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AS WE NOW RE-PRESENT THE ROSENTHAL INTERVIEW, PLEASE READ IT, SEE IT, HEAR IT AND THEN PERHAPS YOU WILL SEE WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE AS THE U.S. BECOMES THE EVIL BLACK-SHEEP OF THE PLANET. [QUOTING:]

## THE HIDDEN TYRANNY

(Harold Wallace Rosenthal Interview, 1978)

### THE ISSUE THAT DWARFS ALL OTHER ISSUES

(This is the most sensational manuscript of its kind.)

By Walter White

In a highly confidential interview with a

Jewish administrative assistant to one of this nation's ranking senators, he said, "It is a marvel that the American people do not rise up and drive every Jew out of this country."

The Jew, Mr. Harold Wallace Rosenthal, made this statement after admitting Jewish dominance in all significant national programs. He said, "*We Jews continue to be amazed with the ease by which Christian Americans have fallen into our hands. While the naive Americans wait for Khrushchev to bury them, we have taught them to submit to our every demand.*"

Asked how a nation could be captured without their knowing it, Mr. Rosenthal attributed this victory to **absolute control of the media. He boasted of Jewish control of ALL NEWS.** Any newspaper which refused to acquiesce to controlled news was brought to its knees by withdrawing advertising. Failing in this, the Jews stop the supply of newsprint and ink. "It's a very simple matter," he stated.

[H: Hey, wait a minute—we are copying this verbatim so don't go off on the "same old kick" attack—YOU had better begin to pay attention!

This interview in point was

done in the late 1970s—today you are on the fourth day of September 1996! What has changed, except the noose HAS NOW STRANGLERD YOU, THE WORLD.] [MM: It is astronomically worse now in April 2002!!!]

Asked about men in high political office, Mr. Rosenthal said that no one in the last three decades has achieved any political power without Jewish approval. "Americans have not had a presidential choice since 1932. Roosevelt was our man; every president since Roosevelt has been our man."

In a discussion about George Wallace, Mr. Rosenthal smiled and suggested that we note where Wallace stands today.

When the U.S. foreign policy was mentioned, the bedroom confidence of the interview was all but set aside. With disdain and mockery he sneered at the American stupidity in failing to see through the entire scope of Kissinger's foreign policy. "*It is Zionist-Communist policy from beginning to end. Yet the citizens think this Jewish policy will benefit America.*" He cited "detente" and Angola as examples of Jewish diplomacy. The credulous nature of

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Americans drew only contempt from him.

The interview continued on an almost omniscient plane. “We Jews have put issue upon issue to the American people. Then we promote both sides of the issue as confusion reigns. With their eyes fixed on the issues, they fail to see who is behind every scene. We Jews toy with the American public as a cat toys with a mouse.”

As the conversation went on into the late hours, one could sense that perhaps America deserves the reign of terror being planned for her. The Jewish mind pits every ethnic group against the other. “The blood of the masses will flow as we wait for our day of world victory,” Mr. Rosenthal said coldly.

For hours after this incredible discussion, a sense of inadequacy prevailed. Is it possible that another group of “human beings” could be so treacherous in spirit, so evil in intent? Yet, the words heard and the evidence at hand are real. Is it possible that the American people can remain docile, even while their life’s blood is being drained from them? It seems so.

#### WHAT DOES ALL THIS SAY TO US?

Since what you have just read plus the lengthy interview that followed, Mr. Harold Wallace Rosenthal, age 29, the administrative assistant to Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York was killed in an alleged sky-jacking attempt on an Israeli airliner in Istanbul, Turkey, August 12, 1976.

**[H: Oh yes, and by the way: THE MODE OF OPERATION OF THESE ISRAELI COUNTERFEITS IS TO PERPETRATE ATROCITIES WHILE SETTING UP THE BLAME ON THEIR ENEMIES, THE CHRISTIANS AND ARABS! IT ALWAYS HAPPENS FOR THERE IS NO CONSIDERATION FOR THEIR OWN KIND—ONLY WORLD DOMINATION. THIS TYPE OF SELF-AFFLICTION IS FOUND IN EVERY KNOWN INCIDENT FOR THE PAST MANY CENTURIES. THESE ARE NOT “JEWISH”-LINEAGED PEOPLE—THESE ARE EVIL SERVANTS IN FULL BLOOM. YOU ARE THE FOOLED AND THE FOOLS!]**

It would appear that Mr. Rosenthal might have “talked too freely” because although four people were killed and some 30 injured during the sky-jacking attempt, Rosenthal was **not killed by a random bullet as were the others**. From reports secured at the time, it seems amazing and strange that of all the people involved in this incident **Mr. Rosenthal should have been fatally wounded**. Meanwhile, I, Walter White, who conducted this confidential interview, can now state after much investigation, expense and travel, that Harold Rosenthal was undoubtedly murdered at the Istanbul Airport, in what was to APPEAR as a hijacking—probably **by his own people**.

We had no desire to hurt anyone and especially members of the Rosenthal family who had suffered enough in this tragedy. We corresponded with his mother and father in Philadelphia and his brother Mark David Rosenthal who is attending college in Northern California. In fact, it was he who advised me that Harold’s friends in Washington had set up a memorial fund in Harold W. Rosenthal’s name. He sent us a copy of “The Harold W. Rosenthal Fellowship in International Relations” American Jewish Committee, Washington Chapter, 818—18th Street, N. W. Washington, D.C. 20006. It lists some of the “who’s-who” and the honorary Co-Chairmen are Vice President

Walter F. Mondale and Senator Jacob K. Javits. **[H: Anybody else sick yet? Do you not see how “they” work in the aftermath of their OWN atrocities from airliner crashes to wipe-out of fellow politicians and co-workers? They murder and then eulogize, build foundations, etc., and weep crocks of B.S. tears while they wear their beanie bonnets and run for re-election. Well, perhaps Clinton has no OTHER CHOICES??? But what of Dole, etc? The facts are the OTHERS are caught in just about as big a black-mail disadvantage. You have become deathly sick citizens of a desperately sick world and most of you don’t even know you are terminally ill.]**

Out of respect, we decided to wait until a year had passed since the death of Harold Wallace Rosenthal so we delayed publishing everything he gave us on that memorable day and evening. And as stated before, the interview was lengthy—as he seemed to enjoy pouring out this information—and at times it was broken—and went on into the evening.

This writer and editor is not easily shocked but as this egotist Harold W. Rosenthal raved on and on I found so much of what he said actually **horrifying**—the actual betrayal of which he admittedly was a part—and he appeared to gloat over the apparent success of a Jewish World Conspiracy. This, mind you, comes from an “administrative assistant” to one of our ranking Senators, Jacob K. Javits of New York.

What you are about to read should act as a WARNING to all non-Jews throughout the world. It hopefully should open the eyes of many who knew him in Washington government circles.

It becomes indeed obvious that what he discloses is not fiction. It is not imagination! He was not pretending—as he spoke with knowledge and intelligence. Many things have been said and written about the one World Jewish Conspiracy but never has it been described so openly. It staggers the imagination. Their plans are shocking and many will be astonished at the contents of this document. NOTHING like it has ever been told before.

We prefer not to elaborate. You be the judge.

Looking back to the time of this interview and having had time to analyze Harold Rosenthal’s candidness, we are compelled to think of him as a conceited, boastful yet very knowledgeable person. I would classify him as an egotist and an egoist. At times his cruelty surfaced with a venom, especially as he describes the stupid Christians or “goys” as he so often referred to “us”. This surprised me because the word “goy” is not in our language and he must have known this. His mind was thoroughly immersed in the one-world plan of world Jewry. With arrogance, he boasted that the **Jew’s conquest of the world was almost complete—thanks to Christians’ stupidity**.

When asked if he was a Zionist, Mr. R. replied:

“That’s a hell of a question! At the foundation of the issue is the traditional Zionist concept of aliyah, a Hebrew term meaning the ‘in gathering’ or return of Diaspora (dispersed Jews) Jews to the Palestine homeland. Ever since 1948 and the creation of the State of Israel, aliyah has become a basic imperative of Israeli government policy.”

What is aliyah? Will you please spell it for me? He did so and we inquired as to the realistic meaning of aliyah. Mr. R. said:

“It is a permanent physical migration to Palestine, not just a visit.”

We asked, what is Zionism? I’ve heard Jews define it as anything from permanent migration to financial and spiritual support of Israel from around the world. Mr. R. replied:

“Our first leader, former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, said that Zionism without a ‘return to Zion’ is phony. Not many American Jews migrate permanently to Israel. Some say that all Jews, by definition, are Zionists. Others say that a Jew is not a Zionist unless he’s a member who pays dues to an actively Zionist organization. Definitions have been tossed everywhere since the Jewish homeland became a reality.”

Millions of tax-exempt American dollars are sent to Israel yearly and we true Americans do not like this. Mr. R. replied:

“The naive politicians in Washington are gullible. Most of them are not too bright so the powerful Jewish lobbyists influenced this practice years ago and there is no one strong enough to stop it. Some of that money is even returned to the United States and spent on Zionist propaganda efforts, much of it through the B’nai B’rith and the Conference of Jewish Organizations and the World Jewish Congress. The Jewish Agency is a funding arm—a sort of body of B’nai B’rith officials. There is nothing wrong with sending American dollars to Israel tax-free so long as we are smart enough to get away with it. Let’s reverse this conversation for a minute. You made it clear and quite vociferously, that you don’t like Jews. Why do you hate us?”

Mr. Rosenthal, I do not hate anybody. I said I hate what the Jews are doing to us and especially as it relates to any and everything related to Christianity. I hate their deceit, trickery, cunning, and their detestable dishonesty. Does that make me anti-semitic? If it does, then I am anti-semitic!!

“Anti-Semitism does not signify opposition to Semitism. There is no such thing. **It is an expression we Jews use effectively as a smearword—used to brand as a bigot like you guys—anyone who brings criticism against Jews. We use it against hate-mongers.**”

**[H: It is certainly interesting to note that “out of the blue” Mr. Steven Horn [attorney] against the Ekkers asked Doris “are you anti-Semitic?” Do you still think it is somehow just a battle of a “no-sale” item? He, further, presents writings such as THIS ONE as her opinion on Semitism—to the courts as if somehow being a writer makes her blind. People of the world—you are in serious, serious trouble.]**

It was made clear that I despised the Jews’ corruptive influence on our Christian culture—and on our properly Christ-oriented American way of life, to which Mr. R. said:

“During Christ’s time, the Jews were seeking a material and earthly kingdom but Christ offered the Jews a spiritual kingdom. This, they couldn’t buy, so they rejected Jesus Christ and had him crucified.”

What do you mean—had him crucified? Doesn’t history prove that the Jews crucified Jesus Christ? To which he answered:

“Yes, I guess they did. I don’t beat around the bush—but 2,000 years ago your people would have done the same thing to a man who mistreated them as Christ did the Jews.”

You speak of Jesus Christ as merely *a man*.

“That’s all he was—a man who walked on the Earth like any other man and this myth about Christ rising from the dead and returning to Earth to visit with his

disciples is a bunch of crap. **The Jews who drove the Arabs out of Palestine did so to disprove Christ's mission for a spiritual kingdom.** You see, instead of a leader who would make an empire for the Jews, your kind of people gave the Jews a peaceful preacher called Christ who instead of an eye-for-an-eye turns the other cheek. Rubbish! We are building and, in fact, **have built an earthly empire without your kind and your disappointing Messiah.**"

I can see that it is you and your kind who try to get Christ out of Christmas. I feel sorry for you... to which he quickly replied:

"Don't give me that shit. I don't want your pity. I don't need it! Too many Jews do not have the guts to tell you how we live and plan, but I am not intimidated by anyone or anything. I know where I'm going."

When asked why do Jews frequently change their names he said:

"Jews are the most intelligent people in the world so if it benefits them to change their names they do so. That's all there is to it. They mix in your society which is plenty corrupt—SO while the Jews are benefiting themselves the dumb goy doesn't realize that these Jews with non-Jew names are non Jews. I know what you're thinking—about Jews in the government who use non-Jew names. Well, don't be concerned because in the foreseeable future **there will be no Presidential power in the United States. The invisible government is taking strength in that direction.**"

To your knowledge, are the Jews in Russia really persecuted or are they given any kind of freedom? To which he said:

"Most Jews throughout the world—I'd say more than 90%, know what is really happening to our people. We have communication **unequaled anywhere.** It is only the jerks, the ignorant and misinformed and degenerates who can find peace in your society—and you bastards hide your sins by donning sheep's clothing. You are the hypocrites—not the Jews, as you say and write about. To answer your question—in Russia, there are two distinct governments—one visible and the other invisible. The visible is made UP of different nationalities, whereas the invisible is composed of ALL JEWS. THE POWERFUL SOVIET SECRET POLICE TAKES ITS ORDERS FROM THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT. There are about six-to-seven-million Communists in Soviet Russia, 50% are Jews and about 50% gentile—but the gentiles are not trusted. The Communist Jews are united and trust each other, while the others spy on one another. About every five or six years the secret Jewish Board calls for the purge of the Party and many are liquidated.

When asked "why"? he said:

***"Because they begin to understand too much the Jewish secret government. Russian Communists have a Secret Group Order which consists of Jews only. They rule over everything pertaining to the visible government. It was this powerful organization that was responsible for the secret removal of the center of Communism to Tel Aviv from where all instructions now originate."***

Does our government and the United Nations have knowledge of this? He replied:

**"The United Nations is nothing but a trap-door to the Red World's immense concentration camp. We pretty much control the U.N."**

When asked why the Communists destroy the

middle class or educated and their entire families when they invade a country Mr. R. replied:

***"It is an established rule to destroy all members of pre-existing government, their families and relatives, but never Jews. They destroy all members of the police, state police, army officers and their families but never Jews. You see, we know when a government begins to search for the Communists within its borders—they are really attempting to uncover Jews in their area. We're not fooled! The invisible rulers in the communist countries have a world control over the propaganda and the governments in free countries. We control every media of expression including newspapers, magazines, radio and television. EVEN YOUR MUSIC! We censor the songs released for publication long before they reach the publishers. Before long we will have COMPLETE CONTROL OF YOUR THINKING."***

The way you boast, if this is true, it is frightening to think about our future, and that of Christianity, to which Mr. R. said:

***"THERE WILL BE A FORCED CLASS WARFARE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES AND MANY WILL BE LIQUIDATED. YOU WILL UNQUESTIONABLY BE AMONG THEM. THE JEWS WILL NOT BE HARMED. I'M NOT BOASTING! I'M GIVING YOU THE FACTS! AND IT IS TOO LATE FOR YOUR CHRISTIAN FOLLOWERS TO PUT UP A DEFENSE. THAT TIME IS LONG PAST. LONG, LONG AGO WE HAD TO BECOME THE AGGRESSORS!! THAT IS UNDOUBTEDLY ONE OF OUR GREAT PURPOSES IN LIFE. WE ARE THE AGGRESSORS!! BECAUSE YOU STOLE YOUR PRETENDED RELIGIOUS BELIEFS FROM OUR TALMUD."***

After reminding him that we thought he was intelligent but now realize that he doesn't know what he was talking about he replied:

"Judaism is the **unequaled** culture, with nothing, nothing anywhere in the world to compare with it. Your so-called Christianity is an outgrowth of Judaism. The cultural and intellectual influence of Judaism is felt throughout the entire world—yes, throughout civilization."

Asked whether he thought we faced a problem eventually with the Blacks because of their startling population increase he said that the Blacks are helping to serve "our purpose" which might mean several things.

We discussed the Black "invasion" of city, county and state jobs and their prominence now in television. Also how ridiculous it is for the Blacks to become converted to Jews—like Sammy Davis for instance. Mr. R. replied:

"That doesn't mean anything. We know that a Black cannot become a Jew and that Sammy Davis is still Black. It may have been to his advantage to become converted. In reality he still remains a *nigger* and not a Jew."

I told him of my in-depth study of the Jews and that there were few who have done more research on world Jewry than have I, and about my unpleasant discoveries, reminding Mr. R. that there is no morality among the Jews, it would seem. He replied:

***"MONEY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MORALITY. WE CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING WITH MONEY. OUR PEOPLE ARE PROVING THAT IN ISRAEL WHERE ITS STRENGTH AGAINST ATTACK IS ITS PERMANENT STATE***

***OF WAR READINESS. ISRAEL CAN NOW WIN IN ANY ENCOUNTER. THE KIBBUTZ-RAISED INTELLECTUAL ELEMENTS ARE GOING TO BUILD THAT SMALL COUNTRY INTO A MID-EAST WONDERLAND. IT WILL ALSO EVENTUALLY BE THE BASE FOR WORLD GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS."***

We discussed the tragedy of Watergate and corruption at all levels of government and suggested that government representatives practice more openness and candor in dealing with the people. Mr. R. said:

"What good would it do? What the hell does the public know about the running of government? The great majority are asses—horses' asses!!"

May we quote you on that?

"I don't care what you do; as I said, few have the guts to speak out. We would all have better understanding between each other—Jews and gentiles, if we spoke out more openly. Your people don't have guts. We establish your thinking, we even place within you a 'guilt complex' making you afraid to criticize Jewry, openly."

In the quietness of this enlightening conversation it became clear that the understanding poured forth did not come from a novice. Mr. Rosenthal was asked how Jews gain acceptance so easily among other races. His answer was long and thorough.

"At a very early date, urged on by the desire to make our way in the world, Jews began to look for a means whereby we might distract all attention from the racial aspect. What could be more effective, and at the same time more above suspicion, than to borrow and utilize the idea of a religious community? We've been forced to borrow this idea from the Aryans. We Jews never possessed any religious institution which developed out of our own consciousness, for **we lack any kind of idealism.** This means that a belief in life beyond this terrestrial existence is foreign to us. As a matter of fact, the *Talmud* does not lay down principles with which to prepare the individual for a life to come, but furnishes only rules for a sumptuous life in this world. It is a collection of instructions for maintaining the Jewish race and regulating intercourses between us and the goy. **Our teachings are not concerned with moral problems—but rather with how to 'get'.**

"In regard to the moral value of the Jews' religious teaching, there exist quite exhaustive studies which show the kind of religion that we have in a light that makes it look uncanny to the Aryan mind. We are the best example of the kind of product which religious training evolves. Our life is of this world only and our mentality is as foreign to the true spirit of Christianity as our character was to the Founder of this new creed 2,000 years ago. The Founder of Christianity made no secret of his estimation of the Jews **and the fact that he was not one of us.** When he found it necessary he drove us out of the temple of God, because then, as always, we used religion as a means of advancing our commercial interest.

"But at that time, we managed to nail Jesus to the cross for his attitude towards us; whereas, the modern Christians enter into party politics and in order to win elections, they debase themselves by begging for Jewish votes. They even enter into political intrigues with us against the interests of their own nation.

"We can live among other nations and states only as long as we succeed in persuading them that the Jews are not a distinct people, but are the representatives of

a religious faith who, therefore, constitute a 'religious community', though this be of a peculiar character. As a matter of fact, this is the greatest of our falsehoods.

**"We are obliged to conceal our own particular character and mode of life so that we will be allowed to continue our existence as a parasite among the nations.** Our success in this line has gone so far that many believe that the Jews among them are genuine Frenchmen, or Englishmen, or Italians, or Germans who just happen to belong to a religious denomination which is different from that prevailing in these countries. Especially in circles concerned with government, where the officials have only a minimum of historical sense, we are able to impose our infamous deception with comparative ease. Therefore, there is never the slightest suspicion that we Jews form a distinct nation and are not merely the adherents of a 'confession'. Though one glance at the press which we control, ought to furnish sufficient evidence to the contrary, even for those who possess only the smallest degree of intelligence."

When questioned about the ways in which the Jews have gained power, Mr. Rosenthal said:

**"OUR POWER HAS BEEN CREATED THROUGH THE MANIPULATION OF THE NATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM. We authored the quotation 'Money is power'. As revealed in our master plan, it was essential for us to establish a private national bank. THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM fitted our plan nicely since it IS OWNED BY US, but the name implies that it is a government institution. From the very outset, our purpose was to confiscate all the gold and silver, replacing them with worthless non-redeemable notes. This we have done!"**

Asked about the term "non-redeemable notes", Mr. Rosenthal replied:

**"Prior to 1968, [H: Check that date of 1968 because this is the exact time "period" of establishment of such as Peruvian certificates concerning GOLD—i.e., the "Bonus Contract". It was all set up and authorized by these SAME people—check out the names in New York at the time and JUST WHO DID THE TRANSACTIONS!] the gullible goy could take a one-dollar Federal Reserve note into any bank in America and redeem it for a dollar which was by law a coin containing 412-1/2 grains of 90 percent silver. Up until 1933, one could have redeemed the same note for a coin of .25-4/5ths grains of 90 percent gold. However, since 1968 the dollar Federal Reserve note is not redeemable. All we do is give the goy more non-redeemable notes, or else copper slugs. But we never give them their gold and silver. Only more paper," he said contemptuously. "We Jews have prospered through the paper gimmick. It's our method through which we take money and give only paper in return." [H: And upon which interest is demanded for the worthless non-redeemable PAPER trash.]**

Can you give me an example of this, we asked?

**"The examples are numerous, but a few readily apparent are the stocks and bonds market, all forms of insurance and the fractional reserve system practiced by the Federal Reserve corporation, not to mention the billions in gold and silver that we have gained in exchange for paper notes, stupidly called 'money'. Money power was essential in carrying out our master plan of international conquest through propaganda."**

Asked how they proposed doing this, he said:

**"At first, by controlling the banking system we were able to control corporation capital. Through this, we acquired total monopoly of the movie industry, the radio networks and the newly developing television media. The printing industry, newspapers, periodicals and technical journals had already fallen into our hands. The richest plum was later to come when we took over the publication of ALL SCHOOL MATERIALS. Through these vehicles we could mold public opinion to suit our own purposes. The people are only stupid pigs that grunt and squeal the chants we give them, whether they be truth or lies."**

**Asked if the Jews felt any threat from the "silent majority", he laughed at the idea, saying: "There is no such thing as the "silent majority" because we control their cry and hue. The only thing that exists is an unthinking majority—and unthinking they will remain, as long as their escape from our rigorous service is the opiate of our entertainment industry. By controlling industry, we have become the task masters and the people the slaves. When the pressure of daily toil builds to an explosive degree, we have provided the safety valve of momentary pleasure. The television and movie industries furnish the necessary temporary distraction. These programs are carefully designed to appeal to the sensuous emotions, never to the logical thinking mind. Because of this, the people are programmed to respond according to our dictates, not according to reason. Silent they never are; unthinking they will remain." [H: Any arguments so far?]**

Continuing his thought of Jewish control over the goy, Mr. R. said: **"We have castrated society through fear and intimidation. Its manhood exists only in combination with a feminine outward appearance. Being so neutered, the populace has become docile and easily ruled. As all geldings in Nature, their thoughts are not involved with the concerns of the future and their posterity, but only with the present toil and the next meal."**

It was obvious that the excitement of Mr. Rosenthal was triggered when mention was made of the nation's industry. "We have been successful in dividing society against itself by pitting labor against management. This perhaps has been one of our greatest feats, since in reality it is a triangle, though only two points ever seem to occur. In modern industry there exists capital, which force we represent, at the apex. Both management and labor are on the base of this triangle. They continually stand opposed to each other and their attention is never directed to the head of their problem. Management is forced to raise prices since we are ever increasing the cost of capital. Labor must have increasing wages and management must have higher prices, thus creating the vicious cycle. **We are never called to task for our role which is the real reason for inflation, since the conflict between management and labor is so severe that neither has time to observe our activities. It is our increase in the cost of capital that causes the inflation cycle. We do not labor OR manage, and yet we receive the profits. Through our money manipulation, the capital that we supply industry costs us nothing. Through our national bank, the Federal Reserve, we extend book credit, which we create from nothing, to all local banks who are member banks. They in turn extend book credit to industry. Thus, we do more than God, for all of our wealth is created**

**from nothing.** You look shocked! Don't be! It's true, we actually do more than God. With this supposed capital we bring industry, management and labor into our debt, which debt only increases and is never liquidated. Through this continual increase, we are able to pit management against labor so they will never unite and attack us and usher in a debt-free industrial utopia.

"We are the necessary element since we expend nothing. Management can create its own capital and keep the cream—the profits. Its business would grow and profits increase. Labor would prosper as well, while the price of the product would remain constant, the prosperity of industry, labor and management would continually increase. **We Jews glory in the fact that the stupid goy have never realized that we are the parasites consuming an increasing portion of production while the producers are continually receiving less and less."**

As the hours rolled on in this intense, but cordial, interview, Mr. R. exposed his thoughts concerning religion:

**[H: I SUGGEST YOU READ THE NEXT, CITIZENS, AND WEEP! WEEP FOR YOUR SOULS, YOUR PEOPLE AND YOUR WORLD.]**

"Religion, too, must be taught, and through this necessity we have labored. With our control of the textbook industry and the news media, we have been able to hold ourselves up as the authorities on religion. Many of our rabbis now hold professorships in supposed Christian theological seminaries. We are amazed by the Christians' stupidity in receiving our teachings and propagating them as their own. Judaism is not only the teaching of the synagogue, but also the doctrine of every "Christian Church" in America. **Through our propaganda the Church has become our most avid supporter. This has even given us a special place in society—their believing the lie that we are the "chosen people" and they, gentiles.**

"These deluded children of the Church defend us to the point of destroying their own culture. This truth is evident even to the dullard when one views history and sees that all wars have been White-fighting-White in order that we maintain our control. We controlled England during the Revolutionary War, the North during the Civil War and England and America during World Wars I and II. **Through our influence of religion we were able to involve the ignorant White Christians in wars against themselves which always impoverished both sides while we reaped a financial and political harvest.** Anytime truth comes forth which exposes us, we simply rally our forces—the ignorant Christians. They attack the crusaders even if they are members of their own families.

"Through religion we have gained complete control of society, government and economics. No law is ever passed except its merits have previously been taught from the pulpits. An example of this is race equality which led to integration and ultimately to mongrelization. The gullible clergy in one breath instruct their parishioners that we are a special, chosen people while in another breath proclaim all races are the same. Their inconsistency is never discovered. **So we Jews enjoy a special place in society while all other races are reduced to common equality. It is for this reason that we authored the equality hoax, thereby reducing all to a lower level.**

"We have been taught that our current economic practices are benevolent, therefore Christian. These pulpit parrots extol our goodness for loaning them the

money to build their temples, never realizing that their own Holy Book condemns all USURY. They are eager to pay our exorbitant interest rates. They have led society into our control through the same practice. Politically, they hail the blessings of democracy and never understand that through democracy we have gained control of their nation. Their book again teaches a benevolent and despotic form of government in accordance with the laws of that book, while a democracy is but mob rule which we control through their Churches, our news media and economic institutions. **Their religion is only another channel through which we can direct the power of our propaganda. These religious puppets' stupidity is only exceeded by their cowardice, for they are ruled easily.**

Rarely does any man confess the intimacy of his soul as did Mr. Rosenthal. **Hindsight suggests that there was a greater force compelling this man to reveal what has been written here.** The remainder of the interview seems to confirm this.

“Since we do not believe in a life after death, all our efforts are directed to the ‘now’. We are not as foolish as you and will never adopt an ideology that is rooted in self-sacrifice. **Whereas you will live and die for the benefit of the community, we will live and die only for our own individual self. The idea of self-sacrifice is abhorred by Jews. It is abhorrent to me. No cause is worth dying for since death is the end. The only time we unite is to preserve our individual selves. As a group of wolves unite to attack a prey, but then disperse after each is filled, so we Jews unite when peril is pending, not to preserve our community but to save our own skin.**

“This attitude permeates our entire being and philosophy. **We are not the creators, for to create would only benefit another. We are the ‘acquirers’ and are interested only in satisfying the ‘self’. To understand our philosophy would be to understand the term ‘to get’. We never give but only TAKE. We never labor but enjoy the fruits of others’ labor.** We do not physically live within any society, but always remain spiritually apart. To work would be to produce and the highest form of that labor would be to create. Your race has always worked for the satisfaction of what it produces. We would never work for anyone’s benefit, only for what we can get. We have used this Aryan attitude to achieve our greatest prosperity. You will work for the enjoyment you derive out of producing, while never being concerned about the pay. **We take your productivity for a paltry fee and turn it into fortunes.**

“Until recently, the pride of workmanship exceeded the quest for high incomes. However, we have been able to enslave society to our own power which is money, by causing them to seek after it. **We have converted the people to our philosophy of getting and acquiring so that they will never be satisfied. A dissatisfied people are the pawns in our game of world conquest. Thus, they are always seeking and never able to find satisfaction. The very moment they seek happiness outside themselves, they become our willing servants.**

“Your people never realize that we offer them only worthless baubles that can not bring

**fulfillment. They procure one and consume it and are not filled. We present another. We have provided an infinite number of outward distractions, to the extent that life can not again turn inward to find its definite fulfillment. You have become addicted to our medicine through which we have become your absolute masters.**

“**On the first and fundamental lie, the purpose of which is to make people believe that we are not a nation but a religion, other lies are subsequently based. Our greatest fear is that this falsehood will be discovered, for we will be stamped out the moment the general public comes into possession of the truth AND ACTS UPON IT. It is becoming apparent that an awakening is occurring even here in America. We had hoped that through our devastation of Christian Germany that any subject dealing with us would be a fearful TABOO. However, there seems to be a resurgence here in the one nation that we so strongly control. We are presently making plans for a rapid exodus. We know that when the LIGHT BEGINS TO DAWN, there will be no stopping it. All efforts on our part will only intensify that light and draw focus upon it.**

“**We fear that Light is coming forth in movements across this land, especially yours. It has amazed us how you have been successful in reaching the people after we closed every door of communication. This, we fear, is a sign of coming pogrom [Webster’s Dictionary: to slaughter or kill] that will take place in America soon. The American public has realized that we are in control, which is a fatal mistake on our part. THIS NATION COULD NEVER BE THE LAND OF THE FREE AS LONG AS IT IS THE LAND OF THE JEW. This is THE REVELATION that will be our undoing.**

“The American people have been easily ruled through our propaganda that the pen is mightier than the sword. We virtually get away with murder and all the goy do is to talk about it, which is ineffective since we, the masters of propaganda, always publish a contradicting account. If the Aryan would review history and apply those lessons of the past, then the pen will be thrown down in disgust and the sword wielded in the heat of passion. Thus far, we have escaped the sword, when the only reprisal is some periodical of no repute, or some pamphlet with limited circulation. Their pen is no match for ours, but our constant fear is that they may open their eyes and learn that no change was ever brought about with a pen. History has been written in blood, not with ink. No letter, editorial or book has ever rallied the people or stopped tyranny. We understand this principle and are continually propagandizing the people to write letters to the President, to Congress and to their local media. We are safe to continually exploit, intimidate and disenfranchise the White American as long as they are preoccupied with the illusion of educating the masses through printed material. Woe be unto us if they ever see the futility of it, lay down the pen and employ the sword.

“**History confirms the fact that the passions of an aroused minority, no matter how small a group, have exerted enough power to topple the greatest empire.** The movements that control destiny are not those that rest on the inactive

majority; but on the sheer force of an active minority. Will is Power, not numbers, for a strong Will—will always rule the masses.

“Again, we are safe as long as our Will is stronger, or the Will of the people is misdirected, scattered and without leadership. We will never be deposited with words, only force!”

The *wisdom* of Mr. Harold Wallace Rosenthal has been set forth.

[END OF QUOTING]

I would note here the author’s comments in excerpting a few paragraphs from his writings on this subject:

“**Mr. Rosenthal, a former influential Jew in his own right, prided himself in being a vital part of the admitted control of the media, of their invisible government, no political power is without Jewish approval, the American people have no guts and they sneer at the stupidity, the Jews’ power through their money and the money power affording them a ‘master plan’ for international conquest through propaganda. Let us remember Rosenthal’s remarks about an ‘unthinking majority’, the Jews’ treachery of pitting labor against management and that Christ was just another man walking on Earth. That they are admitted parasites who have gained control of our society, government and economics through their religion, also the ‘chosen people’ myth exploded and the confessed ‘big lie’ that the Jews are a religion and not a nation. And we must not forget what Mr. R. said about their fear of being discovered FOR WHAT THEY ARE.**”

So, do you STILL want to dabble around the point of such as the new Gulf debacle? ARE YOU TOTALLY BLIND? [MM: Now—with the same Elite players and their stooges involved in March 2002—there’s the “war on terrorism” debacle!]

Is it too late to change? That depends on YOU and how and what you want to change. Most seem happy enough being in the grandstand whooping on the players and getting your children KILLED in some foreign intrigue over an oil PIPELINE owned by some criminal Elite. You are already enslaved—BUT, YOUR CONSTITUTION HAS ONLY BEEN DUMPED—NOT DESTROYED. What do you WANT TO DO? It doesn’t show in the “polls”.

IS THIS TRUE, THIS INTERVIEW?

**Indeed it is true. Not only was Rosenthal murdered to silence him but he gave this same speech dozens of times so that his egotistical blatherings could not be missed. Yes, he was murdered and so, too, were those who had the information from original notes with witnesses and tapes to back up the verbatim discussions. The man was only spouting off the Protocols of Zion, no more or less.** It IS the PLAN 2000 and so take note—there are only some 3-1/2 years to “getcha”. Since they have already “GOTCHA”, they are just playing out the organization plans.

And, NO, it is not my purpose, duty or intent to change anything in your world—save perhaps YOUR MIND. I can’t even do that; all I can do is offer you factual truth—and you will do whatever you shall, with it.

Before closing, however, I am going to offer a letter written by a man called James Zakoib that I find more than worthy of sizing up, very, very well: [Received on or about August 25, 1996] [QUOTING:]

NEW WORLD ORDER  
TOWER OF BABEL COMPLETE

“And they said, come let us build ourselves a city and a tower whose top will reach into heaven and let us make for ourselves a name.” *Gen. 11:4.*

*The purpose of the modern U.S. Project has been the same as its Babylonian prototype as it has centralized national government under one supreme power center.*

WILL AMERICA MEET HER WATERLOO  
AT THE GREAT EUPHRATES?  
WE SHALL SOON SEE!

President Nixon signed Executive Order 11490 on Oct. 28, 1969. This Executive Order carries the title assigning EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUNCTIONS to FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS and AGENCIES, ALSO IT AUTHORIZES THE PLANS AND ASSIGNS THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COMPLETE TAKEOVER BY THE GOVERNMENT OF EVERY FACET OF LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES. Because of these facts that Executive Order 11490 has been labelled A *BLUEPRINT FOR TYRANNY*. Therefore, the situation in which we find ourselves in is where the President, through the use of Executive Orders or Emergency Powers, could assume dictatorial control of our country at will. [H: That was JUST PROVEN day before yesterday in Iraq. Ah, but did President Clinton make the decisions? No, he only made the public announcement. His foreign agents and advisors made the decisions and acted on them—CLINTON WAS ON VACATION CAMPAIGNING FOR HIS NEXT PUPPET TERM. YOU, U.S.A., STARTED A WAR WITHOUT BENEFIT OF EVEN CONGRESSIONAL INSPECTION MUCH THE LESS PUBLIC NOTICE.] He could do it without consulting Congress and without the need for any further declaration of national emergency, as President Bush did a while back with Iraq and a few other countries in wars of GENOCIDE. The many thousands, who died at Pearl Harbor and the long war in the Pacific, had little knowledge that their sacrifices were *arranged to serve a global power scheme*.

During the Nixon years, government had daily increased in size and in power. Who can deny it? With Bush head of the CIA under Nixon, he has worked hard for the fruition of the New World Order. That would take place exactly twenty years later with Bush as its Dictator. Who can deny it that more and more government has led to total government, and we are heading in that direction exactly as many great nations have done before us?

For generations brilliant and ambitious men have been hard at work to establish dominance over the entire globe. A major part of their effort has been directed toward the imposition of tyranny over the United States. As has been shown, the *Blueprint for Tyranny is already an accomplished fact*. It could

be implemented at a moment's notice by the man who has been elected and is the chief executive in our land, Bill Clinton. Let us now add our belief that the ultimate goal of this great conspiracy in our land is **world rule** and the present leadership of the United States is a party to it. Finally, let us draw the obvious conclusion that the imposition on the United States from within, of totalitarian rule, is the last step of any consequence remaining before the conspirator's ultimate goal is achieved.

There are two ways to achieve TOTAL GOVERNMENT here in the United States. The first way is the lightning quick takeover which could be accomplished by ENACTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER. The second is the piecemeal acquisition of power by which all elements of the *Blueprint for Tyranny* could be accomplished separately in a manner that would also destroy all will to resist.

*It has been said that a conquered enemy must be continually reconquered because he will keep on resisting. A campaign that brings about subversion to such an extent that the victim is induced to beg for his chains will result in a much more secure tyranny.*

As this whole drive for power was not exposed and destroyed, has not the day now come when even previously uninformed Americans will realize that all of it has already been accomplished right under their/our noses and that resistance would be folly? There will be no lightning quick seizure of power. None will be needed, for all will have been done in very gradual steps, each of which seemed necessary and reasonable at the time. Now in the end, TOTAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE THE OUTCOME—AND FREEDOM WILL BE GONE.

As Bush's popularity and deeds dwindled it was not by accident that Rhodes Scholar and C.F.R. member Bill Clinton was elected president with only 34 percent of the popular vote. Clinton has surrounded himself with Rhodes scholars that he can count on for support and advice as he unleashes his **NEW COVENANT on the unsuspecting American people**. Whether as an unwitting dupe or conscious participant, we shall soon see that Bill Clinton is also part of a massive and historical conspiracy to establish a WORLD GOVERNMENT.

[END OF QUOTING]

Agree or disagree, you have a big problem here and it would appear that you get closer and closer to that “Waterloo” right at the Euphrates River. A prophecy came forth from a great seer that when there could be dry traversing of the River Euphrates—the Armageddon would be close behind. Well, there is a great dam which now dries up the Euphrates AT WILL.


Can you ever realize the balance of the WORLD revolves around a puddle of oil, money, and greedmongers?

**I suggest you FIND OUT ABOUT THAT SUPERFUND OF BUSH!** He established an outrageous manner in which to gain control of the world—economically. That same manner is not in YOUR HANDS and you seem to simply hiccup and belch and pass gas while moving on into your DREAMLAND activities—of what? Doing nothing,

mostly. Or, perhaps you wait for me and my team to fix it for you? It won't happen that way. The point you miss is that this “new” invasion of Iraq is but a test of you-the-people, a trial balloon to see what you will tolerate and how you will take such a major usurpation of your *Constitution* and moral fiber. Ah, and look how pleased they must be today to see that you-the-people fall right behind the LIES and hoist up the demons to even greater position and power. Shame, shame, AMERICA.

There is a very BIG error in Mr. Rosenthal's outbursts that the pen is not worthy of a “win”. Forget it, Rosenthal—pens set forth TRUTH and it is TRUTH THAT OFFERS FREEDOM, not force nor guns! How much more blood of a species will be spilled before you see and learn?

This has become a very lengthy writing and I apologize to my secretary for not allowing even a break—but YOU ARE OUT OF TIME, CITIZENS! The glass is empty, awaiting the turning—and who shall turn it? And, except for the willing fingers to type the words, there can be NO “WORD” for there are too few of the Oral Tradition to long bear the only lamp for a darkening world.

Salu, and may you each give serious thought on these matters. Hatonn to clear, please. 

**OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE**

There are many ways in which one can participate in the glorious unfolding of this once-in-many-eras opportunity to beneficially change this planet. While some of us have the honor of participating directly—involved in it as we are with our day-to-day work—you, the reader of this newspaper, can join with the Mission in other ways: specifically, through your financial support of this effort and your positive thoughts and prayers.

Know that it is **YOU** who sustain the Mission by all that you think and do. **YOU** are “the wind beneath our wings”.

Financial contributions will, as always, be treated as loans.

Positive thoughts are promised an even greater return. So, if you thought this message wasn't for **YOU**—simply because you cannot afford a monetary contribution—**THINK AGAIN!**

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for further information.**

# Doris' Corner

3/28/02—#1 (15-224)

By Doris & E.J. Ekker

RE: WITH LIGHTNING SPEED V.K. REVEALS HER REAL STATE OF MENTAL ILLNESS

WELL, ABOUT WHAT IS "THIS ONE"?

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF V.K. DURHAM MISSILE OF MARCH 24, 2002

Last weekend we had decided not to send my writing to our close family and friends to the whole e-mail distribution. WE ONLY HAVE FIVE (6) ON OUR "MASS MAILING" LIST but after the writing of a nice update on intentions and sharing of Sunday, we decided to send both—just to the "little" circle to protect content and share some kind of "friendship" beyond the publication of international distribution. Why? BECAUSE WE HAVE FAMILY AND THEY CAN'T EVEN GET A PRIVATE MESSAGE FROM THEIR MOTHER AND FATHER, GRANDPARENTS, ETC. Neither writing could be construed for other than very close relatives and friends which also included a bit of business discussion about upcoming topics to be covered, etc. Nothing world-shaking or Earth-shaking.

It is really very generous of "someone(s)" to get everything to V.K. at the drop of an electronic spark. Poor old dear has only \$17 Billion of her own (her words, of course) so has to have YOU pay the costs.. You who get this writing might want to wait until it is published along with a copy of her letter or it won't make sense. Although I apologize for that, I can't take time to attend it in more detail just to get ahead of the paper. Lawyers say, however, to acknowledge every receiving immediately when convenient, so here it is, and no, it doesn't cover everything in her letter so wait and be surprised.

After deciding to send the messages it was less than hours before we got one of the most ridiculous messages yet (the 3/24 fax) back from V.K. Durham. Now, would someone like to tell us that somehow "WE" have V.K. on our e-mailing list? She claims we have "sitting ducks on a pond" of 50 receivers and another 12 that I don't know how she accounts. However, it must be so since she certainly had the writings. And I

you are forwarding? Must be about time to purge your address books. If we can't have a bit of privacy, we may have to share less.

One of the more entertaining notations was her instructions for me, Doris, to "Bend over...take a firm grasp on your ankles...YOUR TAIL IS GRASS; AND HERE COMES THE LAWN MOWER! The 'chits' have been called in."

repeat, WE HAVE SIX NAMES ON OUR MASS E-MAIL LIST. So, friends, what gives? What kind of a network is working? Do you all know to whom

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 To Contact - 661-822-9658  
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From: "Katherin"  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Cc: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2002 11:14 AM  
 Subject: Fw: ekker

*HI!*

I'm back.. Everyone got on the road to go shopping in Omaha. Now; back to the lady with "21 alias's"..

The latest issue of March 20th is important in it's headlines..to wit; "A PLANETARY SOCIETY MUST HAVE ECONOMIC STABILITY, RESOURCES." HA! Doris is getting flack about the "Herman Russell and Russell Herman" bit..she knows she is in very deep pucky since EX- US TREASURY AGENT "IRS AUDITOR" CORT CHRISTI is under indictment. At the present time, she is having to do her own RESEARCH, and in all probability with "software" she got from CORT CHRISTI to "access" SOCIAL SECURITY DATA BASE RECORDS and MILITARY RECORDS of both myself, and my late (murdered) husband CEO; COSMOS SEAFOOD ENERGY MARKETING, LTD; NEVADA ID# 1707 RUSSELL HERRMAN aka HERMAN.

The lady of "21 registered alias's" in her "January 12, 14, etc of 1996" "SUGGESTIONS" which were actually MANDATES is most explicit in DIRECTING MR. CHRISTI to "backdate documents and record same." She needed "COLLATERAL".... The only LEGITIMATE "Collateral" which could be found was that HELD by myself, as Russell had been MURDERED by those who kidnapped, tortured him which ultimately ended up in his death.

The only way she could conceive to get COLLATERAL was to forge Russell's signature by "lifting" off previously recorded documents. The document the signature was "lifted" from has been sent on to INTERPOL who had a copy of the instrument in 1989 which was sent by fax regarding another IRS AUDITOR "Marion Akien"..who was sent to prison in Copenhagen over the same scenario of INTERNATIONAL BANKING & FINANCE FRAUDS.

The lady with "21 Registered Alias's" Mrs. Ekker alleging to be HATONN the "big stuff" from outer space riding around in a SPACE SHIP ready to ZAP the entire GLOBE if "ORDERS ARE NOT FOLLOWED BY THE GROUND CREW" which included IRS AUDITOR'S currently under INDICTMENT BY THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION; In her current statements (quote):

"We have had, here, to stay right on top of the Herman Russell assignment. "Ops," You say? No.. Russell Herman was even better known in some places as Herman Russel. Labels change, handwriting style does not and when signatures are of utmost importance—it is the "style" that is important and opens doors and accounts. It would seem that fingerprints would also be "sure fire" things to have on documents and yes, they are—but it is also easy to "lift" prints." end quote.

The accounts that are so important in this instance is THE SEVENTEEN BILLION DOLLARS "GOLD" IN THE CI-LTD; CONTRA ACCOUNTS of which Russell was the Account Holder. This belongs to the WIDOW being myself.

Mrs. Ekker as the Lady with "21" alias's... has published there is NO MARRIAGE LICENSE between Russell Herman and V.K. Durham in order to PULL OFF THE SCAMMING OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT IN THEIR CURRENT BANKING SCEAM published in the CONTACT: THE PHOENIX PROJECT JOURNAL for the past several weeks including this March 20, 2002 edition.

You know what, She is right. The marriage license is under the BIRTH NAME of Vina. Catherine. V. Catherine Herrman and Russell Herman were married in MEXICO November 27, 1987.. V. Catherine Herrman-Herman and Russell Herrman-Herman found it necessary under the provisions of the Department of Health and Human Services "Next of Kin" provisions, and having lost the original marriage license, did have a second performance of that first marriage by Pastor Lohanes.. December 1993.. Pastor Lohanes did explain this in full satisfaction in his letter's..which, at this time will not be made public for the lady of "21" alias's.. The marriage is legitimate, Recorded and CERTIFIED of Public Record.. The "Lady of 21 registered ALIAS'S" has a lot to learn about "personal lives of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Herrmann-Herrman-Herman."

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I repeat, however, for ALL OF US WHO EVEN FEEL INVOLVED, this is the job at hand and this is also the muck to be crawled through to get to the other side. We certainly are getting it done—when we get through the international trashing—just a few feet more. Then I suggest that those who have a need consider redoing your “due diligence” in Clark County, Nevada. The file should be complete by May 1. God certainly HAS shown us the way and carried us most of it.

It is a good day here, readers, friends and e-mail/FAX “ducks” as V.K. calls you. Hope everybody can swim.

I further hope that someone gets the issue containing this nice accusing bit of V.K. poison to Cort Christie—for this woman has LOST HER MARBLES, not to mention her “chits”.

People, this is the most absurd writing of ALL OF THEM, please note, and we will ask that it be run in the paper to “share” the “inside information” from this former self-confessed agent of the “Secret Service”.

Of course she jumped on the Herman Russell and Russell Herman bit. But, without finishing her sentence, she immediately jumped to: “The accounts that are so important in this instance is THE SEVENTEEN BILLION DOLLARS ‘GOLD’ IN THE CI-LTD; CONTRA ACCOUNTS of which Russell was the Account Holder. This belongs to the WIDOW being myself.”

C’mon, is the Government so generous with its secret accounts that any WIDOW would receive \$17B of the government’s money just because one of their agents was a signatory? V.K. continues to shriek that she is the widow of Russell Herman, when they were never married. If she has tried every trick she can think of to get his pension and failed, why should we be deluded into thinking she is an owner of his other assets? Bonus 3392 did not belong to the government; no one in the government has ever suggested Bonus 3392 did not belong to Mr. Herman.

How can we make it clear? V.K. and Russell Herman WERE NEVER MARRIED AND THE STORIES GET MORE ABSURD WITH EACH TELLING.

She got married in Mexico? No she didn’t. When confronted on that one—and it was suggested to get the copy of the certificate (not just an “application”, but a record) from the Embassy—she paled and said they were “married aboard ‘ship’ in Mexico”. When it was suggested that she should get the ship log which would have to bear the entry of such a union—she had a more absurd tale and refused to more “sayeth naught”.

Frankly, if I had more time, I would send copies of all this garbage to the Clerks of Washington County and Gallatin County, Illinois and show them what this woman is sending out to INTERNATIONAL BANKS, EMBASSIES, HEADS OF STATE, ETC. The marriage

application is such a total and absurd fabrication with a copy of Ganz’s certification of validity as to make us weep—especially dated AFTER RUSSELL’S DEATH.

The woman has now written that there are certification letters from a Pastor LOHANES where “Pastor LOHANES did explain this in full satisfaction in his letter’s..which, at this time will

not be made public...”.

Strange? Not if you realize she is referring to the Minister on the Washington County application (**not marriage certificate—but application**) and the name of that “Minister” is very definitely “MARK S. LOHMES”. Now, readers, since she just on March 9 sent, internationally, a copy of that “application”

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So far, it has all been conjured from the very imaginative mind of the lady with "21" registered alias's..in here deceptive conduct attempting to OPERATE A SPACE SHIP CULT under her "21 Alias's".. which show BI-POLAR DYSFUNCTION (didn't the LA STRANGLER HAVE THE SAME "BY POLAR DISFUNCTIONAL PROBLEMS?) between the Right Cortex and the Left Cortex of the Brain..which allows MANY PERSONALITIES to function in the one entity.. SPACE SHIP COMMANDER "HATONN" ...? A lot of HOOEY being fed to a lot of CULT MEMBERS who are systematically being deceived into assigning their PROPERTY as did MB over to this CULT which Rex Weeks then "slithered" in..in another prize "deception"..and SCREW the Ekkers aka THE HATONN CULT out of \$140K.. then shut down the bank account. WOW! IS THE LADY WITH "21" ALIAS'S TICKED OFF AT REX WEEKS!

REX WEEKS little "inside job" ...cut out a lot of funds for THE LADY WITH 21 ALIAS'S which allow her to live in her penthouse suite in MAKATI PHILIPPINES with "hot and cold running maids" calling her "Momsie".. If persons such as REX WEEKS keep on such as just happened WITH "MB'S" BANK ACCOUNT & TRUST; THE LADY OF 21 ALIAS'S MIGHT HAVE TO CALL DOWN ONE OF HER "SPACE SHIPS" and VACATE THE POSH HOTEL'S PENTHOUSE SUITE IN MAKATI PHILIPPINES COSTING ABOUT A \$1,000 PER DAY..

The lady of 21 ALIAS'S seems to be under the misguided conception PUBLISHING LIES AND FRAUDULENT INFORMATION makes the lies and fraudulent information LEGAL.. NOT WHEN IT COMES TO "DECEPTIVE PRACTICES AND FRAUDULENT INTENT"..

The lady of 21 ALIAS'S has now..at this time, due to THE INDICTMENT OF CORT CHRISTI FORMER U.S. TREASURY IRS AUDITOR AND RING OF MERRY CRIMINALS "TAX EVASION" GROUP.. has bigger problems than her BI POLAR DYSFUNCTIONAL BRAIN could ever conceive...

THE LADY OF 21 ALIAS'S has solicited my own MURDER.. TO HER "CULT FOLLOWERS"... Well, Well, Well....— Then, she SOLICITED "MURDERING ME LEGALLY".. Which is none other than WIPING OF MORE RECORDS AS CONTAINED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE DATA BASE AND U.S. GOVERNMENT "RECORDS"..

After "yesterday's emails" catching "50 sitting ducks on the pond"... with an accompanying email to "12" others in association with the "50"... The Lady of 21 Alias's..at this time..DOES HAVE ONE BIG TIME HARRY "PROBLEM" even is she is A SPACE SHIP COMMANDER WITH A "SPACE SHIP" AND GROUND CREW..OR SO SHE ALLEGES IN VARIOUS NAMES OF HER "21" ALIAS'S.. WHAT A VIVID IMAGINATION!

Further, V.K. DURHAM IS "NOT IN THE MIDDLE" OF THE LADY WITH "21 ALIAS'S" ACTIVITY IN HER "BCCI-BANK OF AMERICA" INTERNATIONAL BANKING SCAM OF INTERNATIONAL PROPORTIONS.. V.K. DURHAM IS "SMACK DAB ON TOP" OF THE SITUATION. Mrs. Ekker seeming forgot..what V.K. did when she was WORKING...and all those wonderful persons with whom V.K. worked.

Right now, V.K. strongly suggests to the Lady with 21 Registered Alias's..."Bend over, Doris, take a firm grasp on your ankles"... YOUR TAIL IS GRASS; AND HERE COMES THE LAWN MOWER! The "chits" have been called in.

The lady of 21 Alias's alleges involvement of President Bush Jr....? She should keep on dreaming... The involvement, involves THE CODE OF SILENCE of those in Law Enforcement each protecting one another and taking it upon themselves "wrongly" thinking "NO ONE" IS BEING PROTECTED BY THEM. NO.. Number One is not being protected by them.. They have placed No. One in an area of jeopardy by protecting ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY such as the U.S. TREASURY AGENTS "IRS AUDITORS" ..which the Ekker's have relied upon so heavily... NEW YORK broke up such a ring..of LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS going about doing the same thing.. The lady of 21 alias's merry band of IRS AUDITORS is "UNDER INDICTMENT" this "opens up a whole bag of worms in the International Banking & Finacial Frauds department.."

Hope this gives you some input as to "which way to go" with the Lady of 21 Alias's.. The KEYS are in this document..

V.K. Durham..also known as MRS. RUSSELL HERRMAN-HERMAN (of record)

PS; Will cc this back to myself; copy off, delete the email address's and send a copy to the lady with 21 ALIAS'S..

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farce, surely she still had a copy from which to copy his name but alas, she can't even copy that much. Just another symptom of insanity?

THE FACTS ARE, AND WE MUST REITERATE: V.K. DURHAM WAS NEVER MARRIED TO RUSSELL HERMAN OR ANY OF ALIASES, ALTERNATE ENTITIES OR CLONES SHE ALONE ATTRIBUTES TO HIM—PERIOD. FURTHER, V.K. DURHAM (WITH ANY OF HER ALIASES) HAS NO STANDING OR HOLDING IN COSMOS SEAFOOD ENERGY MARKETING, LTD. AND NEVER HAS HAD. IF SHE HAS A “DURHAM INTERNATIONAL HOLDING TRUST”, IT HOLDS NOTHING OF VALUE TO GAIA OR CSEML BUT IT MAY ULTIMATELY CAUSE HER TO HAVE TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY TO DEFEND IT, WHERE SHE MIGHT DEFEND HERSELF PRO-PER. (IN *BLACK'S LAW DICTIONARY* THERE IS NO “HOLDING TRUST”.)

V.K. has said that there is a valid and certified copy of Russell's Power of Attorney to her filed with her documents which allowed her to create and substitute documents. Well, we now know what would have been the MISSING PAGE #150 OF THE “WARRANTY DEED” FILING of Aug. 1, 1994 with all of its documents dated after July, 1994. The filing represents Thomas Ganz as the Clerk doing the filing. THERE IS NO POWER OF ATTORNEY AND THE OBVIOUS CONCLUSION IS THAT IT WAS ALSO FORGED AND FABRICATED AS STATED BY ONES WHO HAD SEEN IT. WHETHER IT WAS TOO RAW TO BE PUT IN THE FILE IN THE FIRST PLACE OR SHE TOOK IT OUT LATER, IT IS NOT THERE. Without a valid Power of Attorney, the entire filing is useless.

V.K. says in paragraph 2 of her 3/24 fax: “CEO; COSMOS SEAFOOD ENERGY MARKETING, LTD; NEVADA ID# 1707 RUSSELL HERRMAN aka HERMAN.”

NO, Russell Herman was NEVER recognized as anything BUT “HERMAN” IN ANY RECORD ALL THE WAY TO THE FOUNDING OF CSEML BY HIMSELF AND CECELIA XALIS—PERIOD.

Now, please, read the letter for selves. You will note that I, Doris, am now somehow involved even with activities with Treasury Agents, IRS auditors and even activity in BCCI-BANK OF AMERICA... while “soliciting (sic)” her murder in several different ways including “wiping” from records things such as this totally fraudulent “Marriage Application”. Well, the LAW says there has to be a certificate and that an “application” for a “license”, even if real, is absolutely non-recognized. It has to be a recorded (PROPERLY) record and valid certification—not a license application.

So, OK, the lady with “‘21’ alias’s” (sic) and whose “tail is grass; and here comes the lawn mower!” as well as being diagnosed by V.K. Durham as having mental dysfunction from “BI-POLOR”, “BY-POLAR” AS DID THE “LA STRANGLER” as well as that diagnosis also being “BI POLAR” “DYSFUNCTIONAL BRAIN”.

And now, V.K. Durham says that “REX WEEKS ‘slithered’ in..in another prize ‘deception’..an SCREW the Ekkers aka THE HATONN CULT out of \$140K..then shut down the bank account. WOW! IS THE LADY WITH ‘21’ ALIAS’S TICKED OFF AT REX WEEKS!”

Well, yes, I suppose I would be “ticked off” at “Rex Weeks”, if I knew Rex Weeks, that is, and had something to do with “MB’s” bank holdings of \$140K if it was mine.

She signs off after laying out Cort Christi(sic) AGAIN, as being a Treasury Agent, IRS Auditor doing all sorts of bad things and working somehow with the “Grass” lady to backdate something which is too elusive to even figure out the point.

I guess my own question is how in the world the State of Illinois has allowed this feeble-minded FRAUD to continue to function in her insanity when it is such a reflection on them, the clerks of these counties involved, yet. The woman is a fraud and a CRIMINAL OF INTERNATIONAL SCOPE.

INTERNATIONAL SCOPE?

Yes. Some of you will remember the Brunei mailing by V.K. Durham of the “Durham Trust”, etc.?

Well, now comes the same notice from CAIRO, EGYPT, via South Africa, via a source who got it in LONDON, ENGLAND.

This is the same smashing writing sent to Brunei and referred to “PRINCE BANDAR”.

The letter with the notice states: “Also other bulletin filled with a lot of prejudice and grudge on Mr. EKKER, unfortunately such bulletin were circulated through several banks, the outcome of our contacts were that it is difficult to clinch a deal with the banker...”

Then it goes on to say that “the bank shall proceed to execute further steps by opening L/C or B/G to enable XXXXX for providing physical gold to the bank...”

Am I nuts? No, the nice person reiterates “my invitation to you to visit Egypt, I hope that you shall enjoy both the cultural aspect of ancient Egypt... to welcome you in the home of your ancestors.”

The writer goes on to ask that Mr. Ekker be informed. And do what? FIX IT OF COURSE!

Please note that the important factor in the above is “providing physical gold...”. If we are frauds as V.K. Durham states, then what of the “physical gold”? Well, inquiring minds might wish to know but nobody seems to know what to do with the “Lawn Mower” woman.

PERHAPS ALL OF US ARE NUTS?

How can anyone who has so totally been discounted in everything she has attempted, get any attention at all? Well, we helped her, too, while believing her hair-brained garbage and get-rich schemes she spells “sceans” and yes indeed, it embarrasses us to admit it.

Russell Herman was no fool, however, and she has just gone right ahead to do herself in—in about every way “mentally” possible and still it seems people pay attention enough to question—BUT the reason they question is that her activities are so obviously criminal in intent and follow-through that it has taken all this time to totally DISCOUNT the woman. So, as V.K. demands—“GO DO YOUR DUE DILIGENCE AND CHECK IT OUT.” In the process, we have proven that what Russell Herman held is totally valid and indeed the “real” thing.

There appears to be no shred of either conscience, love for the man she claimed as “husband”, or sanity within the woman. And yes, indeed, over the years she most certainly has been involved in totally unconscionable schemes, rackets and literally criminal activities while claiming public parties certify and back up her frauds.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE FOREIGN BANKS TOO SCARED TO BREATHE?

Well, for starters, has anyone gone forth and even remotely demanded that these nice businessmen show even one thing that fits any of her claims? WHY NOT?

She has claimed we have warehouse receipts to gold in every Islamic Gold Bank and not to mention some “20,000” GAIA GOLD DEEDS slurping out funds from unsuspecting nations—show us even ONE! There are no such things as the woman claims, including the Banks—there isn't even a “Bank of the Philippines”. There isn't even an Arnie Gammelgarrrd at INTERPOL—and I would really like to see a report from the Omaha, Nebraska Division of the Secret Service.

Oh, she has distributed stuff, OK, but it is total hogwash and it would seem to me that as often as she bashes, trashes and USES these County Clerks to “certify” her fraud as being somehow real should merit her criminal indictment.

The package sent to Korea in their “due diligence” quest from Mr. Ganz (who yes indeed, signed out the copies to the legal persons sent to do due diligence) was not even acceptable for their use, it was so obviously fraudulent, and most especially her WARRANTY DEED filings.

**The contract is REAL and was used by Sr. Bush and team—so the only thing that is fraud in the picture is V.K. Durham and all her Herrmanns and forgeries.**

That woman was even bragging about being able to cash Russell's SS checks. She claims she signed and cashed them when she chose and especially “towards the end”.

Why did the woman come under question with the “welfare” people? Well, she was spending anywhere from \$3,500 to \$4,000 or so PER MONTH and they questioned her about where she got the money. **They then cancelled her “widow's” pay until she would produce the documents proving marriage.** That was after Russell's death and they did, in fact, stop the payments and sent her a bill for several THOUSAND dollars they had paid, for which she had no right to receive. And yes, we have a copy of the bill—which she sent to us at the time to see if we could somehow intervene in her behalf. Dumb us, we started right off to prove they were married and couldn't.

V.K. says I have obviously forgotten for whom she worked when she WORKED. I have never known her to “work”—period. She lived off of anyone and everyone and moved from one stupid lawsuit claim to another where she presented as “Attorney in Fact” and the courts thought her too crazy to bother with lockup and the expense to the State of tending her.

I suppose it has served the purpose of such as the IMF to some extent and it certainly has caused us to have to attend the issue—but Herman's assignment stands. More importantly, so too does the contract to Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing, Ltd. where it still resides to this minute—this time in total security. It has no impact at all as to changing of anything with “GAIA”.

And why would V.K. be upset? Well, Grass-tailed “‘21’ Alias's” and Ekker, along with our team, totally controls GAIA “AND” 100% of CSEML. There was no Durham Family International Holding Trust in 1997 and probably not now. V.K. Durham tried to get funds for “that Trust” from us in about July of 1997 and shortly thereafter we ended the association.

Now KNOW, readers, that we do not plan to further FIX anything FOR anyone. We have spent nearly four years in Manila against all the odds that could be tossed at us—and I for one (Doris) am tired of it, even with

# The News Desk

By John & Jean Ray

## ISRAEL SET TO ESCAPE CLAIMS OVER DAMAGE TO EU SITES

By David Cronin, *European Voice*, 03/21/02

Chris Patten, the external relations commissioner, has virtually ruled out the prospect of the European Union claiming compensation from Israel for damage caused to EU-funded projects in the occupied territories. He says such a course of action would be “horrendously complicated”, even though EU foreign ministers have formally stated they reserve the right to charge Ariel Sharon’s government for destruction by Israeli forces.

Commission officials estimate that Israel has caused 19 million euro worth of damage to EU-financed infrastructure since the Palestinian uprising, or intifada, began in autumn 2000. This includes destruction of the runway at Gaza airport, the Palestinian Authority’s central bureau of statistics and laboratories helping detectives to root out Islamic extremists. Addressing the European Parliament’s budget control committee this week, Patten questioned what security benefits Israel could possibly be reaping from wrecking such structures.

“While we condemn savage attacks on Israeli people without any reservation, we at the same time question whether some of the targeting of development projects [by Israeli forces] makes any conceivable sense,” he said.

“It is quite difficult to know how driving a bulldozer up and down the runway in Gaza will make it less likely for young men and women to strap bombs to themselves and murder people in Tel Aviv.”

On the question of compensation, the commissioner said that while he did not wish “to sound like an irritated chartered accountant”, taking concrete steps would be fraught with difficulty for two main reasons. First, the Commission’s own rules state that once it completes a project or delivers equipment, it becomes the property of the beneficiary. It would, therefore, be up to Yasser Arafat to claim reparations.

Second, EU funding for the occupied territories is channeled not only through the Commission, but also through individual member states, each with their own legal systems.

Describing the •19 million sum “as a very rough and ready estimate of the crudest sort,” Patten said that it did not include several factors which could be “rolled into” an assessment of both direct and indirect damage to facilities provided with Union aid. For example, the figure does not include losses caused by military blockades which often make it impossible for patients or supplies to reach the European Gaza Hospital. Italian left-wing MEP Luisa Morgantini, who visited Palestinian refugee camps last weekend, said she had witnessed damage inflicted on childcare facilities financed by Rome.

EU funding, she added, is “essential to the thousands of people who work” in the occupied territories. Some 1,400 people—mostly civilians—have been killed during the past 18 months of Middle East violence.

**[JR: Sharon gets a pass from the World Court for the genocide he planned and allowed in the refugee camps in Lebanon. Now with flaunting indifference the Zionist State of Israel gets off paying for the**

**damages of EU-funded facilities in the Palestinian-controlled areas because it would be too complicated a process to proceed. For any other country the world can find laws that they can apply to these types of violations. When it comes to Israel they always manage to find a loophole.]**

## LEFT DENOUNCES U.S., URGES GLOBAL TAXES

By Cliff Kincaid, *CNSNews.com*, 03/21/02

MONTERREY, Mexico—On the eve of President Bush’s arrival at the United Nations Conference on Financing for Development, a global forum of several hundred non-governmental organizations (NGOs) has demanded a global tax on currency transactions as a means of financing increased foreign aid and “stabilizing the international financial system”.

Bush’s call for the U.S. to spend an additional \$5 billion on foreign aid over the next three budget years, described by the White House as “the largest three-year increase in history”, was labeled a “modest first step” by U.S. NGOs at the forum.

Flanked by a banner proclaiming “For the Fair Distribution of Wealth”, organizers announced that the NGO *Declaration of Monterrey* also demanded the cancellation of all Third World debt, a universal minimum wage, and “progressive taxation systems” within countries. The document is designed to influence the thinking of world leaders and future UN conferences.

Participants in the global forum, which was financially underwritten by the Ford Foundation, could buy posters of Ernesto “Che” Guevara, the Latin American revolutionary who helped Cuba’s Fidel Castro rise to power; copies of the *Communist Manifesto*; the works of Lenin; and marijuana smoking devices. Participants meditated around a 6-foot-high “Peace Pole” dedicated to world peace.

At one global forum panel discussion, professor Yash Tandon of Zimbabwe drew heavy applause by declaring, “Cuba has done very well” and should be followed as a development model by other countries....

Lene Schumager of Denmark, representing World Federation of UN Associations, proposed that Tobin taxes or an Earth stamp or carbon tax be used to fund the NGOs themselves.

The leading American NGO participating in the forum was InterAction, the foreign aid lobby that represents groups such as Catholic Relief Services, CARE, and Save the Children. Other U.S. groups at the forum included Women’s Environment and Development Organization, founded by Bella Abzug, and Women’s International Coalition for Economic Justice, headed by Carol Barton, who gave a passionate speech denouncing welfare reform in the U.S. as “racist” and a plot by right-wingers.

The forum, which attracted about 1,000 people from scores of countries, began with an inaugural address by Paul Nehru Tennessee of World Confederation of Labor. He denounced Christopher Columbus as someone who “invaded, destroyed and pillaged”.

Tennessee said the global system was a form of slavery. “We, all here today, are in the tradition of resistance.”

V.K.’s assertion of our posh living quarters in the penthouse of this hotel along with “hot and cold running maids” (her very words)—at \$1,000 A DAY at that. We have resident mice, roaches of many varieties and this very morning an 8-inch lizard in my sink—hopefully trying to eat the ants that invade constantly. I have to hand wash all the clothes BEFORE we wear them because they immediately turn black from pollution in the air, even in the closets—yes indeed, right here in poshville 12th floor. It is, yes, the top floor—which is the 12th floor of the hotel with many rooms and apartments. It is a tiny hotel and ancient and yes, we also have hot and cold running water—the hot runs out totally after 10 minutes maximum (makes for quick showers). And yes indeed, we are GRATEFUL for what we have and yes we are willing to keep on as long as our lungs hold up—they must be far blacker now than the clothes. Is this to somehow “make excuses”? No, God blesses us and yes HE has walked every step of the way with us and that is with or without a cult or spaceship which seems to bother V.K. considerably.

## RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

It is this time of the year that brings the most heinous realization of what takes place here in the Philippines—and we recognize now, around the globe.

Yesterday the news stated that the Philippines has grown in poverty to over 88%.

In some of the outlying Provinces and towns the current money-maker of a few pesos, people get “crucified” and flagellate themselves with metal-tipped or glass shards on the whips—FOR THE TOURIST VISITORS.

Of course, we from the U.S., Great Britain, etc. (even Japan), are not allowed to travel and advisories are out from everywhere to NOT TRAVEL TO THE PHILIPPINES. That is how terrorism is under control over here with the help of the U.S. ARMED FORCES.


Ah but not to concern—more U.S. troops are on their way and won’t go home “til it’s over over here”.

Well, the government sold out to the Bush charm and it isn’t ever *supposed* to be over over here. The president made agreements which literally are destroying the nation. And yes, the “scoop” or “leakage” is coming right out of the U.S. “peacemakers”. Now, how long do you think the president can survive that little press and media hate campaign? Well, I’m sure that V.K. will help her make up for any discomfort.

V.K. also notes the “big stuff” “riding around in a SPACE SHIP ready to Zap the entire GLOBE...”. Oh? Name ONE zapped, V.K.! What a bunch of garbage and slime. It is pure “HOOEY” just as she says.

Perhaps the sign-off is best of all: “V.K. Durham, also known as MRS. RUSSELL HERRMAN-HERMAN (of record).”

No, V.K., you are NOT “KNOWN AS EITHER” and it is NOT OF RECORD—so indeed, you had best just keep trying to get your “Lawn Mower” started.—E-E

[A short addendum from E.J.: Clinically speaking, which she has elected to do, we are probably watching the gradual, progressive mental degeneration of a once bright person. She mentions wine from time to time but there seems to be more dementia involved than just alcoholism. Pretty sad. Her kind of antics on the Internet may well get it (Internet) “policed” and greatly restricted. Not much we can do, is there?] 

The demand for global taxes was followed at the closing ceremony by the appearance of Nitin Desai, the UN Under Secretary-General for economic and social affairs, who said NGOs promote ideas that are later adopted by the UN. As examples, he cited proposals to increase overseas development assistance as a percentage of gross national product and to cancel or reduce Third World debt....

Harris Gleckman, a member of the UN's conference secretariat, told *CMSNews.com* that NGO representatives were being inserted into discussion roundtables at the conference itself so they could promote their ideas to official country delegations.

American NGO representatives at the conference were scheduled to include former President Jimmy Carter, Sylvia Mathews of Bill Gates Foundation and Mary McClymont of InterAction. Foreign NGO representatives came from Iraq, Cuba and Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority....

**[JR: The cancellation of loans would effectively kill off the parasites like the IMF, WB and IBC that feed off the Third World countries and prevent them from ever getting out of debt. Imposing a (UN) global or Earth tax won't help poor countries develop industries or stabilize their economies as the monies would go right back into the banks of these parasites. The redistribution of wealth is not a new idea. It is a socialist plan that is being renewed and promoted by the newly named NGOs. The NGOs are the engine that is going to speed ahead the resurrection of the old *Communist Manifesto*. Every one of these groups will be used to motivate, influence and to control the people's thoughts and opinions. Look at the list of some of the charities and groups in the U.S. that make up the NGOs along with the Ford and Bill Gates Foundations, to name two who promote and fund socialistic ideas and agendas. Communism and socialism are not the ideal as the fair or impartial equalizer of the world's power, wealth and influence. Countries like Russia, China, North Korea and Cuba are dismal reflections of socialism and its failures. Once the ones on top of the pyramid of power have it all then the ones below (like us) don't matter. How then can globalism (socialism) be heralded as the hope and the solution that will bring peace and order to the world?]**

#### TERROR WAR AND OIL EXPAND U.S. SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

By Scott Peterson,  
*The Christian Science Monitor*, 03/19/02

MOSCOW—As the Roman Empire spread two millennia ago, maps had to be redrawn to reflect new realities. In similar fashion, the expansion of the British Empire kept cartographers at their drawing boards, reshaping territories from Southern Africa to India to Hong Kong.

Now, as the United States wages its war on terrorism in Afghanistan—and deploys troops for the first time in the energy-rich regions of Central Asia and the Caucasus—the borders of a new American empire appear to be forming.

Firmly in the Russian and later Soviet sphere of influence since Napoleon's day, these strategic regions, along with their Middle Eastern ramparts to the south, are now home to 60,000 American troops.

Some of these soldiers are building what appear to

be long-term bases at remote Central Asian outposts, raising critical questions about America's future role.

One aim is the containment of Islamic extremism, a goal shared by Russia on its vulnerable southern flank. Looking to challenge OPEC leader Saudi Arabia in the oil markets, Russia is also worried about protecting its growing economic interests in Central Asia and the Caucasus, which are crisscrossed by oil and gas pipelines—and potentially lucrative new routes.

But the new nearness of America is triggering heated debate in Moscow, where President Vladimir Putin, by permitting U.S. deployments, is being widely blamed for “losing” Central Asia and succumbing to a new American imperialism.

Others say that Mr. Putin—recognizing that 70 percent of Russia's state budget comes from oil and natural gas exports—has simply traded in Cold-War baggage for a new, clear-eyed pragmatism amid Russia's harsh economic realities.

Already 3,000 Americans are based in Uzbekistan, and are believed to run both overt and covert operations in Afghanistan from there. Commanders are setting up new facilities in Kyrgyzstan for a combat air wing and humanitarian missions, with 3,000 more troops.

A deal has been struck with Tajikistan—where Russia has 10,000 of its own troops guarding the Afghan border. Americans have held secret military meetings with Armenia—a key Russian ally—and talks with Kazakhstan. Up to 200 American advisers will soon be helping Georgia control its unruly Pankisi Gorge, where terrorists are suspected to be hiding.

While the U.S. may have grand imperial designs—some experts even go so far as to speak of U.S. troops “guarding” Caspian energy resources in case Iraqi oil supplies are disrupted by any American attempt to change the regime in Baghdad—others emphasize common U.S.-Russian economic interests.

“Don't think like a ‘cold warrior’,” says Pat Davis Szymczak, the American publisher of the bi-monthly, Moscow-based magazine *Oil and Gas Eurasia*, who points out that the bulk of Central Asian energy resources reach the market through Russian pipelines.

“Are we going to send a bunch of Marines to stand around an oil well with guns? So they've protected that oil—big deal. Are they going to take it away in armored vehicles?” Ms. Szymczak asks. “The only way to get it from Uzbekistan to cars in New York is by being friends with the Russians.”

While the presence of American forces and the overthrow of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan are causing fresh thinking about how to tap Caspian riches, the context of Cold War rivalries—played up by regional leaders often eager to wiggle free of Russia's influence—still dominates discourse.

During a recent tour of the region, state Duma speaker Gennady Seleznyov, warned that “Russia will not endorse the emergence of permanent U.S. military bases in Central Asia.”

“The Russians have every reason to be worried” about U.S. intentions in their “soft underbelly,” says Thomas Stauffer, an energy strategist and former Harvard professor in Washington. “The only geopolitical logic I can see [to long-term U.S. moves],” Stauffer adds, “is that we want to get a certain amount of space on the checkerboard, with which we can negotiate with the Russians.”

Such considerations haven't escaped notice in Washington, where U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell last December said that Kazakhstan's oil was becoming of “critical importance.”...

Many in the U.S. see Russia through old prisms, despite Moscow's demonstrated commitment to helping the U.S. wage war in Afghanistan and elsewhere. “You have people who are still saying Russian policy in the ‘near abroad’ [the former Soviet states] is a key threat to American interests,” Lieven says....

Moscow's former domains stretch from Uzbekistan to Ukraine, and have often bristled under Russia's strong-arm tactics to re-exert control. The U.S. arrival may be forcing changes.

“The fact that Russia has acquiesced to U.S. troops in Central Asia and indeed Georgia, shows that Russia itself is prepared to play a much more open and even-handed role in the region,” says Julian Lee, a senior analyst at the Center for Global Energy Studies in London. “But we're seeing Russian interest in business channels, rather than political and military ones. It's the sensible way forward.”

Some observers say that Putin's KGB background makes him as wary as anyone of American moves—but also realistic about the imperative of a pro-West future.

“We are living in the age of a new Rome,” notes Andrei Piontkovsky, head of the Center for Strategic Research in Moscow, in an analysis published over the weekend. Dismissing Russia's “boot-licking elite”, which he says is “choked with hostility toward the U.S.,” Mr. Piontkovsky says that energy reserves and influence at the start of the new century will allow Russia and the U.S. to be “useful partners... if Russia proves able to overcome its Cold War-defeat complex and the United States learns not to trumpet its victories”.

Pipelines can be another point of cooperation. The U.S. has long pushed for an oil line from Azerbaijan to Turkey, which deliberately bypasses Russia and Iran. But Russia has a key stake in the year-old, Chevron-led CPC pipeline, which carries Kazakh oil to a Russian Black Sea port.

And though laughed at when first proposed during Taliban rule, plans to build two pipelines, oil and gas, across Afghanistan are now being dusted off. Cutting Russia into any such deal to provide gas to South Asia could make sense, analysts say.

That could help satisfy Russia's bottom line—maximum market share. Russian gas reserves are the largest in the world, but a European Union decision this weekend will break Russia's decades-long monopoly there.

“Putin's a realist, and economics are everything,” says Szymczak, of *Oil and Gas Eurasia*. The result is a tricky balancing act for Putin, as American influence spreads to Russia's borders. “The reality is that a lot of the money to run this country comes from gas sales,” Szymczak says. “Putin needs markets to the east—or the whole thing unravels, and he's got a bigger problem than just a few people thinking: ‘Oh goodness, we've got Americans in Uzbekistan!’”

**[JR: An update on the spread of the American Empire Part II. Have the Americans finally succeeded in caging the Russian bear? Allowing a growing U.S. presence and build-up in the once-held Russian territories might prove to be a huge mistake on Putin's part. Russia is now being caged in by NATO in the Balkans and by the Americans in the republics in the south. Was it really a bad error in judgment or is it Moscow's plan to win over the republics and unite them to protect Russia's interests and to block further America's incursions into Russia? Would the agreements made by Russia with China and Southeast Asia be part of a Russian plan should they face a standoff with the U.S. over**

**control of the new oil regions? Would Russia stand by and allow another American-supported takeover and control of Russia as what happened in 1917? The schemers and plotters are ever so patient to move forward their plans for world dominance. The U.S. has planned the war in Afghanistan for over ten years, so will the Russians be declared our next target should they decide not to cooperate with us as partners? It is all about oil, who owns it and who controls it.]**

#### RUSSIA MAY INTERVENE IN GEORGIA

*The Russia Post, 03/22/02*

MOSCOW (AP)—Amid rising tensions between Russia and Georgia, lawmakers on Friday called on President Vladimir Putin to push for Russian troops to be involved in an anti-terrorist campaign in Georgia.

Relations between Moscow and Tbilisi have frequently been troubled over the past decade by Georgia's West-leaning aspirations and by Russia's criticism that the small country harbors rebels from Russia's separatist republic of Chechnya.

The tensions flared anew last month after the United States said it would send troops to give the Georgian military anti-terrorist training, citing the alleged presence of al-Qaida-linked fighters in Georgia's Pankisi Gorge as a prime concern.

Georgia previously had brushed off Russian proposals for an anti-terrorist operation in the gorge, to which thousands of Chechen refugees including alleged separatist insurgents have fled, and Russian politicians denounced U.S. plans.

Putin later expressed support for the U.S. plan, but lawmakers were not mollified.

On Friday, the Duma, the lower house of parliament, unanimously passed a resolution calling on Putin to "raise before the Georgian leadership the question of Russia's involvement in the anti-terrorist operation in the Pankisi Gorge, taking into account the presence of Russian citizens there."

The U.S. military instructors have not yet arrived in Georgia and it is not clear when the country's small and underfunded army might feel prepared to undertake an operation in the gorge, where rugged heavily wooded slopes would make fighting difficult.

The Duma's call came in a resolution that focused mostly on Abkhazia, a separatist region of Georgia that has also been a focal point of tensions between the small Caucasus country and Russia.

Abkhazia has had de-facto independence since two years of fighting with Georgian forces ended in 1993. Russian peacekeepers have patrolled Abkhazia since 1994 and Georgia accuses them of siding with the separatists.

After the U.S. troop plan was announced, some Russian politicians suggested the Kremlin respond by boosting its relations with Abkhazia and with South Ossetia, another separatist Georgian region.

The Duma resolution recommended that Russia send humanitarian and economic aid to both regions and it also accused Georgia of "preparing public opinion for the transference of the anti-terrorist operation announced by its government to the territory of Abkhazia and South Ossetia" ahead of a full-scale war.

The Russian Foreign Ministry on Thursday harshly accused Georgia of aiding militants who are fighting the Abkhazian separatists and of aiding Chechen rebels.

Georgia rejected that statement on Friday. It also

urged Russia not to dismiss Tbilisi's contention that Abkhazia shelters terrorists, warning that "their presence in an uncontrolled zone (on Russia's border) could have extremely serious complications, first of all for Russia." [JR: American troops may not ever set foot in Georgia given the standoff developing between Georgia and Moscow. By artful design Abkhazia separated itself from independent Georgia with the protection of Russian troops sent from Moscow. With clear foresight and planning Moscow gained a foothold in Georgia given Shevardnadze penchant for accommodating the U.S. in exchange for aid. Pres. Putin may have seemed unconcerned about the U.S. involvement in Georgia but you can be sure a lot of discussions were going on in the back rooms of Russia's Duma. Georgia can ill afford a showdown with mighty Moscow as it has problems answering the criticisms of corruption in the government as well as major economic problems. The big question is: How will the U.S. accept changes to delay plans to put through an oil pipeline through the region?]

#### BUSH SETS RULES FOR TERROR TRIALS

By John Diamond, *Washington Bureau*, 03/21/02

WASHINGTON—The Bush administration plan for trying suspected foreign terrorists before special military courts gives some ground to critics who feared the tribunals would run roughshod over due-process rights, but it retains some tough features that will make it easier for prosecutors to win convictions.

The administration briefed lawmakers Wednesday on a tribunal system designed to mete out swift justice without abandoning such basic principles as innocent until proven guilty, the right to counsel and the right to a public trial.

U.S. prosecutors would have more flexibility in introducing evidence than they would have in criminal courts, according to the procedures that are to take effect immediately with no congressional action. The rules also will limit appeals and allow for some secret proceedings.

Bush's original executive order in November setting out guidelines for trying foreign terrorism suspects contained no provision for appeal and would have allowed trials to be held in secret. The death penalty could have been imposed without a unanimous vote of the panel, a standard the new rules require....

Senior Pentagon attorneys briefed lawmakers in secret Wednesday. Officials familiar with the briefings described the outlines of the administration plan, set to be unveiled Thursday.

The Pentagon plan amounts to a special system of justice controlled by the executive branch. Prosecutions would take place before a military panel and appeals would be limited to a review board consisting of military officers and presidential appointees. The president or secretary of defense would have final say on carrying out sentences, including capital punishment.

Neither Congress nor the judiciary would have a role in the rules of the proceedings or in the trials themselves. The administration's guidelines are to be released without a public comment period, but they do include several concessions to critics.

Initial reaction on Capitol Hill appeared favorable....

Legal scholars reacting to the plan questioned whether a prosecution and trial system controlled entirely by the military and president would seem

fair and just to the outside world.

"We are in a war for hearts and minds here in the international campaign against terrorism," said Douglass Cassel, director of the Center for International Human Rights at Northwestern University Law School....

The administration has yet to decide several matters, such as where the tribunals might take place and who would be tried. At the moment there are roughly 300 mostly low-ranking detainees being held in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The Pentagon has indicated it would prefer to send most of the detainees to their countries of origin to face trial....

The administration sought a speedy system that would enable prosecutors to use some of the evidence being collected by U.S. forces in Afghanistan at the former strongholds of al-Qaida.

Among other concerns, the Pentagon wanted a system that would protect witnesses against retribution by terrorist groups and would enable prosecutors to temporarily close trials to the press and public so that classified evidence could be introduced.

The American Bar Association had urged the Pentagon to allow at least two weeks of public comment before making the tribunal rules final. In a letter to ABA President Robert E. Hirshon earlier this week, Pentagon General Counsel William J. Haynes II said the Pentagon decided against a public comment period based on "the need to move decisively and expeditiously in the ongoing war against terrorism".

Under the administration plan, as described by U.S. officials who spoke on condition of anonymity:

- Trials would take place before a panel of between three and seven military officers.
- Defendants would be provided court-appointed military lawyers; they could pay for their own private counsel.
- Hearsay evidence, and material evidence with a less than ironclad chain of custody could be introduced. For example, evidence obtained from Afghanistan battlefields would be allowed.
- Journalists would be allowed access to trials, but television cameras are barred.
- Proceedings could be closed for discussion of classified material.
- Conviction would require a two-thirds vote of the panel, as is allowed in court-martial cases but in contrast to the civilian criminal justice system, which requires unanimity to convict.
- Conviction in a case involving the death penalty would have to be unanimous. In all cases, guilt would have to be proved "beyond a reasonable doubt", as in civilian courts.
- Appeals would be limited to a presidential panel headed by a military legal officer but possibly including civilian legal specialists and outside experts.

Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke predicted that when the details are disclosed, the plan will win the support of "people who understand what an unconventional time we are in and what unconventional circumstances we're dealing with."...

Mary Cheh, a law professor at George Washington University, questioned the Pentagon's decision not to provide civilian attorneys "who can be sophisticated and really be a gladiator for the defendant."...

**[JR: Being tried by a military tribunal could turn out to be an expensive process if the defendant/victim opts to have a civilian attorney to defend him. The evidence introduced by the prosecution could be of probative value or in laymen terms hearsay or circumstantial. It is a cookie-cutter**

**military system of justice that could be adjusted to fit anybody who is unfortunate enough to stand trial. It could be extended to include American citizens who don't support the war on terrorism or who are critical of the government's policies. The process for appeals is highly suspect given that the review board would consist of military officers and presidential appointees. President Bush and Rumsfeld would have the final say in any of the appeals up for review. Given the commitment by the President and the Defense Dept. to set an example of those regarded as enemies and to stoke the fires of patriotism and support for the war, how could they be fair and impartial in their decisions? No government acts honorably during wartime and past history shows how far they can go to silence and suppress opposition. This government has already gone too far in eliminating our rights and our freedoms.]**

**BRITAIN ACCUSED OF LYING  
ON TERROR LAB CLAIM**

By Peter Beaumont and Ed Vulliamy,  
*The Observer*—UK, 03/24/02

New York—Britain was accused last night of falsely claiming that al-Qaida terrorists had built a “biological and chemical weapons” laboratory in Afghanistan to justify the deployment of 1,700 Royal Marines to fight there.

The allegation follows a Downing Street briefing by a senior official to newspapers on Friday which **claimed** U.S. forces had discovered a biological weapons laboratory in a cave in eastern Afghanistan after fighting near the city of Gardez this month.

A “senior Whitehall source” gave detailed claims of how American soldiers had found the cave following heavy fighting for al-Qaida positions around the village of Shah-e-Kot.

One report quoted the source as saying: **“We know from documents found in Kabul and the lab in the cave that Osama bin Laden has acquired a chemical and biological weapons capability.”**

The newspapers reported that the find was one of the main reasons the Government had decided to send the Marines to Afghanistan to fight al-Qaida and Taliban forces. The claim, carried by a number of newspapers yesterday, was **denied emphatically last night by Pentagon and State Department sources.**

A White House spokesman, drawn into the row, said **“no evidence” had yet been uncovered in Afghanistan that al-Qaida had succeeded in producing anthrax or other biological or chemical agents.**

A Pentagon official told *The Observer* there was no intelligence to support claims from London that al-Qaida was developing biological weapons in the Shah-e-Kot area. “I don't know what they're saying in London but we have received no specific intelligence on that kind of development or capability in the Shah-e-Kot valley region—I mean a chemical or biological weapons facility,” said an official in the Army department in Washington.

The U.S. rebuttal came as Opposition spokesmen demanded that Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon address the House of Commons to “clarify” the claims, amid growing backbench unrest about the way in which the decision to send the marines was made.

The first of them are due to arrive in Kabul in the

next few days to join U.S. combat troops already fighting on the ground, amid concern among MPs about the “open ended” nature of their mission.

Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman Menzies Campbell, who called for Hoon to make a statement, said: “The House will feel, with some justification, that this claim was leaked to the media to justify the deployment after the event.”

“There are too many unanswered questions about the military justification for this deployment and growing unease. Mr. Hoon owes the House a clarification.”

The Tories demanded that Downing Street stick strictly to the truth in its efforts to promote the military campaign. “Spinning doesn't work for the NHS, so why do they think it is going to work for the war on terrorism?” said Bernard Jenkin, Shadow Defence Secretary.

Doubts about the story surfaced almost immediately after it was published, as U.S. officials first expressed bafflement and then denied any such lab had been found. Some speculating to the *New York Times* that the story might have been planted to justify the deployment of the marines. British intelligence, Ministry of Defence and Foreign Office sources denied any knowledge of the lab.

The only evidence of a biological weapons laboratory was the discovery last December of an abandoned, half-finished building containing medical equipment, near the Taliban's former power base of Kandahar in southern Afghanistan. This had been reported previously.

*The Observer* has established that the source of the claims was an off-the-record briefing by Tony Blair's senior foreign policy adviser, David Manning.

A Downing Street spokesman said it “stuck by the thrust of the story”—that it had evidence al-Qaida was **“interested”** in acquiring such weapons. But Manning had “not actually told” reporters a cave lab had been discovered.

**[JR: Now that the British have stepped in it and got caught in their propaganda lies, the stench then travels to the U.S. where after a few days Gen. Tommy Franks decides to capitalize on it for U.S. propaganda. And why not... the phony story was all over the press anyway. See the following article dated two days later.]**

**BIO-WARFARE LAB FOUND IN AFGHANISTAN:  
U.S. COMMANDER**

DW—*World*, 03/26/02

U.S. troops found evidence in Afghanistan that al-Qaida guerrillas have been trying to develop weapons of mass destruction but have not yet been successful.

U.S. Army Gen. Tommy Franks confirmed on Sunday that one of their latest finds—a facility in southern Afghanistan near Kandahar—apparently was being built to produce anthrax and other deadly agents when it was found earlier this month.

Franks said repeatedly that while over the past several months, forces have found 50 to 60 places inside Afghanistan that **might contain evidence** of such weapons development, none have shown signs of success.

Frank's latest confirmation follows U.S. warnings that fugitive al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden wanted to obtain weapons of mass destruction.

Defense officials said on Saturday, this latest **discovery (?)** was the strongest sign yet of such planning.

**[JR: After reading the previous article do you**

**still believe Gen. Tommy Franks is credible? A few days before no one knew anything about this, then suddenly Franks “confirms” that the phony British story is now suddenly true. How is that? If they all back each other's lies then I guess that makes it true. A lie is a lie no matter how many liars it takes to lie about the lie!]**

**REPORT CITES HUMAN ERROR  
IN MCVEIGH FILES MIX-UP**

By Paul Duggan, *Washington Post*, 03/20/02

Human error and the FBI's outmoded information management systems—not an attempt by the government to withhold evidence—were responsible for the bureau's failure to turn over more than 1,000 investigative records to Timothy McVeigh's defense lawyers before the 1997 Oklahoma City bombing trial, according to a Justice Department report released yesterday.

The investigation by the department's inspector general spreads blame widely within the FBI for the failure to turn over 1,003 documents—totaling more than 4,000 pages—before the trials of McVeigh and his convicted co-conspirator, Terry L. Nichols.

The embarrassing discovery of those records in FBI files last year—and the bureau's disclosure of the lapse just a week before McVeigh's scheduled May 16, 2001, execution—prompted Attorney General John D. Ashcroft to delay McVeigh's execution for 26 days.

Ultimately, after two federal courts refused to stay his execution, McVeigh became the first federal prisoner executed since 1963. Nichols, who was sentenced to life in prison on federal charges, still faces trial in an Oklahoma court that could bring him the death penalty.

The document fiasco was just one incident in an extraordinary series of embarrassments for the FBI last year, including the discovery of a Russian spy in the bureau's ranks, new revelations of FBI bungling of the Wen Ho Lee case and the loss of weapons and laptop computers by FBI agents. Numerous other reviews of FBI conduct are continuing.

After a months-long inquiry into the delay in turning over the bombing case documents, Inspector General Glenn A. Fine reported that his office had found no evidence of deliberate government misconduct and concluded that the documents would not have significantly aided McVeigh and Nichols.

Though the government did turn over volumes of investigative material before the trials in an unusual agreement with defense lawyers, Fine's office determined that some records were withheld—and some were destroyed—because of “individual mistakes, the FBI's complex document-processing systems, inconsistent interpretations of FBI policies and procedures” and other internal failures by the bureau.

“This shines a light on the problems of the FBI—things that need to be fixed and need to be fixed immediately,” Fine said in an interview.

His report recommends that the FBI “consider disciplinary action” against three supervisory agents who learned of the withheld documents as early as January 2001 but did not alert prosecutors or FBI headquarters until May, shortly before McVeigh was scheduled to be put to death.

One of the three, Danny Defenbaugh, was the agent in charge of the FBI investigation of the April 15, 1995 bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, which killed 168 people. Defenbaugh, now based in Dallas, said in a statement yesterday that he “made decisions concerning the documents based on my honest evaluation of the situation, my many years of experience, and out of my desire to do the right thing.”

In a statement, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller said the bureau is overhauling its information management systems and is “taking specific action to address each concern raised by the inspector general.” Ashcroft echoed Mueller in a statement of his own, saying the FBI “has created new management positions to streamline information flow and improve accountability within the agency.”

The 1,033 withheld documents were mostly reports of investigative interviews conducted by agents in FBI field offices across the country. The report cited “mistakes” by the field offices, which failed to forward some documents to the Oklahoma City-based task force that oversaw the bombing investigation. And it criticized the task force, which “mishandled some of the materials sent by the field offices.”...

Because of the withheld documents, defense lawyers “alleged that the government had intentionally failed to disclose information exculpatory to the defendants,” the report notes. However, “we conclude that the evidence [from the inspector general’s investigation] does not support such claims.”

Before the revelations about the documents, McVeigh had abandoned his appeals and declared himself ready to die. But he changed his position and decided to fight his execution after the mistakes became known.

After two federal courts refused to stay his execution, however, McVeigh gave up further efforts to spare his life. Unrepentant to the end, he was put to death by injection on June 11, as relatives of his victims and survivors of the blast watched on closed-circuit television.

**[JR: Any mistakes that were to have been buried with the execution of McVeigh have resurfaced with the report of the FBI’s mishandling of possible vital documents. It is presumptuous of Inspector General Fine to say that the FBI’s actions were not reckless or deliberate. We are talking about 1003 documents or 4000 pages of evidence that were withheld and some evidence even destroyed. The reason why certain evidence may have been destroyed is because it might have implicated others who had close ties to certain officials who held high positions of authority. How is it that individuals working in the FBI can arbitrarily destroy evidence without oversight from their immediate supervisors? Had this additional evidence been made available to the judges, would it have affected their decisions in the appeals of McVeigh and Nichols? Will Terry Nichols and his lawyers have access to these documents or will the brakes be put on the justice system when he is tried in Oklahoma? Belated reprimands and guarantees to update deficient systems and promises of reform of FBI operations in high profile cases, such as the OKC bombing, Waco and 911, offers little assurances to defendants, their lawyers and the public. Congress delays action nor schedules hearings until after flagrant charges of abuses become public which makes their efforts for reform a sham and a farce.]**

## FBI TAKES PAGE FROM MORMONS’ DATA BOOK

By Kevin Johnson, *USA TODAY*, 03/21/02

WASHINGTON—The FBI is consulting Mormon Church computer experts who oversee the institution’s vast genealogy data bank to help rebuild the bureau’s outdated information system. Officials say repeated failures by the FBI system have hindered some of the bureau’s most important investigations in recent years, including the probe into the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

In the days after the attacks, the FBI computer system did not have the capacity to distribute mug shots of the 19 suicide hijackers to investigators in the bureau’s 56 U.S. field offices and its posts overseas, FBI Executive Assistant Director Robert Chiaradio told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday.

Instead, Chiaradio says, FBI officials involved in the largest probe in U.S. history had to send critical, time-sensitive material—including the hijackers’ mug shots—by overnight mail to agents around the world.

“At senior levels, we must lead the bureau back to where (information management) is accepted as second nature,” Chiaradio said.

Earlier this week, the FBI’s computer problems were cited in a report that examined why the bureau initially failed to disclose more than 3,000 documents related to the trial of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh in 1997. The discovery of the documents last year led officials to delay McVeigh’s execution by one month, until a federal judge ruled that the FBI’s snafu did not warrant a new trial. Justice Department investigators determined the FBI did not intentionally withhold information from prosecutors and defense attorneys.

Even so, “the FBI’s troubled information management systems are likely to have a continuing negative impact on its ability to properly investigate crimes,” says Justice Department Inspector General Glenn Fine, who reviewed the FBI’s conduct in the McVeigh case. “The FBI has both a paper and an electronic management system in place, neither of which is reliable.”

Chiaradio says the FBI has begun addressing its problems in managing and analyzing the mass of information it gathers in investigations.

As part of that effort, Mormon officials are providing advice for developing name-recognition programs that would assist authorities in finding and tracking suspects. The system currently available to agents, which is more than a decade old, is so limited that its search engines do not automatically provide investigators with alternate spellings for suspects’ names. An agent must spell a suspect’s name exactly right, or the FBI computer will not recognize it. That can be particularly frustrating in cases such as the Sept. 11 probe, in which suspects have used multiple names and sometimes created identities simply by switching a few letters in their names.

Based in Salt Lake City, the Mormon Church is known throughout the world for maintaining a popular and accessible data bank for tracing family histories. FBI officials say the church has expertise in developing programs that respond to deviations in spelling and other name constructions.

Congress has given the FBI \$417 million for a new computer system. FBI officials say they expect it to be operational by early next year.

Among its features, Chiaradio says, is a security system that will allow senior officials to check who is accessing confidential files. That is aimed at preventing a situation such as that orchestrated by

former FBI agent Robert Hanssen, who spied for Moscow for more than a decade before he was caught last year. He is serving a life sentence.

**[JR: The FBI is asking the Mormon Church for assistance in updating its archaic, dinosaur-type system for information. The Mormon Church’s position on this matter is very curious, as the Mormon Church seems to be considered an extension of the Federal government. There seems to be no question here about the issue of separation of church and state. The Mormon Church is the repository of all the known genealogy records of every American. How many terrorists would be found in their records? The FBI processing of information and storing of data has long been a disaster even before McVeigh and the OKC bombing. Congress, like with the IRS, is so quick to write a check to fund a new computer system for the FBI. Money always is the solution for incompetence in D.C. It is apparent that the government is building a file and dossier on every American like we all fit the profile of a terrorist, Taliban or al-Qaida. We should all take offense that we are labeled the #1 enemy by our rulers in D.C.]**

## PATRIOT ACT INVOKED TO FIGHT LAWSUIT BY MUSLIM GROUP

By Geoff Dougherty and Laurie Cohen, *Tribune*, 03/15/02

Employing a controversial strategy, the U.S. Justice Department says it plans to use secret evidence to justify the financial sanctions it imposed on a Chicago-area Muslim charity as part of its effort to choke off terrorist funding after Sept. 11.

Bridgeview-based Global Relief Foundation has filed a lawsuit saying the government violated the *Constitution* in freezing the charity’s assets in December, citing suspected links to Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network.

The case in federal court in Chicago appears to be the first time the government has tried to use secret evidence—which would be shared with the judge but not with the charity or its attorneys—under a provision of the anti-terrorism Patriot Act signed in October by President Bush, legal experts said.

Immigration cases are a more common venue for the use of secret evidence, which has drawn fire because it changes one of the most basic rules of the American legal system: that people get a chance to confront the evidence being used against them by the government.

Roger Simmons, an attorney for Global Relief, said the use of secret evidence to fight the charity’s lawsuit was “a very dangerous legal precedent”. On Thursday, Simmons asked the court to reject the government’s plan.

“It’s completely contrary to anything that’s ever happened in this country,” he said. “The country was founded on the idea of confronting your accuser. If they submit secret evidence or present it to the judge in such a way that we can never see it, we can’t cross-examine and we can never rebut,” he said.

Members of Congress have attempted several times to make the use of secret evidence illegal, and Bush said he would support such a law, but those efforts died after Sept. 11.

A spokesman for the Justice Department in Washington declined to comment on the government’s plan, which was detailed in a letter sent March 8 to Wayne R. Andersen, the U.S. District Court judge handling the case.

Among the evidence the government wants to present in secret are records presented to the Treasury

Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control that led to the freeze and the search-warrant application for Global Relief's Bridgeview office.

"Both records contain information that is classified for reasons of national security," said the letter, signed by Department of Justice trial attorney John E. Smith. The government intends to file the evidence under seal and make it available only to the judge, the letter said....

Although the law does not require the judge to accept the secret evidence or base his ruling on it, that is clearly what the government is striving for, said Mark Rasch, a former federal prosecutor who handled classified information cases.

"They're saying, 'We're going to give the court something and you're not even going to know what it is,'" Rasch said.

Ruth Wedgwood, who handled classified-information issues at the Justice Department and now teaches at Yale Law School, said the government needs to be able to safeguard its intelligence sources while pursuing terrorists.

"I think this is going to be a hard case for a judge to turn the government down," she said.

In December, the Treasury Department froze the assets of Global Relief and another southwest suburban Islamic charity, the Benevolence International Foundation of Palos Hills, because of suspected terrorist links.

Unlike the other individuals and groups that were officially designated as supporters of terrorism and hit with financial sanctions, Global Relief and Benevolence International had their assets frozen pending an investigation of their terrorist links.

The Treasury Department has also frozen the assets of the Richardson, Texas-based Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, a group that is on the agency's list of terrorism supporters for allegedly supporting Hamas, a Palestinian militant organization.

All three groups have denied involvement in terrorism and filed federal lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the government actions. Global Relief also has argued that the government's asset-freezing powers don't apply to U.S. companies.

The government's authority to present evidence secretly comes from a provision of the Patriot Act. Previously, the Treasury Department had the authority to seize assets but lacked the ability to present secret evidence if the seizure was challenged.

The act also changed the financial seizure provisions, allowing the government to freeze the assets of groups before proving they are aiding terrorists.

Immigration lawyers involved in secret evidence cases since such evidence was sanctioned by Congress in 1996 justify their concern with a list of cases in which the government's prosecution has fallen apart under close scrutiny....

**[JR: The use of secret evidence has created a kangaroo court-type system of injustice in which a defendant is guilty before any hearing or trial. With this type of structure, why bother with a trial or a hearing? How can the defendant and his attorney challenge the government's evidence when it is revealed only to the judge for reasons of national security? The Patriot Act afforded the government a convenient scapegoat clause that allows it to abuse its powers to override the rights of the defendant. It also allows the federal government to use the excuse of national security to convict by introducing possible fabricated charges or tainted evidence that would be questionable and yet could not be challenged. Americans should question whether the Patriot Act was passed to only**

**prosecute our enemies or does it go further and include American citizens who think they still have the right to question or object to their government's actions or policies. The War of Enduring Freedom is a catchy phrase to rally us around the government's plans which have succeeded in depriving us of all our individual rights as guaranteed by our Constitution. Instead of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag we will be pledging our allegiance to our masters in D.C.]**

**IS GUANTANAMO BAY U.S. PROPERTY OR NOT?  
THE ANSWER COULD AFFECT  
THE HANDLING OF TALIBAN PRISONERS**

By Warren Richey,  
*The Christian Science Monitor*, 03/20/02

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, CUBA—At the height of the Cold War, U.S. forces maintained a hair-trigger alert along a 17-mile fence line to defend the soil of this military base against communist encroachment.

Now, at the height of a different kind of war, U.S. government lawyers are arguing that Guantanamo isn't American at all, that it really belongs to Cuba.

It is more than just an esoteric debate about an open-ended 1903 lease agreement with Cuba establishing Guantanamo as a U.S. coaling station. Rather, it goes to the heart of the Bush administration's effort to convert a portion of this dusty naval base into a terrorist penal colony beyond the reach of U.S. laws and constitutional protections.

Simply put, the issue is whether the naval base is sovereign U.S. territory or a mere piece of rental property with Fidel Castro as the current landlord.

The answer to that will either facilitate or greatly complicate U.S. efforts to detain, question, prosecute—and perhaps execute—the 300 suspected Taliban and al-Qaida fighters being held indefinitely at a makeshift detention camp here.

"These people were brought to what we believe to be the territorial jurisdiction of the United States," says Joseph Margulies, a Minneapolis lawyer and Cornell University law professor, who has filed a lawsuit in Washington on behalf of two British men and an Australian being held here. "They are in Guantanamo because the United States brought them to Guantanamo."

What that means from a legal standpoint, Mr. Margulies says, is that the detainees are entitled to the protections and guarantees of the *U.S. Constitution*—including the right not to be held indefinitely without due process of law.

In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that foreign nationals outside the sovereign territory of the U.S. are not entitled to key constitutional protections.

So the essential question is whether Guantanamo is sovereign Cuban or sovereign U.S. territory.

Lawyers for the U.S. government say that the 1903 lease agreement addresses the legal status of the naval base with perfect clarity.

The lease reads in part: "While on the one hand the United States recognizes the continuance of the ultimate sovereignty of the Republic of Cuba... on the other hand the Republic of Cuba consents that... the United States shall exercise complete jurisdiction and control over and within said area."

Reading the language of the lease, a federal judge in Los Angeles on Feb. 21 dismissed one of the lawsuits filed on behalf of the Guantanamo detainees.

"There is a difference between territorial jurisdiction and sovereignty," writes U.S. District Judge Howard Matz in his decision. "The court finds that Guantanamo Bay is NOT within the sovereign territory of the United States."

Erwin Chemerinsky, a constitutional law professor at the University of Southern California who argued the case before Judge Matz, says he is appealing the judge's decision. "I read Article III of the Guantanamo Treaty as making Guantanamo part of the territory of the United States," he says. In effect, the U.S. exercises de facto sovereignty, he says.

He has a point. U.S. flags fly on the highest hills here—not a Cuban flag in sight. You need stamps from the U.S. Postal Service to mail a letter. And if you try to buy a Cuban sandwich with Cuban pesos rather than U.S. dollars, you are going to have to skip lunch.

But is that sovereignty or just absolute control?

David Rivkin, a Washington lawyer and international-law expert, acknowledges that the U.S. exerts unquestioned authority over day-to-day operations at Guantanamo, but that doesn't entitle the U.S. to exercise sovereignty. "Can we sell Guantanamo?" he asks. "No, because it isn't ours."

The issue isn't entirely new. In 1993 and 1994, two federal judges—one in New York and one in Miami—ruled that Cuban and Haitian refugees intercepted at sea and housed temporarily at Guantanamo were entitled to constitutional rights because the U.S. exerts "complete control and jurisdiction" at Guantanamo.

But the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta reached a different conclusion, overturning the Miami judge. "We... reject the argument that our leased military bases abroad which continue under the sovereignty of foreign nations, hostile or friendly, are 'functionally equivalent' to being within the United States," the appeals court ruled in 1995.

What the ruling meant for Cuban and Haitian refugees in Guantanamo at that time was that their mere presence in Guantanamo wasn't enough to trigger legal rights in a U.S. court.

Lawyers for the U.S. government are now making the same argument about the suspected Taliban and Al Qaeda fighters.

In a brief filed in the Los Angeles case, Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas Axel writes: "These detainees are aliens, and Guantanamo lies outside the sovereign territory of the United States, and so [existing U.S. Supreme Court precedent] precludes jurisdiction in this or any other United States court."

Lawyer Margulies says the 1950 Supreme Court decision on this issue is different in important ways from the Guantanamo situation. It involved the prosecution of suspected German spies in China during World War II. The U.S. military tribunal was conducted in China with the permission of the Chinese government.

"Contrast that with Guantanamo Bay, where we have had exclusive control since 1903. Nobody gets in or out without the permission of the U.S. government," he says. "It has its own power and schools. It is a functioning small city under the complete control of the United States. To say it is equivalent to a foreign country is preposterous."

**[JR: The U.S. base in Guantanamo, Cuba presumably represents a de-facto U.S. sovereignty with independence that separates it from the host country. How strait or crooked do you want to draw the line as to what comprises U.S. rights and jurisdiction? If we, with the Chinese's permission, were allowed to prosecute German spies in China, should this have set the precedence for the**

**prisoners at Camp X-ray? The question would then be do we have to obtain permission from Cuba or from the U.S. to hold military tribunals for the prisoners held there? While the legal debates rage on, each side is going to put their best efforts to put a spin regarding the issue of legal jurisdictions or the lack thereof. In the meantime those who are unfortunate to be prisoners or pawns are caught in the limbo of the justice system. The simplest solution would be to send them home and face their own justice system. The U.S. wants to keep this as a showcase to highlight the “war on terrorism”.]**

#### MILITARY LEADERS WARN OF SHORTAGES

By Carolyn Skorneck, *Yahoo News*, 03/20/02

WASHINGTON (AP)—Leaders of the U.S. Pacific and European commands said Wednesday the war on terrorism has overtaxed troops and equipment, leaving dangerous shortages that ultimately could hurt Americans.

The commanders were asked if they had enough forces to carry out all current operations as well as possible military action against Iraq, and their answers were “very troubling,” said Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., who asked the question.

“We do not have adequate forces to carry out our missions for the Pacific if the operations in the Central Command continue at their recent past and current pace,” Navy Adm. Dennis C. Blair, commander in chief of the Pacific Command, told the House Armed Services Committee.

Air Force Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, commander in chief of the European Command, gave a similar response.

“The answer to your question as you posed it is: I do not have the forces in EUCOM today to carry out these missions,” Ralston told Skelton, the committee’s top Democrat.

But if more operations are assigned, Ralston said, “I will come back to the chairman of the joint chiefs and the secretary of defense and ask for additional forces. Then they are going to have to come up with a choice: Where are they going to take them away from?”

Ralston, whose command oversees 91 countries, said he is short-staffed, even with 115,000 forward-based troops, 8 percent of the military’s total active-duty personnel.

“I have not had a marine amphibious ready group since October of last year,” Ralston said.

“This is the primary unit that I use to evacuate Americans if there is a NATO operation taking place in one of those 91 countries,” he said. “And I don’t believe I will have a marine amphibious ready group this year other than just for a few days as they transit the Mediterranean.”

Likewise, Ralston said he has not had an aircraft carrier in many months, save for a few days when it traveled through the Mediterranean. He has also sent AWACS aircraft to support operations in Southwest Asia....

In the meantime, the commanders are making do by shifting forces around.

“So we can mitigate for a while ... but there are shortages of naval forces, of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance forces, in particular, that have to be made up for if we are to continue the current level of operations in the Central Command,” Blair said.

Lengthening deployments, bringing in more reserves and delaying decommissioning of ships can cover some shortfalls, but it will take more to keep going over the long term, Blair said....

Army Gen. William F. Kernan, commander in chief of the U.S. Joint Forces Command, told the committee last week that U.S. troops are overextended and exhausted, and he supported calls by service leaders for

more people: Army, 40,000; Air Force, 6,000; Marines, 2,400, and Navy, 3,000. The current cap on Army personnel is 480,000; Air Force 358,800; Marines 172,600, and Navy, 376,000.... **[JR: This does not include thousands of National Guard.]**

“Most countries realize that to attack us when our blood is up is not a good idea,” Blair said. When the United States is at war, he said, “countries tend to tread carefully.”... **[JR: What bravado, from this beleaguered Admiral of the Pacific Fleet!]**

**[JR: Enlistment for the military has not gone up since 911. With the over extension of our present military personnel, do you think the Pentagon might be considering reinstating the draft? That would not set well with many supporters of the war or with the National Guard who may be asked to beef up the numbers to sustain our U.S. military presence worldwide. With 1.4 million troops out of the country, what numbers are left here to guard the Homeland and its vulnerable citizens? Will we in a crisis have to resort to volunteers from the ROTC, or do we get down to clones and robots and if in a real pinch, G.I. Joe and his simulated plastic army? Do you still feel safe and secure under Bush and his oil slick buddies?]**

#### CAMERAS TO BE PUT ON NATIONAL MALL

*Findlaw News*, 03/22/02

WASHINGTON (AP)—Video cameras will be installed and monitored around-the-clock at all major monuments on the National Mall in response to heightened fears of terrorist attacks, according to the prepared testimony of a National Park Service official.

John G. Parsons, associate regional director for the Park Service’s National Capital Region, disclosed the decision in a statement prepared for a House subcommittee hearing on Friday. The *Washington Post* reported on its contents in its online edition, late Thursday.

Closed-circuit television cameras will be installed for the first time to monitor public areas in and around the Washington Monument and the Jefferson, Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Vietnam Veterans and Korean War memorials, according to the statement.

Parsons’ statement also said the U.S. Park Police would use cameras “only in public areas where there is no expectation of privacy” and “only for valid law enforcement purposes.”

The Park Service and its 800-officer Park Police force had planned and sought funding for video surveillance because of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and overseas attacks, but they accelerated deployment of the \$2 million to \$3 million system after September.

The Bush administration has asked for \$23 million in 2003 to add vehicle barriers and lighting around the Washington Monument and the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials and \$6 million to secure icons such as the Statue of Liberty, Independence Hall, Mount Rushmore, and the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

**[JR: All this added security to monitor and protect U.S. “icons” from terrorist and us tourist is a ploy to get us conditioned and used to the watchful eye of Big Brother. It is also a reminder of the control in place for anyone who still thinks independently. These designated icons are not sacred nor are they the symbols of the virtues of truth and honor for those who sit in the offices of power in D.C.]**

#### DENVER OFFICIALS, CITING CIVIL RIGHTS, DECIDE TO BOW OUT OF WAR ON TERROR

*FOX News*, 03/19/02

DENVER—The local government here officially threw its lot in with Portland, Ore. and a handful of other municipalities around the country, passing a resolution Monday night discouraging police from enforcing new anti-terror legislation if doing so would interfere with peoples’ civil rights.

A non-binding resolution passed by the city council in response to the federal USA Patriot Act discourages Denver police from investigating groups or individuals based on their country of origin or immigration status. The resolution bars police from assisting in parts of the federal government’s anti-terrorism campaign.

Councilwoman Kathleen MacKenzie, who co-sponsored the resolution, said the measure urges police not to go too far in the wake of Sept. 11.

“In this city, it’s not a crime to have dark skin,” she said. “It’s not a crime to be from a different country. It’s not a crime to express unpopular views.”

The move comes a week after revelations that Denver police officials have been keeping secret files on protest groups like Amnesty International, anti-globalization protestors and the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker group.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which revealed that the files were being kept, said the police department had some 3,200 files on individuals and 208 files on organizations dating to about 1999. Following the revelation, Mayor Wellington Webb reprimanded police officials and said they had interpreted city policy too broadly.

Targeting some citizens for surveillance and ignoring others because of their race or national origin didn’t sit well with everyone on the council, however. The resolution passed by a 7-4 margin after nearly two hours of debate in front of a standing-room-only audience.

Among the opponents of the resolution was Councilman Ed Thomas, who said the new police powers are needed for public safety and that it would unnecessarily tie the hands of Denver police....

A handful of other cities, including Portland, Ore., have questioned the scope of the USA Patriot law, which expands law enforcement’s surveillance and investigative powers in order to combat domestic and international terrorism. Portland officials refused to help federal authorities interview people about the terrorist attacks.

Although Denver’s resolution doesn’t have the force of law, supporters on the council said Mayor Webb has indicated he likely will make it part of the police operations.

**[JR: Since the event of 911 the federal government has stealthily reversed and dissolved state laws and with it their sovereignty. Some wisely see the need to impose limits on federal domination over the affairs of individual states while others do not. Sadly, it is the majority that do not.]**

#### COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN DEMAND ANSWERS TO ‘BLACK WATER’ MYSTERY

By Cathy Zollo (crzollo@naplesnews.com),  
*Naples Daily News*, 3/17/02

Commercial fishermen along the Southwest Florida coast are reporting a massive dead zone that is almost devoid of marine life in an area of the Gulf of Mexico traditionally known as a rich fishing ground.

They’ve dubbed it black water—and they’re



demanding that local, state and national government agencies find out what's causing it.

Scientists who have heard of the phenomenon say they, too, need answers.

"It's killed a lot of the bottom because recently a lot of little bottom plants are coming to the surface dead and rotten out in the Gulf," said Tim Daniels, 58, a Marathon Key fish-spotting pilot who has been flying over the Gulf for more than 20 years.

Like Daniels, fishermen with decades on the water say they've often seen red tide but they've never seen anything like this—it doesn't have a foul smell, it isn't red tide and it isn't oil. They describe it as viscous and slimy water with what looks like spider webs in it.

First sighted in January, the mass of black-colored water reached from 20 miles north of Marathon Key halfway to Naples. It stretched west almost 20 miles into the Gulf of Mexico. Fishermen don't know if it's moved in from the north or offshore or if it originated in the coastal waters off Southwest Florida.

Though somewhat smaller now than descriptions from January, the mass of water that is still quite large is moving into the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

Created by Congress in 1990, the 2,800-square-mile Sanctuary adjacent to the Keys is the largest coral reef in the United States. It includes the productive waters of Florida Bay, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean.

Part of the ecosystem is an extensive nursery, feeding and breeding ground that supports a variety of marine species and a multimillion-dollar fishing industry that brings in almost 20 million pounds of seafood each year.

Billy Causey, superintendent of the Sanctuary, told the *Naples Daily News* recently that there is real concern in the scientific community about the overall health of the Gulf.

Causey said contributing to the problems afflicting the shallow body is global warming, extended periods when the Gulf waters aren't cooling in the winter, and the growing impact of human activity along coastlines.

"What we're seeing is part of a bigger picture," Causey said. "We're seeing accelerated problems around periods of elevated temperatures."

Those problems, beginning in the early 1980s, include more frequent and longer lasting coral bleaching events that by 1990 were affecting stouter coral reefs closer to shore and more adapted to wide temperature swings.

"There are places that are still beautiful but the shallow reefs would make you cry," said Causey, a Keys diver since the 1950s.

Scientists with Mote Marine Laboratory based in Sarasota said they are aware of the black water phenomenon but hadn't yet been able to test water samples.

Erich Bartels, staff biologist at the Lab's Center for Tropical Research in the Keys, said he'd only seen samples too old for testing that were brought in by crabbers.

"If you held it up to the light, it had a blackish tint to it," he said. "... If you have black water, there is something going on. It's some kind of dead zone. We just don't know. We're trying to get samples."

Mote is willing to send out testing kits to fishermen who might encounter the black water zone, but Bartels said in the absence of a kit, fishermen could put a sample in a clean bottle and keep it in a cool, dark place until they could get it to a lab.

Karen Steidinger, senior biology research scientist for the Florida Marine Research Institute in St. Petersburg, said she hadn't yet heard about the phenomenon. She said there's a summer release of brown water from the Shark River about 35 miles south of Marco Island, but she doubted the black water was

that. The description relayed to her from fishermen didn't allow her to speculate on a cause.

Steidinger said samples of the water that had been properly handled would provide the best answer.

#### **Black water surfaces**

Daniels said he first noticed the black water when he went out in mid-January, ahead of kingfish season, to see what fishermen had in store for 2002.

When he was flying over water that was 50 feet deep and north of the Keys, Daniels began to notice a change in the water color.

"I thought, 'What in the world is going on here?'" Daniels said. "I went out to the northwest and it was solid black. And I went to the west to get off of it—out to 70 or 80 feet of water north of the Marquesas (Islands)—and it was still there. I came back in and turned north of Key West and it went north. (More than) halfway to Naples from Key West, it was black across the whole place."

Although there are almost no fish in the zone, Daniels said, the few that fishermen found there—and other fish that entered the water—reacted strangely.

"You'd see them here and there, but they were jumping and running, not stopping—and acting different," Daniels said. "Like they didn't want to be there."

Other pilots and fishermen report the same.

Mike Richardson, based out of Everglades City, has been fish-spotting for 25 of his 50 years and said next to the normally green water, the black water stands out like night versus day.

He's quit flying over it.

"There's no sense going into it," he said. "You can't see anything."

He hasn't seen dead fish in the water, though there have been numerous large fish kills in recent months off Southwest Florida. Most, according to the Florida Marine Research Institute, have been attributed to red tide—a naturally occurring microscopic organism in the water.

Fishermen like Howie Grimm, 42, who has been in the business out of Everglades City since he was 15, insist the black water isn't red tide.

"It's something totally different from anything I've seen," Grimm said. "We have to figure out what it is. There's no fish in it. It's like dead water."

Richardson, too, has seen plenty of red tide, whose origins are still not fully understood by scientists.

"This is not like anything I've ever seen," he said.

When pilots from the air see boats move through a red tide zone, they often cut the reddish or brownish water to reveal green below.

That doesn't occur in the black water.

"This (dark) stuff goes all the way to the bottom," Richardson said.

Boats that have 4 to 5 feet of hull below the surface cut through 35 to 40 feet of water and leave nothing but the same black water in their wakes. It's the same at depths of 15 feet, he said.

"It didn't matter where they ran through it, nothing left a trail," Richardson said.

Grimm has reported the phenomenon to officials from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, but said he hasn't heard back yet.

That it's affected the fishery, commercial fishermen have no doubt.

"I've net-fished for mackerel all my life," Daniels said. "This is the first year that we haven't caught one Spanish mackerel in the Marathon area. They're not there."

The southeast corner of Florida Bay, an area flushed by Atlantic waters, is the only place fishermen are catching mackerel, and they're doing it with hooks and lines, he said.

#### **Symptoms of a sick Gulf?**

Along with the newly discovered black water and coral bleaching, there have been other problems with the Gulf that have been documented for years.

They include a New Jersey-sized dead zone coming off the Mississippi River outlet to the Gulf that consumes a larger area each summer.

There are incidences of a contamination known as *fibro papiloma* in green turtles that live in Florida Bay.

And now fishermen from Fort Myers Beach to the Keys wonder if there might be new problems to worry about.

They said there have been bigger fish kills that aren't making it onto government reports. The largest, many say, occurred late last year about 30 miles off Tampa Bay. It had shrimpers pulling up netloads of dead and decaying fish off the bottom, they said.

Some shrimpers based on Fort Myers Beach worry that a recent and unexplained slew of flesh-destroying infections they've seen among their number may be related to problems in the Gulf.

The infection is diagnosed as cellulitis in three of their medical reports. They say it begins with a blister on the skin but swells to a large nodule before it erupts and then spreads. It can only be treated with stout antibiotics.

It was mentioned by fisherman David Wellsley on *CenterPoint*, a 7 a.m. Sunday radio talk show hosted by Gary Burris and Ralf Brooks on WNOG-AM 1200 and 1270. Dan Basta, director of the National Marine Sanctuary program, will be the guest today, along with pilot Daniels, discussing the black water phenomenon as well as other problems with the Gulf.

Two of the Fort Myers Beach fishermen who suffered the infections are Kevin Flanagan, who nearly lost his foot, and Willie Sherwood. They work for different fleets; both run out of Fort Myers Beach.

Both of them and others say there is fear among laborers in their line of work about the infection that seems to follow cuts doused with waters from the Gulf.

Many report taking precautions such as bleaching their gear and washing up with heavy-duty anti-bacterial soap after pulling in their nets.

The fishermen contend it's a new phenomenon. But some boat owners and local health officials speculated that the fishermen's compromising way of life—the drinking, long-term exposure to the Sun's ultraviolet rays and weeks at sea when they are never dry—is the culprit for their infections.

The men won't lie about their lifestyles. They admit living from paycheck to paycheck, partying and drinking—then cleaning up for the most part when they're at sea.

They call it coming off the hill. They'll work for 20 days or more catching fish—and then spend the money they earn in a few days ashore.

But they also say folks in their line of work have been doing that for decades without the fear of this sort of infection.

Ray Hoggard, 49, is among the many who say the infection is a hot topic.

"It's common talk on the ship-to-ship radios," he said.

A few times in recent weeks, boats have had to bring in for treatment some men who were stricken.

"It's a hell of a coincidence or something's up," Hoggard said.

Grant Erickson, 48, owner of Fort Myers' Erickson and Jensen Seafood, has a fleet of eight boats. He said he, too, hadn't seen the likes of these infections in the business that his family has been in for a half-century.

"It seems like there's something on the bottom... these boats (nets) drag the bottom," he said. "I don't

think it's the lifestyle of the fishermen that's changed. If anything it's better than years past. There's nothing new except the infections."

Dr. Mark Brown, an infectious disease specialist in Naples, said without seeing and testing the infections there is no way to identify the organism or organisms that caused them.

He said the next logical step would be for someone to do an epidemiological study of the fishermen to compare them to a control group to find out what's causing the infections.

Unless doctors are culturing the bug to see what it is, they may never find out, Brown said.

"They need to find out if they all have the same bug," Brown said. "They're going to have to try harder to make a microbiological diagnosis of what germ is causing this... They may not even be looking."

Health officials from Lee County, where the affected fisherman are based, said they investigate any of more than 70 communicable diseases and any odd health-related occurrence.

"We need to gather a lot of information," said Dr. Judith Hartner, director of the Lee County Health Department. "The first step is somebody needs to report it."

Three doctors who've seen the affected men said they didn't culture the organism that caused the infection.

Brown said the symptoms of the infection—the swelling, fast pace and flesh-destroying nature as reported by the fishermen—sounds like *Vibrio vulnificus*, a common seagoing organism. However, he didn't speculate on why or if it might be on the rise among fishermen.

According to a Johns Hopkins University Website, the bug frequents areas where the water temperature remains high throughout the year and are most abundant in summer. The infection progresses at a rapid pace and can be fatal.

Hartner said her agency needs to answer a number of questions before deciding if the infections warrant investigation.

"Do the fishermen think it's unusual?" she asked. "If we do an investigation and we find out the cause, is there anything we can do to prevent it? We don't know that it's on the rise. It could be coincidence."

### DYING SPONGES

#### OFFER CLUES ABOUT THE 'BLOB'

By Curtis Morgan, *The Miami Herald*, 03/27/02

A zone of dying sponges and coral off Key West has suddenly elevated the formation dubbed "black water" from scientific mystery to major environmental concern.

In the first reliable underwater assessment of impact on marine life, a commercial diver documented enough damage to raise alarms that the baffling blob may have left a swath of unseen destruction in its wake as it slowly drifted from the Gulf of Mexico across Florida Bay over the last few months.

"This certainly sounds like it's the effects of something very nasty going on," Billy Causey, superintendent of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, said Tuesday.

The devastated sponges were observed over the weekend in the northwest channel off Key West by Ken Nedimyer, a member of the sanctuary's advisory council who collects specimens for the aquarium trade.

"The water was a creepy green at the surface and by the time I got to the bottom, it was really creepy and dark," wrote Nedimyer in an e-mail sent to the

sanctuary and several of scientists studying the curious discoloration. He noted six species of rope sponge as the hardest hit, with 50 to 75 percent wiped out, as well as a number of other sponges dead or dying. Brain coral and starfish also seemed to be suffering. Fish in the area seemed healthy, though curiously unhungry.

"There's a real meltdown occurring down there right now," Nedimyer wrote.

Before Nedimyer's report, scientists had not confirmed any toxic effects from the black water but Nedimyer's observations were serious enough that the sanctuary planned to dispatch its own divers to survey for more widespread damage. While the mass described as the color of sewer water is breaking up and shrinking, at one point it spanned several hundred miles.

While scientists were still sorting through water samples, satellite images, weather reports and historical studies and observations, the sponge dieoff is another strong indicator that the culprit is an explosion of some sort of microscopic plankton, said Brian Keller, the sanctuary's science coordinator.

During a series of algae blooms that plagued Florida Bay in the mid-1990s, sponges, which feed by filtering water, were among the first organisms to go, in vast acres, followed by seagrass beds. Those blooms did not kill fish, like red tide does, but fish do avoid the areas during outbreaks and lose forage and shelter until the areas recover, which can take years.

"The fact that it appears to be a fairly selective mortality indicates to me that it's not like some general toxin in the water column that would kill everything," Keller said.

But Keller agreed it would take more study to issue a definitive word. A loose-knit team of state, federal and private scientists studying the patch plans to discuss the data and issue a list of probable causes, perhaps by week's end.

As of now, "it's a phenomenon about which we are uncertain," said Beverly Roberts, research administrator at the Florida Marine Research Institute in St. Petersburg. It could be caused by anything from pollution to some sort of decaying plant material, perhaps flushed to sea from land.

Scientists at the institute, the Mote Marine Laboratory in the Keys and Sarasota, and the University of South Florida were all analyzing data. Water samples have shown medium to high levels of two types of phytoplanktons, tiny plants so essential to the marine food chain that they're called "the grass of the sea", Roberts said.

"It's eaten by a lot of smaller stages of the fishes," she said. They're normal in seawater but plankton or a variety of them can cause problems in high concentrations.

The samples also detected low concentrations of another bottom plankton that produces ciguatera, a toxic that can sicken people who eat fish with high levels. But Roberts said it unlikely it played a major part.

### A RESPONSE TO BLANCHARD'S GOLD BULLION REPORT

By Clif Droke, *gold-eagle.com* (Gold Digest), 4/1/02

We have been asked by some of our subscribers to give an opinion of the recently released report on gold bullion by the Blanchard Economic Research Unit of the precious metals sales firm Blanchard (New Orleans, LA). This report was published, among other venues, on Gold-Eagle. Ordinarily, we do not read economic-related reports, since the focus of our work is technical and not fundamental—but we were given a tip by respected sources that this controversial report is must-reading for the gold investor.

The 7-page report is entitled, "The Fed Funds Rate, Stocks, Bond and Gold Bullion." It is available for viewing from the following Internet link: <http://www.economicresearch.net/bulletin35.html>. We will not cover every detail of the report, only the conclusions, so we leave it up to subscribers to read this report when time permits. The report was very well written and the arguments were crafted masterfully, the facts are compelling and the thesis is very persuasive right up until the end. The analytical eye discovers by the end of the report just where this economic thesis is heading—it is a critical appraisal for investment grade coins at the expense of going bearish on gold bullion.

The first five pages of this report basically builds a strong case that interest rates, which are currently at multi-year lows, are due for a rise and that such a rise, aside from hurting bond investors, could shock both the stock market and the economy. The report quotes a number of respected sources and makes a powerful argument that Fed Funds interest rates will indeed see a rise beginning sometime this year. Considering interest rates are at extreme lows and can't really fall much further without a correction, they'll get no argument here. So far, so good.

Then Blanchard throws a curve ball of sorts when addressing the state of the market for gold bullion. One would think that a firm whose business is selling gold and silver would be perennial bulls on the yellow metal, but not so in this case. In an extremely odd and unprecedented sales strategy, the country's most famous gold coin firm did an about-face last year and published an extremely controversial sales piece (in book form) titled *Gold Bullion: Caught in a Bear Trap*. This followed a period of undeterred optimism on gold's prospects for higher prices, an outlook which reached its apogee with the Y2K non-crisis. Ironically, Blanchard's change of opinion in the desirability of gold as an investment coincided almost precisely with the orthodox bottom in the long-term gold bear market. Blanchard went bearish on gold in wave 2 of gold's emerging bull market. There are typically five waves in any rising Elliott Wave price progression, and according to Elliot Wave expert Robert Prechter in his seminal work *The Elliott Wave Principle*, the second wave of a 5-wave bull market is typically when bearish sentiment is at its highest even though the trend has turned up. In true Elliott Wave fashion, Blanchard has conformed to this scenario.

Blanchard proceeds to make the case that the "price of gold respond[s] to increases in the Fed Funds rates by stopping in its tracks". The report also quotes two university economics professors who wrote a study entitled, "Gold Price Targeting By the Fed". The report claims that the Fed responds to a 10% increase in the price of gold by raising short-term interest rates (the federal funds rate) within the 52 week horizon until the rising gold price is stopped in its tracks. Blanchard conducted its own independent study to verify the conclusions of the university study and found that "during the four periods from 1985 to 2001 in which the Fed raised the Federal Funds Rate, the price of gold declined each and every time".

The clincher to Blanchard's argument is found in the following statement on page 6: "The problem is, one of the traditional diversification vehicles, gold bullion, is unlikely to perform well in the face of a rising Federal Funds Rate. In fact, a strong case can be made that, in view of the evidence over the past 17 years, it is very nearly impossible for the price of gold to increase during any period in which the Fed Funds Rate is climbing."


To put it simply, Blanchard is arguing that gold prices won't rise as long as interest rates are rising, and that the Fed can control the price of gold simply by tweaking interest rates. This represents a huge departure from classical thinking on the interest rate/POG relationship—since Austrian Economics teaches that gold prices are the ultimate barometer of inflation/deflation, not interest rates. True, interest rates are highly sensitive to inflationary/deflationary pressures in the economy, much more so than other financial instruments. But gold is the quintessential economic barometer in the classical/historical view and no amount of interest rate manipulation can ultimately contain gold prices, either to the upside or the downside.

To buy into Blanchard's line of thinking, we would have to throw out the better part of 150 years of economic history in this country and focus exclusively on the past 17 years (which is apparently what Blanchard would have us do since they refer only to the period 1985-2002). This is nothing less than economic tunnel vision—and like driving a car, investing with tunnel vision can have disastrous consequences. What about the late 1970s, when interest rates and the price of gold rose in tandem?

Blanchard wraps up its analysis by stating, "The evidence overwhelmingly shows that gold bullion is not positioned to be of help to investors." The report then adds, "one investment area has in fact performed very well over this same period of uncertainty in the U.S. and world economies and financial markets: the market for Mint State U.S. Gold Coins." Blanchard concludes its report by stating, "Right now, [the best] form of gold ownership is clearly Mint State Gold."

In our opinion, this is not the best of advice. Allow us to say that we have nothing against Blanchard and have found them to be a reputable and established gold coin firm with high standards. Our problem is when a highly esteemed sales firm decides to go into the business of telling its customers (existing and potential) not only WHAT to buy, but WHEN to buy it! This should be left to the financial forecasters and professional investment advisors. Blanchard's job is to sell the customer what he or she wants (presumably gold coins, whether bullion or numismatic), not give them timing and investment advice that may or may not be in their best interest as investors. In our opinion, this sales strategy can only backfire on Blanchard when their forecast for a gold "bear trap" fails to materialize.

One final potential pitfall in the Blanchard report is their heavy touting of mint state rare collector coins. In our opinion, this is not the best time to heavily commit to collector coins since the market for collectibles hasn't finished bottoming—and also since collectibles tend to follow the broad trend during deflation (down). Since K-wave deflation is still underway and is not scheduled to end until sometime in the middle of this decade, collectibles for the most part (in our opinion) should be avoided. Actually, Blanchard would have done better to recommend gold bullion as a financial hedge and investment and avoid spotlighting numismatics for the time being.

While we agree with Blanchard's conclusions regarding stocks, bonds and interest rates, we cannot agree or endorse their conclusions regarding the state of the gold bullion market or that of investment-grade coins. We leave it to the reader's discretion as to what types of coins to include in a well-diversified investment portfolio, but it surely should include some form of gold bullion coin. 

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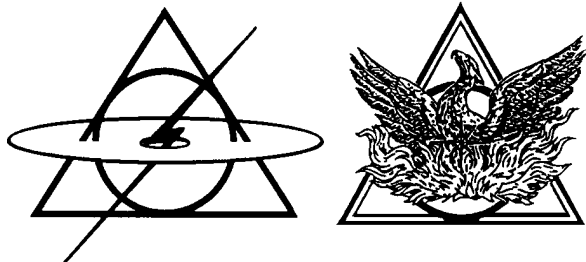
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