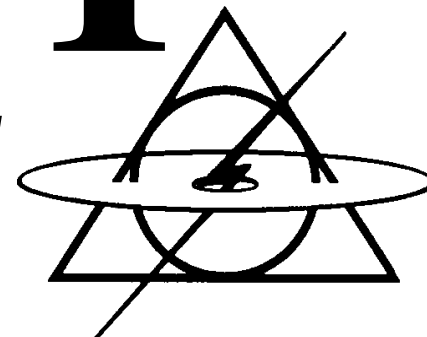


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The New World Order is run by Zionists.

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RE: CURRENT TOPICS (V.K.-GAIA FRANTIC ATTACKS), TRUTH AND ATTITUDES; LET US TALK CHRISTMAS AND JUST SHARE A MESSAGE OR TWO FROM DECEMBER 1998

“YOU” ARE IMPORTANT—WHAT “YOU” THINK IS THE “ONLY” IMPORTANCE WHEN DESTROYERS MAKE THEIR HIT.

GCH—A lot of rot is pouring forth from amazingly interesting Websites regarding OUR BUSINESS with ABSOLUTELY NO effort at finding Truth, truly gathering evidence and yet deliberately and intentionally demolishing reputations and character.

EXAMPLE: Let us take a statement from V.K. Durham regarding three people involved in helping her financially AND tending her personally in helping arrange, at her request, affairs following Russell Herman's death in 1994.

She has accused those people of stealing, being a part of the MURDER of Herman (while taking funds from them for her phone, upkeep and other expenses such as vehicle repair), and giving documents off to Ekkers to “do her in”. HOGWASH!

V.K. NAMED THOSE PEOPLE, WITH LIES AFFIXED, TO WHOM SHE CLAIMED TO BE INTERPOL, THE GOVERNMENT, THE SECRET SERVICE AND ON AND ON AND ON.

One of those parties was a man by the name of Jack Jones who had a driving (long-haul trucking) accident which, if we recall correctly, had, among other problems, cost him a digit. V.K. even was structuring a program where SHE COULD GET HIM COVERED “forever” by Government payments. Mr. Jones, at the time, was able to simply stay with V.K., tend the garden (it was Fall) and also repair, fix-up, and keep her going, as suddenly she was just about too weak to do much of anything except grieve and send out her ballistic missiles, AT OUR EXPENSE, to the whole of the world.

She did what she now does—BURIED US IN PAPER, BILLS AND BS.

BUT SHE MADE A TERRIBLE ERROR

Oh, SHE KNEW about the Herman transfer and literally set about “making his demise” happen when she found out—BUT, he told her that we were only interested in HELPING her accomplish “something” and she immediately set about further giving us a scrubbing, rip-off and buried us in more of HER documentation. None of which were of the original or actual documentation—but rather, all her recopies, redrafts and TOTAL FABRICATIONS.

V.K. and Russell Herman were NEVER MARRIED. And yet, one of the decisive documents she filed just before Russell's death was a fraudulent filing showing transfer of ownership to Russell Herrman and V.K. Durham.

When V.K. found she had made a SERIOUS blunder, at the time of filing, she ADDED “Russell Herman” ABOVE THE SIGNATURE AND LINE FOR SIGNATURE by directly transferring the signature of Russell Herman from the “infamous

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Assignment” to the document then filed and totally fraudulent from top to bottom, with the recorder’s office in Washington County, Illinois.

NO; JOHN, JEAN, NOR JACK had ANYTHING to do with documents except to assist her in every way they could and did actually sign on to her fabricated and ludicrous idiotic paperwork.

V.K. herself told them she was NOT MARRIED to Russell Herman or any of his aliases.

There was NEVER a question as to her having had any such “Bonus Certificate” (Peruvian or otherwise). The claim was that it was FOUND in a *Bible* she got at a “yard sale” of some kind. There are, however, at least a dozen or more versions of that ONE story.

It was established that all the TIME PERIOD that the “Contract” was established, processed and PUT INTO COSMOS SEAFOOD ENERGY MARKETING LTD. was while V.K. Durham HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH—NOR WAS IN PROXIMITY to—Russell Herman. ALL of this has been verified, documented and researched by LEGAL COUNSEL—and we have to realize, the Feds.

The documents V.K. believes were stolen from her files WERE GIVEN OVER TO PROVE UP ON RUSSELL’S POSITION—BY HIM. We neither need nor want to “colour” anything from those documents, for they no longer have any meaning whatsoever.

The certificate was changed out by jurat into identifiable ownership INTO (totally), Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing Ltd. This was founded as a corporation by two people: Russell Herman (not “Herrman, Herrmann, Hermann”) and Cecelia Xalis in 1985. V.K. Durham was NOWHERE around, good readers.

Shares were NOT issued in order to PRESERVE THE SECURITY OF BOTH THE CORPORATION AND THE CONTRACT—PERIOD.

The most V.K. COULD ever have been was somehow appointed by self to positions of something she calls “Co-CEO”. All the BS about two seals, two signatures, etc., is “fraud”. After the statement was supposedly introduced to such nonsense NOTHING came up roses for her. Every document then only BORE her singular signature until she “fixed” them and those WITHOUT Russell Herman’s participation.

All of the documents you will find in the records in Illinois are fraudulent and contrived by V.K. Durham mostly between around July 1st and 12th, or so, of 1994—when Russell “was dying”. HE KNEW SHE WAS DOING THIS AND TOLD US SO! He also told us that it would be hell if we had to go our way to make this work because she was capable of anything, including killing for her purposes. It seems so, doesn’t it?

Our people did the best they could and having no other reasons for “disbelieving” V.K. did set about on an Odyssey of intrigue structured BY HER which is astounding in its very concept.

She now claims that the awful GAIA-Ekkers gave the Feds a deal of 50-50. No, V.K. by her own presentation in signed documents still held by Rick Martin OFFERED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT A 50-50 DEAL. This is documented and anyone wanting to short-cut research—just get a copy of the affidavit requested and documented last year about this time. All documents and records of dates, statements, and sequence of events are totally confirmed BY LEGAL COUNSEL.

If you want MORE, which you should—find out which papers (*CONTACT*) ran the copies of the very documents themselves [MM: *CONTACT*: 1/30/02; 2/6/02] in all their idiotic glory as V.K., last year, started a barrage of insults, slander and started sending this garbage around the world supposedly “to prove” her tales. The Marriage Certificate itself, indicates a marriage in December “of 1900”. The marriage “application” is fabricated from top to bottom and shows NO REGISTRATION NUMBER IN ADDITION TO EVERYTHING ELSE BEING TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE AND/OR ILLEGAL.

When the “marriage certificate” loss came up with John and Jean Ray (and we suppose, Jack J.), V.K. said it was lost and that they had actually been married in Mexico. So logical-sane minds suggested that she get a copy from the Mexican records and she could do that through the consulate, etc.

The story then changed to “married aboard a ship”. Fine, came the response, the records are still kept, validated and entered in both the Ship’s log AND then registered. Fury was the response along with a directive to “keep out of her personal business”.

As to Jack J.: V.K. now claims that in the “hard drive” of the computer that Jack “supposedly” used, he shows a “kickback” or “payout” of some \$50,000 from a Cort Christi of Nevada Corporate Headquarters in Nevada.

The obvious tale is to somehow cover a “false” transfer of CSEML.

It is time you people with your less than inquiring minds FOR TRUTH, get your assets out of Ru Mill’s reading room and “patriotlad’s” disinformation scatter and get some facts and truth into your sensational intrigue regarding global affairs.

Any person who actually reads *CONTACT* or KNOWS any of these players, including V.K., KNOWS THE DIFFERENCE IN THIS RECENT GARBAGE AND THE FACTS.

Frankly, WE DO NOT CARE A WHIT. Discounting oneself is ever so much the more interesting and effective. The facts are, however, that otherwise good sources of some interesting information are lost to any credibility AT ALL. Rayelan Russbacher-Allan already FITS INTO THAT CATEGORY!

And then to announce globally that Ekker-GAIA is somehow NESARA is totally amusing egg-on-face material.

So, why bother with this ongoing nonsense?

Because a lot of people ARE offended and hurt as the tales just get more and more wildly absurd and impossible even on the face of it and much the more, in clandestine assumptions.

V.K. doesn’t even have correct information regarding Saudi-Arabia or speaker-writers and yet scatters the idiocy to the four corners—we have to suppose for entertainment. [MM: **This is the typical *modus operandi* of “something for nothing” parasites without a life.**]

It has, however, gone around the globe quite nicely and NOW we have opportunity to have ability to SUE each of the WEBSITES/MASTERS who have presented and scattered this garbage to ANYWHERE ON THE GLOBE—**FROM ANY PLACE ON THE GLOBE WHERE IT REACHED A COMPUTER ELECTRONIC SITE. IT “IS” THE LAW, GOOD READERS.**

[QUOTING:]

INTERNET DEFAMATION RULING MAY HAVE GLOBAL REACH

Newsday, December 11, 2002

SYDNEY (AP)—In a landmark case, Australia’s highest court on Tuesday gave a businessman the right to sue for defamation in Australia over an article published in the U.S. and posted on the Internet.

The ruling against the Dow Jones & Co publishing company, the first by a nation’s highest court to deal with cross-border Internet defamation, could affect publishers and Websites worldwide. Some 190 nations allow defamation cases.

“This is the first time that a Supreme Court anywhere in the world rules not just in libel, but really tries to look at how jurisdictional law maps onto the Internet,” said Michael Geist, a University of Ottawa law professor who tracks Internet cases around the world.

The High Court of Australia unanimously dismissed an appeal by Dow Jones aimed at stopping a defamation suit in Australia by mining magnate Joseph Gutnick.

Gutnick claimed that a 7,000-word article that had appeared in *Barron’s* in October 2000 portrayed him as a schemer given to stock scams, money laundering and fraud. The article was also published online.

The decision means Gutnick can sue New York-based Dow Jones in his home state of Victoria.

Dow Jones, which publishes the *Wall Street Journal* in addition to *Barron’s*, said it was disappointed with the ruling and promised to continue its defense.

“The result means that Dow Jones will defend those proceedings in a jurisdiction which is far removed from the country in which the article was prepared and where the vast bulk of *Barron’s* readership resides,” it said in a statement.

Several media and Internet organizations, including the *Associated Press*, Amazon.com and AOL Time Warner Inc., filed legal briefs in support of Dow Jones.

Some media law experts doubted the ruling would have a major impact on what news organizations will be willing to publish online.

Jerome Barron, a *1st Amendment* specialist at the George Washington University Law School, said news organizations have historically published around the world even after being sued in other countries where their publications circulate.

“It will just be the cost of doing business,” he said. “There’s libel insurance for that.”

Lawyers for Dow Jones argued that the case should be heard in the U.S. because the article was first published in New Jersey and intended for a U.S. audience.

Gutnick said the case should be heard in his hometown, Melbourne, since people in Victoria could see the article on the Internet and he was thus defamed where he is best known.

“It will certainly be re-established that the Net is no different than the regular newspaper,” he said in an interview on Australian television. “You have to be careful what you write, and if you offend somebody or write malicious statements

about people like what was done in my case, you can be subject to being prosecuted.”

The judgment means material published on the Internet is deemed to have been published in the place it is viewed online, not just the country of origin.

However, the seven-judge court imposed some limits on defamation actions.

In its ruling, the court dismissed Dow Jones' concerns that many defamation actions could be brought as a result of one publication. It said that after any successful defamation action, subsequent legal action could be viewed as “vexatious” and therefore unlikely to succeed. [END QUOTING]

SO, GOOD READERS:

Just as was hoped by these Durham-manipulated miscreants, mostly OUR own readers don't have access TO WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON OR COMING DOWN. Therefore, even with the inconvenience of a move by offices, phone sources, etc., I ask the following:

Please INFORM Mark Moore IF YOU WISH INFORMATION “RERUN”, “NEW” HITS RUN and copies of documents rerun and please, whether or not you want another updated affidavit from us [MM: Affidavit was published in 1/30/02 CONTACT on page 11 and is NOW being rerun on page 7.] as regards the trashing and so-called \$78-plus TRILLION of fraudulent “stuff” V.K. claims, and those Webmasters POST, regarding our program.

I am going to ask that Dharma sit and type my writing of Mon. Dec. 7, 1998 (while Charles Neil and Rick Martin were very much a part of this team) and see if, even then, you can find any similarity in our business and ANYTHING presented by V.K. Durham.

V.K. Durham is a FRAUD and has been proclaimed as “Mentally Ill”.

All ANYONE has to do to find out the silly antics is to check with the PRESS in the area of Illinois where she now claims “Mr. Russell Herman (and all his aliases) resides” and has since Sept. 6, 1994.

We have printed those press releases, so I suggest you find out where and when—and perhaps you would like to start a subscription to CONTACT and find the Truth along with getting into some enlightening TRUTH.

We do not have a WEBSITE and the one unlawfully set up by Bellringer was ORDERED CLOSED. Obviously, that did not happen but was, rather, changed into being called something as an “Archiving”- historical “library”-type of data resource. NO, IT IS FRAUDULENTLY ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED.

No wonder V.K. thinks WE have something to do with NESARA for that, and Dove, are Bellringer's babies and yet Mr. B. Ding-a-ling STILL ADVERTISES A CONTACT WEBSITE ALONG WITH SPECTRUM (his “best buddies”). We doubt that the Spectrum thieves and liars like him much better than do we.

As to the new thrust against us, which is the accusation regarding NESARA and something called “OMEGA” (??) AS TOUTED BY V.K. DURHAM AS “OUR BABY”. No, Mr. Bellringer dinged about that too being funded and we even asked someone to

find what that meant, this Omega. Well, it probably meant “the end” as Margie had heard about it on the news yet, as some scam of which to beware. However, Bellringer was still touting that not only would NESARA be announced or some other ding-a-ling thing take place but that Omega would also be very definitely funded. It seems that Omega was some sort of a “membership” program FOR MONEY. [MM: Each \$100 “unit” purchased (*when* funded) will supposedly return up to a million dollars—Wheeeeeeee!!!—and how are YOUR “something for nothing” prosperity programs DOING?!!]

Now, if anyone knows how to get rid of these Internet termites and destroyers of your last bastion of information-sharing—please inform us.

We have NO WEBSITE for this VERY REASON. We have a totally HONORABLE program with valid backup based on hard gold foundation, which is a REQUIREMENT in ALL INSTANCES of consideration—PERIOD AND END OF DEBATE.

What V.K. talks about is absurd even on the face of it, sleepy readers.

Now, a suggestion to you who BELIEVE that somehow V.K. offers “underwriting” to attend your bad debts, etc., in the U.S.—“*if, if, IF, IF*” *certain conditions are met—GO READ THE TRASH and if you think it plausible—be our guest at the rest home!*

V.K. Durham has NOTHING to offer, underwrite or handle and has just let herself OFF THE HOOK OF EVER PRODUCING—BY THE ABSURD MEASURES SHE LISTS. And yet, your “Webmasters” go right ahead and, without question but rather applause and further accusations against totally INNOCENT parties who do not even receive the accusations directly, post it on international Internet.

What we WISH would happen instead of tossing the stuff into the “nut file” (oh yes indeed, every office has one), we wish the INVESTIGATIONS WOULD GET UNDERWAY! We, however, do not have time to bother with MORE. We have the evidence all nicely packaged into huge boxes with copies appropriately scattered for protection and security.

We have NEVER even suggested that Ekkers, astouted, own any part of anything. They DO have fiduciary responsibility, along with others, for the care, security and nurturing (protection) of said corporations which are in GOOD STANDING and LEGALLY PROTECTED.

THERE IS “NO” DURHAM HOLDING TRUST, INTERNATIONAL OR OTHERWISE, AND YOU GULLIBLE PEOPLE WHO GO WITH THAT WORLD TRADE CENTER BS NEED TO CHECK YOUR OWN POSITION. V.K. CAN'T EVEN GET THE “TIAS...” STUFF STRAIGHT OR “TIMELY”. NO GO.

John and Jean Ray AND Jack Jones, now accused by V.K. of theft and murder, WERE PERSONALLY PRESENT AND ACTUALLY WERE USED BY V.K. AS “TRUSTEES” OF THAT “NOT YET ESTABLISHED TRUST” STILL A FIGMENT OF V.K.'S IMAGINATION.

She further listed John Ray as a Director/Officer OF CSEML—and he never heard about such a thing. Not good, sleepy people.

WE HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED EVERY

WAY INCLUDING UPSIDE DOWN AND SIDEWAYS, MONDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS. WE ARE CLEAN, CLEAR AND VALID—V.K. DURHAM IS “NOT”.

It is far more easily established that V.K. Durham issued unlawful and fraudulent documents around the globe just as she did with “Hellenic Express” and into the BILLIONS of \$\$\$ than to ever suppose, suspect or assume GAIA is responsible for ANYTHING OFFERED IN HER RANTINGS.

V.K. speaks of “unnumbered” deeds or assignments. THAT IS HER GAME. Hellenic Express HELD 5 documents but only to cover the use of ONE. NONE OF THEM HAD NUMBERS. When noted, she demanded them all back for numbering and offered “more”, even some for Global, if we would do certain other things which ENDED all association with the person in point.

All association was “attempted” to be severed but nobody could keep V.K. OFF THE PHONE AND/OR FAX.

We even stated that we would no longer work with her and would go forth with our own program. It was neither clandestine, secret nor manipulated. She could do anything she wanted, sans us. We assume she did so and thus the mess. However, the “mess” is NOT with our program and the sums indicated have not even been touched, through accident or otherwise—TO FULLY PROTECT THE ECONOMY AND HAVE “REASON” WITHIN “ANY” PROGRAM AS WAS ATTEMPTED AT ESTABLISHING FROM UPSTART OF SUCH A “SUPERFUND” ESTABLISHED BY GEORGE H.W. BUSH AND HIS NEW WORLD ORDER CRONIES.

Frankly, readers, we have no involvement with such as George Sr. OR GEORGE JR. or their cohorts. We do NOT wish to pull down any banks or the Federal Reserve or even the IMF. What people do is their business, not ours. **HOWEVER, WE CERTAINLY WILL CONTINUE SERVING AS BEST WE CAN.**

This V.K.-bashing-us only gives us more credibility—for people at the top, even in the banks, KNOW WE HAVE INTEGRITY AND THE DISINFORMATION MAY WELL DISTRACT BUT DOES NOT HAVE ANY IMPACT OTHER THAN VERIFYING OUR OWN REPRESENTATION.

But is it “damaging”? INDEED! And the very people it hurts the most are you in the United States who feed on this poison rot dished out to you unsuspecting people “looking for solutions” and/or “something for nothing”.

YOU WILL NOT GET “SOMETHING FOR NOTHING” OUT OF THE GAIA PROGRAM—BECAUSE IT IS BUILT ON TOTALLY STABLE FOUNDATION OF VALUE BACKING—AND NOT SOME IDIOTICALLY DEBATED NONSENSE.

What YOU think of me, Ekkers, V.K. or gold certificates is YOUR BUSINESS and none of our own. WHAT ARE “YOU” DOING?

Very definitely it is the time, again, for “Merry Christmas and Happy New Year” with hurt, pain and WAR. You even in your clean conscience of the United States tell the world you “will use nukes” if you choose to do so. Good show, nice people, and you still

wonder why the U.S. is hated around the globe and why such as V.K. offers such offensive focus otherwise? Your nonsense from such Websites goes around the globe and into the eyes and brains of innocent Web-surfers. YOU ARE LAUGHED ABOUT, "AT" AND TOTALLY DISCOUNTED AS UNWORTHY OF OTHER THAN ENTERTAINMENT. OH WELL!!

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TOPIC CHANGE AND STATE OF NATIONS,
YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS, 1998

Yes, I realize that once again you want support for the Christmas Season and I can't give you that kind of support for which you petition as in mountains of funds for "your personal" use and immediate "bill-solving". Nations are in a spiral of depression and collapse and meanwhile, we must play in the mud-puddle.

We are so proud of our crew and family as to be unable to even offer adequate "thank you" to each or any at the moment. I can only tell you: IT WILL BE FINE AND ULTIMATELY EACH SEEMING INDIGNITY WILL BE A "GIFT THAT 'KEEPS ON GIVING'".

Please overlook our not sharing everything in the paper, friends, but we can see that V.K. gets a copy of CONTACT before she even has time to check out anything or have our own subscribers get their copies of EACH PUBLICATION and is off with her tirades and totally absurd interpretations of what we publish. Obviously we do not "care" because we publish the paper—don't we? YOU HAVE TRUTH AND FACT WHILE SHE MANIPULATES, REVISES AND ACTS AS IF PLAYERS ARE HER OWN "ROYAL" HERITAGE. You DO have to see the absurd offerings to get even the humor in such fabrications in interpretations—even of the World Trade Center events wiping out HER "trust" documents. Obviously "patriotlad" and Ru Mill give support to the possibilities of such insanity. The "TIAS..." itself, which she now uses as part of her tale, is such a fabrication as to render the WTC nonsense without ANY POSSIBLE MERIT AT ALL. THERE WAS, NEVER WAS, IS, NOR EVER SHALL BE A DURHAM HOLDING (INT'L ANYTHING) TRUST. If there is such a thing NOW, then it is even more fraudulent than the other prior CLAIMS. NEITHER CAN YOU "RETIRE" A PERFECTLY GOOD STANDING CORPORATION INTO SOME NON-EXISTENT HOLDING "ANYTHING". SHE COULD NOT AND DID NOT DO ANY SUCH THINGS CLAIMED, EXCEPT RECORD MORE AND MORE ABSURDLY FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS.

Her "side", right through the Spectrum people, tried to close down CONTACT in any way possible—even to actually STEALING the paper, the subscribers, mailing lists, and bank accounts. [MM: Let's not forget "prepaying" themselves thousands of dollars stolen (felony grand theft) from our loyal subscribers.]

When it was STOPPED by a court of LAW, the game changed and "if we don't do it again can we have a settlement?" Foolishly, "our" attorney agreed and let them off the hook—which by the way, would have sent each and all—to prison.

They next immediately took the mailing lists and subscriber's list and after having utilized three publications of CONTACT (CALLING IT "THEIR OWN") changed to Dr. Young's personal corporation,

SPECTRUM, to continue the subterfuge. It didn't work, really, but did take at least half the subscribers who never knew what happened and still, mostly, don't.

Even long-time supporters changed out their assistance TO SPECTRUM—thinking there had simply been a name-change. Only the duped didn't know the difference until TOO LATE.

So, as we come again upon Christmas and a New Year, we find the struggle quite overbearing and yes, annoying. We also, as I stated before, find the "news" to be THE SAME except WORSE on every front. Read on and you will see what I mean.

[QUOTING MON., DEC. 7, 1998, 6:20 A.M., YR. 12, DAY 113, WRITING, HATONN (GCH), MANILA, PHILIPPINES. (Today is December 13, 2002):]

FORECLOSURE, COLLECTION AND TAKEOVER

Oh blind lambs, how is it that you cannot recognize the signs and read the script?

The nations having been brought to their knees are not unlike any individual with some assets who use up their currency and then hock their property to have credit at the banks and thus and so. The collateral you must register against the money you borrow are things like your houses, your automobiles, stocks—anything that can be construed as value.

When you deal with credit cards you pay high interest rates and you WILL pay the accumulated debts or your credit is ruined and you will be forced into bankruptcy. However, as your credit ratings are impacted you finally end up with absolutely NOTHING—for it has all gone to the bandits in bankers' clothing.

It is no different with nations. YOU may not control the credit lines as do the politicians, but YOU PAY THE BILLS. In one way or another, citizens, YOU PAY THE BILLS.

All that is happening now and is planned to be cleaned up and operative by year 2000 is a full takeover of all assets and property by the World Banksters. It is happening before your eyes; everyone is impacted, and YOU will pay the Piper. The records being structured and now in place can keep a record of everything everywhere. **You have no privacy, no place to run and certainly, no place to hide.** The world is basically in FORECLOSURE and the accounts are being set forth for operation as the property and assets are TURNED OVER TO THE BIG BOYS FOR THEIR OWN USE AND CHOICES OF MANIPULATION. THEY NOW OWN EVERYTHING IN YOUR WORLD OF BOOKS, BANKING AND SEIZURE.

The point of MORE funding from such as the IMF is to keep the individual nations now in the big basket in some type of operation, at the least cost by the new owners of you, the slaves, and all the natural resources, businesses, etc., of your recognized world.

There will always be lots of talk about projects, growth, building and housing and feeding the poor—but count the money—there will not be funds made available (ONLY PROMISES) for accomplishing such massive programs.

In Manila we just read that some 40,000 families will be displaced just by the cleaning-up project of the Pasig River which is now just a sewer, and a very shallow sewer at that. However, from that river comes the water that is contaminated by raw sewage and anything else tossed or fallen into the river, for

consumption of these "squatters". Now, if you clean up the river—where are you going to put those PEOPLE? And this, readers, is only counting a small stretch of that river-way through, basically, Metro Manila.

These squatters have no jobs, no transportation, no houses—NOTHING. They simply "squat"—for they have no furniture, only boxes or plastic pails upside down on which to sit or toilet and what else are they going to do?

This is anywhere in the world today, readers, not just Manila. It happens to be under the writer's nose at the moment but there are worse, by far, places. **[H: But no longer, readers, this place has NOW reached "number one" in corruption, graft, criminality, a drug hub and yes indeed, poverty as in inclusive of "squatters" and "Street—graveyard children" who sustain on "Rugby" (glue).]**

When the final worldwide blows are struck there are the provisions with considerations. This means that there may or may not be further assistance from the money gods but that assistance will come with higher interest, quicker demands for payback, never enough to do anything except pay "some" of the banks and the society will slip further and further into that polluted river, whatever its name or location.

Since the World Zionists don't have enough population to occupy the lands, they take over the government control, place their high-level puppets to run the slaves—and you have what you have become today as you move into the new era.

WHEN PAYMENTS ARE MADE TO A NATION THESE DAYS BY SUCH AS THE IMF OR WORLD BANK, WHERE DO THEY GO? THEY GO TO SATISFY THE BANKS WHICH ARE IN AS BAD TROUBLE AS IS THE POPULATION AS A WHOLE—EXCEPT FOR THE MANIPULATORS AT THE TOP.

Nations who refuse to play in the ballgame of Get Everything are outcasts, bashed and isolated away from trade, interchange, funding "unless" (and the "unless" is usually to topple the standing government and all the standing leadership).

You "think" there is an international law that says you can't assassinate a leader or topple a government? Silly children. Not only is the **New World Order run by the Zionists** doing exactly THAT—but they are offering up rewards of very high amounts to anyone who will accomplish the task; dead or alive.

Do you actually think that George Soros, the thief of all time, has qualms now about demanding the overthrow and ouster of such as Mahathir of Malaysia?

Nobody dares to do anything against these dragons of deception, for nobody seems to understand their game. **GO TO THE PROTOCOLS OF ZION [11/13/02 CONTACT, page 5]**, which are also the basis for the *Nazi Protocols*, the *Communist Manifesto* and on down the line. GET THE GOLD! Get control of the currency and you can control the masses. Then one by one you pick off about every other thing meaningful to life. YOU PASSED ORWELL'S 1984 IN ABOUT 1979—IN FULL OPERATION WITH THE MONITORING AND EVERYTHING SUGGESTED.

Why do I bother to AGAIN go through this boring scenario? Because you somehow still think you can come forth and WISH for something better and somehow somebody (else) will change things to better suit you. You see, the enticements along the way suited you just fine as you deteriorated into lazy, sleeping, luxuriating zombies while thinking you were really doing well.

No, you were in training to give everything, including your soul, to the enemy.

Riots won't help. Demonstrations won't help. **WAR WON'T HELP.** If you don't change attitudes and begin to build again from foundation up, you won't find anything that will "help".

END OF THE WORLD?

Does this mean the world will end? Of course not! That would be an easy way out, wouldn't it? You could just say, "Oh well, the world is going to end anyway and/so/but...". NO, the world is not going to END, silly ducks. That is another of the lies foisted off on you. Neither is there going to be a RAPTURE! You may well die but it will not be from "rapturing up" somewhere to some god created out of nothing for your convenience to save your asses by cloud-sitting.

You will note that the orbiting planets in your solar system keep right on orbiting. They once held life as, or more so, abundant than your own. They didn't "go away", ONLY THE PEOPLE AND LIVING FORMS WENT AWAY. But before the life-status went away it sure got miserable on the physical players.

I hear all the time about what Cayce said, or Nostradamus said or some guru said—what about the visible evidence in your face? In Manila, for instance, anyone can look at the growing numbers of people on the edge of the Pasig River and KNOW it cannot go on like this. Disease is now rampant with no way to bring the insect carriers under control. The pesticides are as bad as the diseases. So, it has become a point of how do you most easily kill the people. Does the government do it by famine? How about untreatable diseases? What about simply burning everything, including the people, to the ground? I have news for you—Caesar didn't have anything ELSE to do in the great fire of Rome but fiddle!

The people at the TOP don't want to be displaced, for being at the top is their only prayer of survival. Do you actually think that if Clinton were not President, he would last a day? Come on, readers, the game is no longer a little game and not even on the gladiator stages and ball fields is a game anything but a bloody war to distract you sleeping giants while Rome burns to the ground along with YOU.

GOD DID NOT SAY HE WOULD FIX IT. GOD SAID THAT THE WORD WOULD GO FORTH TO THE CORNERS OF THE WORLD AND WHEN THAT WAS DONE, IT WAS UP TO THE HUMAN PEOPLE.

You have allowed the changing of the world from a balanced orb to an unbalanced shell of itself now destined to great upheavals and topographical alterations by both natural and unnatural causes.

You want truth, even in your psychic scare games? No you don't! You don't even want to be annoyed while you sleep off your hangover from the "escape party" last evening. You certainly don't want to have to clean up the mess of an air-raid that might make debris in your living room and spoil your carpet, for after all, the credit is about used up for the replacing of same. And do you have enough reserves to rebuild your house, your roof, your missing patio table set? Oh, you don't own any of these things? Right—YOU don't. However, no matter who owns the house in which you dwell—when it is gone it is GONE. Will you just rebuild? No, you will expect the "government" to do

it for you, pay for it and send welfare!

Dear ones, until YOU change, nothing can be changed very much and nothing at all can be changed in YOUR SPACE. You may well be able to ride along on a wave, GOOD OR BAD, that ripples through society—but unless YOU change you will always find a way to remain basically unchanged except for the depression that comes with a downward spiral.

I am always forced to look at the people in any given circumstance. I see the wives and husbands basically growing totally apart from one another after only minute time-spans. Why? What do YOU do to make a circumstance any different than what is bringing you down? What do you do that would cause an upsurge in your situation? WHAT DO **YOU** DO TO MAKE THE THING WORK? Do you simply want to "find self" and "self-motivation" or do you focus on the mental stability and loving atmosphere of the children's welfare and balance? Who do you blame for your lack? Your parents? Oh? If you are old enough to be a parent—then how dare you blame your parents for their own limitations when you have EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE YOURS! Responsibility is a unique and individual thing and blame upon another is never other than a total waste of time. To blame another simply demonstrates, for all to see and hear, your own shortcomings.

By the way, readers, the thing that burdens you becomes the thing you worst wish to get rid of. Let us example: Say that a bigger storm than has hit Manila came ashore and washed all 40,000 squatter families out to sea and to their death. What would be the result? There would be a big "thing" in all the media. There would be a big "thing" in all the press. There would be bunches of wilted flowers and burning candles at the "site" or the grave. There would be a big weeping and wailing from all the politicians—and then, nothing EXCEPT GREAT RELIEF TO HAVE THE PROBLEM **GONE**.

Don't fall for the false front and pious voices. When you have a problem, you want it gone and that is whether it is political trashing or a dying spouse or parent. You lie to self and to everyone who comes along—but YOU WANT TO BE RID OF THE PROBLEM, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE THAT INTERFERES WITH YOUR COMFORT OR YOUR SELF-INTERESTS.

Christmas, which is considered a fellowship time of the year in a spirit of giving, might well serve as a time for introspection to see what it is that YOU are seeking and what YOU are willing to GIVE. GOD GIVES AND REGIVES—WHAT DO YOU GIVE AND REGIVE? YOU CAN ONLY TRUTHFULLY, RECEIVE, IF YOU GIVE! THIS IS SIMPLY A UNIVERSAL LAW, FOR YOU DO NOT GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING—EVER—NOT EVEN IN A PERPETUAL MOTION MACHINE, FOR SOMETHING HAD TO START THE THING RUNNING.

"But, there is Santa Clause who gives without any strings!" I'm told. Oh? No strings? Just your soul and your life is the only cost! PRETTY PACKAGES DO NOT A PERFECT GIFT MAKE!

"What a dull and dreary lesson today?" Perhaps. It certainly depends on YOUR attitude, doesn't it? And just how many in my own household will even bother to READ THIS MESSAGE? Oh, I see, you are too busy with the things of the day in your own lives and "... with Christmas and

all—and I didn't have time to read it at work on someone else's time card! ... when I get around to it conveniently, I'm so distracted...". Oh well.

Dharma wonders if I am going to do a "Christmas message". Why? You don't want to hear a REAL Christmas message. You want Daddy to tell how wonderful you are, how wonderful is the Season, how brilliant is your whatever, and lie to you about circumstances. No thank you, readers. You have that kind of garbage all the time. Why would you want God to lie to you TOO?

You often miss my points regarding such things as Christmas. I implore you to participate, enjoy the wondrous giving of lights and friendship and that which touches the heart and warms the soul on traditional days. TRADITIONAL DAYS is the key phrase herein. TRADITIONAL THINGS AND TRADITIONAL CULTURES—THESE ARE THE THINGS WHICH GIVE UNIQUE FOCUS ON ANY STORY OR TALE. IF YOUR TRADITIONAL PRACTICES ARE OF LIGHT, GIVING, SHARING, BEAUTY AND TRUTH, YOU WILL FIND THESE WONDERFUL THINGS.

Since we are in the Philippines, let me point out what happens here, there and everywhere. There is such lack of knowledge, understanding or outright "caring" that it eludes the consciousness to even know how to respond.

We are boggled by that which has happened in just one incident, that of a fire in an orphanage with a death toll of some 30 babies and children readying for a Christmas party.

The firemen were slow to respond and so today, what might the response be to the complaint? Headline: "Manila firemen deplore low pay". By the end of the article you don't know whether to laugh or cry. The firemen say that things are so bad economically that they are depressed and slow to respond. They say that they are forced to pay into an insurance fund regularly which fund never goes to insurance. They have to pay into a "loan fund" which never seems to reduce the loans. And on and on it goes. Are the babies better off or worse off for their transition to God and the Angels? Some of the children in the orphanage are children of some of the firemen who could no longer feed or shelter their children. THIS IS LIFE, CHELAS, NOT TRADITION OR A FLUKE; THIS IS THE LIFE THAT HAS COME TO REST ON THE PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THE CORRUPTION AND EVIL GREED OF THE PEOPLE AT THE TOP.

The attitude, unfortunately, is no different on down the ladder of participation. The firemen would do unto the others just to individually gain a bit more, so it is hard to cast stones.

GRAVEYARDS AT CHRISTMAS?

You should have pause right here to ask what kind of a "heading" is that? Well, there are no rooms in the Inns for all the children so THOUSANDS live in the gutters and streets. SOME LIVE IN THE GRAVEYARDS. Nobody bothers them very much in the graveyards and they can sniff their glue in peace.

Did I say "sniff their glue"? Indeed. The children get a few pesos or less than a dollar a day for food. The children have learned, however, that if they get glue and sniff it, they forget about being hungry—so they spend all their funds on glue and then live in the cemetery. These children are so many in number that they are

simply called “Grave Children”. They don’t fear the dead; they fear the living and now they themselves are the “living dead”. And no, I jest not: THIS IS A FRONT-PAGE STORY.

This is not, however, the lead story, for THAT is “Asia’s last sporting spectacle of the century opens in Bangkok.”

Do I do this so that you don’t enjoy anything in your own lives? NO, NO AND NO! I just want you to understand why “I” might get testy sometimes and the hearts break over the overwhelming task of helping, somehow, while only being able to watch further deterioration. NO, I want you to use the things you have, appreciate the beauty and even the gaudy things of the holidays because life MUST HAVE SELF-PLEASURE OR THERE CAN BE NO JOY FOR THE SOUL—FOR NO ONE WOULD REALIZE PLENTY OR LACK OF IT.

Do I want you to just GIVE IT ALL TO THE POOR AND BECOME POOR YOURSELF? No!!! You could give everything you might ever have or will have and you couldn’t “FIX” this imbalance. You must be willing to LIVE toward change or there is no point in the journey.

There have always been beggars since the beginning of man for many reasons, real or conjured. However, you now offer Viagra for more pleasure and need while you dump these babies who are then sired—into the graveyards and gutters. Many simply bypass the stint of trying to “live” in the Graveyard.

Do I object to your games with such as Viagra and sex and folly? Yes. You are living on the edge of extinction and all you can do is think of your toys and games. Poor children: THERE IS NOTHING IN VIAGRA TO REALLY DO ANYTHING EXCEPT USE A BIT OF MIND-CONTROL ON YOU WHILE YOU GO FOR WHAT YOU THINK MIGHT BE A BRIEF MOMENT OF—WHAT? EXCITEMENT? LOVE? OH BARF! Sex may well be fun and exciting but it is deadly in more ways than one while it totally drains the body of energy and physical stamina. Aren’t you “out of control” enough without deliberately placing yourself further “out of control”?

Do you actually think that Bill Clinton’s “drives” have merited him great accolades as Statesman of the Year? I promise you: screw around and you are going to get screwed-up. In addition, if you are working on something noble and interesting—you won’t even think about wasting your time “sleeping around”.

Well, let’s leave that topic—for it is so dear to the heart of man (in his pants) that none can adequately deal with the subject much the less responsibility in the matter. I would check the HIV along with everything else.

I would note here, while mentioning HIV, that almost all of the children, those Graveyard children, are HIV positive. And what explanation is offered? Well, the little girls are more profitable the younger they are and the little boys are too small for the condoms provided. People, we are talking about babies usually less than ten years of age. It is all right there, spelled out right in the daily paper, pictures right on the front page showing the bags for sniffing and the glazed and unseeing eyes.

“Oh, but that’s Manila”, you might say. GO LOOK IN HOLLYWOOD ON THE BACK STREETS WHERE THE CHILDREN GO. IT IS ANYWHERE, GLOBAL EARTH.

It was interesting to note that there are major advertisements in the Manila guides for massage places and house calls, escorts, and you name it. In Malaysia it was far more subtle but there were more pages in the phone book for these “services”. There was even a little back-room dealing going on right in the Hotel in which the team stayed. How interesting? No, not “interesting”—disgusting. These hotels such as Concorde and Gilarmi are BUSINESS CENTERS where business people can have a bit of a refrigerator and a few things of home with a full office center for doing business. This is where business men/women stay for convenience to business locations and ease of getting around in the business areas. The bigger MAJOR hotels have even more lavish arrangements for their “tend your comfort needs” as they advertise their “perks”.

At whom do YOU tend to throw stones, the prostitutes or the ones who HIRE them? Check it out pretty carefully, for I will tell you something—a mother will do what she needs to do to feed her babies as long as she can—any way she can. So, get out the old travel-kit with Viagra and hit the road because you undoubtedly deserve a break today from your hard labors and inferiority complexes.

RELIGIONS, CHRISTMAS AND “WHO SAID”?

God does NOT ask that you run hither and yon and stuff your religions down the throats of the unsuspecting natives. You are far less Spiritual than almost all of the “primitive” natives—so keep that line of push and shove out of your sights. Be individually grateful for that which you have, even if it seems small and insignificant. Be grateful for the lessons so necessary to find peace and joy within. Appreciate those things for which you gain through labor and enjoy, as well, those things acquired in abundance. **GOD IS ABUNDANCE** and you must learn the difference in having and taking. Receiving is equal to giving, chelas, so don’t jump to incorrect conclusions. Remember also, example is the best teacher and nobody, but nobody, wants to follow the leader into the pits. If we can offer nothing more than poverty, then we have accomplished NOTHING.

Accept God’s gifts in the manner in which HE bestows them, in LOVE and ABUNDANCE. Do a nice, random act of kindness and goodness—and then PASS IT ON. You need not rush hither and yon DOING “FOR” someone else except in instances of love and true charity of sharing—but you must help others to be able to gain for themselves. That often only requires allowance and tolerance along with just a bit of encouragement. Try to see all the circumstances in any situation and then, only then, see what you can do to REALLY help and not just JUDGE. It costs NOTHING to give LOVE, a smile and a bit of encouragement.

Now that the lecture is over I might remind you of my beloved self, that I cherish you beyond your imaginings and I know, even if you do not, that you can do and create that which is “impossible”. Therefore, let us press forward and do it.

Salu, and may the true joy of the Season be resting upon your minds.

(Gyeorgos Ceres Hatonn)

[END QUOTING]

I believe this might be a good place to interrupt this writing and let a bit of digestion take place.

When the heart remembers the “reality” of events it is, yes, sometimes difficult, for even in sharing the above writing it WAS “difficult”.

While Rick and Charles were out shopping, we were writing in demand from them for “input”—for after all, there was a need for reassurance to everyone that indeed, things would be wonderful.

So, while they shopped and “charged” onto credit cards that were PAID by Ekkers, Ekkers did not even have ability to send “cards”, even to the grandbabies.

These hits that have come since that time and NOW, with the V.K. Durham being joined by the imbecile-children of you-know-who, you would tear down the only thing YOU HAVE GOING FOR YOURSELVES, chelas, while you follow the loud piper peeping out a tune which makes you blind, deaf and totally “dumb”.

Instead of helping “build and create” you join the bastard children who simply destroy and live by the LIE. It is your choice, whoever YOU ARE, but it seems somewhat foolish in the consideration of HOW THINGS ARE.

I would also remind everyone that when V.K. harps on Doris’ “21 alias” registrations, it is for identification and LEGAL pen-name usage. It is so that we can distinguish misuse of our material and our property INSTANTLY.

We do not have any such “Hatonn” registered. We specifically registered “Gyeorgos Ceres Hatonn” and, therefore, we can know instantly when that is usurped—anywhere on the globe. Nobody here has any claim to “a” “Hatonn”.

There is no registration of “a” “St. Germain”. We have a specific name affixed (which no, we won’t tell you). Go check it for selves. We do not claim ANY titles for ourselves, readers, and most certainly “Doris” does NOT claim anything, including PRINCESS RANI of wherever V.K. chooses to “pick a number”. **YOU WEBMASTERS SIMPLY LOOK AS YOU ARE: STUPID.** “STUPID” HAS A VERY VALID “DEFINITION”—LOOK IT UP!


We hold to titles, however, which are valid, legal identifications and YOUR opinion regarding that particular matter is none of our business. Perhaps it is time you do so as well—and demand that others present honestly, for it is YOU who ends up appearing, and BEING, the fool.

By the way, nobody here in this place is “professed Muslim” no matter what V.K. NOW PRONOUNCES onto us. V.K. TAKES A LOT OF LIBERTIES WITH TRUTH, READERS—AND ISN’T IT TIME YOU GOT WITH THE PROGRAM? When you publish such nonsense YOU BECOME EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE for the disinformation, slander and liable. We love our Muslim brothers—equally with our Christian and yes indeed, our Judean compatriots. Neither am “I” “Muslim” although I DO know what is in the Muslim “book of instructions”, unlike V.K. Durham (Dirham/Diram) of no truth or consequence AT ALL.

I also know what is in the Christian *Bible*. I also know that TRUTH in any “religious” instruction indicates GOODLY behavior with TRUTH as a requirement. Therefore, V.K. seems to fit NO beneficial “religious” order or doctrine—EXCEPT, OF COURSE, BROTHER “YOU KNOW WHO”!

I am told that we have now, within the last few minutes, garnered another three V.K. bashings. Good, KEEP THEM ROLLING ALONG!

Salu, and may the world you change be for the better AND YOUR OWN.—GCH

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PUBLIC NOTICE

“DECLARATION-AFFIDAVIT”

RE: ASSIGNMENT OF RUSSELL HERMAN

DORIS J. EKKER
E.J. EKKER

January 19, 2002

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Still quoting, later on:]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

the urine bottles, (The evidence exists.)”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Louis, Ill. forgets to include his children?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

of them having children that we can recall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTIONAL CONTRACT July 6, 1994

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Legaliza La Firma, No El Contenido).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTYS
To
GALLATIN COUNTY ILLINOIS ETALLIIS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

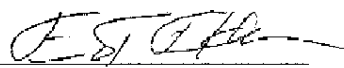
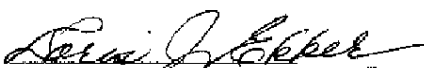




How would an Estate "expire"? Maybe there was no Estate to begin with. And SHE accuses US of fraud? There were two (or more) copies of the "WARRANTEE DEED". Who "whited out" the State, County and Date on the one filed in Washington County so that it would look authentic for the filing in Gallatin County?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

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

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

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

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


Eddyjo (E.J.) Ekker

Doris J. Ekker


Attorney Victoriano M. Agcaoili, Jr., Witness



The News Desk

By John & Jean Ray

DIGGING AMERICA INTO A HOLE
REPUBLICANS ARE FEEDING
THE GROWTH OF BIG GOVERNMENT

By Steve Chapman, *Tribune*, 11/24/02

Life in Washington has changed a lot since Nov. 5. President Bush has a new mandate to govern, Republicans are about to take over the Senate, and Democrats are surrendering on one issue after another. So remind me: What was so terrible about gridlock?

Somewhere, years ago, I got the notion that the Republican Party stood for free markets and limited government. So now I feel like Humphrey Bogart's Rick, who, when asked what brought him to Casablanca, says, "My health. I came to Casablanca for the waters." Replies Capt. Renault, "Waters? What waters? We're in the desert!" Says Rick, "I was misinformed."

The first thing the GOP did with its newfound power was push through big new plans for Uncle Sam. They promptly won approval of a terrorism insurance program and a new Department of Homeland Security. The results are 1) to saddle taxpayers with a responsibility traditionally left to the private sector and 2) to establish a mammoth new federal bureaucracy with a special claim on the nation's resources.

None of this is truly surprising. It was clear, during the 2000 campaign, that George W. Bush was about as likely to roll back government as he was to appoint Barbra Streisand secretary of defense. Where Newt Gingrich and his colleagues had talked about eliminating Cabinet departments, Bush couldn't seem to think of a single significant federal program we could possibly live without.

The terrorism insurance bill shows his lack of faith in the adaptability of capitalism. After Sept. 11, commercial insurers decided they had to charge a lot more for coverage of large buildings against attacks—or stop offering it altogether. This was upsetting to owners who feared they might be targeted by terrorists but didn't want to pay more to insure against that possibility. So they came up with a solution: Bring in the government. ...

If huge skyscrapers in major cities are uninsurable by private companies, or insurable only at high cost, that's not because the insurance market doesn't work. It's because the world has changed. It's also a signal that some huge skyscrapers no longer make economic sense, and that businesses should disperse to less inviting targets. But federal intervention will discourage such rational adjustments.

The Department of Homeland Security is another hasty and ill-considered response to our new realities. The administration insists the government will function better if we merge 22 different federal agencies with responsibilities in that area. Maybe it will in the long run—but the nature of the challenge gives new resonance to John Maynard Keynes' comment: "In the long run, we're all dead."

This amounts to the biggest reorganization of the federal government in more than 50 years, and it promises to be a time-consuming and distracting job. Undertaking it in the middle of a war on terrorism is like installing a sprinkler system in your house while it's on fire.

Comptroller General David Walker, who heads Congress' General Accounting Office, recently told the *Washington Post*, "The idea that this is going to be a homogeneous, well-oiled machine in one day, one month, one year after the 'merger' happens or the department is born is just totally unrealistic."...

Sooner or later, the new department is also likely to mean a heavier load on taxpayers. Why? Because all the anti-terrorism agencies will be able to lobby with a single voice for bigger budgets. And because few people in Washington will want to be seen as voting against the war on terror.

By now, it's clear that this war will only serve to enlarge our overgrown government. Don't expect Republicans to stand in the way.

[JR: Well when our monolithic big government finally does fall down under its own bloated bureaucratic weight will we all be crushed under it? Like the character Rick in *Casablanca*, we have all been misinformed... by our leaders. The question is, will most have gained enough sense in time to evacuate from ground zero?]

ISRAEL SILENT ON FOOD WAREHOUSE RAZING

By Jamie Tarabay, *Yahoo News*, 12/10/02

(AP)—It was considered a routine operation, similar to many Israeli army forays into Palestinian areas over the past two years—locate a building believed to be used by terrorists and destroy it.

This three-story building in this northern Gaza town, however, had enough flour, cooking oil and rice stored on its ground floor to feed 38,000 people for a month. The goods belonged to the UN-affiliated World Food Program.

Israeli troops blew it up anyway.

Nearly two weeks after that Nov. 30 incident, the Israeli military has yet to provide a detailed explanation, and aides to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon say they would not comment until the military does.

The Israeli military earlier said the top floors of the Beit Lahiya warehouse were used for terrorist activity and they were unaware the ground floor stored food. The army never said who it targeted in the raid.

The army, when asked Monday about the incident, said it still was investigating. It said the United Nations usually coordinates its sites and staff movement with the Israeli army but did not do so then. Therefore, the soldiers had no advance knowledge that food was stored in the building. ...

A UN official said in August that about half of the 3.3 million Palestinians are receiving food aid, a fivefold increase since before the current violence erupted.

On Friday, a week after the demolition, grains of rice were still scattered on the ground. The sand around the building was wet, soaked with soybean oil that seeped from plastic containers. The oil was donated by Sweden, the rice and flour by the European Commission.

Sacks of flour and rice poked out of the bottom of the three-story building, where two of the levels were sandwiched together.

The warehouse was marked as property of the WFP and the United Nations.

"The timing (of the operation) was really bad. We'd just filled the warehouse with food and had started distributing it," said Pascal Le Francois, a WFP coordinator for Gaza. About 3,000 people already had received their monthly rations.

"We received no notification. We could have removed it," Le Francois said.

Jean Luc Siblot, head of the WFP for Palestinian areas, said the organization had used the warehouse for six months.

Palestinians claim the destruction of the warehouse shows that Israel is trying to wreck their economy and impose collective punishment for the two years of violence.

Israel says its restrictions are necessary for security.

In recent months, Israel has been destroying family homes where suicide bombers and other attackers lived, as a deterrent. Human rights groups complain the policy harms innocent relatives.

The 36 people who lived in the Beit Lahiya warehouse, including town governor Mohammed Hamoude, have moved in with relatives. ...

He said all the people inside, including the women and children, were told to leave the house immediately. They took nothing with them.

During the operation, Hamoude's 21-year-old son, Moaiyad, and 30-year-old brother, Mazen, were arrested. Palestinians said they are members of the radical Islamic Jihad. **[JR: The warehouse filled with food had to be considered a strategic target by the Israeli military who get their orders from the big boss himself, Sharon. The point being made with its destruction is to make life all the more miserable for the Palestinians trying to survive in a hostile and unforgiving Zionist environment. The UN should also inquire why every year around the celebration of Christmas Israel feels the necessity to re-occupy Bethlehem. My guess is that they do it to undermine our faith and impress upon us all that they have it all and control all. The UN's request for an explanation for the reasons behind these types of operations will probably be met with Israel's usual terse response or their usual disdainful silence. When the Zionists can't provide a good enough answer their other option is to lie. I prefer the silence because it speaks volumes.]**

IGNORING CRITICISM, BUSH VISITS MOSQUE

By Bob Kemper, *Washington Bureau*, 12/06/02

WASHINGTON—Standing up to his conservative Christian supporters who view Islam as a militant religion, President Bush on Thursday visited Washington's oldest mosque and praised the peaceful ways of the majority of the world's Muslims.

"The spirit behind this holiday is a reminder that Islam brings hope and comfort to more than a billion people worldwide," Bush said at the Islamic Center of Washington, where he joined in the celebration of Eid al-Fitr, the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting.

"Islam affirms God's justice and insists on man's moral responsibility," Bush said.

Bush has spoken out consistently in support for Islam following the Sept. 11 attacks, which were planned and executed by Muslim extremists. He has emphasized that the United States is waging a war against terrorism, not against Islam.

The message is aimed in part at Muslim countries whose support Bush needs for his war on terror. Adel al-Jubeir, foreign policy adviser to Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah, was among those singing Bush's praises this week. ...

Bush's comments have come at a political price at home. Some of Bush's key conservative supporters, including evangelist Pat Robertson, founder of the Christian Coalition, and Rev. Jerry Falwell, former head of the Moral Majority, have criticized Bush's portrayal of Islam.

Those leaders, who have helped mobilize conservative voters critical to Bush's success, said Bush is misleading the nation about the militant nature of Islam. To ignore the *Koran's* call to wage jihad, or holy war, is to ignore the reality of the threat Islam poses to the West, these critics have said.

"This is worse than the Nazis," Robertson last month told viewers on his Christian Broadcasting Network. "Adolf Hitler was bad, but what the Muslims want to do to the Jews is worse."

Falwell, in a television interview, called the Prophet Muhammad "a violent man, a man of war" and a "terrorist". And Rev. Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham and one of the speakers at Bush's inauguration, said in a television interview, "I don't believe this is a wonderful, peaceful religion."

Bush has sought to distance himself from such remarks, saying last month that they “do not reflect the sentiments of my government or the sentiments of most Americans.”

On Thursday the president made no reference to the remarks made by the Christian leaders when he appeared at the Islamic Center. It was his second appearance there since the Sept. 11 attacks. Rather, he focused on the contributions of Islam to civilization and of individual Muslims to America.

“Here in the United States, our Muslim citizens are making many contributions in business, science and law, medicine and education, and in other fields,” Bush said. “Muslim members of our armed forces and of my administration are serving their fellow Americans with distinction, upholding our nation’s ideals of liberty and justice and a world at peace.”

Bush’s appearance at the mosque capped a month of high-profile events by senior advisers to demonstrate their support for Muslims as a way of bolstering Bush’s stature among Arab nations, where public opinion is generally opposed to his war on terrorism and possible invasion of Iraq. ...

During Ramadan, members of Bush’s Cabinet participated in iftar dinners in Morocco, Pakistan and Washington. Iftar marks the breaking of the daily fast during Ramadan.

The president balanced his embrace of the Muslim faith with expressions of support for Jews and Christians as well.

Bush on Wednesday took part in the lighting of a menorah in honor of Hanukkah, and later Thursday participated in a “Pageant of Peace” commemorating the Christmas holiday.

[JR: The Bush administration may be waging a war only against terrorism but the Zionists in control are definitely waging a war against all Muslims. If the Christian Coalition regard Muslims as being Nazis and Mohammed as being a man of violence, do they regard the Zionists as being their saints and is Sharon their Prophet? Our unwavering support for Israel shows what shameless hypocrites Bush and his cabinet members are in visiting mosques and attending their dinners during Ramadam. They will all turn around and light menorahs and toast the victories of their Zionist lords who are hiding behind them in their shadows.]

U.S.: KILLING OF AL-QAIDA SUSPECTS WAS LAWFUL

By Howard Witt, *Tribune*, 11/24/02

WASHINGTON—When the CIA used a pilotless aircraft to kill a suspected al-Qaida terrorist leader in Yemen earlier this month, the United States demonstrated a new determination to hunt down and destroy enemies outside any established field of battle.

But the diplomacy to explain and justify the deadly policy is not yet so precise as the weaponry.

To some human-rights groups and European leaders, the U.S. action looked very much like the kind of “targeted killings” for which Washington condemns Israel each time its army singles out a suspected Palestinian terrorist with a missile attack. Meanwhile, questions were raised over whether the White House was violating the long-standing U.S. ban against staging foreign assassinations.

“If this was the deliberate killing of suspects in lieu of arrest, in circumstances in which they did not pose an immediate threat, the killings would be extrajudicial executions in violation of international human-rights law,” the human-rights group Amnesty International wrote to President Bush.

Sweden’s foreign minister, Anna Lindh, called the Yemen attack “a summary execution”.

Bush administration officials bristle at such accusations, insisting that the boundaryless nature of the war on terrorism necessitates the tactics. Despite the critics’ suggestions, they add, this is not a radical new departure in U.S. policy.

“We’re in a new kind of war, and we’ve made very clear that it is important that this new kind of war be fought on different battlefields,” National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice told a TV interviewer recently.

“I don’t know what you called it when President Clinton launched cruise missiles into Afghanistan some years ago,” said Secretary of State Colin Powell, referring to the U.S. retaliation against Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida for the 1998 bombings of two U.S. Embassies in Africa. “That was not intended to knock down a tent. So I don’t know that previous administrations have completely avoided this kind of action.”

Clinton also launched missiles against Iraq in 1993 in retaliation for an alleged plot to assassinate former President George Bush, and President Ronald Reagan ordered the bombing of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi’s compounds in 1986 in response to Libyan-backed terrorist attacks.

Because terrorists target civilians away from any recognized battlefield, many argue that striking at them in the same way is a fair way to fight back. But even some who support the policy say the administration has done an inadequate job of explaining it to the American public and the international community. ...

The strike was justified under international rules of war, the administration contends, because al-Harthi was a suspect in the October 2000 bombing of the *USS Cole* in Yemen and therefore qualified as an “enemy combatant”.

Yemen’s sovereignty was not violated, officials say, because the government there gave permission for the attack. Previous attempts by Yemeni authorities to arrest al-Qaida suspects on their territory led to bloody firefights in which several police officers and soldiers were killed.

The administration also maintains that the Predator attack, because it occurred in the context of a “war against terrorism”, did not violate a 1976 executive order banning assassinations, signed by President Gerald Ford and still in force. That order says that “no person employed by or acting on behalf of the United States Government shall engage in, or conspire to engage in, assassination.”

“I can assure you that no constitutional questions are raised here,” Rice said. The president, she continued, is “well within the bounds of accepted practice and the letter of his constitutional authority.”...

The Predator attack “was not an assassination—it was simply a responsive military strike,” said Jeffrey Smith, a former CIA general counsel.

“But we have to be very careful about engaging in these strikes to make certain we have the very best intelligence, to make sure these individuals are directly linked to attacks against us, and that we do not engage in lethal force against people who are merely political supporters of al-Qaida,” Smith said.

“We have to be consistent. We cannot on the one hand authorize these activities ourselves and then say to some other government, ‘We can do it, but you can’t.’”

Yet that is precisely how the situation appears to many Israel supporters. Whenever Israel has tracked and killed a militant Palestinian leader—often by firing rockets from U.S.-made helicopter gunships—the government of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has said the action was justified to prevent further terrorist attacks against Israelis.

But the State Department issues a condemnation of the action nevertheless.

Colin Powell insisted that the American and Israeli attacks are not comparable.

“What makes it different in this case is that we have a situation in the Middle East where we’re trying to get a peace process moving, where there are other ways to try to resolve this crisis between the Israelis and the Palestinians,” Powell said. “I think targeted assassinations in that context are not helpful.”

[JR: Just dial-a-target and the U.S. or Israel will send a drone to assassinate the opposition anywhere in the world. We have the experience and we absolutely guarantee fatal

results. We, like our mentor Israel, are fighting terrorism on many fronts so we have invented a new kind of war that no one else is allowed to engage in. We make the rules as we go along because we have made ourselves the target of so many new enemies. The U.S. has embraced the rules by which all tyrants and despots govern.]

U.S. CAN TARGET AMERICAN AL-QAIDA AGENTS

By John J. Lumpkin, *Newsday*, 12/3/02

WASHINGTON (AP)—American citizens working for al-Qaida overseas can legally be targeted and killed by the CIA under President Bush’s rules for the war on terrorism, U.S. officials say.

The authority to kill U.S. citizens is granted under a secret finding signed by the president after the Sept. 11 attacks that directs the CIA to covertly attack al-Qaida anywhere in the world. The authority makes no exception for Americans, so permission to strike them is understood rather than specifically described, officials said.

These officials said the authority will be used only when other options are unavailable. Military-like strikes will take place only when law enforcement and internal security efforts by allied foreign countries fail, the officials said.

Capturing and questioning al-Qaida operatives is preferable, even more so if an operative is a U.S. citizen, the officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. Any decision to strike an American will be made at the highest levels, perhaps by the president. ...

The CIA already has killed one American under this authority, although U.S. officials maintain he wasn’t the target. ...

But the CIA didn’t know a U.S. citizen, Yemeni-American Kamal Derwish, was in the car. He died, along with al-Harethi and four other Yemenis.

The Bush administration said the killing of an American in this fashion was legal. ...

In killing him, the administration defined Derwish as an enemy combatant, the equivalent of a U.S. citizen who fights with the enemy on a battlefield, officials said. Under this legal definition, experts say, his constitutional rights are nullified and he can be killed outright. ...

The government has done little publicly to justify Derwish’s killing. Officials have privately suggested his association with al-Harethi is reason enough.

Other Americans have been similarly classed since Sept. 11, including Jose Padilla, accused of plotting to use a radioactive “dirty bomb” in the United States, and Yaser Esam Hamdi, who was found fighting with the Taliban in Afghanistan. Both are in military custody. ...

While officials believe only a small number of U.S. citizens went through Osama bin Laden’s camps, Americans have been associated with all levels of al-Qaida. ...

Previously, the government’s authority to kill a citizen outside of the judicial process has been generally restricted to when the American is directly threatening the lives of other Americans or their allies.

Earlier presidential authorizations of lethal covert action, in Latin America and elsewhere, have also tacitly allowed the killing of Americans fighting with the other side, former senior intelligence officials said.

But the officials knew of no instances where U.S. citizens were targeted.

The CIA declines comment on covert actions and the authorities it operates under.

Experts on the *Constitution* and the international laws of war said the Bush administration’s definitions create problems.

Unlike the enemy in previous wars, al-Qaida members don’t wear uniforms or serve in a foreign nation’s army. Nor do they take to traditional battlefields, except in Afghanistan. But the Bush administration and al-Qaida together have defined the entire world as a battlefield—meaning the attack on al-Harethi and Derwish was tantamount to an air strike in a combat zone.

“That is the most vulnerable aspect of the theory,” said Scott L. Silliman, director of Duke University’s Center on Law, Ethics and National Security. “Could you put a Hellfire missile into a car in Washington, D.C., under the same theory? The answer is yes, you could.”...

[JR: The targeting of al-Qaida assures their immediate execution as well as any Americans designated to be their associate. If some official, through sheer conjecture, fabricates a case against you, you are presumed guilty and your hastened demise won’t matter as to your innocence. How many individuals can we justifiably terminate and say that it helps towards winning our war against terrorism? Israel justifies such targeting as vital to her existence as a state. How many Muslim countries are close to us that we have to resort to such barbaric practices? With the passage of the Patriot Act and the Homeland Security Bill all powers that the government was ever allowed have been increased and are now held by one individual, the President. Thanks to our ignoble U.S. Knesset, Americans are fair and open game for the Zionists who are the indisputable power behind President Bush.]

WITHDRAW WARNING: MALAYSIA

By Patrick McDowell, *news.com.au*, 12/02/02

MALAYSIA (*Agence France Presse*)—Malaysia urged Australia to withdraw a declaration that it reserved the right to launch pre-emptive anti-terror strikes in other countries, saying it was talking as though it was a “big power” and that the stance threatened state sovereignty.

“I don’t think that because of the threat of terrorism, we should do away with sovereignty or the rights of states, or act outside the rule of law,” Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar told a news conference.

Syed Hamid was reacting to Australian Prime Minister John Howard’s comments yesterday that he was prepared to attack Australia, and suggested amending international law and the *UN Charter* to permit pre-emptive strikes.

“I think Australia must think they’re a big power,” Syed Hamid said. “They are talking the language of a big power, anyway. If they’re talking that way, maybe we find it hard to understand that they want to be part of an Asian community.”

“I’m not sure he’s (Howard) fully conscious of the implications of what he has just said,” Syed Hamid said. “I hope he withdraws that statement.”...

Malaysian Defence Minister Najib Razak told Malaysian news media yesterday that Australia could not launch unilateral counterterrorism action in a foreign country without the consent of the government involved.

Malaysia said earlier this month that it would not consent to the kind of missile strike launched by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency that killed a carload of suspected al-Qaida operatives in Yemen. The operation was approved by the Yemeni government.

Veteran opposition leader Lim Kit Siang said today the Association of Southeast Asian Nations should collectively reject the pre-emptive strike doctrine adopted by U.S. President George W Bush after the September 11 attacks and now being echoed by Howard.

Lim, in a statement, called the doctrine “a most dangerous form of state terrorism as it would make a nonsense of the *UN Charter*... With such an idea, the line between self-defence and aggression becomes hopelessly blurred.”

Australia has felt increasingly vulnerable to terrorism since the October 12 bomb attack in Bali, Indonesia, which killed some 90 Australians among the more than 190 people who died.

Malaysia contends that it needs no help in fighting terrorism, having been ahead of most of its neighbours in recognising the danger and rounding up some 70 militant suspects since mid-2001.

Most of the suspects belong to Jemaah Islamiah, an al-Qaida-linked group responsible for the Bali attack and other plots and bombings in the region over the past few years. The group wants to establish a hard-line Islamic state in Southeast Asia.

Australia and Malaysia remain military allies under a five-power arrangement with the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Singapore. But verbal rows between the two countries are part of the regional landscape.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad recently urged Australia to choose between closer ties with Asia or its traditional alliance with the United States.

An Australian opposition leader responded that Mahathir should take “a running jump”.

[JR: The U.S. has started a perilous trend of attacking other countries based on suspicions or unfounded allegations. Australia has decided to join us in our renegade-vigilante mentality towards those we consider as foes. Should other nations adopt this aggressive militant attitude the world will embark on an epoch of wars that will be unparalleled in human history. There was the 100 Years War, but I doubt we will last a decade as a species once the shooting begins.]

TURKS BRACE FOR FLOOD OF WAR REFUGEES

By Catherine Collins, *Tribune*, 11/29/02

ANKARA, Turkey—In anticipation of a U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and a possible influx of refugees across their common border, Turkey plans to build six settlement camps inside the country and a dozen more within Iraq.

The prospect of housing thousands of the refugees at camps inside Iraq is one of the most controversial aspects of the plan. International law requires countries to open their borders to refugees and forbids the forced deportation of refugees back to their country of origin.

Some of Afghanistan’s neighbors were criticized sharply for closing their borders to refugees last year when the U.S. military began bombing Taliban and al-Qaida forces.

But the plans reflect concerns in Turkey and across the region about the inadvertent economic and human consequences of a war against Iraq.

In addition to a potential disruption in the flow of oil to world markets, the conflict would be expected to cause Iraqis to flee into neighboring countries, particularly Turkey and Iran.

The Persian Gulf War sent 500,000 refugees into Turkey and a million to Iran. Officials with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Ankara said they do not have any estimates of how many would be displaced by a new outbreak of hostilities. ...

“There are so many scenarios, but nobody knows what the nature of an operation against Saddam will be,” said the human-rights worker.

“It may produce just a few thousand refugees or, in the worst scenario, it could create mass panic and mass destruction. Millions of people could be forced to move,” he noted.

In Turkey’s case, the refugees would be crossing into an area still suffering the economic and social consequences of the 1991 conflict that ousted Iraqi forces out of Kuwait and sent allied forces toward Baghdad.

Southeastern Turkey was inundated by Kurds from northern Iraq. The region also saw its economy crippled by the closing of the border, a blow from which it has yet to recover. ...

Turkey’s military intends to build camps for about 275,000 people. The first series of six camps will be placed 60 miles inside the Iraq border, the second six along the border and the third set inside Turkey, according to a copy of the plans provided to the *Tribune*. ...

Although the military will be responsible for security and the overall camp operations, the plans list a coordinated effort by a dozen government agencies. ...

Turkey has proposed using the army to restrict border crossings, a plan that raises concerns among human-rights advocates.

The advocates worry that the military presence in northern Iraq could have an ulterior motive: to prevent Iraqi Kurds from forming an independent government.

In addition, some Turkish Kurds said they fear the army would use the refugee crisis to mete out revenge against them.

“If there is a military operation against Iraq, we are afraid that the Turkish government will use this as an excuse to harass the Kurdish people,” said Abdul Kerim, 58, a Kurd who fled his village in southeastern Turkey during the civil war between the army and Kurdish separatists.

“We have seen this before. We do not trust the Turkish soldiers,” Kerim said.

A Western diplomat in Ankara who is familiar with the resettlement proposal said it seems to be a “sensible plan” and represents a serious effort by the Turks to anticipate problems.

He discounted fears of retaliation by the military, partly because international observers will be on the ground too. ...

[JR: Turkey and our other flunky allies all seem busy making BIG plans to pick the bones of the invaded Iraq. The Kurds like the Palestinians will be squeezed into these newly built containment areas just in case Turkey is made a part of the forces that will move into Northern Iraq where the Mosul oil fields are. Turkey could cut a deal to share in the oil revenues for allowing us to use their air bases and for being part of our peacekeeping force. It appears as though the same plans for a multi-occupational force that was implemented in Germany after WWII will be used in the conquered Iraq. As for the Iraqi people, their fate is open to speculation should the U.S. rely on its usual quick victory with heavy bombing raids, along with a huge massing of U.S. and Israeli troops around Iraq’s ruined towns and cities. It will be a sad day for us all when it truly does happen.]

U.S. TO UPGRADE TURKISH BASES FOR ANY IRAQ WAR

By Claudia Parsons, *Daily News*, 12/04/02

ANKARA (*Reuters*)—U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said on Wednesday Washington would start intensive talks with Turkey on investing hundreds of millions of dollars in military bases that might be used in a war against Iraq.

“I’m quite confident that we will in fact have a significant level of Turkish participation,” Wolfowitz told reporters in Ankara where he met Turkish civilian and military leaders.

“Now it should be clearer than ever that Saddam Hussein is surrounded by the international community.”

He said earlier Washington had not made specific requests for particular air bases but would start detailed discussions with the newly elected government of NATO ally Turkey.

Muslim Turkey desperately wants to avoid war in neighboring Iraq, fearing it will spread turmoil in the region and damage its crisis-hit economy. But the Justice and Development Party (AKP) government has been at pains to shake off suspicions about its Islamist roots and show its commitment to its U.S. ally.

Foreign Minister Yasar Yakis said on Tuesday that Turkey would open up its bases to the U.S. for military operations if necessary, though it wanted a second UN resolution to authorize the use of force against Iraq. He did not clearly say that a second resolution was a condition of Turkish support. ...

Asked if cooperation would include U.S. planes launching combat strikes from Turkey, Yakis said: “Yes... If you’re talking about air bases, yes, those will be opened.”

Yakis's unusually forthright comments raised eyebrows in Ankara, where officials are usually guarded in saying how Turkey would support Washington and where opinion polls show most people reluctant to get involved in a war with Iraq.

The Foreign Ministry, playing down the comments, said Yakis had not made any commitment to backing U.S. action.

One of Turkey's top generals, Yasar Buyukanit, was quoted by the *Hurriyet* daily as saying Yakis was probably expressing a personal view. No such decision had been taken by the powerful National Security Council, he said.

Wolfowitz said Washington wanted a peaceful outcome to the crisis and the only way to achieve that was to convince Iraqi President Saddam Hussein that the threat of force was genuine.

"The immediate focus of our planning needs to be to identify how much investment we're going to make in various bases if we're going to use them. We're talking potentially about tens of millions, probably several hundred million dollars."

Asked whether Washington was seeking bases to be used by ground troops, Wolfowitz said: "I think we're quite comfortable with what we can do from the south (from south of Iraq). Obviously if we're going to have significant ground troops in the north this is the country they have to come through, there's no other option."...

Wolfowitz said the new Turkish government understood better than its predecessor the need for a credible threat of U.S.-led force in order to convince Iraq to disarm.

"Their belief in democracy and the importance of democracy in Muslim countries makes them quite unhappy, agonized might be the word, in looking at the condition of the Iraqi people."

[JR: The Wolf is lying and deceitful when he says, "Washington wants a peaceful outcome to the crisis with Iraq." If that were so, why isn't D.C. agonizing over the condition of the Iraqi people because of our decade-long embargo against them and their country? How much of Foreign Minister Yakis comments were of a personal or official nature, and how much of it is plain spin by Wolfowitz or his staff? The newly elected government under the AKP have their work cut out for them in dealing with Turkey's economic crisis and the balancing of powers among the various political factions whose agendas and focus are different? Do you really think Turkey is overly occupied with our quest to invade Iraq? Just what "international community is surrounding Iraq to impress Saddam"? Could it be the usual big three, the U.S., Israel and Britain?]

39 NATIONS FACING FOOD SHORTAGES; AFRICA HIT HARDEST

Tucson Citizen, 11/30/02

ROME (AP)—Nearly 40 countries, most of them in Africa, are facing serious food problems, a UN agency said yesterday.

Twenty-five of the 39 countries facing food shortages are in Africa, the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization said in its November issue of *Foodcrops and Shortages*, which is published five times a year.

Zimbabwe, Ethiopia and Eritrea are particularly affected, the agency said.

Southern Africa has suffered two consecutive bad harvests, and Zimbabwe's economic and political problems have worsened the situation in that country.

"Food assistance to the neediest is inadequate and slow in coming, while commercial imports are hampered by the worsening economic crisis," the report said.

Acute shortages of corn, the staple food for Zimbabwe's 12.5 million people, have been blamed on drought and the government's chaotic program to seize thousands of White-owned commercial farms for redistribution to Black settlers.

Economic turmoil over the past two years has left more than 60 percent of Zimbabwe's population jobless. Tens of thousands of Black farmworkers have lost their livelihood in farm seizures.

On Thursday, the UN World Food Program said 6.7 million Zimbabweans could need food aid, and the WFP's resources fall far short of meeting that need.

In Mozambique, almost 600,000 people need food aid because their crops were wiped out by drought, the country's agriculture minister, Helder Muteia, said yesterday. About 207,564 acres that normally yielded crops had produced nothing this year, he said.

Massive flooding during the past two years that wiped out large swaths of cropland has compounded Mozambique's food shortage.

The government was trying to address the problem by distributing seed and agricultural implements and rebuilding damaged irrigation systems, but Mozambique still desperately needed more aid, Muteia said.

In East Africa, drought also has caused serious shortages. Ethiopia has asked for food aid for about 6 million people, while neighboring Eritrea has asked for aid for about 1.4 million people.

In Asia, North Korea was among the hardest-hit countries. "Donor pledges are urgently needed to cover the WFP emergency operation for the remainder of 2002 and the first quarter of 2003," the Rome-based agency said.

After 23 years of war in Afghanistan and a severe drought, thousands of refugees still struggle to survive in encampments. Afghanistan has enjoyed a recovery in agricultural production, but the return of refugees could lead to a funding shortage.

The supply of food in the West Bank and Gaza Strip also is suffering from curfews and military operations, the report said.

[JR: The needs grow greater every year as more struggling countries are facing serious food shortages, and as always Africa is at the top of the list. Wars, drought and corrupt regimes exacerbate the problems and there is minimal effort on the part of the Western powers to render permanent solutions to their problem of poverty. These needy nations and their people are considered expendable, but for those who care and who strive to meet these challenges, they bring a bit of hope to those they are helping to save. You won't know or hear about them because they are too busy making a difference in this world of indifference.]

OIL WORKERS JOIN BATTLE IN VENEZUELA

By Gary Marx, *Tribune*, 12/04/02

CARACAS, Venezuela—The Venezuelan oil industry took center stage in the political crisis in Caracas on Tuesday as government forces used tear gas and shotgun pellets to disperse hundreds of striking oil workers seeking the ouster of President Hugo Chavez.

The clash, along with the ongoing general strike, raised fears that oil exports could be disrupted for the world's fifth-largest producer. ...

Chavez told reporters Tuesday evening that the 2-day-old strike was having minimal effect. He said the guard was called in to restore order sparked by a small number of violent demonstrators.

"The National Guard will continue taking actions against groups in any part of the country where they try to destabilize," Chavez said. "... I can't permit, as head of state, with my arms crossed, that these desperate groups make a mess of the country."

Diplomats and experts say the opposition must garner the support of oil workers to have any chance of pressuring Chavez into early elections. The oil industry provides 50 percent of government revenue.

Juan Fernandez, a Petroleos executive who is supportive of the work stoppage, said 90 percent of Petroleos executives had joined the strike, along with 65 percent of blue-collar employees in the oil fields and refineries. ...

The continuing strike and street clashes represent another blow to the peace mission of Cesar Gaviria, secretary general of the Organization of American States.

Gaviria has been in Caracas for weeks mediating between the two sides but has made little progress on the key issue of early elections. Chavez told reporters Tuesday that he would not talk to the opposition until they show "they want democracy".

U.S. officials back Gaviria's efforts and say the crisis can be resolved only through early elections. ...

Opponents of Chavez want the non-binding referendum in February in hopes he will lose the vote, which will increase pressure on him to resign or to agree to an early, binding referendum.

In a potentially significant development, national electoral officials announced Tuesday that they had enough votes in the electoral council to call a Feb. 2 non-binding referendum, overcoming a Supreme Court decision last week that apparently had ruled it out.

It is unclear how the government will respond to the electoral council's announcement, which was overshadowed by Tuesday's clashes.

[JR: The U.S. along with Venezuelan oil executives are playing a very active role in their attempts to overthrow Chavez and his government. The Bush oval office has been involved with various plans and scenarios since January. The National Electoral Council passed a new law pushing for an early referendum to test Chavez powers, despite the Supreme Court's ruling that it was illegal and against the Constitution. The usurpers always need to override and nullify laws that are constitutional to legitimize their own unlawful actions. The U.S. needs an oil puppet for President and not a man like Chavez, who defies and fights against U.S. pressures to sell out his country to the highest bidder.]

CHAVEZ BACKERS MARCH THOUSANDS TAKE TO CARACAS STREETS

By James Anderson, *azcentral.com*, 12/08/02

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Thousands of people wearing red berets marched Saturday through the capital of oil-rich Venezuela to support beleaguered President Hugo Chavez a day after three people were fatally shot at an opposition rally.

Demonstrations by both sides of Venezuela's political conflict had police worried of increased violence after gunmen opened fire Friday night into a plaza crowded with opposition demonstrators. In addition to the three deaths, 28 people were wounded.

The killings caused the opposition, until now seeking only a referendum on Chavez's 4-year-old government, to demand his resignation. Leaders declared three days of mourning, calling for nationwide protests and the extension of a general strike that has already shut down Venezuela's giant oil industry.

Police patrols in Caracas were drastically cut a month ago when Chavez seized control of the city force. Citing the threat of violence, the U.S. State Department on Saturday urged Americans not to travel to Venezuela.

The United States depends on Venezuela for more than 10 percent of its crude oil imports. A prolonged shutdown coupled with the threat of war in Iraq could drive up U.S. energy prices.

"I had to come to show my rejection of the way the opposition is always blaming innocent people for the violence," said Peggly Martinez, 19, a university student. "There's no dictatorship here, and we want the world to know it."

Chavez, a former army paratrooper who led a failed 1992 coup, was overwhelmingly elected in 1998 by promising to eliminate a corrupt democratic system that failed to distribute oil riches to the poor. He was re-elected to a six-year term in 2000.

His popularity suffered as his "peaceful revolution" against poverty produced few results. Venezuela's economy shrank 7 percent this year, despite relatively high oil prices. Inflation is at 30 percent, unemployment at 16 percent. More than half the workforce does not have a full-time job.

Chavez's approval among the poor, his core constituency, has slipped to about 45 percent in recent polls; his overall support hovers around 30 percent. He has the support of Bolivarian Circles, neighborhood groups that carry out social projects and other government-backed actions. In the past, radical armed members of the group have attacked opposition marches, politicians and journalists.

Chavez appealed for calm after Friday's shooting at Plaza Francia, an opposition rallying spot since dissident military officers occupied it in October.

He denied claims that he was behind the attack, which occurred moments after the opposition said it would extend its strike. Chavez asked former President Carter, who has tried to mediate in Venezuela, to help calm tensions.

The Organization of American States called for emergency talks between the two sides late Saturday. Secretary of State Colin Powell phoned mediator Cesar Gaviria, secretary general of the organization, to express his support for the talks.

[JR: In addition to strong speculation that the CIA is behind Chavez's opposition forces, the U.S. also seems to be the source of the economic battle also going on. Chavez won't play the Elite's games and is supported by the people so they will try and oust him any way they can. This method of turning a nation's government over to the control of the Elite puppets is being done in the name of "democracy".]

U.S. SEEKS TO CURB INDIAN LAWSUITS

By Robert Gehrke, *Aberdeen News*, 12/02/02

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Bush administration asked the Supreme Court on Monday to limit lawsuits filed by American Indian tribes contending the Interior Department failed to protect tribal resources.

Otherwise, the government, which manages 56 million acres of land for the benefit of tribes, could be subject to a mountain of lawsuits, argued assistant solicitor Gregory G. Garre.

"That would be an enormous potential liability that there is no indication that Congress ever intended to assume," he said.

Specifically, Garre said the court should reverse two appeals court rulings that found the government liable for damages for violating implied responsibilities to the tribes.

In one, the Navajo Nation alleges a former Interior secretary colluded with a coal company to deny the tribe tens of millions of dollars in royalties from coal mined from Navajo land. In the other, the White Mountain Apache Tribe of Arizona contends the Interior Department should pay to repair historic buildings Congress allowed the government to use on condition they be given to the tribe when the government doesn't need them.

Appeals courts said the government was liable for damages as high as \$600 million in the Navajo case and \$14 million in the White Mountain instance.

The government's responsibility to act as a trustee and protect the interests of American Indian tribes is a cornerstone of Indian law based on treaties with tribes and recognized by Congress and courts for 170 years. ...

The cases could also affect other breach of trust cases, including a class-action suit filed in

Washington, alleging the government squandered tens of billions of dollars in royalties from land owned by 350,000 American Indians nationwide.

In the Navajo case, the tribe had sought in 1984 to renegotiate a 20-year-old coal lease with Peabody Energy, raising the royalty from less than 1 percent to 20 percent of proceeds. Interior Department studies said the rate increase was appropriate.

An assistant secretary was about to set the royalties at 20 percent, but then-Interior Secretary Donald Hodel blocked the adjustment after meeting with a friend who had been hired by Peabody as a lobbyist. The tribe later settled for a 12.5 percent royalty.

Navajo attorney Paul E. Frye said Hodel "colluded with Peabody to swindle the Navajo Nation," a violation of his trust obligation.

But Justice Antonin Scalia said the secretary is only obliged to make sure the royalty rate is higher than the minimum set by law.

Scalia also seemed unswayed by the White Mountain arguments that the Interior Department should be responsible for upkeep on the old Fort Apache buildings that Congress had arranged to be given to the tribe once the government was through with them. ...

Garre argued Congress did not direct the government to maintain the buildings, but Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and John Paul Stevens questioned if that meant the government could destroy them without consequences.

"I would have thought there might well be a duty for the United States government here acting as trustee not to lay waste to the property," said O'Connor, an Arizona native.

Garre said if the buildings were destroyed, the tribe could sue, but could not claim damages because the government failed to meet its trust duties.

The cases are U.S. v. Navajo Nation, 01-1375, and U.S. v. White Mountain Apache Tribe, 01-1067. ...

[JR: The Bush administration will surpass all other past administrations in abrogating what little rights there are left for Native Americans. If the Supreme Court rules in favor of the government's questionable position, Native tribes will have no recourse in the federal court system to address their grievances against their adversaries in Washington. Should that likelihood come to pass all rights and treaties could and without declaration be rendered null and void. Seems as though all arrows are pointing in that direction.]

NUMBER OF CROSSERS CAUGHT IN ARIZONA DOUBLES

By Luke Turf, *Tucson Citizen*, 11/29/02

Twice as many illegal immigrants were apprehended in Arizona last month than in October 2001, according to the U.S. Border Patrol.

Of the 25,050 immigrants nabbed by agents in Arizona during October 2002, 21,352 were in the Tucson sector.

"This is the busiest sector in the nation," said Rob Daniels, Border Patrol spokesman in Tucson.

And it's getting busier, with smugglers circumventing increased security in San Diego and El Paso. ...

In Yuma, Border Patrol spokesman Michael McGlasson said October 2002's apprehensions are up 134 percent from the previous year there.

"If more are getting apprehended, more are coming," he said. "There's no way we would drop to nearly half (the previous year) if there was the same number coming in."

McGlasson and Daniels said it's tough to pin down the reason why more immigrants are being apprehended so far this fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

Both said a variety of factors must be figured into the equation, including that the lower number last year could be related to immigrants' perceptions of a post-Sept. 11, 2001, economy not being as lucrative.

Border Patrol officials said there is no science behind the claim that more apprehensions necessarily means more illegal immigrants are getting through. ...

But agents from the U.S. Border Patrol aren't the only ones apprehending more immigrants.

Over on his Douglas ranch, Roger Barnett also has noticed an increase in illegal immigrant activity.

Barnett, 60, is a member of the American Border Patrol, which claims to inform the public about the situation at the border by taking incident reports from citizens along the border.

He said he caught 47 illegal immigrants and turned them over to Border Patrol in October 2001. Barnett said he caught 215 last month.

Though Barnett always totes a pistol with him on his ranch, he said he has never had to point it at anyone. He said he simply tells illegal immigrants to sit still and wait for the Border Patrol.

All of Barnett's captures were made on the weekends by him and his brother, Donald.

Barnett said he's contemplating buying his own helicopter to patrol the area because the Border Patrol isn't using helicopters stationed in the area.

He said he hasn't seen a Border Patrol helicopter patrol in six months.

"What's this government doing?" Barnett asked.

Daniels said his agency's helicopters are deployed according to need.

Barnett said the federal government could double and triple the number of apprehensions if it deployed resources properly.

"It's unbelievable how many people get by because the Border Patrol doesn't stop them," he said.

He doesn't believe the numbers released by the Border Patrol are valid, Barnett said.

Legal defender Isabel García, who is co-chair of Derechos Humanos, a human rights and immigrant advocacy group, also doubts the legitimacy of the Border Patrol numbers.

"I've always questioned their methodology," García said. "My sense is that they can come up with those numbers to suit their argument."...

[JR: The Border Patrol could plead being understaffed or under-funded for not fully utilizing the use of helicopters to patrol and cover wider areas along our borders, but the real reason is NAFTA. The fine print says we keep our borders open to Mexico's needy and unemployed. Who is doing a better job and is more dedicated to protecting our porous borders and rounding up illegal intruders, the volunteer ranchers or the U.S. Border Patrol? What makes the difference here is a sense of conscience and commitment to the preservation and protection of what is ours, and not allow others to mandate away our sovereignty. The other official position is to maintain the status quo.]

MEXICANS TOUT PRISON LABOR TO U.S. COMPANIES TOLD THEY 'WILL SAVE TONS OF MONEY'

By Julie Watson, *Newsday*, 12/04/02

CIUDAD VICTORIA, Mexico (AP)—Prison officials in northern Mexico say their inmates are manufacturing furniture bound for Texas, despite U.S. laws that ban the importation of goods made with prison labor, and they would like to contract with more American companies to produce all kinds of things.

One official said prison shops would label their products to hide their origin.

Prison officials in Mexico's northern states are pointing to inmate workshops as a way to stem the loss of business as foreign-owned assembly plants abandon the border zone in search of cheaper labor in Asia. Convicts already do work for Mexican companies.

But prison labor is strongly criticized around the globe on the grounds it undercuts unions, steals jobs from law-abiding workers and poses risks of human-rights abuses. Many countries, such as the United States, bar imports of products made by prisoners.

The prison director for Tamaulipas state, Manuel del Riego, said Clint Hough of Austin, Texas, is the first foreign businessman to accept the state's offer of its inmates' services. Del Riego said Hough has been buying furniture made by prisoners for more than a year. ...

Del Riego said 150 foreign companies, including many in the U.S., had expressed interest in setting up production lines at the 11 prisons in Tamaulipas.

"Companies will save tons of money," he said.

On average, Mexican inmates earn the minimum wage of 45 pesos a day (\$4.50), half what free workers along the border make. Companies hiring prison labor also save on health insurance and other benefits.

Inmates in neighboring Nuevo Leon state now work solely for Mexican companies making such things as T-shirts and charcoal, "but we're open to foreign companies and would be happy to have one," said Ediberto Gutierrez, a prison official. ...

The border states have plunged into recession with the exodus of maquilas, which had fueled an economic boom in the region since the government in the 1960s allowed mostly U.S.-owned companies to take advantage of Mexico's cheap labor.

Rolando Gonzalez, president of Mexico's *maquila* association, said his group turned down the offer of prison workers because the group's businesses must follow "fair trade practices".

Del Riego, however, said there's no need for companies to worry.

"Our products don't say they are made in prison. They put a fancy tag on them and say they are made in a faraway country," he said. ...

[JR: Mexico, like China, thinks it is acceptable to use prison labor to increase the profits for the privileged few. Despite the U.S. law against such practices American businessmen are supportive to the idea and are already engaged in making agreements with Mexican prison officials. The Bush administration Justice Dept. probably won't take legal action against Texan Hough as it will consider this a low priority issue. The U.S. is no longer a reflection of the values that once made us a great and blessed nation that the world admired. The world is quickly evolving into the Zionist plan for a slave/master society which is generated by greed. The U.S. and its NAFTA partner Mexico are quickly paving the way on both sides of the border.]

U.S. GOVERNMENT ASKS COURT TO SEAL VACCINE RECORDS

By Todd Zwillich, *Yahoo News*, 11/26/02

WASHINGTON (*Reuters Health*)—Attorneys for the Bush Administration asked a federal court on Monday to order that documents on hundreds of cases of autism allegedly caused by childhood vaccines be kept from the public.

Department of Justice lawyers asked a special master in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims to seal the documents, arguing that allowing their automatic disclosure would take away the right of federal agencies to decide when and how the material should be released.

Attorneys for the families of hundreds of autistic children charged that the government was trying to keep the information out of civil courts, where juries might be convinced to award large judgments against vaccine manufacturers.

The court is currently hearing approximately 1,000 claims brought by the families of autistic children. The

suits charge that the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, which until recently included a mercury-containing preservative known as thimerosal, can cause neurological damage leading to autism.

Federal law requires suits against vaccine makers to go before a special federal "vaccine court" before any civil lawsuit is allowed. The court was set up by Congress (1987) to speed compensation claims and to help protect vaccine makers from having to pay large punitive awards decided by juries in state civil courts. Plaintiffs are free to take their cases to state courts if they lose in the federal vaccine court or if they don't accept the court's judgment.

The current 1,000 or so autism cases are unusual for the court. Because it received so many claims, much of the fact-finding and evidence-gathering is going on for all of the cases as a block.

Monday's request by the Bush Administration would prevent plaintiffs who later go to civil court from using some relevant evidence generated during the required vaccine court proceedings.

Plaintiffs' attorneys said that the order amounted to punishment of the families of injured children because it would require them to incur the time and expense of regenerating evidence for a civil suit. ...

Jeff Kim, an attorney accused the government of trying to lower "a shroud of secrecy over these documents" in order to protect vaccine manufacturers, who he said were "the only entities" that would benefit if the documents are sealed.

While federal law clearly seals most documents generated in individual vaccine cases, it has never been applied to a block proceeding like the one generating evidence in the autism cases.

Administration lawyers told **Special Master George Hastings** that they requested the seal in order to preserve the legal right of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to decide when vaccine evidence can be released to the public. **[JR: Special Master George Hastings is presiding over the Omnibus Autism Proceedings in the United States Court of Federal Claims. Does "Special Master" carry the connotation like the Grand Master in the Masons?]**

Justice Department attorney Vincent Matanoski argued that to let plaintiffs use the vaccine court evidence in a later civil suit would confer an advantage on plaintiffs who chose to forgo federal compensation.

"There is no secret here. What the petitioners are arguing for are enhanced rights in a subsequent civil action," Matanoski said of the plaintiffs. "They're still going to have unfettered use within the proceedings."

Hastings would not say when he would issue a ruling on whether to seal the court documents, but did say that his decision would be "very prompt".

DRUG INDUSTRY SEEKS WAYS TO CAPITALIZE ON ELECTION SUCCESS

By Robert Pear and Richard A. Oppel Jr.,
New York Times, 11/21/02

WASHINGTON—Having spent more than \$30 million to help elect their allies to Congress, the major drug companies are devising ways to capitalize on their electoral success by securing favorable new legislation and countering the pressure that lawmakers in both parties feel to lower the cost of prescription drugs, industry officials say.

The industry's hand appears stronger now than at any other time in recent years, a result of its large donations to political parties and candidates and millions of dollars spent on television advertising by industry-financed groups. The money was spent overwhelmingly on behalf of Republicans, who now control both houses of Congress.

Executives of the major drug manufacturers met last week at the Westfield International Conference Center, near Dulles International Airport in Northern Virginia, to plan ways to turn that influence into legislative victories.

The executives included Robert Essner, president of Wyeth; Peter R. Dolan, chairman of Bristol-Myers Squibb; Sidney Taurel, chairman of Eli Lilly; and Raymond V. Gilmartin, chairman of Merck. They discussed specific ways to leverage their investment in this year's elections to advance their agenda on Capitol Hill, participants said.

The meeting was described by an industry lobbyist as a "strategic planning retreat" and "deep philosophical conversations about our message for 2003". A pervasive theme was how to block proposals that could erode profits by limiting drug prices or making it easier for people to buy low-cost generic versions of brand-name medicines. ...

Already, industry executives have been encouraged by a recent move to insert a provision in the domestic security bill limiting the legal liability of vaccine manufacturers like Eli Lilly. On Tuesday, several senators from both parties said Republican leaders had promised to alter the provision next year, so it would apply only to vaccines made in the future.

But today, aides to Representative Tom DeLay, the incoming House majority leader, said Mr. DeLay had agreed only to consider such proposals. Aides to several Republican senators troubled by the provision said they were confident that the deal would stand.

Senator Byron L. Dorgan, Democrat of North Dakota, a frequent drug company critic, said: "With the election, they certainly have more friends in Congress. They should be feeling their oats these days."...

The industry is also fighting legislation that would speed the approval and marketing of generic drugs. The Senate passed such a bill in July, with support from 49 Democrats and 28 Republicans, but it died in the House.

So far, most Republicans have backed the brand-name drug industry in its battle with generic drug makers. But brand-name drug makers worry that the pressure to limit drug spending, and the cost of Medicare drug benefits, will lead more Republicans to promote the use of generic drugs.

The industry's agenda also includes these items:

Drug companies adamantly oppose legislation making it easier for consumers, pharmacists and wholesalers to import drugs from Canada, where prices are usually lower. Such imports could endanger public health, they say.

Drug makers oppose congressional efforts to limit or discourage drug advertising on television and in newspapers and magazines. Drug makers say such advertisements convey useful information, but critics say they contribute to explosive growth in drug spending.

Many pharmaceutical companies want to limit damages in lawsuits filed by people who say they have been injured by the use of certain drugs. Many drug makers have been named as defendants in class action suits. ...

D.C. IS BAFFLED BY 'GHOST' RIDER NO PRINTS SEEN ON PROVISION IN LAW THAT AIDS DRUG FIRM

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg, *New York Times*, 11/29/02

WASHINGTON—Lobbyists for pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly and Co. did not have much luck when they made the rounds on Capitol Hill earlier this year, seeking protection from lawsuits over a preservative in vaccines. Sen. Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) tacked a provision into a bill that went nowhere. When lawmakers rebuffed a request to slip language into domestic security legislation, a Lilly spokesman said, the company gave up.

Nevertheless, the provision has been resurrected and become law, as part of the domestic security legislation signed Monday by President Bush. Yet in a city where politicians have perfected the art of claiming credit for deeds large and small, not a single member of Congress—or the Bush administration—will admit to being the author of the Lilly rider.

“It’s turning into one of Washington’s most interesting parlor games,” said Dave Lemmon, spokesman for Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), who has promised to introduce legislation to repeal the provision. “There’s a lot of guessing, a lot of speculation as to who did this.”

The provision forces lawsuits over thimerosal, the preservative developed by Eli Lilly, into a special “vaccine court”. It may result in the dismissal of thousands of cases filed by parents who contend that mercury in thimerosal has poisoned their children, causing autism and other neurological ailments. ...

Washington is rife with speculation about who is responsible for aiding Lilly, a major Republican donor. During the 2002 election cycle, the company gave more money to political candidates—\$1.6 million—than any other pharmaceutical company, with 79 percent of it going to Republicans, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, a non-profit research group that monitors campaign finances.

Critics of the provision, mainly Democrats and trial lawyers, point out that the White House has close ties to Lilly. The elder George Bush sat on Lilly’s board in the late 1970s. The White House budget director, Mitch Daniels, is a former Lilly executive. The company’s chairman and chief executive, Sidney Taurel, was appointed in June by President Bush to serve on a presidential council that will advise Bush on domestic security.

The White House, however, has said that it did not ask Congress for the provision. Rob Smith, a spokesman for Lilly, said that the company’s lobbyists “made absolutely no contact with Mitch or anyone in his office about this” and that Taurel “did not at any time ask” for any favors.

“It’s a mystery to us how it got in there,” Smith said of the provision.

Frist has said it is a mystery to him as well. As the only senator who is a physician, he sought to include the provision in legislation that would promote the availability of vaccines. But the vaccine bill is stalled; Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), chairman of the Senate health committee, opposes it. Frist’s spokesman said the senator had not sought to have the provision included in the domestic security bill.

On Capitol Hill, congressional aides-turned-detectives have traced the emergence of the provision to the Veterans Day weekend. Flush from their party’s election victories, and with a mandate from Bush to pass a domestic security bill, Republican negotiators in the House and Senate holed up for three days in the Capitol to hammer out the details, said Richard Diamond, spokesman for the retiring House majority leader, Rep. Dick Armey (R-Texas).

One aide said the language mysteriously appeared in the House version of the bill in entirely different type than the rest of the measure, as though someone had clipped it out of Frist’s legislation and pasted it in. Diamond said the negotiators supported the move but would not say who was responsible.

Whether thimerosal is truly harmful is the subject of intense scientific controversy. Earlier this year, the National Academy of Sciences issued a report saying there was no scientific evidence either to prove or disprove a link between thimerosal and brain disorders like autism.

But the academy did find that such a link was “biologically plausible”, and so it urged pharmaceutical companies to eliminate thimerosal, which already has been removed from many vaccines, as quickly as possible.

[JR: Thimerosal was removed from many vaccines... but NOT ALL! Lawsuits were multiplying and lawmakers knew public opinion was against any legislation designed specifically to protect a drug company, that is why no one claimed credit, but they all will receive special recognition from Eli Lilly for keeping the ultimate secret. This is just another example of this administration’s “secret” agenda. The Democrats can also reap benefit with their silence. Denial of wrongdoing is the first rule of every politician.]

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Budget’s “Tip of the Week” #4:

NRS 78.752—Insurance and other financial arrangements against liability of directors, officers, employees and agents

In this very litigious society, anyone can sue anyone for almost any reason at any time. Corporations are not exempt from being sued but anyone suing a Nevada corporation could be surprised at just how resistant to attack Nevada corporate structures can be. (Important side note: To avail your Nevada corporation of the protection inherent in Nevada’s statutes, you should always ensure that the other party to any contract agrees that the contract is made in Nevada and any disputes are to be resolved according to the laws of Nevada.)

Let’s look at a provision of Nevada law that affords a Nevada-based C corporation amazing defensive capabilities: NRS 78.752, which was added in 1987. Here’s how it begins (emphasis added):

1. A corporation may purchase and maintain insurance or make other financial arrangements on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise for any liability asserted against him and liability and expenses incurred by him... or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation has the authority to indemnify him against such liability and expenses....

Paragraph 2 states that “other financial arrangements” may include the creation of a trust fund; the establishment of a program of self-insurance; the securing of its obligation of indemnification by granting a security interest or other lien on any assets of the corporation; and/or the establishment of a letter of credit, guaranty or surety. Specifically excluded from this protection are “...intentional misconduct, fraud or a knowing violation of law...”. In paragraph 4, we find that “In the absence of fraud... the decision of the board of directors... is conclusive...”.

Thus, when a Nevada corporation is sued and the litigant names as co-defendants any of the officers, directors, employees or agents of the corporation, the corporation is entitled by NRS 78.752 to set aside funds for the liability asserted. Since many suits “go for broke”, quite literally, a Nevada corporation can often set aside ALL of its assets so that they may be used to defend itself. At best, the attacker is likely to end up with a “mouthful of dirt”, as the Nevada corporation defends itself to its utmost.

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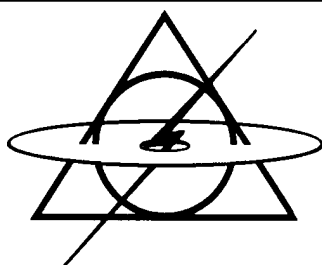
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