company brought in Mr. Carlucci, fresh off his two-year stint as U.S. Secretary of Defense, that Carlyle got serious in government. **[H: Now, about here (1989) you might want to start paying attention to the ongoing "stuff" regarding Bonus 3392-181.]** In 1991 the company made a name for itself by facilitating a \$590 million purchase of Citicorp stock for Prince Alwaleed bin Talal. Shortly thereafter, Carlyle snatched up defense contractors Harsco, BDM International, and LTV, turning the companies around and selling them to the likes of TRW, Boeing, and Lockheed Martin.

[H: Why would there simply not be a use or trial at use of Bonus? Oh it was, but it had been put into security and just as we had to state openly and publish same: THE ASSETS WOULD NOT BE USED KNOWINGLY FOR ANY WAR PURPOSES. We remain bound to that stand and although we realize once we separate from any joint venture, we cannot control or enforce use of funds, we keep our agreements and certainly to the letter of the agreement on that one—only honest humanitarian projects, rebuilding of infrastructures, etc., are on our list. Now there is a big need for arms and war machinery so the pull is on and other resources must be utilized. It becomes even more awkward for such as the Philippines who get caught up in this insanity of "war", for full support can be offered by us for honorable defense needs and especially for police departments for the protection of nation and people. It is, I believe you might see, difficult at best.]

The next question is usually, "How do we get the information to everyone?" We don't even try. We are not after fanfare, we are about getting the information published into proper press and once accomplished—it is there for any who wish to avail themselves of same. It is not our problem nor task to inform the entire world person by person. Furthermore, it is noted and nobody longer asks for things such as an ammunition factory.

Perhaps, in fact, you can see that even in the world of outrageous fortunes and adventures, there is A PLACE FOR GAIA and God's "little people".]

The Carlyle Group has diversified its holdings

since then, investing in everything from bottling companies to natural-food grocers. In the process, it has become one of the biggest, most successful private-equity firms in business, with annualized returns of 35 percent. (Judging by the early numbers from some of their funds, however, like many other private-equity funds, 2001 will be a considerably less profitable year for Carlyle.)

"They are the new breed of private equity, acting more like a large mutual fund of private companies," says David Snow, editor of PrivateEquityCentral.net, a Web site that tracks private-equity firms. The numbers are impressive: Carlyle employs 240 people, as opposed to the 10 or 12 typical of most private-equity firms. It has ownership stakes in 164 companies, which collectively employ more than 70,000 people. George Soros invested \$100 million in the group's funds; the California Public Employees' Retirement System is in for \$305 million.

Carlyle has succeeded by raising money first, then finding the talent to manage it. For instance, it raised a fund for buying out telecom companies and hired William Kennard, the former U.S. Federal Communications Commission chairman, to run it. Accused early on of being nothing more than a bunch of Washington grip-and-grinners, Carlyle has proven its critics wrong. At a Salomon Smith Barney private-equity conference last March, a panel of professional investment managers were asked who the best fund managers are. Carlyle cofounder Mr. Conway was one of the two managers chosen.

With its size and success, questions about the firm's ability to grow revenue has arisen. Carlyle has placed its bets for future growth on the VC markets, which it entered in 1996. But to date, it has found that venture capital is a game with far different rules than that of corporate buyouts. "They may be very established in private equity, but it seems to me that they don't really know the venture capital business," says one VC who has done deals with Carlyle. "In buyouts, you take over a company and fight the management, but in venture capital it's the opposite. You want to work with people."

Carlyle executives admit as much. As a result, the Carlyle Europe Venture Partners fund has been slow to commit its capital. So far, it has spent just more than 20 percent of its \$660 million, and 3 of its original 17 investments have already folded. None has gone public or been acquired. As Jack Biddle, cofounder of Novak Biddle Venture Partners, dryly puts it, "I haven't been involved in a lot of venture deals where the participation of a president mattered that much. In venture capital, it's all about the technology."

For a firm that has made its money in highly regulated, politically charged industries, picking business-to-business plays is hardly second nature. While Carlyle has investments in highly regulated sectors like telecom and banking, it has avoided defense entirely, instead focusing on tech industries that have already gone flat. The firm's European fund alone boasts six B2B companies, two optical-networking companies, and Riot-E, a wireless media play. Jacques Garaialde, managing director of the Europe fund concedes that expectations have been shifted. "Clearly, we can't make 100-times

returns on B2B, but there are some situations in which we can make 3 times."

But the struggles in its VC business may be offset, at least temporarily, by the expected windfall from the war on terrorism. The federal government has already approved a \$40 billion supplemental aid package to the current budget, \$19 billion of which is headed straight to the Pentagon. Some of the additional government spending is likely to find its way into Carlyle's coffers.

The Bush administration isn't afraid to mix business and politics, and no other firm embodies that penchant better than the Carlyle Group. Walking that fine line is what Carlyle does best. We may not see Osama bin Laden's brothers at Carlyle's investor conferences any more, but business will go on as usual for the biggest old boys' network around. As Mr. Snow puts it, "Carlyle will always have to defend itself and will never be able to convince certain people that they aren't capable of forging murky backroom deals. George Bush's father does profit when the Carlyle Group profits, but to make the leap that the president would base decisions on that is to say that the president is corrupt."

Note of interest: Founded in 1987, Carlyle has acquired over \$14 billion in assets through various funds worldwide. Carlyle currently manages more than \$12 billion in private equity funds. Carlyle's funds have made investments in telecommunication and media companies throughout the world, including Global Crossing, Nextel, Net2000 Communications, Northpoint Communications, Videotron, Taiwan Broadband, and Bredbandsbolaget AB.

Carlyle has offices in Washington, D.C., Bangalore, Bellevue, Charlotte, Dallas, Hong Kong, London, Luxembourg, Milan, Moscow, Munich, New York, Newport Beach, Paris, Reston, Riyadh, San Francisco, Seoul, Singapore and Tokyo.

And from <<http://www.dyncorp-sucks.com/new.htm>>:

Truth appears in light, falsehood rules in power;
To see these things to be is cause of grief
each hour.

Knowledge, why didst thou come, to wound
and not to cure?...

O power, where art thou, that must mend
things amiss?

Come, change the heart of man, and make
him truth to kiss.

(Gerrard Winstanley's last pamphlet.)

[H: Now, THAT is truly a load to accomplish!]

[END OF QUOTING]

As the mind becomes weary of the observations, it is difficult to keep in optimistic state of ongoing expression. However, when you check out the actual facts laid before you, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE PROGRESS.

It is a time when nations turn to war. Our very thrust is to begin to supply the support under the people—not the warriors who "make" wars but perhaps with some vision of ability to grow nations in peace, there will be that change of hearts within MANKIND so that the powerful can play in their death games but the people can survive and therefrom dreams of peace can be accomplished.—GCH

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Doris' Corner

2/15/02—#1 (15-183)

By Doris & E.J. Ekker

RE: RESPOND TO LIES & ACCUSATIONS AND MOVE ON—IF YOU CAN! MORE KATHRINE, CATHRINE, KATHRIN, KATHRYN, AND KATE—GRANDMA HERMAN, HERRMAN, HERRMANN, HERMANN, V.K. DURHAM, *ET AL.* CORT CHRISTIE PROBLEMS WHICH NECESSITATE COMMENTS. (NADN; TAX READY)

FAX INFORMATION

Please, could everyone forwarding FAX information on to us in Manila look at their equipment and correct the date and time. We are receiving from several sources and most all of the papers show different datelines. It truly DOES make a difference in responding to inquiries or doing affidavits. We only need “your” correct time from which to adjust ours.

HARD TO BELIEVE

We have again received “Momsie and Popsie” aspersions from the one we will simply continue to call V.K. who, although she changes the headings continually, seems to be recognized as “V.K. Durham, CEO Board of Executive Trustees, The Durham Holding Trust (TIAS), PO Box 113; Ida Grove, Iowa 51445 U.S.A. (We did in fact receive three “hits” on February 12, 2002 per her dating.)

We are asked to respond in some public form to each even if it is only to acknowledge contents to which we can respond later in affidavit format for legal counsel. We will keep it as brief as possible (for us).

Every new presentation, as observed by third parties involved, suggest the woman is totally unbalanced. That, however, is not our problem—response IS. As long as she has others writing and repeating her rubbish on Internet, such as “Bellringer” and *SPECTRUM*, we do not have the luxury of simply ignoring her hateful fabrications.

We are faced, in fact, with uncovering the FRAUD put upon US, inclusive of Rick and others helping V.K. for many years. Her accusations get wilder and less sane while filled with everything from murder to treason.

Why do we continue? Because we agreed to and yes, silly as it may seem, so that Russell Herman can see to it that this gift is realized. We are, NO, not going to quit because a greedy liar claims that which is NOT SO.

She now claims we have tampered and removed records even, yea, about her marriage “licenses”. A marriage license, even if real, is NOT A RECORDED MARRIAGE.

She also claims that “MY fingerprints will not be found on any COURT RECORDER’S FILED INSTRUMENTS.” (???) I ask you: How can you do documents and file them without your fingerprints being on them?

She challenges our “intimate knowledge with all of these documents recorded at various court houses in County Recorder’s Records...”. What we have is information from County Records, published information, V.K.’s own writings and claims, and an ability to counter whatever she sends forth when we KNOW her statements are NOT TRUE.

As with the silliness of the “no marriage”, she says that somehow WE are responsible for her lack of income as a “widow”. Hello. Present a marriage record and surely that would be sufficient. For goodness sakes,

V.K. was working on that one from, I suppose, before Russell Herman died. Now, somehow, we have gotten people in Salem, Oregon to do our dirty work by trying to “murder” her through “DENIAL OF ALL CLAIMS FOR FICA BENEFITS AND RETIREMENTS BENEFITS; INCLUDING MILITARY PENSIONS AND BENEFITS.” (Still adds up to no marriage.)

All this be as it may, there is one thing that bears full attention, for it involves Cort Christie of Nevada Corporate Headquarters and as it is at present, Cort has enough problems without dumping-on by Ms. Durham’s baloney. What I am going to COPY as nearly and as badly as presented to us, is outrageous. The woman has “snapped”.

[QUOTING excerpt from V.K. letter dated 2/12/02. Pg. 2, 2nd para.:]

Further; The following U.S. Fed. Govt. corporations; THE MULTI-LATERAL INTER AMERICAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION; THE DEPOSITORY TRUST CO.; THE INTER AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK; AND COSMOS; SEAFOOD ENERGY MARKETING LTD; ID#1707-85 WERE ILLEGALLY AND UNLAWFULLY “INCORPORATED BY YOURSELVES” while former U.S. TREASURY AGENT CORT CHRISTI of the Nevada Corporate headquarters did your ‘researching’ for you to “take over all of these corporations formerly IN GOOD STANDING” in order you could do a HOWARD HUGHES UMBRELLA of hundred’s of corporations to conceal your SUBVERSIVE, COVERT ACTIVITY WITH THE “ASEAN” Al Qaeda, ALL KADA, Abu Sayyef, Moro Islamic Liberation Front Nur Missuari and attorney ELLY PAMATONG etc..to bring down the U.S. Economic Structure and Infra-Structure of what you call in your February 6, 2002 issue “The United States of Israel.”

You have issued BOGUS International Banking Finance Security Instruments which (per you) are WAREHOUSED IN THE ISLAMIC GOLD BANKS AND LEVERAGED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES DOLLAR.

Sedition, is Sedition. TREASON is another matter entirely.

[END OF QUOTING]

Now, this person again has her list of copy receivers which indicates every “Law Enforcement” on the globe, we suppose. And, “Legal” which we also have to assume is every legal anything anywhere on the globe, since she has sent to International recipients including business parties, political Heads of State as well as INTERPOL, CIA, Secret Service (we suppose the U.S.) and every regulating department known to her.

We have again been accused of involvement in Russell Herman’s “murder” and prior to this paragraph we will share from another letter of the same date, “blackmail” of “Federal Government Officials” as referred to again in this paragraph:

[QUOTING:]

Momsie and Popsies..Ekker; Commander of the space ships, and Ground Crews.. We could never figure out HOW you were ABOVE THE LAW in your “Fraudulent Activities” until..we went back to SECURITY AND EXCHANGE litigations and prosecutions of many, many years ago.. The pieces of the puzzle’s FINALLY came together... This is the KEY of WHY it was necessary for you to “unlawfully” incorporate COSMOS, SEAFOOD ENERGY MARKETING LTD ID# 1707-85. You have MADE PUBLIC NOTICE of your “agreement of non intervention by the U.S.” further noticing of the “Publishing of names of those U.S. Federal Government Officials” if they did “Interfere with your SUBVERSIVE AND COVERT OPERATION “OFF SHORE”.. [END QUOTING]

A second letter came almost immediately “correcting” P.2; to Cosmos; Seafood Energy Marketing Ltd; ID#1707-“85”. This correction was inserted in the line above the “To:” line which is an habitual mark of V.K. Durham’s additions. On the most important document in her “filings” (the Michel) documents there are several things to be noted:

On the “fabricated” document V.K. has used typical legal numbered paper. The heading is “Cosmos, S.E. Marketing Ltd” although later in the document she refers to “Cosmos Seafood Energy and Marketing Ltd” (neither is correct). In the body of the fabrication there are OBVIOUS insertions of “BONUS 3392 No. 181” on line 3 and on line 7.

Now, people, THIS document is about the most important ONE item in her every file—period! There is no notarization because a notary “seal” shows date of expiration of commission and would prove that the document was DONE ON A DATE MUCH LATER THAN CLAIMED (Dec. 2, 1989).

Other “tampered” documents indicate that this document was slipped in with the “Warranty Deed” and filings of Aug. 1, 1994 (29 days prior to Russell’s death). The filings of that date under that Warranty Deed were constructed on or after JULY, 1994. Now, please, BACK to the top of the page of the Michel document: Inserted ABOVE line “1” is “TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP; December 2nd, 1989, BONUS 3392 NO. 181-1875”, which makes it appear that the two top lines were added later.

In addition to this, the “Warranty Deed” provided to V.K.’s business partners (us) shows signs of whiteout all over the documents and NO VERIFICATION OF THE WARRANTY DEED OR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP.

Now, this brings us right back around to the start: What did Russell Herman assign as “my portion” to Rick Martin (*CONTACT*) to in proper sequence be placed into Global Alliance Investment Association (GAIA)?

The Transfer of Ownership is obviously a fraud, and Ms. Durham COULD NOT lawfully (or legally) “retire” CSEML into a non-existent “Holding Trust”.
The woman is obviously guilty of several counts of fraud, misrepresentation with intent to defraud people working with her, filing of fraudulent and fabricated documents “as originals” and/or valid copies to MISREPRESENT DATES of actual events and declarations even to Legal Opinions and Translations.

It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out that what we have lawfully entered into the records of Clark County, Nevada as documents we were given to back our program are not all like the ones filed by Ms. Durham in Washington and Gallatin counties, Illinois. Hers are not only different but were fabricated and FRAUDULENTLY entered—including the supposed “Will” of Russell Herman.

V.K. then made announcements publicly and thousands of claims poured into various places in Illinois. On June 13, 1995 the *CHICAGO TRIBUNE* ran an article on V.K.’s claims: “...Most of the letters have been certified mail that had to be signed for, and opened.

“We got about 10,000 pieces, and the state attorney general’s office has four boxes full,” noted Wood. “At one point, it was taking two hours a day just to sign for all the certified letters. It’s crazy.”

Later in the same article it stated: “In the driveway alongside the rented Herman home on the southwest side of Okawville (population 1,300), there sits the ‘83 Olds Toronado, looking to be worth considerably less than, say, a few trillion dollars.

“One recent morning, the red-haired Mrs. Herman stood on the front porch of the small, white, wood-frame house to greet a visitor. She wore a ‘Special Grandmother’ T-shirt and a defiant scowl.

“Hi, I’m the bitch,” she told her visitor, before guiding him inside and politely offering iced tea along with a note

of caution: 'This thing is heavier than any of you all know.'

"Packed tightly amidst substantial furnishings, framed tapestries, and several antique rifles mounted on the wall, Mrs. Herman, 60 lives with five mutts, at least three caged songbirds, and two fax machines, one of which she has nicknamed 'Baby'."

"She has keen blue eyes and a revolving identity. She spells 'Herman' at least three ways, also goes by her maiden name, V.K. Durham, and is widely known in her native Shawneetown as 'Ol' Snooky'."

Her suspicions are aggressively faxed out each day to a long list of 'Beneficiarys (sic)' as attested to by a recent month's phone bill posted on a wall: It exceeds \$2,000..."

We know about those big phone bills; we paid a lot of them.

When Russell made his assignment he knew what he was doing far better than we could understand at the time. One of his concerns was that V.K. would "bury" his will and the State could grab the assets if he died in the VA Hospital. That is probably the main reason E.J., Rick and Charles were willing to take on the load.

V.K. reflected the "veteran's hospital" probability to *The Okaville Times*, April 19, 1995: "She thinks that he was murdered so the government could get the gold contract. 'If he died in a veteran's hospital with no will, his estate would have gone to the government,' she said. 'The fools didn't know he had a will. And I have one, too.'"

What she filed was NOT a "Will", as we covered in our Affidavit. **Russell had already assigned, a year before his death, his portion of the "contract" (Bonus 3392-181)—and she had a copy of the assignment from which she later "lifted" at least one signature.** When questions came up about the Will it was noted by the *Chicago Tribune*, June 13, 1995: "In fact, there is no evidence that Herman himself ever lived in Gallatin County. His last known residence, a rented house in Okaville, which is about 40 miles southeast of St. Louis, is more than 100 miles away from Gallatin County, on the opposite side of the state in Washington county."

CORT CHRISTIE AND
NEVADA CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

This notice was posted on the Internet FTC Website, 2/4/02. [QUOTING:]

LAS VEGAS-BASED COMPANIES CHARGED
WITH FAILING TO HONOR REFUND POLICIES

A federal judge has temporarily halted the operations of two Las Vegas, Nevada-based companies that sell programs and services purported to reduce one's income taxes, for their alleged failure to live up to their refund guarantees. According to the Federal Trade Commission, National Audit Defense Network, Inc. (NADN); Tax Coach, Inc., doing business as Tax Ready (Tax Ready); Robert Bennington, NADN's and Tax Ready's president; Cort Christie, NADN's chief executive officer; and Al Rodriguez, NADN's and Tax Ready's general manager, misrepresented that they will provide consumers with refunds and misrepresented that they will provide consumers with refunds in a timely manner, in violation of the FTC Act. The FTC's complaint also alleges that the defendants failed to credit consumers' credit card accounts within seven business days from the time of acceptance of the return of the tax-information products or other acknowledgment that a refund is owed to the consumers, in violation of the Truth in Lending Act (TILA). At the request of the FTC, the court has issued a temporary restraining order and asset freeze, and has appointed a receiver to take control of the companies.

According to the FTC, the defendants advertise programs and services that purport to assist consumers in reducing their tax liabilities. The defendants have promoted

their tax-related services and programs through a variety of media, including advertisements on national radio talk shows. Consumers call a toll-free telephone number in response to the ads, and the defendants' salespeople state that their programs and services will save consumers money on their income tax returns. The defendants' programs cost from around \$400 to more than \$1,400.

The FTC's complaint states that in connection with the sale of these programs and services, the defendants offer consumers an unconditional 30-day money-back guarantee. The defendants represent that if consumers want to cancel the purchase for any reason, they may do so within 30 days and receive a full refund. The defendants also tell consumers that if they are unable to achieve tax savings of \$3,000 after implementing or using defendants' tax-saving strategies, they will receive a full refund.

When describing these guarantees, the defendants allegedly fail to disclose certain conditions. Before consumers are eligible for a refund under the 30-day guarantee, they must obtain a "return authorization" number from the defendants, and before consumers are eligible for a refund under the \$3,000 guarantee, they must have attempted for one full year to implement the defendants' recommended tax-saving strategies, most of which require the operation of a home business.

The complaint alleges that when consumers who meet the requirements of the guarantees contact the defendants to attempt to obtain a refund, the defendants fail to refuse to make such refunds, or otherwise frustrate consumers in a variety of ways from receiving refunds in a timely manner. If issued, many refunds take an inordinate amount of time to be received. Some consumers never receive a refund. Other consumers receive refunds only through the intercession of law enforcement agencies or consumer protection organizations such as the Better Business Bureau.

Further, the complaint alleges that NADN and Tax Ready fail to credit consumers' credit card accounts within seven business days from accepting the return of property or forgiving a debt for services, in violation of the TILA and its implementing Regulation Z. The FTC has asked the court to permanently prohibit the defendants from violating the FTC Act, the TILA, and Regulation Z as alleged, and to order the defendants to pay redress to consumers.

The Commission vote to file the complaint was 5-0. The complaint was filed, under seal, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, in Las Vegas, on January 30, 2002. The seal was lifted on February 4, 2002.

The FTC was assisted in its investigation by the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, the Nevada Consumer Affairs Division, and the Better Business Bureau of Southern Nevada.

[END OF QUOTING]

We bring this to your attention because you may need to change corporate agents should the Federal flu spread to NCH. We were reminded of it by V.K.'s accusation that Cort Christie is a U.S. Treasury Agent. That didn't seem to cut much ice with FTC.

V.K. said to one reporter that she had stuffed pickled peppers for Ike's poker parties and guarded Kennedy's back—hummmnn, every 20-year-old should have such jobs in the White House. (She also told the reporter, in 1995, that she was "60", so she might have been 18 when Ike took office.)

She has also claimed 100% disability and collected payments for same. Could that have been a "mental" problem of some kind? I personally would like to think so. Dr. Knecht once told us about an accident V.K. suffered which left her in a coma for a year. She never spoke of that but did write that she was in an accident and Russell came running to "protect" her. She also suggests that Dr. Deku, whom she claims I, Doris, have said is a "valued friend", needs attention "to our backside". She surely did what she could to make that so.

Do we think there are some bad guys around playing in conspiracies and clandestinely secret treaties and "takeovers"? Yes, and it is proven every day. HOWEVER, do we think we have governments and agencies against us? NO! IN FACT THEY INVARIABLY BECOME VERY CLOSE ACQUAINTANCES.

Hate the U.S. as V.K. continues to insult us by touting at every opportunity? No, we love the United States of America and that for which it stood—ENOUGH TO LIVE IN SERVICE FOR HER.

Well, to all our readers, friends: We didn't know what we were getting into but we will stick with it, V.K. or no V.K., just as long as it takes. All it really does is get better. Each day we are a day closer, whether we see the progress or not. We thank you all so much for your support.—E-E

2/16/02—#1 (15-184)

RE: TO FEB. 15

ADDENDUM

We have just been "graced" with another 4-page tirade from V.K. Durham. It says nothing new but it concentrates this time on our "yellow journalism". Based upon the feedback we have received from some of the readers of *CONTACT*, we believe we have provided more than sufficient forum for her to air her complaints and lunatic ravings. In light of this opinion expressed by the readers and supporters of *CONTACT* and her own objections, we believe it appropriate not to ask *CONTACT* to devote any more of its valuable space to her foul-mouthed rantings. We will monitor her faxes and if she can bring forth some legitimate information not adequately responded to in our Affidavit, we will offer it. We thank you readers for your patience.—E-E

2/20/02—#1 (15-188)

RE: CORPORATION HISTORY OF COSMOS SEAFOOD ENERGY MARKETING LTD. PLUS SOME "BELLRINGER"

HISTORY OF
OSMOS SEAFOOD ENERGY MARKETING LTD.

Yes, we did receive the awaited background information from the Secretary of State's records this morning in Manila. WE ARE DELIGHTED AT THE CONTENTS.

We have to study all of the file in order to make a qualified observation and may need a bit of fill-in by one or two parties. One party being John Ray who V.K. Durham listed as one of CSEML's Directors on a list filed with the Sec. of State.

That was at the time you were also touted, John, to be a Trustee of the infamous "Holding Trust" which could not yet have been formed because V.K. was demanding \$5,000 from us for THAT purpose. It is obvious that V.K. in her *modus operandi* has made her own rules, rewritten the papers filed, etc.

We need to know if you, John, ever filled out any papers as to being elected, appointed, or accepted the position of Director of CSEML?

To all of you out there holding your breath as to the name used by us as Russell Herman after V.K. recently inquired how we came up with "Herman" from "Herrman", etc.: Well, in the founding incorporation of CSEML in 1985 are several of his signatures which look like his passport and certainly are like the "assignment" signature. And surely enough Cecelia Xalis is the only other listed party serving with Russell when CSEML was incorporated. (Further sayeth naught.)

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BELLRINGER

To cover the Bellringer material we will offer his own presentation in an “update” as of February 12, 2002.

The reason this becomes important is that Bellringer is pushing something called NESARA (The National Economic Stabilization and Recovery Act). He is all tangled in with “Dove of Oneness” and “Ru Mills” as in “Rumor Mills”. ALL are involved in something called OMEGA. All of their documents are riddled with erroneous information and to clarify this we will simply have to offer some copy of it and you sleuths can get it off the Internet far better than we. We only wish to utilize the portions, actually, that involve us in any way.

V.K. Durham has denied any involvement with OMEGA. We had never heard of OMEGA, so we became highly suspicious in view of past activities of one, V.K. Durham. Anyone who has information on the program called OMEGA, please inform us.

It is assumed, however, that since OMEGA has been mentioned in a Dove of Oneness offering associating itself with NESARA (denied by NESARA) in that it would receive its funding, then we have to assume that it is all entangled.

To give any kind of background for the information regarding this subject (NESARA), we will give the “Dove of Oneness” Internet presentation and NESARA’s immediate rebuttal.

However, to start, let us just offer Bellringer’s presentation on THE INTERNET about Ekkers and Ekkers’ “Hatonn”. It must be terrible for this poor bell to somehow protect Rick Martin of his favorite publication *SPECTRUM* while at the same time playing V.K. Durham’s game at scuttling Ekkers and our evil, dark energies.

Is all this making it difficult for Ekkers? We suppose so but every presentation of this type gives us more and more credibility. We are told that the best protection is to bring whatever it is to publication and then it is not so that we can be accused of hiding anything. When time allows and it is appropriate to do so, we can respond to the more personal points as regards us or GAIA.

And yes, we do agree that the Internet should be cleaned off of such misinformation-disinformation kiddies at play as actual criminal acts and accusations are presented under shelter of non-location (address), phones or identification. I would guess, however, that if things come to a court to be sorted, these nits would run for the hills.

We cannot believe that this Bellringer is any way or shape a friend of anyone at *Spectrum*. If so, it is indeed reaching a new LOW.

I do, yes, rebel at even his use of “GAIA”, as he has absolutely no idea about anything of which he spouts—nothing! He is a typical parasitical leech acting like a “big shot” “insider” full of misinformation. **[MM: That sounds awfully familiar—doesn’t it?]**

My gosh, before we finish just this writing, you will see that although V.K. has named Ekkers as the “terrorists responsible for the WTC bombing”, they now have the bombing having been done to cover the loss of the NESARA documents. This was a “bill” which is still in effort to even get to some kind of a hearing—and the new lie is that the WTC was bombed to cover the paperwork manipulations.

What do we know about NESARA? Not much more than many of YOU. We have no involvement but we know that what is being put out is NOT truth even if there are truths behind the original efforts.

[QUOTING UPDATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2001 (SIC) (OBVIOUSLY 2002), Bellringer of “FourWinds”:]

4. EKKER’S “HATONN” / CONTACT / GAIA

For the past 140 weeks, the readers of *CONTACT* Newspaper have endured the repetitious and nauseating prattle from the dark energy known as Ekker’s Hatonn. **[D: Interesting that Bellringer still uses “Ekker’s Hatonn”.]** I have spoken Truth on this matter in earlier updates. I repeat again that the Ekkers have been badly tricked by the darkside. Their “Hatonn” energy shows great ego, and speaks harshly and critically with little feeling of compassion or love toward others. Readers receive no spiritual uplift from the Ekker/Hatonn writings, because no Light connection can be made to one’s God Spirit within. It has become very difficult for most readers to discern any differences between the *CONTACT* published writings of E.J. and Doris Ekker, and those of their “Hatonn”.

[D: Poor Mr. Ringer, hasn’t he ever learned that NOBODY ASKED HIM TO SUFFER THE READING OF CONTACT? Should we stop everything we are doing to make Mr. Ringer comfortable? He is always going to get that which he dumps incorrectly back in his face and therefore he has only one sure course of action—stop reading CONTACT. He obviously cannot handle truth as it IS but only in sugar-water of some kind. He is “had” by his contacts and that is fine with us because he only helps our own cause as he presents more and more BAD information.]

For many years the *CONTACT* Newspaper and its predecessors, *The Phoenix Liberator* and *The Phoenix Journal Express* have proclaimed Truth received from the Lighted Being, Gyeorgos Ceres Hatonn. The above papers can be found on the contact10 website. The Phoenix Journals stand testimony to this Truth. It is very sad that the present *CONTACT* staff, E.J. Ekker, and Hatonn’s initial “receiver”, Doris Ekker, have now been so badly deceived by the darkside. **[D: Of course this is the JUDGMENT of one, unidentified, Bellringer Anonymous.]**

This “Hatonn” dominating the *CONTACT Newspaper* **[D: Can’t even get the name right as “Newspaper” (italicized) is NOT even remotely a part of our title. Can’t he and V.K. even COPY correctly? They have wrong dates, wrong names, wrong places and you name it—WRONG INFORMATION—and doesn’t that bother anyone? They present themselves as news analysts and information resources with not a word of truth or fact. Well, we are NOT after attention and we have a lot to do without attending Mr. Bell’s nonsense.]** is a very real and very dark energy, disguised as G.C.H. The Ekkers are allowing this very brilliant dark energy to mislead them, the *CONTACT* staff and hundreds of other people through the distortion of Truth, and the presentation of misinformation and outright lies. **[D: WHO SAID, BELLRINGER? NO, YOU ARE NOT A “GOOD” SOURCE OF INFORMATION.]**

The January, 2002 **[D: A good clue to the correct “date” of this drivel.]** issues of *CONTACT* demonstrate another and more frantically desperate attempt by the Ekkers to establish credibility for a financial base for their GAIA program. Unless they can convince the people that they have legal claim to funds through the U.S. Treasury from this Peruvian Bonus Bond 3392-181 owned by Russell and Katherine Herman, their GAIA game is over. **[D: Doesn’t that expose his lack of knowledge?]**

Historically, CIA stooge, George Herbert Walker Bush, could not force Russell and Katherine Herman, legally husband and wife, to relinquish their ownership of the Peruvian Certificate in question. Also, Bush

hated the “*CONTACT*” for publishing Truth about his evil plans for world control. Thus, he took steps to kill Russell and Katherine Herman and to shut down the *CONTACT* Truth source forever.

The Bush crime family had Russell Herman both killed and cloned, arranged for this Herman clone to meet with Rick Martin of *CONTACT* and make the claimed Peruvian Bonus Bond 3392-181 assignment to *CONTACT Newspaper*, which Martin then assigned over to GAIA and the Ekkers. By using this “fake” Peruvian Bonus Bond assignment and the “thirst for money and power”, George Bush, Sr. was able to entice the Ekkers to detour from their pathway. Thus, he accomplished his goal of stopping Truth from the real Hatonn from being published in *CONTACT*. It is no small wonder that Katherine Herman/V.K. Durham is angry with the Ekkers and that they have fled to Manila in the Philippines for whatever reasons. (Yes, Doris, I note your comment on staggering Karmic possibilities.)

[D: PLEASE GO BACK AND READ THOSE LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS AND THEN GET READY FOR THE NEXT ONE.]

Many questions are left unanswered. Why do the Ekkers or their “Hatonn” become so outraged at anyone who questions their credibility or that of their GAIA program? Why could their GAIA mission not have been accomplished in the United States, or Canada, or Mexico rather than 10,000 miles away? Do the Ekkers really have any legal claim or clear title to any funding for GAIA or for *CONTACT* at this time? Why have they remained in the Philippines and endured such undesirable conditions for three years? When all is finally in sequence, it is possible that V.K. Durham would be willing to use Peruvian Bonus Bond 3392-181 money to fund those legitimate and needful GAIA projects for the little people. With Light and Love, all good things are possible. Needless to say, the spinning of the GAIA web in the Philippines by E.J. and Doris Ekker is being watched very closely by the “White Knights” of the financial world.

[END OF QUOTING]

This does become interesting as you read above: “White Knights”. Is it not strange that you are going to find that term used over and over again by “Dove of Oneness” in the garbage presented as they try to usurp the NESARA and assure everyone that “OMEGA will be funded”. Is this a pet project of one, BELLRINGER?

It is all but impossible to sort and present this material in the order it should be read so I have to leave a lot of the connections to YOU as the receiver/reader. Bellringer wrings the blood out of that bell in such ding-a-ling and ding-dong ways that I am embarrassed as a U.S. citizen to believe anyone would read such rubbish.

[QUOTING Bellringer Update, “B. W.T.C. ATTACK”. Excerpts only:]

The Truth is that the 9/11 attacks on the WTC and Pentagon required long-term highly sophisticated planning, use of technology, cooperation of hundreds of “insiders” and access to secret internal government and military systems which could never have been accomplished by any one person or any group of people anywhere in the world, short of the U.S. government itself. Evidence now shows that the “job” required using hundreds of U.S. Secret Service, CIA, FBI, BATF, DEA and law enforcement agents, the cooperation of airport security, the FAA, the U.S. Airforce, the Pentagon and many others to create this DIVERSION TO STOP THE NESARA ANNOUNCEMENT, AND BEGIN THE FINAL STEP OF “LOCK DOWN” OF THE WORLD UNDER THE ONE WORLD ORDER. [Emphasis mine.]

In the 1980's NYC passed a law to protect people and property from large-scale damage during an earthquake. All tall buildings had detonation devices installed on every floor that would be activated when the top of the building exceeded eight degrees of sway. **[D: For safety's sake, of course.]** The explosives would implode the building, causing it to fall straight down rather than to topple across many blocks of the city. Someone detonated the floors of the South Tower prior to the plane striking it at approximately the same level. Why? No plane or heat at the top could possibly cause the lower steel girders of the WTC Towers to collapse or melt as reported. Everyone watching TV saw both towers implode and fall straight down. This was done deliberately.

[D: Mr. BR has referred to SPECTRUM as a source of information. But this last takes every cake around and I can't believe Dr. Young, an engineer and a physicist with Ph.D.'s yet, would endorse such BS (see above). IF A BUILDING HAD SWAYED OFF CENTER ENOUGH TO DETONATE THESE PLACED "DETONATION DEVICES" WHAT DOES COMMON OLD DONKEY SENSE TELL YOU, READER? IT TELLS ME IT WOULD BLOW THE BUILDING DOWN AT LEAST AT AN 8-DEGREE ANGLE WHICH WOULD COVER EVEN MORE TERRITORY. I am appalled that people such as Bellringer have absolutely no, seemingly, intelligence. This sounds like something V.K. would have told him.]

The WTC contained the banking records of the U.S. and of the world banking systems. Judicial records, U.S. intelligence records and IRS records were located there. Also, COMEX, the world's gold trading center was established there. The fraud and treason of these various entities was about to be REVEALED BY THE NESARA ANNOUNCEMENT, thus, the evidence HAD TO BE DESTROYED.... **[D: And if we believe that blarney there is little hope.]**

MOVING ON TO "C." PATRIOT BILL (HOMELAND SECURITY ACT)

[QUOTING starting paragraph 4:]

In fact, there are the White Knights and the Forces of Light, who, presently are doing just that [stopping the darkside controllers]. On December 12, 2001, a national terrorist alert was issued of possible nuclear attack against U.S. cities during January, 2002. Again on February 12, 2002 (Abraham Lincoln's birthday) another alert was issued by the FBI of such an attack, and possibly against the Winter Olympics being currently held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Just like the 9/11/01 attack, these threats are coming from the Bush Crime Family. The White Knights and their forces, who oppose the darkside, have eliminated the 29 top military brass who helped plan the 9/11 event. Darkside controllers are being eliminated, THEIR CLONES DESTROYED, and the cloning laboratories and factories closed.

[D: Everybody with us so far?]

In early January, 2002 the Bush Crime Family tried to use nuclear attack against 14 U.S. cities to prevent the NESARA announcement. Those cities are Atlanta, Mobile, New Orleans, Kansas City, Houston, Tulsa, Boise, Salt lake City, Phoenix, San Diego, San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle. All of these attacks were stopped by the White Knights and the Forces of Light. Hundreds of darkside leaders and workers have been eliminated. This is the time of sorting. There are good and evil military, good and evil CIA, good and evil FBI, etc., and they are finally being identified for who they really are—dark or Light.

Do not fear! God Aton of Light is in control and Light is now sweeping away the darkness on

Earth Shan. NESARA SHALL BE ANNOUNCED VERY SOON! We are at the point of moving into fourth dimension. Balance and harmony must be restored to our planet, Earth Shan, for this to occur. (Yes, Omega will be funded!)

[Now we will go to number 7 of this update, still QUOTING Mr. Bellringer:]

NESARA

Yes, I shall finally explain the meaning of NESARA! This acronym stands for the words, National Economic Stabilization And Recovery Act. The history leading to the passage of this act by the U.S. Congress in March of 2000 and signed into law by U.S. President Bill Clinton on October 10, 2000, goes back many decades. I have outlined this history in detail in an earlier Update, so I shall be brief.

[D: He may be brief BUT not one word of the above is TRUE. The "BILL" has not found a sponsor. There is NO "bill" as yet. We will also give you THAT information from the "horse's mouth".]

The illegal passage of the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 created a paper money banking system and the Federal Reserve Bank (FRB), removing the U.S. from its Constitutional gold standard. **[D: Bellringer's IGNORANCE is appalling. This statement, looked at carefully, contains no truth. The three elements, paper money banking system, Federal Reserve Bank and Constitutional gold standard are all WRONG. Ignorance is acceptable but to come on as an authority telling you "how it is" with such garbage as that last statement is hardly "ignorance", it is total "stupidity".]** An illegal tax system was created at this same time, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), as a twin to the Federal Reserve Bank. Both were foreign corporations, privately owned and established under trusts to the Crown of England.

Over the years efforts have been made to remove these illegal banking and taxation systems from the U.S. Finally, in the early 1990's a court case was brought to the U.S. Supreme Court to re-establish a Constitutional standard banking system and to abolish the FRB and IRS. This case was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court. The Court ordered the U.S. Congress to pass such a law. They refused. The Court took the case to the World Court in The Hague, Netherlands. The World Court concurred and ordered the U.S. Congress to take immediate action. The U.S. Congress did so in March of 2000. One problem remains. Those who are to make the NESARA announcement and implement/enforce it, have not done so.

[D: Now prepare yourself carefully for this next. That means, please put on your kidney/tummy support because you need to hold self together.]

When George W. Bush took office as U.S. president on January 20, 2001, he agreed to step down in six months and allow NESARA to be implemented. In August of 2001, G.W. Bush refused to do so. The NESARA announcement was postponed but G.W. Bush signed his resignation papers on August 30, 2001. On September 11, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. EST the information on the gold standard banking system was to have been down-loaded to all U.S. and foreign banks from the world banking computers located in the N.Y.C. World Trade Center. Also on September 11, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. EDT, the NESARA announcement was to have been made to all TV networks from the military TV network control center located in the Pentagon, in Washington, D.C. Guess what happened at 8:45 a.m. EDT at both the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?

[D: What DID happen, Bell?]

In addition to the scheduled September 11, 2001 NESARA announcement, on September 28, 2001 the U.S. Congress was scheduled to begin public hearings on the constitutionality of the Internal Revenue Service. These hearings have been rescheduled to begin February 28, 2002.

The NESARA announcement would have initiated many sweeping changes in the U.S. Some of them are:

1. *Abolishing the Federal Reserve Bank and its credit money system.*
2. *Instituting new gold/silver backed U.S. Treasury currency.*
3. *Abolishing the Internal Revenue Service.*
4. *Establishing a sales and use "flat tax" of 14% on designated items but exempting food, medical, etc.*
5. *Declaration of a Bank Jubilee—the forgiveness of most debts owed to the illegal FRB such as house mortgages, car loans, etc.*
6. *The dismissal of Congress, the President and his cabinet, and other treasonous government and military personnel.*
7. *The payment of the people's Farm and Bank claims, along with the funding of more than 50 various legal "roll" programs which had been stolen from the people by the Bush, Sr. and Clinton administrations.*
8. *Fully restoring Constitutional Law and citizen's right in the U.S.*

It is no surprise that the darkside attempted to stop the NESARA announcement. Some are asking why there is no record of NESARA in the Federal Registry, which is a public record of all U.S. Congressional action. The U.S. Supreme Court ordered complete secrecy of NESARA until the official public announcement is made. All those officially involved in passage and implementation of NESARA are sworn to secrecy under the threat of treason and execution for breaking the "gag order". Therefore, the 75-page NESARA document, which I have before me, has no date, no signatures and no Congressional tracking number. The lie told to the curious people is that NESARA has not yet been introduced into Congress, acted on by Congress, or enacted into law, and has not even been assigned a tracking number. Such nonsense! By the way, George Bush, Sr. has set up yet another of his darkside decoys to fool the people. Bush's NESARA is called The Northern Economic Stabilization And Recovery Act!

Will the NESARA announcement be made? Most certainly! And when this happens in the near future, expect to be overwhelmed at the lies that you thought were Truth.

[D: Yes indeed, get ready NOW and see if you can read that again.]

[END QUOTING]

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I need a break already before I launch into the Dove of Oneness idiocy because it has gone beyond NESARA and into threatening all "All U.S. Bankers".

Gosh, and V.K. bleats like we were the only problems around! Gee Whiz.

Obviously the whole game is to excuse NOT PAYING OFF when NESARA doesn't happen (as these touters of the White Knights present). (Their "memberships" are not free.) Note the full coverage by "Mr. Bush" of "his NESARA" which is called The Northern Economic Stabilization And Recovery Act. OH WELL!

Do we believe there is a REAL "NESARA" group of some kind? Yes, and it is exactly this kind of garbage that breaks it all down into the mud to get tossed.

We will call the next Volume II.—E-E.



The News Desk

By John & Jean Ray

ANNAN RAPS ISRAEL FOR SHELLING GAZA, UN OFFICES

MSNBC News, 02/11/02

UNITED NATIONS (*Reuters*)—Secretary-General Kofi Annan rapped Israel on Monday for its heavy bombing of Palestinian targets in Gaza near civilian areas that also damaged adjacent UN offices and injured two staff members.

Israeli warplanes and helicopter gunships attacked the Palestinian security headquarters in Gaza City on Monday in retaliation for Palestinian rocket fire and a shooting attack on Israeli civilians. At least 37 people were injured by shrapnel in the second air strike in Gaza City in two days.

“The secretary-general deplores the deepening spiral of violence between Israel and the Palestinians,” UN spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

“He is dismayed at Israel’s shelling of facilities belonging to the Palestinian Authority in Gaza near civilian areas with bombs of heavy tonnage, which caused substantial damage to United Nations offices and injury to two United Nations employees,” Eckhard said....

Damage was also caused to the offices of the World Bank and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Eckhard said.

Annan said no solution to the crisis could be found through violence and retaliation.

“Both sides must make every effort to achieve a durable cease-fire and return to the negotiating table as there is no alternative to a political solution of this conflict,” Eckhard quoted him as saying.

[JR: Let us repeat what we have said a hundred times or more. Sec. Gen. Kofi Annan has to do much more than express his concerns about the Israeli acts of aggression and the ongoing destruction in the Palestinian territories. The EU has built facilities and financed Palestinian enterprises in the Gaza and the West Bank with losses of \$11 million. If UN indignation and censure has not been an effective tool in dealing with Israel then perhaps a demand for monetary reparations would be more impressive and would provide a strong incentive for the Israeli government to pursue a more reasonable alternative.]

DISSENT BREWS IN ISRAELI ARMY— 100 REFUSE GAZA, WEST BANK DUTY

By Mary Curtius, *Los Angeles Times*, 02/03/02

JERUSALEM—What began with a terse note tacked to a Tel Aviv University bulletin board has mushroomed into the most serious protest movement against the Israeli army’s conduct in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 16 months of fighting with the Palestinians—and it is coming from soldiers themselves.

In newspaper ads, more than 100 reserve combat officers and soldiers denounced the army for what they call immoral behavior toward Palestinian civilians and vowed they no longer will serve in the

West Bank or Gaza. Alarmed by the declaration, the army has begun relieving some of the dissenters of their commands and is threatening to court-martial them.

Speaking Friday to Israel Radio, Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz, the army’s chief of staff, said that if the protesters were “ideologically motivated” by a political view that Jewish settlements should be abandoned and the occupied territories handed to the Palestinians, then “this is not only refusal but grave sedition”.

The dissent has touched off a firestorm of debate in a nation where army service is a pillar of citizenship and where the conflict with the Palestinians that erupted in September 2000 is seen by most as a threat that mandates national unity.

The men represent a minuscule fraction of the tens of thousands of Israelis who perform reserve duty annually, but their status as long-serving reservists in combat units gives their criticism weight both inside the army and in Israeli society.

The movement started when two student reservists posted a note at Tel Aviv University that said: “If you are thinking about refusal and you’re having a hard time with it, call us.”

Within 10 days, more than 30 reserve personnel—many of them officers in combat units—had called the attached phone number. More than 50 officers and soldiers signed an ad published Jan. 25 in the mass-circulation daily *Yediot Ahronot*, saying they will not serve in the West Bank or Gaza. On Friday, more than 100 reservists signed a reprint of the letter that ran again in *Yediot*.

“We hereby declare that we will no longer fight the war for the settlements’ safety,” the reservists wrote. “We will no longer fight beyond the Green Line [Israel’s pre-1967 border] with the purpose of controlling, expelling, starving and humiliating an entire people.”

The soldiers said they will do reserve duty “in any assignment that serves the defense of the state of Israel” but that “the assignment of occupation and oppression does not serve this cause, and we will have no part in it”.

“We relate to this phenomenon seriously and severely,” Mofaz told *Israel Radio*. “Why seriously? Because some of those officers who wrote the dissenting letter also volunteered in the past to take on responsibility. They contributed to state security on many occasions. They led soldiers to battle. They endangered their lives.”

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon shared Mofaz’s ambivalence about the dissenters.

“I see this as a very serious matter,” Sharon told *Yediot* in an interview Friday. But because the men are combat veterans, Sharon said, he is considering meeting with them to discuss their grievances.

Although they may not change the government’s policy, the protesters have sparked the first real public debate in Israel about the army’s conduct toward Palestinian civilians—and about whether the military is routinely asking troops to carry out illegal orders—since the Palestinian revolt began.

[JR: The Israeli army’s brutal treatment of Palestinians confined and trapped in their towns and villages is seeping through the consciences of the

men who serve in the Gaza and the West Bank. The issue and the debate is not about abandoning the Jewish settlements but about the illegal methods condoned by the government and the military. If the government and the military regard it as a threat to national unity so be it.]

PERES OUTLINES MIDEAST PEACE PLAN

By Greg Myre, *Yahoo News*, 02/12/02

JERUSALEM (*AP*)—Foreign Minister Shimon Peres outlined a peace plan Tuesday negotiated with a senior Palestinian lawmaker that calls for a cease-fire followed quickly by the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Long on optimism but short on supporters, the plan was reached between Peres and Palestinian parliament speaker Ahmed Qureia, known as Abu Ala, over several months of unannounced meetings in which they strove to move beyond the daily violence and heated rhetoric.

Meanwhile, Palestinians fired two Qassam-2 rockets at a Jewish settlement in the West Bank on Tuesday, but missed, said a senior Israeli security source, speaking on condition of anonymity. It would be the first such firing in the West Bank.

Israel’s Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer warned Tuesday that he might send troops to retake some Palestinian areas for extended periods if Palestinian militants fire more Qassam-2 rockets, a new, longer-range model that can reach some Israeli population centers from the West Bank and Gaza Strip....

“The Qassam is something that crosses all our red lines” because of its range, Ben-Eliezer told reporters during a tour of northern Israel.

Tension is rising between Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and West Bank security chief Jibril Rajoub, said a Palestinian official, speaking on condition of anonymity. He said the two had a heated disagreement when Arafat accused Rajoub of failing to prevent the release of militants from Palestinian prisons.

Marwan Barghouti, West Bank leader of Arafat’s Fatah movement, told Israel TV that all the militants should be released because “they are resisting the (Israeli) occupation.” Barghouti said that the conflict with Israel must be ended. “There has to be a political plan that gives real hope to the Palestinian people,” he said....

Peres may face a tough battle persuading Sharon, who has shot down several of his initiatives. Other members of Sharon’s coalition government—including members of Peres’ own Labor Party—also are skeptical....

The proposal has been discussed in the media for weeks, but the two negotiators have mostly kept mum. In his first detailed description, Peres said it contains three stages, beginning with a cease-fire—a goal which has proven difficult over the 16 months of bloodshed.

Shortly after a cease-fire is achieved, the plan envisions a mutual recognition of Israeli and Palestinian states.

“We will recognize a Palestinian state, they will recognize the state of Israel,” Peres told *Israel Radio*.

The two sides would then have one year to negotiate final borders and other terms for the Palestinian state, and another year to implement any agreement.

During a White House visit last week, Sharon said he accepted Palestinian statehood in principle, but has cautioned the road to peace is likely to last years, or even a generation.

Peres said the new Palestinian state would initially be on territory already ruled by the Palestinian Authority—about two-thirds of the Gaza Strip and 40 percent of the West Bank.

Palestinians are seeking all of Gaza and the West Bank for a future state, along with a capital in east Jerusalem....

Interviewed by Israel TV, Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said the final borders must be the pre-1967 war lines, but this could be accomplished in stages. He said the final borders must be stated in any agreement.

Relating to the issue, Peres said, "1967 (borders) plus changes, plus a land swap."

But Sharon, who has resisted territorial concessions, opposes such a far-reaching deal. Israel has almost 150 Jewish settlements in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip; Sharon opposes dismantling them, and this would require keeping much of the territory....

[JR: Here is another peace plan that won't go anywhere without the support of Sharon who can't as yet be made to see the need to concede anything to the Palestinians. A cease-fire won't take hold until each side recognizes the need to co-exist with one another in a partitioned Palestine. Sharon's expansion of settlements has reduced the land the Palestinians will rule over on the Gaza and the West Bank. As long as Sharon and his Likud Party continues with their expansionist policies a separate state for the Palestinians is without a hope unless they gain strong support from the Western powers. It is unrealistic that the Palestinians will ever regain the pre-1967 borders.]

ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE MISLED BUSH ON IRAN

By Paul Michaud, *New Dawn*, 02/02/02

PARIS—Sources in the French Secret Services say they have an explanation why President George W. Bush decided at the last minute to add Iran to his "axis of evil", which originally was to include only Iraq.

North Korea was apparently added "for good measure", say the sources, for Bush does not apparently want to give the impression that his crusade is waged exclusively against Islam or the Middle East.

As for Iran, the French sources say that Israel, on the eve of the forthcoming visit to Washington of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, has provided intelligence to Bush according to which, firstly, Osama bin Laden is presently very much alive and well, and that he is being kept "under the heavy protection" of Iranian security forces in northwestern Iran, not far from its border with Iraq.

The other "revelation" made by the Israelis to President Bush and his entourage would indicate that the other major figure on America's "wanted" list, Mulla Omar, has also made his way to Iran, and that he was exfiltrated to the northwestern part of the country, from Afghanistan, where he was until now in hiding.

The operation, according to the intelligence provided to Washington by the Israelis, say the French sources, took place on Tuesday (Jan 29). Bush made his announcement of the U.S. decision to undertake its new anti-terrorist campaign against Iran, Iraq and North Korea the following day, Wednesday, Jan 30.

Both men, according to intelligence provided by the Israelis to Washington, and to certain of their contacts in France, were spirited to Iran by the special security forces of Ayatollah Khamenai, the spiritual guide of the Iranian revolution, a man who happens to be a *bete noire* to President Bush, just as he had been to his father, the elder George Bush.

It is certainly to Israel's advantage that Iran become the target of a U.S. anti-terrorism campaign, as not only

does Iran support the Hezbollah, but also the country does possess nuclear devices, also the missiles capable of carrying the devices to Israel or, for that matter, any other country in the region.

What flusters French strategists about the U.S. decision to place Iran in its line of fire is that relations between Iran and the West, the United States and France included, had become warmer in recent months, indeed that Tehran had been one of the first countries in the world to condemn the Sept 11 attack on the World Trade Center. More recently, Washington had gone so far as to congratulate Iran on its "constructive role" in the creation of a new Afghan state, notably during preparatory meetings held in Bonn on reconstruction of Afghanistan.

And, if Iran seemed so ready to involve itself in the pacification of Afghanistan, it was for a number of pressing reasons, among them the return to Afghanistan of the 2.5 million Afghan refugees present on its soil.

The cost of maintaining the refugees on its territory was proving incredibly onerous to Iran, say French sources privy with the matter, specially as the West, which encouraged the action, never came through with much of the financial and technical support that had been promised.

Another reason why Iran had welcomed an end to the Afghan conflict and the arrival in power of a credible government was the possibility of at last putting an end to a war which, over 20 years, had cost it the lives of some 4,000 military men, also the expense of the construction and maintenance of special fortifications along its joint border with Afghanistan.

As the French sources put it, Iran has had absolutely no interest in continuing any of the terrorist activities cited by Bush in his "evil axis" speech of Wednesday.

[JR: Beware of Zionists like Sharon coming forth volunteering information that can't be verified. Israel always stands to gain by involving us in her plots, schemes and intrigues. She has succeeded in making us the most obvious target. We'd all like to believe that Israel misled Bush but that would be giving the President too much credit for his discretion in framing U.S./Israeli goals and policies for the Middle East. Washington's commitment to engage the U.S. in acts of aggression has made us a willing dupe for Israel. Pres. Bush's inflated approval rating in the polls makes him the most credible front man to give credence to Israel's spin and propaganda. If you repeat the lie often enough it becomes truth. It worked well for Nazi Germany and is proving a success in today's plan.]

U.S. WEIGHS USE OF IRAQI DISSIDENTS

By Howard Witt and John Diamond,
Washington Bureau, 02/14/02

WASHINGTON—While actively studying military options against Iraq, the Bush administration is renewing its emphasis on using Iraqi opposition groups to destabilize Saddam Hussein's regime from within, a senior administration official said Wednesday.

"People tend to always underestimate opposition to regimes like that," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "We believe there's considerable opposition and we're doing what we can—we're going to do what we can to support them."

The possibility that the U.S. will use military force to topple Hussein has drawn sustained

attention in the two weeks since President Bush branded the Iraqi regime part of an "axis of evil".

Bush said Wednesday that he was holding his options "close to my vest" for the time being, but he issued a stark warning to Hussein.

"Make no mistake about it: If we need to, we will take necessary action to defend the American people," Bush said after meeting with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf. "And I think that statement was clear enough for Iraq to hear me. ... Saddam Hussein needs to understand I'm serious about defending our country."

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, in an interview with the *Tribune* on Wednesday, emphasized that Bush has not yet made a decision to use force against Hussein.

"Of course, military power is always an option, but it's one among several," Rice said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, in testimony before Congress in the last week, said officials had prepared a range of economic, diplomatic and military options for the president's consideration.

By refusing to allow United Nations inspectors to scrutinize Iraq's attempts to develop chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, Hussein has made it "very clear that he's going to remain a danger," Rice said.

The administration has been sharpening its warnings to Hussein since Bush's State of the Union speech, in which he declared Iraq, Iran and North Korea to be member states of an "axis of evil" whose pursuit of weapons of mass destruction would not be tolerated.

That rhetoric is being backed by active planning to finally accomplish a goal that has eluded the United States since the 1991 Persian Gulf War: what the Bush administration terms "regime change" in Iraq.

On the diplomatic front, those plans hinge on the implementation by the UN of so-called smart sanctions, a narrowed list of items with potential military uses that Iraq would be prohibited from importing until it agrees to allow UN weapons inspectors into the country.

U.S. diplomats have said that Russia, which has extensive economic ties with Iraq, is close to agreeing to the new sanctions formula. That arrangement would replace broad sanctions the UN imposed after the Gulf War. Iraq and many other countries claim those sanctions have harmed civilians.

But the senior administration official said the president is not interested in mere "behavior modification", suggesting that even if Hussein were to agree to allow UN inspectors into his country, it might not be enough to satisfy the administration.

U.S. allies in the war on terrorism, particularly European and Arab nations, have expressed nearly unanimous concerns about any U.S. military attack against Iraq, warning that such action could destabilize the entire gulf region and stoke Islamic extremism.

But Powell told Congress last week that, in the event the president decides to use military force, the United States is prepared to go it alone against Iraq if allies cannot be persuaded to help.

The State Department, sensitive to how American actions are perceived in the world, is preparing various Iraq scenarios and gauging predicted international reactions.

"What's the worst that could happen if we decide on a unilateral-type direction in Iraq? How long can that action take? What would a post-Saddam Iraq look like? Those are the kinds of questions we are asking," a State Department official said. "Post 9/11, and post-Afghanistan, there's a sense that we have new options available to us."

As part of its strategy, the administration is trying to strengthen contacts with Iraqi opposition groups,

which are numerous but so far have shown little ability to pose a real challenge to Hussein's hold on power. All but a handful operate outside Iraq, in Britain, Syria, Jordan and Iran. A few rival Kurdish factions function in northern Iraq in a UN-controlled enclave established after the Gulf War.

Last month, the Bush administration restored financial aid to the largest opposition group, the Iraqi National Congress, a London-based umbrella group. The State Department had suspended the funding over questions about how the group used the \$12.4 million in U.S. aid it had received since 1998.

The Iraqi National Congress and six other groups named in the 1998 Iraq Liberation Act, passed overwhelmingly by Congress, are authorized to receive up to \$97 million in surplus U.S. military equipment. But the Bush administration, like the Clinton administration before it, has declined to fund any opposition activities inside Iraq.

The senior administration official said that the White House is reviewing that funding policy....

These and other opposition groups pursue their own often sharply divergent agendas. And none appears to have the weaponry or geographic position to challenge Hussein's heavily militarized regime....

The Iraqi National Congress has advanced the theory that a modest amount of U.S. military pressure on Iraq would spark an uprising that would topple Hussein's regime.

A U.S. official familiar with some of the planning and ongoing operations against Iraq said there are little-known opposition cells inside the country that present an opportunity to the U.S. For now, though, the Bush administration considers them so vulnerable to an Iraqi crackdown that they cannot be named or described even in general terms.

Another scenario would be for Hussein's lieutenants to overthrow him. A history of violence within Hussein's own family has led some to suggest that one of his sons, Uday Hussein, who runs the country's security apparatus, could mount a coup. The question for Washington would be whether such an act would change anything for the better....

A military offensive against Iraq would also pose serious problems, particularly finding a base in the region from which to launch it. It is almost certain, for example, that Saudi Arabia, which allowed U.S. troops to use its bases during the Persian Gulf War, would not allow its territory to be used as a springboard for invading Iraq....

[JR: The U.S. has some formidable plans in the works to destabilize Iraq and get rid of Saddam. The plotters in D.C. and their elite think tanks have considered all possible options and have developed plans that will cover all contingencies. V.P. Cheney's trip to the Middle East is vital in order for the U.S. to gauge the opinions and attitudes of Arab leaders regarding our future plans and actions against Iraq and the Iraqi people. It would best serve U.S.'s interests if we could utilize the London-based dissident groups to covertly infiltrate Iraq and oust Saddam. Who we have in mind to replace Saddam is part of a plan yet to be unveiled. If covert actions, sabotage and warfare propaganda doesn't work, the U.S. is quite ready to take unilateral hostile actions in OUR ongoing war against Iraq despite the sensitivities of our allies. The U.S. seems hell bent on plowing through the quicksand of the desert hoping that our fabricated foreign policy will prevent us from sinking into our own self-made U.S.A. sinkhole.]

UN COURT RULING SEEN HALTING BELGIAN WAR-CRIMES TRIALS

By Robert Wielaard, *The Boston Globe*, 2/15/2002

THE HAGUE (AP)—Citing diplomatic immunity, the International Court of Justice ruled yesterday that Belgium cannot try former and current world leaders for war crimes. The decision is expected to halt several genocide trials pending in Belgian courts, including a case involving Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel.

All are based on a 1993 law—unique in the world—empowering Belgian judges to hear war crimes and genocide cases regardless of where they occurred or who committed them.

In Brussels, Justice Ministry officials withheld immediate comment on the ruling of the international court, a UN tribunal. Foreign Minister Louis Michel acknowledged, however, that the war crimes legislation “contained some inconvenient aspects that... must be corrected”.

The New York-based Human Rights Watch deplored the court ruling, saying those guilty of war crimes will never be put on trial in their own countries.

“This ruling means they will be enjoying impunity abroad as well,” said Reed Brody, the group's spokesman. The ruling went against the international trend toward accountability, he said.

The most high-profile case pending in Belgium involves Sharon and stems from the massacre of Palestinians in two Lebanese refugee camps in 1982 when he was defense minister. A Brussels judge will rule March 6 if the Sharon case should go to trial.

Israel welcomed the ruling....

Criminal proceedings also have been brought against Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat; President Fidel Castro of Cuba; President Saddam Hussein of Iraq; the president of Ivory Coast, Laurent Gbagbo; and former president Hashemi Rafsanjani of Iran.

In its ruling, the 15-judge tribunal told Belgium to cancel an international arrest warrant, issued in April 2000, for Abdoulaye Yerodia Ndombasi, a former foreign minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Yerodia is wanted in Belgium in connection with the killing of hundreds of minority Tutsis in 1998. The court said he cannot be tried in Belgium for allegedly urging the slaughter of Tutsis because he was foreign minister at the time.

“Jurisdiction does not imply absence of immunity,” Judge Gilbert Guillaume, the tribunal president, said in a 90-minute reading of the ruling. He said Yerodia can be tried only in his own country, which alone can remove his immunity.

He cited the March 1999 decision of Britain's House of Lords to let Augusto Pinochet return home and not stand trial in Britain to account for the killings and disappearances of opponents during his years as Chile's authoritarian leader.

In Kinshasa, the capital of Congo, Yerodia opened a bottle of champagne yesterday to celebrate the ruling.

“I'm very happy. I see that the one who struggles gets satisfaction,” he said.

The court said a foreign minister cannot be tried in a foreign court because “throughout the duration of his or her office, [the minister], when abroad, enjoys full immunity from criminal jurisdiction.”

[JR: If the World Court cannot try Sharon of Israel or Yerodia of Congo what will happen to their cases against Castro, Hussein, Rafsanjani and Gbagbo? Will the court take an arbitrary position in the above cases? What about Milosevic's trial that is ongoing? (see article below)]

MILOSEVIC BLASTS WEST AS HE CONDUCTS HIS OWN DEFENSE

Japan Today, 2/15/02

THE HAGUE—Slobodan Milosevic accused the West of plotting his downfall and the destruction of Yugoslavia in a bid for global domination, in a hard-hitting counterblast to war crimes charges at the UN tribunal on Thursday.

Seven months after he was deported from Belgrade, the former Yugoslav president took the offensive on the third day of his trial against prosecutors who had accused him of masterminding atrocities in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo in the 1990s.

The one-time Serbian strongman denounced his trial as political and lambasted NATO for what he said was a criminal bombing campaign against Yugoslavia in 1999 in response to a Serb crackdown in Kosovo against its majority ethnic Albanians.

“It was obviously the goal and objective to terrorize and break down the whole Yugoslav nation. The goal in practical terms was the nation as a whole,” an unrepentant Milosevic, who is conducting his own defense, told the court.

Milosevic, aged 60 and silver-haired, was earlier the first to enter the courtroom, ambling in with a hefty leather briefcase bulging with papers and photographs to help him counter the 66 war crimes charges against him.

In a confident, free-flowing speech lasting almost four hours, he ridiculed the court as an instrument of U.S. foreign policy designed to humiliate, isolate and silence him for defending Serbia against Western aggression in the Balkans. ...

“This is a crime against truth. This is a competition between justice and injustice,” he said in the firm voice of a man who once addressed millions of Serbs during his 13 years in power in Belgrade.

The court's three scarlet-and-black-robed judges sat in stony silence. The prosecutors who accuse Milosevic of genocide and crimes against humanity in the Balkan wars of the past decade looked on impassively.

After prosecutors backed their case on the first two days of the trial with television footage of atrocities they blamed on his quest for Serb domination of a fragmented Yugoslavia, Milosevic responded in kind. ...

He also directed a court official to show harrowing photographs of severed heads, charred bodies and blasted buildings he said were the consequence of NATO's “illegal” bombing of his country.

Human Rights Watch has said around 500 civilians were killed in air strikes which hit bridges, a television station and factories as well as military targets. Yugoslav authorities while Milosevic was in power put the death toll at around 2,500. ...

“The bombing of civilian targets was merciless. That was the big characteristic. The more suffering, the more civilians (killed) the better,” he said of the 11-week NATO bombardment.

“The whole world knows that this is a political trial and has nothing to do with law at all,” he said. ...

Handed over by them to the UN tribunal last June, he said his defiant stand at the international court was at one with the will of the Serb people.

“Let me say that my behavior here is an expression of the citizens as well. The will of the people,” said Milosevic in his first opportunity to address the charges against him at length.

“In the past two days all the prosecutors we have heard here have said that they are trying an

individual and not a nation," he said. Reaction to the start of the trial in Serbia has been largely muted, cynical and indifferent. ...

"NATO strikes were against international law. There was no mandate of this nature," Heinz Loquai of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said in the film.

Prosecutors say more than one million people were imprisoned or forced from their homes and tens of thousands were killed or maimed during the Balkan conflicts.

Milosevic could face life in prison if convicted at the end of an epic trial expected to last at least two years. **[JR: If the World Court has declared Sharon and Yerodia immune from prosecution why are they continuing to try Milosevic? Milosevic, an "elected head of state" is still being tried for genocide and crimes against humanity in Brussels. Milosevic, while in office served the interests of Europe and the U.S. against his own country's interest and the will of his people. If his faults and failings as a leader weren't censured then why are his "ex-handlers" so avid to prosecute him now for the role he played to forge ahead their plans for the takeover of the Balkans? There are plenty of empty chairs to fill next to Milosevic if the World Court is dedicated to bring justice and right the wrongs committed by leaders who serve the world government. Why isn't President Clinton, who ordered the NATO bombings against innocent Serbian civilians sitting alongside Milosevic? The world has selective memory when it comes to judging those who overstep their arbitrary bounds of power.]**

CRITICS WORRY CANADA CAUGHT IN U.S. MILITARY VORTEX

CBC News—CA, 02/09/02

WASHINGTON—The Pentagon is about to propose a new military command structure to President George W. Bush—a direct result of the attacks on Sept. 11.

The continental command would oversee the protection of the area extending from the North Pole to southern Mexico and 800 kilometres off the East and West coasts. It would bring air, sea and land forces under one central U.S. command for North America.

Before a congressional committee this week, U.S. Defense Secretary Don Rumsfeld thanked Canada for its military contribution, "for the very healthy and close working relationship that our two militaries have had for any number of years".

But Canadian senators in attendance were more interested in what's happening on the homefront, where critics worry about issues of sovereignty.

Canada already shares joint command for North American air defense, under NORAD.

The head of the Canadian senate committee was briefed by U.S. national security officials on how the new command might eventually include Canada.

"They'd start with the air first because it's already in place. And both countries seem to feel it's working well," said Liberal Sen. Colin Kenny. "Then they would ask us how do we feel about a naval model, and is that in the Canadian interest. And we'd have an opportunity to say yes or no. And the same would apply to ground forces."

Minister of Defence Art Eggleton says it's worth exploring.

"We will continue to command our own troops; we'll continue to do what is best for Canada," Eggleton said. "But co-operating with the United States on defence of our continent is something that is in our best interests."

Critics worry that Canada is rapidly spiraling into the U.S. orbit on military policy.

The Canadian Centre for Policy alternatives says overhauling the North American military command structure would be an overreaction.

"We need to be sure that the massive response being proposed is appropriate to these almost impossible problems," said Stephen Clarkson of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Deputy Prime Minister John Manley brushes off criticism that Canada is becoming excessively pro-American. In fact, he identified a point of difference today with Washington, saying he wouldn't label countries like Iran, Iraq and North Korea, the Axis of Evil, as President Bush did in his State of the Union Message last month.

"I don't disagree with them being criticized, but I don't think that we would have used quite the bellicose language that they did," he said.

A U.S. military command for North America is still only a proposal, but officials in Washington and Ottawa say it's coming, and Canada will eventually have to decide whether to be a part of it. **[JR: President Bush's reference to an "Axis of Evil" in his State of the Union message has seemingly triggered overnight the need to establish this huge military coalition for the defense of the North American Continent. One would have to assume that when the NAFTA trade agreement was formed it would eventually incorporate Canada and Mexico into our defense system. Any concerns voiced about sovereignty may be discussed but tend to be ignored. This swift announcement regarding these discussions will put the EU on notice and make it clear to them that the U.S. intends to maintain its influence and control of world affairs. Let the games begin... and we don't mean the Olympics.]**

BANDITS AND DRUGS

From Audrey's Missiles, 02/12/02

Some nations are just born poor. Afghanistan, situated in the drought-prone heart of South Central Asia, is a very good example. With few natural resources, the tribes of the region did what people usually do when they are desperate for survival. They ambushed travelers, attacking and robbing caravans or other targets of opportunity that appeared on the roads and trails. Although the illegal drug trade is not new to Afghanistan, in more recent times the country has turned to it on a massive scale as a means of extracting money and goods from their more prosperous neighbors. And, as the trade flourished, more and more people became dependent on the easy money it provided, making the job of eradication that much more difficult. Centuries of harsh conditions have imbedded tribalism, banditry, and extra-legal means of survival into the social structure of the peoples of Afghanistan. In spite of their experience in Haiti and Somalia, the United Nations is moving in, planning to try to change the culture of the country.

Hamid Karzai, the new leader of the interim government, is said to be intelligent and capable. At the Tokyo conference on aid to Afghanistan, he promised

that he would try to reduce the flow of narcotics out of the country in return for the \$4.5 billion in foreign aid. He has also been pressured to stop the attacks on the UN food shipments. After the Tokyo meeting, Karzai came to Washington to see President Bush. He is saying all the right things, but, like any politician, what he says and what he does may be quite different. After all, this man is dependent on the support of the tribal leaders of his country, and changing the way of life in Afghanistan is not going to be easy, and some say it is not possible. The *Christian Science Monitor* reports that armed men stole about 40 tons of food recently, the second such attack in a week, and there is a report in the British press that the main drug control agency in Kabul has been evicted and its vehicles taken. The UK press quotes Mir Najibullah Shams, the Secretary-General of the State High Commission for Drug Control: "They literally threw us into the street... I don't have a phone to call up commanders in the provinces. They didn't even leave us with a bicycle."

Should we blame Karzai for this? Yes, he is responsible. But could he survive if he clamped down on the drug trade? Could he survive if he sent in foreign troops to stop the pillaging of the food convoys? Stopping and robbing a convoy of its food and supplies is as natural a course of action to an Afghan as putting in an eight-hour shift at a factory would be to a worker in an industrialized country. Yes, the tribal leader will sell some or all of what he takes, but he must also look after the people in his charge. It is tribal distribution vs. UN distribution! Tribal leaders and farmers know that the international handouts will not either come in time or be enough to reach all areas of the country. To survive, they will again turn to cultivating the opium poppy and trading and refining it into heroin. Indeed, many have already done so. The revitalization of the economy and the political stabilization of the country will be a very slow and precarious process, but judging from the raid on the UN Drug Control facilities in Kabul, the largest contribution to the Afghan economy will be made by the drug addicts of Pakistan, Iran, Europe, and the United States.

[JR: The ancient and traditional ways of survival in Afghanistan have always involved growing opium, robbery, smuggling and now the drug trade. Their old ways fit well in the way the modern world now operates in business and in world trade.]

BUSH ASKS AMERICANS FOR 2 YEARS VOLUNTEER SERVICE

By Randall Mikkelsen, Yahoo News, 01/30/02

WASHINGTON (*Reuters*)—Urging all Americans to donate two years of their lives to volunteer service, President Bush proposed Tuesday a new homeland security corps and expansion of the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps programs.

Bush used an appeal to wartime patriotism in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks to advocate expanding programs that Republicans had sought to abolish after taking over Congress in 1994.

His call for Americans to spend two years performing volunteer work was asking for an unprecedented commitment, in contrast with his reluctance to seek widespread personal sacrifice immediately after the attacks.

"My call is for every American to commit at least two years—four thousand hours over the rest of your lifetime—to the service of your neighbors

and nation,” Bush said in his annual State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress.

“Through the gathering momentum of millions of acts of service and decency and kindness, I know we can overcome evil with greater good,” Bush said.

He said volunteers in an expanded Peace Corps would help promote education and development in the Islamic world, part of an effort to counter anti-Americanism among many Muslims including militants such as those accused of being behind the Sept. 11 attacks.

The president’s proposed homeland security corps would recruit retired doctors and nurses who could be called upon in major emergencies and volunteers to help police and fire departments.

The homeland security corps would be joined by the existing AmeriCorps and Senior Corps domestic service programs under a new “USA Freedom Corps”.

Bush said he wanted more than 200,000 new volunteers to join AmeriCorps and Senior Corps. AmeriCorps enrollment, which requires a yearlong commitment, is now about 40,000 a year. Senior Corps has about 500,000 people serving in part-time volunteer programs.

The president proposed doubling the number of Peace Corps volunteers. A total of 7,000 are serving two-year tours in 70 countries, and doubling it would bring program levels to the highest since the mid-1960s, when they reached a peak of 16,000.

“We will renew the promise of the Peace Corps, double its volunteers over the next five years and ask it to join a new effort to encourage development, and education and opportunity in the Islamic world,” Bush said.

“We have no intention of imposing our culture, but Americans will always stand firm for the nonnegotiable demands of human dignity: the rule of law, limits on the power of the state, respect for women, private property, free speech, equal justice and religious tolerance,” he said.

A senior administration official said Bush hoped to send Peace Corps volunteers to Afghanistan, which has been the first front in the U.S.-led war against global terrorism.

Harris Wofford, who helped former President John Kennedy found the Peace Corps and oversaw a broad expansion of AmeriCorps and Senior Corps under former President Bill Clinton, welcomed Bush’s announcement after watching it in person.

“People of all ages have been waiting to be summoned,” Wofford told *Reuters*. “I think he’ll get a very good response.”

He cited consistent poll results showing a high proportion of the population favors mandatory national service. Any call to action must be backed up by realistic avenues for service, Wofford added, and he said Bush’s proposals appeared to provide them.

Bush was to discuss the plan in further detail during a trip to North Carolina and Florida Wednesday, administration officials said.

[JR: Pres. Bush’s call for volunteer service is socialism in its purest form. It is also a CRUSADE for VOLUNTEERS to go forth into Islamic countries to convert and change the attitudes of the people towards America and its intentions. President Bush speaks of what was and not what is. Bush’s war of Enduring Freedom has done away with respect for human dignity, religious tolerance, equal justice, and he has succeeded in eliminating the rule of law, free speech and the limits of HIS power.]

THE EURO PLOT

By Martin Walker, *United Press International*, 02/10/02

WASHINGTON—There is a plot afoot in Europe. A small, tight-knit group of determined men have dedicated themselves to undermine the euro, the new currency that symbolizes the grand vision of a united Europe.

The euro is being run by its enemies. This is the only logical explanation for the policies and behavior of the people who manage the monetary affairs of the world’s second economic superpower. Having already driven the hapless currency into the ground—with a 20 percent loss in value against the U.S. dollar since its launch three years ago—they are now hell-bent on offending every government in Europe.

Last year, they bullied the most successful economy in Europe, the Irish, by warning them that they were being too efficient and growing too fast and ought to raise taxes. No surprise when the Irish voters then declined in a referendum to ratify the Treaty of Nice, a crucial next step in the constitutional progress of the 15-nation European Union.

The EU is offending both Portugal and Germany—the biggest economy in the EU—with a public warning that they are borrowing too much. Technically, once a country breaches the euro’s Stability Pact, requiring all members to keep budget deficits below 3 percent of gross domestic product, public shaming follows. This is serious stuff, the first step in a disciplinary process that could eventually hit Germany with a fine of \$10 billion.

This is the economics of the madhouse—to punish a country for spending too much money by making it spend, or at least surrender, even more.

Now the European Commission has the breathtaking cheek to wag a warning finger at Britain, which is not even a member of the euro, by warning that it is about to breach the euro’s rules that require countries to keep their budgets “close to balance or surplus over the medium term”.

This is politically insane. The smooth introduction of euro notes and coins, and the obvious preference of a respected (if not much liked) Prime Minister Tony Blair to join, has begun reducing Britain’s opinion poll majorities against the euro. Blair would face the fight of his life if he decides to hold the referendum on the euro that the British people have been promised. But the prospect was beginning to look winnable when the Commission came along to tell the British that Brussels knows better.

Britain last year and again this year is turning in the best GDP growth performance of any the G7 industrial economies. It was the world’s sixth-largest economy in 1990, now the fourth largest, having overtaken both Italy and France. And unlike the rest of Europe, which has not stored up money to pay for future pensions that will within 20 years cost them between 13-19 percent of GDP, Britain has thriftily financed its pensions already.

Britain’s tough-minded finance minister Gordon Brown also is lucky. He planned before the world’s stock markets headed south to start taking the brakes off public spending to invest in Britain’s dilapidated transport infrastructure and public services. This spending is now keeping the British economy growing while the rest of Europe stalls.

Instead of applauding and respectfully asking the Brits how they pulled off their economic miracle, Brussels is sniffing that Britain ought not to be borrowing money to build new roads and new hospitals just now. The immediate and understandable British reaction has been to tell the EU bureaucrats to go away and boil their heads.

The more thoughtful British reaction is more serious, thinking hard about whether the one-size-fits-all economic policies of the euro make very much sense at all. It already is proving difficult to accommodate an Ireland growing too fast and a Germany not growing at all. Britain has a very different kind of economy, far more open to the rest of the world, and far faster in its response to interest rate changes because most homeowners have variable rate mortgages. The massive disparity in pension funding provision simply widens the gap—and makes Blair’s job of selling the euro all the harder.

Part of the problem is that the euro is run by two sets of people. One is the board of the European Central Bank, the other is the staff of the EU’s Commissioner for Monetary Affairs, Pedro Solbes. Neither of these groups is elected, and thus has never learned to manage monetary matters with an eye to the reaction of the voters at the next election.

For years, the EU thought that these people had at least the merit of believing in their work and their mission of creating a single currency that would rival the dollar and unite Europe.

Not so.

They clearly wanted to sabotage the euro project from the beginning. And they are doing very well.

[JR: Here we have the centuries-old and seasoned manipulators in Brussels challenging their equally old and seasoned competitors, and both are busily engaged in trying to topple each other’s towers of power. It’s a mighty clash in the battle of greed against greed and it’s going to turn uglier for the world, which is the ultimate prize. The battle is between the old established monies of Europe against its new challenger, the EU’s euro. It’s a wake up call for all the players in these Olympian games for control that it’s going to turn deadly unless some reason and wisdom come into play. We’d all better pray to set it right because our time is running out.]

SHORT ACCUSES FRANCE OF PLOT TO ‘KEEP AFRICA POOR’

By Benedict Brogan, *telegraph.com*—UK, 02/11/02

Dakar, Senegal—Tony Blair’s attempts to forge a diplomatic consensus for a new approach to African development have been dealt a blow by Clare Short, who has accused France of running a “conspiracy” to keep the continent in poverty.

The International Development Secretary broke ranks with her Labour colleagues by singling out the French as one of the obstacles to Africa’s economic development, particularly on trade....

She is trying to secure President Jacques Chirac’s support for the New Partnership for Africa’s Development initiative being prepared for approval by the G8 group of industrialised nations, and wants to win G8 support for unconditional free trade for Africa’s poorest countries.

France has maintained a tight grip on its former colonies in Africa through military and economic support, and is a major player in the region.

Miss Short, who has a record of generating embarrassing headlines by speaking plainly, said British-backed proposals to remove trade barriers were being undermined by French and EU protectionism. ...

“It’s a conspiracy from France and the EU to lock Africa into poverty, and at the same time Europe preaches free trade. The world isn’t in

the mood to deal with Africa at the moment.”

Her comments will be seen also as a dig at Jack Straw, the Foreign Secretary, who last month hailed a “new relationship” with France over Africa when he toured central African countries with his French counterpart Hubert Vedrine.

Behind the scenes Mr. Blair’s officials are scathing about the obstacles put in the way of reform by France, in particular its refusal to give Africa’s poorest countries free access to the European Union’s markets.

Instead, African producers face tariffs of up to 300 per cent on their exports to the EU as a result of measures put in place, largely through the Common Agricultural Policy, to protect EU farmers and producers in France’s remaining overseas colonies. ...

As he prepared to fly back to London, his officials sought to play down the achievements of the trip. Mr. Blair believes that while his conversations with African leaders, and his glimpses of the scale of Africa’s problems have been useful, the hard work will be done at the G8 summit itself.

He defended his decision to make Africa one of his foreign policy priorities of his second term, following claims from the Tories that he is neglecting domestic policy in favour of “designer diplomacy”. ...

Bernard Jenkin, Conservative defence spokesman, criticised Mr. Blair’s visit and compared his foreign policy with the appeasement of Hitler, accusing the premier of “doing all the soft stuff and looking cuddly” which was no substitute for concerted action against rogue states.

Michael Ancram, the Tory foreign affairs spokesman, said the trip could only be justified if Mr. Blair’s presence was needed to address particular issues. “I have to say soundbites like ‘no pain, no gain’ don’t fill me with a lot of optimism that he has dealt with the real problems,” he told *Sky TV*.

[JR: These “need to look good” tours and feigned discussions of concern for South Africa and its people are not productive and will not provide any positive solutions nor resolve the problems and the poverty of the African Continent. The EU is just one more in a long list of culprits that have exploited and plundered South Africa for their own gains and self-interests. If the EU, Britain and France are really sincere about improving conditions in South Africa they would remove their presence and their influence and allow South Africans to be in charge of their own affairs and to determine their own future. It is not going to happen because Africa has too much of what the rest of the world covets... its resources and its minerals.]

REPORT: CLINTON DIVERTED BILLIONS FROM PENTAGON TO UN PEACEKEEPING

By Lawrence Morahan, *CNSNews.com*, 02/12/02

A draft report by the General Accounting Office reveals that former President Clinton contributed over \$24 billion for UN peacekeeping missions around the world between 1995 and 2001, money that wasn’t officially credited to the U.S. account by the United Nations.

The report shows that America’s “debt” to the United Nations was more than compensated for by extra peacekeeping assistance that the world organization never gave the United States credit for, UN critics said.

“This new GAO report makes it absolutely clear that the U.S. debt to the UN was a complete fraud,” said Cliff Kincaid, a journalist and president of America’s Survival,

who released a copy of the draft report. ...

The Clinton era saw an explosion in the number of UN-sponsored peacekeeping missions carried out by U.S. forces that were not necessarily supported by Congress.

Those peacekeeping operations were the cause of heated disagreements over dues, including debates on whether the United States had accumulated sufficient back dues to be voted out of the UN General Assembly.

Between fiscal years 1996 and 2001, the United States directly contributed an estimated \$3.45 billion to support UN peacekeeping, the report states.

During the same period, however, U.S. indirect contributions to UN peacekeeping amounted to \$24.2 billion.

Of the \$24.2 billion figure, the GAO found that the largest indirect contribution—about \$21.8 billion—was for U.S. military operations and services. This meant military personnel and equipment had to be diverted from Pentagon operations to the United Nations.

The GAO defined indirect contributions as “U.S. programs and activities that are located in the same area as an ongoing UN peacekeeping operation, have objectives that help the peacekeeping operation achieve its mandated objectives, and are not an official part of the UN operation.”

For example, estimated U.S. indirect contributions to UN operations in Kosovo and East Timor, which involved nation building and the training of local government agencies, “amounted to over \$5.1 billion and included military operations to help provide a secure environment and programs to provide food and shelter for refugees and train police and court officials.”

The United Nations assesses member states a percentage share of the total cost of peacekeeping operations. The U.S. assessed share has historically been over 30 percent of total peacekeeping costs.

In November 1994, Congress limited the amount the United States could pay to 25 percent of peacekeeping costs, beginning in fiscal year 1996, the report noted. However, the United Nations continued to bill the United States at its historically 30 percent of total costs, leading to U.S. arrears.

In 2000, UN member states agreed to change the assessment formula and to drop the U.S. share of the peacekeeping budget over a three-year period to 27 percent, the report said.

Between fiscal years 1996, which began October 1995, and June 30, 2001, the United Nations conducted 33 peacekeeping operations in 28 countries, according to the report. As of January 2002, 15 of these operations were still ongoing in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia, involving over 47,000 military personnel, civilian police, and observers.

“When you’re spending American taxpayer dollars you need accountability for American taxpayer dollars, and the procedure that the UN has of requesting donations and the practice of the Clinton administration to categorize expenditures as donations removes that accountability,” said a senior official familiar with the GAO report.

Speaking at Heritage Foundation in Washington, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Negroponte said of U.S. involvement in peacekeeping operations: “If there is a threat to international peace and security out there, and it needs to be dealt with, it is better that we do it where possible with other partners who are picking up part of the cost.”

He added: “So I would say that while we always want to be careful about the costs and we always want to be careful about where it is that we decide to

undertake UN peacekeeping operations, there are demonstrable benefits for the United States.”

[JR: The UN has overcharged the U.S. for its peacekeeping operations and we taxpayers are due a refund or a credit by the UN assessors. Our Congress voted for these payments without oversight and has been negligent in not questioning UN accounting practices. Like the Roman Empire the U.S. has overextended its military around the world. We have 1.4 million troops stationed in 130 countries (and counting) plus 1700 troops stationed in Israel that are not acknowledged. America is being made and used as the scapegoat in the Elite’s plans for nation building and globalization. While we are protecting foreign interest, our U.S. cities and their people in particular are left unprotected and vulnerable to all our enemies. Our Home Security is set up to monitor and control American citizens and not those who enter this country illegally.]

WHEN THE ARMY OWNS THE WEATHER

Bob Fittrakis, *altnet.org*, 02/05/02

Humans have long sought to control the weather. Early people learned how to make fire and modify their micro-environments; rain dances and other rituals to alleviate droughts are part of our folklore. So news that the government is engaged in secret experiments to control the weather should come as no surprise—especially after a long history of “cloud seeding”, “atom splitting” and cloning revelations.

In fact, a vast majority of people would be shocked to learn that this orphan of the cold war is still in practice. As the U.S. and former Soviet Union spent trillions of dollars on their militaries, their commitment to mutually assured destruction led to extensive experimentation with the use of weather as a weapon. In 1977, the *Saturday Review* cited a CIA report hinting that the U.S. government already had the power to massively manipulate the weather for war purposes.

As the Soviet Union disintegrated, a 1993 *Ivestia* article suggested the U.S. might want to partner with the Russians in peddling their top-secret technology to the world. Oleg Klugin, a high-ranking KGB officer, bragged of his involvement in geophysical weapons research to a London newspaper. The grid patterns of jet chemtrails now spotted throughout the Western world are likely the application of these technologies to new military and civilian uses.

The military is not attempting to hide its long-term goals. “Weather is a Force Multiplier: Owning the Weather in 2025” is a white paper that can be found on a Pentagon-sponsored Website. The paper’s abstract reads: “In 2025, U.S. aerospace forces can ‘own the weather’ by capitalizing on emerging technologies and focusing development of those technologies towards fighting applications. Such a capability offers the war fighters tools to shape the battle space in ways never before possible... In the U.S., weather modification will likely become a part of national security policy with both domestic and international applications.”

Wired magazine wrote about the paper and extensively quoted physicist Bernard Eastlund in its January 2000 article “Activate Cloud Shield! Zap a Twister!” The article detailed the military’s plan for “made-to-order thunderstorms” and “lightning strikes on demand”.

Eastlund managed programs for Controlled Thermal Nuclear Research for the U.S. Atomic Energy

Commission from 1966 to 1974; he was a key researcher in the 1980s' Strategic Space Initiative (aka Star Wars). Since 1996, Eastlund served as CEO and president of Easterlund Scientific Enterprises Corporation. The company boasts on its Website that it specializes in "weather modification" and "tornado modification" among other high-tech services.


Eastlund considers the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) in Alaska a smaller version of what he envisions for weather modification. In response to Michael Theroux of Borderland Sciences—who asked Eastlund whether the HAARP station could affect the weather—Eastlund replied: "Significant experiments could be performed... The HAARP antenna as is it now configured modulates the auroral electrojet to induce ELF waves and thus could have an effect on the zonal winds." ...

U.S. patent number 6315213, filed on November 13, is described as a method of modifying weather and should concern the public. A scientist from Wright Patterson Air Force Base acknowledges that planes are spraying barium salt, polymer fibers, aluminum oxide and other chemicals in the atmosphere to both modify the weather and for military communications purposes. The patent abstract specifically states: "The polymer is dispersed into the cloud and the wind of the storm agitates the mixture causing the polymer to absorb the rain. This reaction forms a gelatinous substance which precipitate to the surface below. Thus, diminishing the cloud's ability to rain."

Answering the age-old question, Who'll stop the rain? Apparently our government and a few of their closest friends in the military industrial-complex. The emergence of Edward Teller promoting this startling technology is more than scary. (Teller was the father of the H-Bomb and grand promoter of Read Kilowatt, our perky little radiation friend from the '50s; one of his bright ideas from the '50s was to create harbors by nuking our own coastline.) The April 24 *New York Times* reported that Teller "has promoted the idea of manipulating the Earth's atmosphere to counteract global warming." The computer simulations on the use of aluminum oxide to counter global warming come from the Lawrence Livermore Weapons Laboratory, where Teller serves as director emeritus. ...

Investigative reporter William Thomas holds that there's a link between the recent increase in asthma, allergies and upper respiratory ailments and the chemtrail spraying. Sound crazy? Remember, it sounded absurd when reports first came out that the government had conducted radioactivity experiments on U.S. citizens and released radiation from nuclear plants to test the effect on civilian populations. It sounded bizarre when news first filtered out that the government was engaged in the MK-Ultra mind-control experiments using LSD. The CIA and Defense Intelligence Agency admit they were responsible for many of the UFO sightings in the 1950s in order to explain away experimental military technology.

From public documents to mainstream news accounts, the record is filled with reports of weather-modifying technology left over from the Cold War. Now we have a right to know what, if anything, the government plans to do with it.

[JR: When is the HAARP system and the military's modification and control of weather and other related experiments going to be a big enough concern for our Congress and our controlled news media? This is the "Enron scandal" of the universe!] 

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It is hard to see why such records should be maintained in any case where no stock has been issued, as the expressed intent of *NRS 78.105* appears to be to ensure that **stockholders** should have access to these corporate records. Of course, a court order may compel production of the corporate records and in that event, failure to produce them within a "reasonable" time could result in State penalties of \$25 per day for each day of refusal. In such an instance you would have up to five days to produce the records, which, of course, would be in perfect order.

If you choose to leave such records on file at the registered office of the corporation, you might want to take an extra measure of caution regarding privacy of those records and insist upon a **non-disclosure agreement** with the resident agent. Such an agreement should prevent the resident agent from casually identifying you with the corporation and from sharing the corporation's filed records with anyone other than the corporation's stockholders. (Otherwise, those records are potentially accessible by anyone making an inquiry.) And hopefully such an agreement would give the resident agent pause to consider additional security against those who might "snoop around".

Here is one more thing you can do to protect your privacy: Contact your resident agent and ensure that there are NO documents on file that connect YOUR NAME to the corporation. Have the resident agent expunge and shred any old memos, order forms and any other such information that could adversely impact your desire for privacy.

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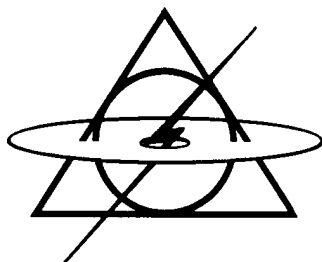
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