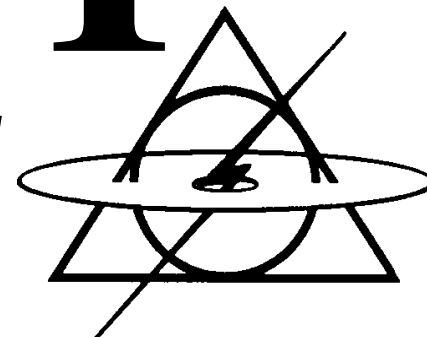


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RE: AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL COMMENTARY BY ROBERT CHAPMAN, *THE INTERNATIONAL FORECASTER*, JANUARY 7, 2003 (#2)

GCH—I am asking MM to please run the above named as soon as there is space available. There is no need for further commentary by myself or others—the article is exceptional in every way and PEOPLE MUST KNOW! I suggest that everyone mark this article (paper issue) and hold it for reference.

We involved in Global Alliance Investment Association (Ref: GLOBAL or GAIA) must stay right with the material-dumping on several International "INSIDER" (they claim) Websites which are making their way to all the "important" places and saves us the time of other than documented response. We will offer valid dates, times, places, topics and document PROOF in the face of such drivel and nonsense.

It is our major focus in order to clear the decks of lies, false claims and surely enough, hopefully, the loose cannons sliding hither and yon on these decks.

To be able to DO anything in our own efforts to provide some support we must counter the accusations being sent to global leaders and political heads of state—not to even mention other "unmentionables".

We are going to take up the infamous claimed "Durham Trust" but under separate file, please. We will be thorough so there is no complaint of skipping data, dates or intent. This, in itself, is tedious in the work involved—but there is NOTHING more important than to put these outrageous claims of V.K. Durham to burial.

We do not, however, do justice to our faithful readers by not supporting those investigators and diligent writers who bring Truth to the forums. The "News Desk" cannot take the entire load of such current information flow. However, let it be recognized that they would accept that responsibility in the blink of an eye if asked. We are, however, limited because of financial lack to allow for increase in paper size. We will all simply do the best we

can and that will be sufficient unto needs.

The request by producers of the article is to spread it at least to ten people and urge them to send it to at least ten others. We are happy to accommodate that request.—GCH

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PRINCIPIIS OBSTA—"An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure."

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attacked from the front; it is against SECRET and GRADUAL ATTACKS that a Nation must chiefly guard. Sudden resolutions strike men's imaginations; their history is written, and their secret sources made known; but changes are overlooked when they come about insensibly by a series of steps which are scarcely noted. One would do a great service to Nations by showing from history how many States have thus changed their whole nature and lost their original constitution. The attention of the peoples would be awakened, and thenceforth in the realization of that excellent maxim, no less essential in politics than in morality, *principiis obsta*, they would not close their eyes to innovations which, though of little account in themselves, serve as so many steps to advance to higher and more disastrous undertakings."—*The Law Of Nations Or The Principles Of Natural Law* (Book I, Chap. III, Sec. 30), by Emer de Vattel

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The REAL STORY Behind the MEDIA LIES

"It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."—Robert Kennedy

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An international financial, economic, political and social commentary.

"Just look at us. Everything is backwards; everything is upside down. Doctors destroy health, lawyers destroy justice, universities destroy knowledge, governments destroy freedom, the major media destroy information and religions destroy spirituality."—Michael Ellner

U.S. MARKETS

The elitists that control our nation own our congress and own our oil; defense and weapons industries are deliberately creating war in Iraq and the Middle East. Hundreds of billions of dollars are being spent on the war industry to enrich these criminals and to bring about world government. In the name of Terror we now have the USA Patriot Act and Fatherland Security, both of which are modeled after the Gestapo and the SS. These elitists control the Project for A New American Century, created long before 9/11 and Iraq by the CFR to promulgate war. The foundation is sponsored by Jeb Bush, Paul Wolfowitz, Donald Rumsfeld and Dick Cheney. The NGO is beating pots and pans for war under the euphemism of promoting American global leadership. They are also demanding mega increases in defense spending so America can preserve and extend its

influence over international order, or the American version of Pax Americana. Plans for invasion of Iraq were drawn and ready to go, as we predicted, long before 9/11, as was their terrorism project and the legalization of the USA Patriot Act and Fatherland Security. There are no coincidences in life. This was all pre-planned. Our new military mission is to be one of aggression. Waging wars on multiple fronts and, of course, the reinstatement of the selective service draft so our children and grandchildren can fight and die in far away lands for the "New World Order". This is why we call our President Napoleon Bush. Global domination is what this cabal seeks and it will do so through imperial force. That is why in 2001 the "defense" budget was over \$300 billion and 2002 will be over \$350 billion. The U.S. elitists are intent on world domination, which will be followed by world government.

Hopefully we were instrumental in the resignation of pedophile Henry Kissinger from his appointed post as head of the 9/11 investigations. Now we should all lean on pardoned criminal ex-Adm. John Poindexter. Who better than a convicted criminal to run the government database that will infringe upon every aspect of your private life?

The U.S. Court of Appeals has acknowledged that recruiters under government direction lied to servicemen in promising them lifetime healthcare. The case will go to the Supreme Court. In 1995, the Pentagon denied medical benefits to veterans who reach age 65 and qualify for Medicare. What a wonderful government; another exercise in judicial tyranny.

The Florida Board of Education has proposed tuition hikes of up to 12.5% for the state's eleven colleges and universities, which could bankrupt the Florida Prepaid College Plan and affect Bright Futures Scholarships, which are based on grades and test scores and cover 75 to 100% of state university tuition for about one-third of the state's high school graduates.

Due to zero financing and \$3,000 rebates, auto sales have held up in a recession. Car and light truck sales for 2002 were over 16.5 million units, off from 17.2 in 2001. Nobody needs a new car anymore. The market is truly saturated and the used car market is in a shambles. Early predictions are for 15.5 million units for 2003 and in order to achieve that there will have to be much bigger incentives, probably discounts of \$5,000 to \$6,000. Consumers may be willing to take on additional debt but can they service that debt? The average vehicle traded for a new model is now less than five years old; in 1990 it was 8.5 years old.

The experts have been wrong three years in a row, which certainly disqualifies them as experts. The Dow fell 16.8%; its sharpest decline since 1977 and the S&P fell 23.4%. The market has lost \$7 trillion since we gave our sell signal in April 2000. NASDAQ was off 31.5% on the year and is off 73.6% from March of 2000. The Dow is off 28.8% from its high. 2003 will bring us a repeat of 1929-1933 and 1836-1839—and 2004 will be just as bad. Needless to say, investors are confused and they should be when 98.2% of the experts are wrong. An absence of a war with Iraq is not going to make the market go up because the world economy's problems are structurally overwhelming. Profits should be up 10-12% in 2003 but at the cost of unemployed

consumers. Those profits have to drop off when you have fewer and fewer people to sell to. By historical standards stocks should be selling at half of what they are. In our mind there is absolutely no question that Dow 7286 will be broken on the downside. S&P stocks are trading at 23 times our projected 2003 earnings. We are now correcting in the second bear market rally and once 7286 is broken, to say 4500 to 5500, we'll have another rally. In the final analysis you want to be out of the market except for very special situations, gold and silver shares and the Prudent Bear Fund and the Safe Harbor Fund, which can be purchased from Rich Radez at 800-285-1700.

Our President, through a backdoor maneuver, is encouraging thousands of companies with hugely under-funded pension plans, to use cash balance plans, which will rob almost all Americans with pensions of two-thirds of their retirement. Listen, because this is very important. George Bush is attempting to sell you out. The U.S. Treasury has proposed rules that would end a three-year moratorium on conversions to a complicated cash balance plan for pensions. Older workers will get and have gotten royally screwed by such a program. If the Treasury—that is George Bush and transnational elitist corporations, among others—were allowed to get to cash balance plans pensions for older worker, they would be slashed by 63%. This will truly be a disaster for workers and their families and should not be allowed to happen. The rules have to be passed by the IRS but that's a formality. Cash balance is a type of defined benefit plan. Under traditional formulas, pension benefits are calculated as a percentage of wages multiplied by years of service. Thus a 20-year employee would get 30% of his final salary in monthly benefits at age 65. All the money contributed to the plan comes from the employer. In a cash balance plan, the employer also makes all pension contributions, but the workers pension benefit, which can be paid in a lump sum or a monthly stipend, depends on how much the employer contributes every year and the rate of return earned on the account, much like a 401(K). The plan is portable, allowing workers to carry their pensions from one employer to another. Thus far about 700 corporations have converted to cash balance and it is estimated the switch has cost eight million retired workers \$334 billion in promised benefits. Cash balance conversions stop the continued accrual of pension benefits for older employees. They get the old pension say to 50, but from 50 to 65 years old they get the lesser cash balance programs' lower results. Our friend and benefactor, George Bush, interprets pension law in such a way that cash balance plan conversions would not be in violation of age discrimination laws. We have no protection under the law. Our system of jurisprudence no longer works. This is another national disgrace visited upon American workers by omnipotent fascist government. You must contact your elected representatives and put a stop to this.

2002 real estate price gains were over 6.2% and in some areas prices were up more than that. On Long Island, NY, prices are up 72.8% since 1997 and in San Diego, they are up 78.1%. Since 2000, overall prices are up 15.4%. Due to 5.93% 30-year fixed lending rates, millions are buying homes and condos that they could never previously afford. That is reflected in the rental market. The commercial

market has a growing vacancy rate, especially in the office sector. In the fourth quarter house appreciation slowed to 0.84% from 2.39% in the third quarter. We believe that was the top in the third quarter and lower prices would become more evident as the year wears on. The mortgage refinance boom that contributed \$100 billion in fresh cash to the economy in 2002 is losing steam. The MBA index of mortgage refinance application was 4101 in the week ended 12/20/02, down from a record 6927 in October. Later in 2003, in the flight to quality, interest rates will rise irrespective of what the Fed does. It is now, not that there is little probable upside in house prices, it's as these prices decline in value how many owners will lose their homes. If you have extra real estate, sell it because the price correction in homes could be 20 to 70%.

In 2002, program trading by institutions on the NYSE comprised 32.5% of total volume. That's versus 27.6% in 2001, 21.4% in 2000 and 19.4% in 1999. In this just-passed quarter it accounted for 33.1%. In the week ended 12/20/02 computer-aided strategies constituted 43.6% of NYSE daily volume, which is living proof of the activities of the "Plunge Protection Team". This is how our government moves markets, particularly when they are thin.

Venture capital returns to investors, valuations, deal flow and available dollars all continued to decline in 2002. The amount of money raised fell to 1995 levels. Valuations on good deals are too high—and low-to-medium deals have fallen through the floor. Only \$1.2 billion was raised in the third quarter, far below the peak of \$24.3 billion in the fourth quarter of 2000. Capital raised for all of 2002 probably was \$22 billion. There will be little fund raising in 2003, which means few IPOs. The entire venture capital sector is in a shambles.

The business of mergers and acquisitions was in free-fall in 2002—and 2003 won't fare any better. The total value of 2002 deals was \$447.8 billion, off 41% from 2001 and it's the lowest level since 1994. The number of deals fell to the lowest level since 1993. From its peak in 2000, the value of deals has fallen by 74%; globally in 2002 they fell 28%. U.S. mergers as a percentage of total U.S. equity capitalization, has fallen to 4% from 12% in 2000.

In 2002, the number of IPOs hit a 20-year low of just 83 deals and those that did go public had to drastically cut their initial offering price. Predictions are that 2003 will be about the same or slightly lower.

Hedge funds are the rage and they should be with their flexibility. The problem is their management often doesn't measure up. \$35 billion went into hedge funds through the third quarter. That's down from \$42 billion in the same period in 2001, but the full year total for 2001 was a record, at \$60 billion. Except for some 50 funds, the remainder did not do well; they still don't get it. Most of these funds are unregulated but almost all follow the rules the way they should. A wonderful example of how well a hedge fund can do is the Prudent Bear Fund.

Last year the dollar fell 10-17% against major currencies. We see the dollar falling another 10-15% in 2003. The experts see it 5-10% higher, but they are almost always wrong. Downward dollar pressure will come from capital flight out of the U.S. into the euro, pound and gold. Besides, European equity-market

valuations appear to be more attractive than those of the U.S. The dollar is going lower and unfortunately it isn't going to help the U.S. much because their exports are not what they used to be. The dollar decline is the largest since 1987. Other factors are also hurting the dollar. Lower consumer confidence, terrible Christmas sales, lower factory orders and the plague of job insecurity to name a few. Laying off workers may improve the corporate bottom line but it also means fewer consumers.

Get this: Citing a shortage of money, the Bureau of Labor Statistics will stop publishing information about factory closings. Do they really expect us to believe that? What morons! They want to kill the report so business, labor and consumers don't know what is going on.

On January 2nd the U.S. government Plunge Protection Team showed us what market manipulation is all about. First we were told by the Institution of Supply Management that their factory index rose to 54.7 in December from 49.2 in November, which is almost an impossibility considering other contributing figures. That was accompanied by a dollar that was rising versus the yen, euro and pound. Then came the JP Morgan Chase announcement that they would only have to take a \$400 million loss. A deal was supposedly cut with the insurance companies for them to take a \$600 million loss. The arrangement has U.S. government fingerprints all over it. Our guess is the insurance companies were told to take a \$600 million loss in spite of having an airtight case. The government probably set up a method of covering their losses. That, of course, overshadowed Morgan's \$1.3 billion pre-tax loss. Then in a still-thin market the Dow advanced 266 points, S&P 29 and NASDAQ 49 points. We called it classical manipulation. As an afterthought Morgan CEO Harrison said, JPM does not have any "real" exposure to gold. "I don't know where that rumor keeps coming from." We do, from our spies inside Morgan. Now they are having the junkyard dogs at the SEC come after us for uncovering the truth. We can promise you one thing: Neither we, nor GATA will shut up. Morgan, the SEC and the whole cabal are terrified that the public will find out that the U.S. Treasury is covering up their losses and guaranteeing their exposure. Don't forget Barrick is part of this also. If we can drag all these criminals into the legal sunlight, not only will the gold producer go under but also their management since 1987 will lose everything they have in court. The criminality is overwhelming. The professionals on Wall Street are not inept when it comes to gold. They are terrorized into silence. Remember, markets climb a wall of worry and that is exactly what is happening to gold. The cartel tried everything to knock the price down \$5 to \$6 but had to settle for minus \$1.70 while silver rose a penny. We surely have them on the run.

Money market mutual fund assets fell \$35.45 billion to \$2.297 trillion last week. The seven-day compounded yield was 0.88% versus 0.89% and the 30-day was 0.90% down from 0.92%.

Federal agents failed to detect an illegal alien who used a false identity and fraudulent documents and was employed for at least two years as a supervisor of tent installation for White House social events. He was apprehended by law enforcement at the Mexican border. It shows what a farce U.S. security really is.

The telecom and DotCom industries haven't bottomed out yet, but much of the suffering is over. Our attention turns now to a more serious problem and that is the vehicle industry. As an example, GM and Ford must refinance billions of dollars of debt as they face potential credit problems. Both GM and Ford are one false move away from the edge of investment grade. They and the sector have the potential to destabilize the bond markets in 2003. Ford is rated at BBB by S&P, and both S&P and Moody's have Ford with a negative outlook. The fear is they both could become fallen angels and become junk. Ford and GM and Daimler/Chrysler have some \$128 billion in debt; the biggest being Ford, which has \$61 billion and saw sales fall 10% last year.

The whole credit structure is deteriorating and that is something most professionals don't see and when they do discover the problem they want to look the other way. Of course, the investing public doesn't have a clue. Utilities are another dangerous area with \$90 billion in refinancing over the next four years in the U.S. and about \$30 billion in Europe. Unfortunately, we see no economic recovery in 2003. Industry problems include changing accounting standards and the possibility of war. In all, late in the year interest rates will climb higher, even as we enter depression and credit ratings will fall. That will push stock markets lower as well as bonds. Credit and interest rate problems will be even worse in 2004 and 2005.

Many pension funds are in trouble. IBM has transferred \$3.95 billion in cash and stock to its pension plan, expanding investor stock dilution. That was \$2.09 billion in cash and 24.03 million shares worth \$1.86 billion. IBM trading at \$82.00 is headed back to \$54.00 and then to \$38.00 a share. The final leg of the bear market will take it into the teens. If we are correct, IBM will have to come up with a lot more cash and stock, as will many other "blue chip" companies. The U.S. government tells us U.S. pension fund plans are under funded by over \$300 billion.

The U.S. media wants to hide the news that IUE-CWA, the International Union of Electrical-Communications Workers of America, will soon go on strike against GE over an increase of \$200 yearly in health care costs. The strike threat, the first in 30 years, would idle 17,500 workers or 6% of GE's workforce. A strike that shut or impaired GE's U.S. industrial operations would mean their shares would fall in value. We recommend a short on GE at \$55. It is now \$24.00 and headed much lower.

Barron's profiled 22 Wall Street experts and their choices for 2001 and 2002 regarding where the Dow and NASDAQ would end up at the end of each year. The results were overwhelmingly dreadful. They were off 15 to 30% in each year. It's not that they are stupid or incompetent, but they are forced by peer influence, their brokerage firms and government to make predictions they don't believe in. The problem is that they have been responsible for billions of dollars being lost in the stock market. They, of course, got behind the recent ISM report, an explosion of new orders of 22%, which is ridiculous when it's impossible to square with almost every other piece of available data, whether from corporations, industry, government statistics or even readings of regional manufacturing activity. Again, they promote the big lie.

Here is another peek behind the Wall Street veil. Schuyler Winter, a former institutional equities salesman at Prudential Securities contends he lost his \$1 million-a-year job with Prudential Securities in July 2000, after 16 years with the firm, because he warned a money manager client away from a secondary offering in stock in Purchase Pro, that Prudential was scheduled to co-manage. Winter is seeking over \$32 million in commissions and punitive and wrongful-termination damages. We saw this and worse go on for 28 years. It's about time someone takes these crooks on.

The INS has proposed that Americans traveling abroad submit to the government their name, birth date, sex, passport numbers, home country and address of every passenger and crewmember. This would include citizens and non-citizens. What the government is trying to do besides spy on you is to set up a national database. The police state goosesteps onward.

The NASD has advised Henry Blodget, the former Internet Analyst at Merrill Lynch, that he will probably be sued for fraud. Ho Hum, another fine and no jail time.

We find it of significant interest that the Florida State Attorney General's office has very quietly dropped its racketeering investigation of Alliance Capital Management, which caused \$300 million in state pension fund losses in Enron stock. It is no secret that the Alliance people and Ken Lay were personal friends of Governor Jeb Bush.

Florida is in the throes of a debt crisis, largely because they have been financing with debt what they could have paid for with received revenue. Now the state is nearing its statutory limit. With bills of \$19 billion, they now pay \$1.4 billion a year in interest. Part of the problem is \$6 billion in tax cuts by the governor and the legislature. Thus there'll be more debt, more accounting gimmicks, more tax shell games, such as raiding the teachers' retirement fund. Florida's finances are like a huge pyramid scheme—just more greed, politics and incompetence.

It is so dangerous at Lafayette High School in Brooklyn, NY that children refuse to go to school. This has brought NYPD swat teams to the school to protect the innocent. Now the school has become a prison for the attendees.

For the last several years a counterfeit \$100.00 U.S. bill, emanating from the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon, has begun to undermine international confidence in the dollar. The number of such counterfeits increases daily and it's estimated about \$4 billion has already been printed. That is that new note Robert Rubin was so proud of. The Secret Service has been unable to stop the flow. Of course, this is truly an act of terrorism but you won't read about it in your media. It's another deep, dark secret of our government that you do not have a need to know. You can't be told the truth because 76% of world central bank reserves are in U.S. dollars. That is 70% of U.S. GDP. As an aside, foreign ownership of the U.S. Treasury market is over 30%. They also own 23% of the corporate bond market and 13% of the equity market. **This is why investors buy gold. Gold is not dependent upon someone else's promise to pay.**

A sign of the times, Phoenix officials are slashing municipal golf course fees to fill in their tee times. Of course there is no deflation.

The dollar has reached 102.00. Once 100 is broken the next step is 90, then perhaps 80 and 70. We may see 90 by the end of February, which should translate into \$512.00 gold.

A former fellow worker in medicine with Dr. Bill Frist, now Senate Majority Leader, said he was a complete A__H__; a doctor who amassed big bucks as a heart/lung transplant surgeon. He is also an ardent toady of the health care and pharmaceutical cartels. He was and probably still is arrogant and unhelpful.

Those of you who live in Maryland and had considered moving, should now set your moving plans in motion. Maryland became the first state to require that only new handguns with internal trigger locks could be sold in the state. It is estimated handgun sales will drop 85%. You can't fiddle with a lock when confronting an intruder in your bedroom at 3:00 AM. The next step will be enterprising parties buying used guns in other states and selling them in Maryland, bypassing the whole process of clearance and registration. A new underground black market has been born. As they say in NYC, pass a law, make a business.

In three years New Jersey will have a smart gun law, which required a block to the handgun unless it is held by an authorized user. Such a gun does not exist. We'd move out of New Jersey also. The public in Maryland and New Jersey have no rights left.

Thirty percent of 100 senior auto executives said they expected lean times industry-wide until 2005 at the earliest. Forty-eight percent of buyers expect an increase in incentives in the coming years that will be a severe burden on profits. At the Detroit auto show next week, 45 automakers will introduce more than 60 vehicles, a record for the event. They're banking that these new vehicles will capture the eye of the consumer, returning automakers to profitability and making zero-percent financing a thing of the past. We disagree—the market is flooded and the used car market is in chaos. Six years ago, GM, Ford and Chrysler controlled 72% of the market. They now have 60%. In the next five years that is expected to drop to 50%. Consumers are still buried in debt and we see sales falling in 2003 even with incentives.

Despite a fourth-quarter bear market rally, only 3.8% of U.S. stock funds made money in last year's depressed market, the smallest group on a percentage basis since 1974. In November investors actually pulled more money out of stock mutual funds than they put in for the first time since 1988. Stock funds finished the year down an average 22.43% for the third year of progressively growing declines. Gold funds were the top performers, up 63.28%; short funds were up 10.23% and REITS 4.15%. Bond funds again outperformed stocks for the third consecutive year, up 6.01%. Over three years they've returned 6.04% annually, while the average diversified U.S. stock fund has surrendered 11.872% annually.


The top fund in Specialty Diversified Equity Funds was the Prudent Bear Fund, as David Tice completed another magnificent year, up 62.87%. For three years the fund was up 31.64%—for five years 28.7%. It doesn't get any better than this. The combination of gold and silver shares and short positions has well rewarded investors. We continue to recommend the fund. You can purchase the Prudent Bear Fund and the Safe Harbor Fund by contacting Rich Radez at 800-285-1700.

We put a short on Home Depot at \$40.32, covered at \$27.28. We resorted at \$30.30 for a cover at \$22.00. It closed at \$21.38 last Friday, so we are stopped out again. Earnings will be \$1.00 to \$1.25 per share in 2003. Thus we reset the short at \$21.38 looking to cover at \$15.00 a share.

The U.S. accounts for 5% of the world's population and 50% of world debt. Issuance of all types of securitized debt climbed 41% last year. Mortgage-backed debt issuance globally rose 64% in 2002 to \$819 billion, accounting for 21% of global debt volume, compared with 13% in 2001. Global issuance of investment-grade and high-yield debt fell 23% and 20% respectively. "Corporate America basically quit borrowing, while the American consumer never has been able to borrow so freely", says Doug Noland, credit analyst at David Tice and Associates in Dallas, Texas. "The American household has been going nuts." Last year private-sector borrowing accounted for about 60% of all debt raised globally, or \$2.4 trillion. Agency, mortgage-backed and asset-backed debt accounted for 25% of the U.S. private-sector total in 2002 and about 50% of the global total. Asset-backed debt issuance is dominated by three areas: home equity loans, credit card balances and auto loans. Investment-grade-rated unsecured debt accounted for 19% of the U.S. private-sector total, while high-yield debt accounted for 2% of the total. Refinancing of homes has provided 20% of growth in inflation-adjusted GDP since 2000 and injected some \$170 billion into the economy in 2002. Mr. Noland, of David Tice and Associates, says unlike corporate borrowing, which may lead to expansion, consumer borrowing is "non-productive" and its growth may mask deterioration in industry. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have created a housing-finance colossus that is sure to collapse. In 2002 debt proved to be astounding, especially the current account deficit. America is living well beyond its means. As an example, German debt accounted for 11% of global debt issues while the UK and Japan each claimed 3% of the total. Sooner or later these debts have to be paid and once it begins it will be real nasty for the world economy. We say get out of debt and save yourself a lot of pain in the future. Another example of questionable financing is that the proportion of refinanciers who cashed some equity out of their homes grew to 46% in 2001-2002 from 35% in 1998-1999. The average cash-out grew to \$31,000 from \$18,000 and the share spent on consumer purchases and home improvements rose to 60% from 51%. Refinancing gave homeowners \$170 billion, which increased GDP ½ of 1%. This year the financing boom will end.

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Doris' Corner

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By Doris & E.J. Ekker

RE: PUBLIC DOCUMENTATION RE: COSMOS SEAFOOD ENERGY MARKETING LTD. (CSEML), GLOBAL ALLIANCE INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION (GLOBAL OR GAIA). ROT ON INTERNET AND FOR GOODNESS SAKES, CAN WE POSSIBLY MOVE PAST THIS NONSENSE?

DO WE WANT TO STOP THE BASHING ON THE INTERNATIONAL INTERNET BY INSIDER TERMITES AND THE MOTHER OF ALL TERMITES?

NO, KEEP IT ROLLING—PLEASE!

Our only displeasure with these stupid encounters is a feeling of not being able to get on with our work or “our” paper in a format we “would like to become, again, accustomed”.

“Our”, of course is but a claim to being “a part” of presentation as is everyone who subscribes to the *CONTACT*. The parties who object to this paper are interesting in that they neither take the paper, subscribe to the paper or have any, even vague, idea of what is IN THE PAPER.

We could refer to this particular paper as Mark Moore’s paper—or you name it. I suppose we offer enough of V.K.’s journalistic contributions to call it V.K.’s paper of insider diddledy-squat.

CONTACT, however, IS THE AGREED-UPON COMMUNICATIONS PAPER BETWEEN US AND THE “POWERS THAT BE” PER “THEIR” REQUEST. FINE, EXCEPT THAT WE FIND EVEN THE *SPECTRUM* PAPER THIEVES TRYING TO STEAL IT—HOOK, LINE AND SINKER. This is as in take possession unlawfully of the paper, the offices, all subscribers, bank accounts and computer information as in mailing lists—and pretending it was rightfully THEIRS for the claim of it.

Now with that stated AGAIN, may we move on please? The *Spectrum* “cult?” (as they refer to us), also claim to have moved all of our resource speakers and holdings WITH THEM and therefore if we were considered a “cult” (by them and their allies in the form of the Internet miscreants and V.K. Durham), then they, by assumption, are THE “cult”—for we certainly no longer qualify, nor did we ever qualify. Sorry about that for you readers who really want to be a part of what we are doing and would wish to share.

We don’t need “lists” and there are no membership ANYTHING. And believe me, YOU do NOT want to be the brunt of this stupid “cult” name-calling. How totally silly and juvenile can it get?

We have spared readers the posting in the paper of the daily paper flood of V.K. Durham and the games on Internet and perhaps that was/is an error. We need the public statements because “they” very foolishly present absolute fabrication of almost TOTAL coverage. There is not even one sentence presented by V.K. Durham, and hung onto as if she is the

insider brain of all time, that bears so much as “near”-factual information. NOT EVEN ONE!

How do we get around her claim to some “Holding Trust”? Present the information FROM PUBLIC AUTHORIZED RECORDS FILINGS. (Never mind fabricated and fraudulent filings in some hidden or secret “TIAS” conglomeration of nonsense.) Also present the current and historical records of CSEML and put them to print—right to today’s date and let’s see what those infamous RECORDS V.K. claims, actually show.

We have it all directly from the State of Nevada (and it is all posted on the INTERNET). For you Internet users it is easier than most of the other network searching you do daily. So, demand that V.K. give you the resource for checking out HER claims!

When she will, however, offer you HER FILINGS as in Washington County, Illinois (as a for instance), you will pay a lot to get her fabricated documents as she REDID the original documents, which are PART and PARCEL of Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing Ltd. In the natural course of operation, even while working WITH INFAMOUS V.K. DURHAM, we used the CORPORATE documents provided to us, we assume, by the CEO of the corporation, Russell Herman.

Rick Martin held ALL of those documents and did, in fact, find that in filing the papers he had to take them and make a declaration statement about EVERY PAGE FILED. This, even to the Spanish statements as most certainly showed as the language on the copy of the old Gold Certificate.

We had no idea there was a DIFFERENT set of documents filed in Illinois by V.K. Durham when Russell was DYING. V.K. needed to have those papers on record—so she just copied, redid, reconstructed and LEFT OUT the important papers from the CSEML files of the filing itself to coincide with her claim to singular holdings.

“We” did not know there was such a discrepancy until a well-recognized South Korean business group felt it wise to get the backup filings from Illinois (Washington County as demanded by V.K. Durham in any “due diligence” procedure). A Canadian law firm was hired and a legal team was sent to Washington County, Illinois and a full set of the filed records were PAID FOR (DEARLY) and signed out by infamous Thomas Ganz, County Recorder. THE DOCUMENTS WERE/ARE SO BADLY DONE AS TO CAUSE THE LEGAL COUNSEL TO REFUSE TO ALLOW USE OF THEM AND THE KOREANS TURNED IMMEDIATELY TO THE FULL INSPECTION OF THE NEVADA, CLARK COUNTY, RECORDS OF OUR FILINGS.

THESE RECORDS WERE NOT ONLY FOUND TO BE IN ORDER BUT SUFFICIENTLY SUITABLE TO BASE FULL BUSINESS USE IN “ANY” BUSINESS CIRCUMSTANCE.

A CERTIFIED COPY OF THOSE ILLINOIS RECORDS WAS GIVEN TO US FOR REFERENCE AND FOR LEGAL “ACTION” BACKUP. When we found what V.K. had filed

as authentic records we were astounded that ANYONE would be so blatantly dishonest.

There is no reference to any dispute over her lack of “marriage” to anyone with a similar name as Herman. However, there was a FRAUDULENT document “selling” the gold CERTIFICATE into the hands of V.K. Durham and Russell Herman. This was on letterhead of Cosmos S.E. Marketing Ltd. showing an address in California.

Then, in the signature place there are obvious copies of signatures but one is Russell HERRMANN AND AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT AND ERROR RECOGNITION COMES AN ADDED “RUSSELL HERMAN”. Funny thing about that signature, however, is that it is IDENTICAL to the signature on the Assignment of Interests of Russell Herman to Rick Martin on AUG. 5, 1993. V.K. FILED THE PAPERS IN ILLINOIS ON AUGUST 1, 1994. (This is only four days short of a full year interim.)

She then pretended that the “sale” of the “CERTIFICATE” was done in 1989 and added false witnesses while “change of address” notification is typed all over the bottom and in the margins of the so-called legal document representing the largest one asset on the entire globe.

Then she turned about and claimed Doris Ekker and then Rick Martin had forged Russell’s signature a year prior. She has now claimed for lo these years of barrage of garbage that we somehow had Russell’s signature NOTARIZED four years after his death. The records are right there and we have published them SEVERAL TIMES and the full statement of the said notary public is FOR RICK MARTIN’S SIGNATURE and the “reference document”, which is required by LAW, gives a note about what the document is in order to verify connections with the document itself. No big thing.

Moreover, in the loud claims of V.K. to her recognition of owning the entire asset, she uses as proof ON HER RECOPIED RECORDS a notary notation of “SIGNATURE ONLY” as references V.K.’s “signature”. It simply means nothing, readers, except POSSIBLY (and we can’t be sure of that) that V.K. Durham presented and signed said documents.

BIG QUESTION, HOWEVER, SINCE V.K. CLAIMS MARRIAGE TO RUSSELL HERMAN IN 1987 (first time) AND AGAIN ON DECEMBER 2, 1993, WHY DID SHE NOT USE HER LEGAL AND FAR MORE USEFUL NAME OF HERMAN? Obviously, Dr. Watson, SHE NEVER WAS MARRIED TO RUSSELL HERMAN BY ANY SPELLING AND DARED NOT USE HERMAN UNTIL AFTER HE DIED.

At most the only connection of V.K. Durham to Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing Ltd. was as an “officer” (never even a Director that can be established on any PUBLIC RECORD) but after her involvement AT ALL, the CSEML corporation was handled ONLY by V.K. Ah, but then who would have been our contact? Perhaps only the SHADOW knows, BUT, Russell certainly fit all of his credentials with the CSEML corporate filings AND to his passport identification [MM: **CONTACT: 1/30/02, page 6**]—as well as the signature on the “Assignment”. These happen to, as well, be the ONLY PROOF OF SIGNATURES ON ANY DOCUMENTS—PERIOD.

We didn't dig deeply into V.K.'s affairs when we were working with her, for she said all this documentation was fully authenticated and filed in Illinois, clear and clean. We did question the "Will" as presented and did, in fact, RUN THE DOCUMENTS "AS THEY WERE" IN THE PAPER. They are total frauds.

Now, what Ms. Durham doesn't seem to KNOW, among other things, is that you CANNOT have a "Trust" just because you say you do. SHE HAD NO SUCH THING OF ANY KIND AS RECENTLY AS JULY OF 1997. We know that because she wanted to gain one of our incorporated entities to join with her BS "Trust" and demanded \$5,000 "MORE" to do a "phase" of her "Trust". We REFUSED and severed all connections because what that woman had outlined as her "Trust" was mind-stunning in its absurdity of "take the world".

We had incorporated the corporation in point to PROTECT it from just such as her idiotic intentions. She now calls that corporation, erroneously: "Multilateral Inter-American Investment Corporation. She sort of then interchanges it—as is her style—with Inter-American Development Bank. Crazy is as Crazy does.

She, in yesterday's missile fired by Patriotlad to foolish Ru Mill, says that we (that is Ekkers, mind you) had been supporting something called Al Quad (whatever that might be—she claims a 'terrorist' group) SINCE 1989. And wow, readers, we had never heard of anything like that in 1989. That seems to be her big "join the fray" year as to attempting to grab off the Certificate then turned CONTRACT of Bonus 3392-181 of which we had also never heard, nor would we have paid attention at that time.

Now she says we have ripped off the "terrorist groups", of which she misnames many. She claims to have tattled "on us" to everyone in power that she can even conjure, misspelling their names recklessly. And especially she has complained about us to Prince Bandar of Brunei. Of course there is NO Prince Bandar of Brunei so she now latches onto Prince Bandar of Saudi Arabia who is their ambassador to the U.S. (By the way, if V.K. really wanted to, he can be reached today in Aspen, Colorado where he owns about the biggest mansion in the area—possibly the State).

He may know V.K. Durham (we doubt it seriously even though she claims buddyship)—but he most certainly WOULD NOT know any such Doris or E.J. Ekker.

\$15 TRILLION STOLEN FROM ISLAM

Bottom line calculations by V.K. are indecipherable in this last NOTICE to all the power-people on the globe, but she has stated that somehow we have stolen up-front some minimum \$15 Trillion USDAs from these innocent people through our scam schemes—IN GOLD YET. [Anybody care to calculate how many tons that is?] [MM: 1,333 metric tons of gold@\$350/troy ounce]

She has given her calculations credit to Ron Kirzinger who COULD NOT HAVE SAID ANYTHING TO WHICH SHE REFERS UNDER "ANY" CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CAN BE CONJURED IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER.

She also claims we are "Muslim" and Islamic and somehow drags in the *Koran* to hit us deviants. Sorry, no sale. This assumption, we assume, is because of the Islamic-style BANKING discussions we have shared. She says we have been away and doing business in these foreign lands since 1997 at \$5 Trillion average annually and that somehow adds up to some number that is incorrect in its own calculation and arrives at a \$15 Trillion "Islamic" snatch and boy, "are they mad".

She also says that we turned to Islamic states to "get the gold". Sure—we came to the Philippines, which is recognized as a Catholic (ROMAN) nation. We were led to believe that that is considered Christian.

We have also, as accused by V.K., dragged in and ripped-off Papua New Guinea (that poor Islamic nation). No, PNG is NOT Islamic in any way whatsoever. We have not bought, sold, stolen or buried so much as even an ounce of gold and certainly not \$15 Trillion USDA worth ANYWHERE ON EARTH OR IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE OR HELL BELOW. I personally think Hell may well be located in Ida Grove, Iowa these more recent days.

[EJ: To bring a bit of gravity to so much levity, those dear folks who really understand the GAIA program will know and recognize that, should "those Islamic Nations" have done \$25 trillion worth of business with GAIA, they would be \$25 trillion RICHER—in gold, not in paper. V.K. not only lies about Ekkers and GAIA, she can't grasp the fact that GAIA is not the same as she has for many years alleged that 3392 would make her the wealthiest most powerful human on Earth. We should thank her, however, because she forces us to make it so crystal clear as to overcome her lies and accusations.]

I further would think that these blind, deaf and dumb Web-shippers could find out some of these things before looking so stupid to the world at large.

\$17 MILLION

The International Websites blast V.K.'s garbage around the globe and two days ago it was stated that the Ekkers "fled" to the Philippines "WITH \$17 MILLION IN GOLD, GOLD COINS AND CASH". [Don't we wish?]

Ekkers "fled" NOWHERE. Ekkers traveled with four people including a LAWYER of exceptional reputation. Just to play her game and not give serious attention to such garbage: HOW DID EKKERS GET THROUGH CUSTOMS AT LEAST FOUR TIMES WITH \$17 MILLION IN GOLD, GOLD COINS AND/OR CASH? A week ago she had different numbers of "snitch" millions and a statement that we had left several millions in gold at home.

Next question: "Where would V.K., or anyone, get such information?" Talk about inane ramblings of an insane mind. In 1997 we were working to make V.K.'s programs work. We arrived in the Philippines on August 12, 1998 and NOT IN 1997.

WOULDN'T YOU THINK THAT WHEN YOU ARE ACCUSING SOMEONE(S) OF DESTROYING THE WORLD AND ALL IN IT, INCLUDING WITH THE SUPPORT AND SANCTION OF OUR OWN NATION, THE

U.S.A., THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO GET AT LEAST ONE OR TWO DATES AND STATEMENTS CORRECTLY PRESENTED?

MURDER AND MURDER INCORPORATED

V.K. DURHAM HAS STATED THAT WE WERE INVOLVED IN THE MURDER OF RUSSELL HERMAN, HER "HUSBAND". SHE STATED THAT, TO ALL OF THE PUBLICLY-NOTED DEPARTMENTS, GLOBAL LEADERS, BANKERS AND HEADS OF STATE. SHE ALSO STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT WE ARE "MURDER INCORPORATED" AND SOMEHOW CONTROL THE BILLIONAIRE BOY'S CLUB OR SOMETHING AS ABSURD, DOING THE TEXAS TWO-STEP ALL OVER GOD'S HEAVEN AND ELSEWHERE. Phooey and Bat G.

Do you really think those so self-important would even give us the time of day? George Bush Sr., it was said by Col. Al Martin, considers us only "an annoyance and not a big one at that". He felt "Ekkers must be, in fact, ready to retire on a nice island somewhere with a little fishing boat." It is also "said" that, directly from him, we could be paid off \$5 million (to be split with Rick and Charles, of course) and "GO AWAY". True? False? Who knows, for we never saw the offer.

In 1996 we were offered \$250 MILLION by the U.S. Treasury, believably, to make the "thing" go away and then we were threatened that if we didn't take it, INTERPOL would "blacklist" us and "it". I suppose we should have demanded V.K. take that offer—EXCEPT THAT LATER Col. Martin told us it was actually a "sting", anyway.

Well, we do not like "stings" and fraud and therefore we have done EVERYTHING totally and completely by and through the laws, books, and records and with absolute recognition and full backup. We may not have gotten anything accomplished yet—but it is not be because we fudged anything or failed to account accurately.

If we had been willing to compromise and take the dark-road, we probably could have made a lot of tracks. We do not play in the shady games. We found out the very hard way that even a V.K. Durham can turn into a fraud.

COLOR ON THE FLOOR AND IN THE SEALS

The only "color" she can put on "Bank floor", which she continues to claim, is possibly blood or bird poop. WHAT COLOR OF WHAT DOCUMENTS? She tried to push off onto Boatman's Bank with her "color" showing the CERTIFICATE, which any way you study it was CRIMINAL IN INTENT and the documents are, again, so badly done as to be embarrassing. It didn't work, by the way.

The other COLOR she claims is that which is in the SEAL of the Peruvian documents as converting the whole holding over to contract in CSEML.

Those original documents, along with all CERTIFIED PHOTOS OF THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE, ARE THE PROPERTY OF COSMOS SEAFOOD ENERGY MARKETING LTD. ALL OF THEM!

All corporate records from 1985 on must be turned over to the corporation officers and corporation itself but V.K. Durham simply continues to publicly claim “HOLDING” and refuses to even produce copies for viewing. Well, we have copies for viewing and WITNESSES who have SEEN THE PICTURES AND THE NEGATIVES.

If she has done anything at all with those documents, especially destroy them, she has committed a FELONY CRIME.

ANY RESOLUTION OF ANY CORPORATION AS V.K. CLAIMS, OR ANY “RETIREMENT” OR RECORDINGS OF ANY CORPORATION IN NEVADA WOULD BY LAW HAVE RECORDS “IN NEVADA”. THERE ARE NONE!

The law in all states would require that corporate records MUST BE TURNED OVER TO OFFICERS AS THEY CHANGE. V.K. IS IN FULL VIOLATION OF THE LAW and with all of those USDAs at stake, a rather large crime.

CAN'T STUFF “KNOWING”
BACK INTO “UNKNOWING”

WE, EKKERS, GAIA, CSEML, NOR V.K. can stuff the proven records back into the deep-secret files, readers. IT IS ALL PUBLIC RECORD, PUBLISHED AND SCATTERED TO THE FOUR WINDS (PUN INCLUDED AND INTENDED). We are “stuck” if you will, with our presentations and holdings as in fiduciary responsibility (not ownership). SO TOO, HOWEVER, IS V.K. DURHAM AND HER OWN INTERNET “ETALLIIS”.

These things are now of GLOBAL documentation and CANNOT be removed. I suppose V.K. could try a “retraction” but I don't believe even that can hold water. The Internet dupes might get by with such disclaimers and retractions—but some of them have inputted their PERSONAL ACCUSATIONS. THOSE CANNOT BE RETRACTED EVEN UNDER PUBLIC NOTICE. Moreover, those attempts at retraction and/or disclaimers would have to be directed to the damaged parties—ALL OF THEM—and not some simple Internet comment from a “reading forum room”.

THESE ACCUSATIONS AND POSTINGS, NOW WITH BACKUP REPETITION AS IN “INTENTIONAL” POSTING, ARE REPEATED MANY TIMES WITH NAMES AND DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS GLOBAL RECEIVERS OF THE MATERIAL ESTABLISHED. The yogurt tub has gotten very deep indeed. The disinformation only gets larger and more damaging and absurd—at least \$15 Trillion in damages alone. And add to that a new and established accusation of \$17 million in “gold, gold coins and cash” snatched and supposedly BROUGHT to the Philippines by the Ekkers.

I would suggest that even on the face of it WE have a pretty darn good case going for damages and business intent to damage if NOTHING ELSE!

WORRIED ABOUT “AL QAEDA” “ETALLIIS”?

V.K. states that we are “worried”? Especially Doris should be worried. Why would Doris be

concerned at all? The whole tale of V.K. is nothing other than BS and NONE of the misspelled groups have ever, in all likelihood, even remotely heard of us. V.K.'s accusations, however, might just get her into the hotseat if there were actually any misadventures on the part of any connections to such groups. If she has coincidentally uncovered anything or anyone, it is NOT DORIS EKKER, superperson.

As to the possible murder motive for one, Russell Herman, claimed by V.K. DURHAM to be her husband, and probable involvement as to motive of/by/ for “Durham”, it seems clear enough to us and other intelligent observers. The money motive was at minimum OVER 200 QUINTILLION “USDA”. This is IF SHE COULD PROVE HER CLAIMS. She would stand for HALF of that if she could just PROVE “marriage”.

That didn't fly and if Russell was allowed to LIVE, he would have not only blown V.K.'s claims but destroyed her documents, which she had already FILED (recorded). Oh, he HAD TO GO, one way or another, readers. When she blames us, which is such a far-out reach with which to start—she has to realize that being alive he PROVED our holdings—because they were HIS. THERE IS NO REASON WE WOULD WANT RUSSELL HERMAN DEAD. NONE!

PRODUCE DOCUMENTS IN FULL,
COLOR AND ALL

I ask that ALL/EACH of you DEMAND to see (simply publish on the Internet) THE DOCUMENTS.

We have published ALL of ours.

If V.K. comes up with “color” documents, then she is criminally liable for not turning over corporate records to legitimate corporation officers.

We are not going to quibble over foolish “TIAS” nonsense of old treaties but we certainly do plan to take that Holding Trust apart and eventually share with you the plans she had for that monstrosity which did, in fact, sever all connections WITH US.

In looking over these accusations and claims by V.K. Durham, the legal observation: “She had better be able to prove insanity because otherwise this person is in SERIOUS trouble as are all of the ones aiding and abetting her cause and claims.”

NEVER-ENDING ANNOYANCE?

No, it is not anything other than an annoyance and distracter in our lives. We don't need the distractions and certainly we are weary of the ongoing total BS—BUT, IT CAUSES US TO AGAIN REPEAT AND SHOW CREDENTIALS AS TO WHAT WE ARE AND WHAT WE HAVE AND “WHO” WE SERVE and “He” doesn't have dark circles on his head or silly star-struck goggle-eyes.

In OUR world there IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT—and this is why we have use of CONTACT newspaper.

We have to also realize that it was an “accidental coincidence” that CONTACT was established as the communications/agreement bearer NOR IS IT NOW SURPRISING WHY ONLY CONTACT WAS OFFERED \$40 MILLION IN GIFTS (BEQUEATH) BY ONE IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS RUSSELL HERMAN.

WE MUST NOW ACCEPT THE FACT THAT IT WAS WELL WORKED OUT BY AND THROUGH RUSSELL HERMAN AND HIS CONNECTIONS PRIOR TO THE 1993 EXCHANGE AND ASSIGNMENT.

Moreover, V.K. could have been a full PART of this but SHE CHOSE TO TRY FOR 100% FOR HERSELF. GREED RARELY ULTIMATELY PAYS OFF WELL. IT IS TEMPORARY AT BEST.

Therefore, please, readers, understand why we MUST take the time and space in THIS FORUM to present these public writings and facts.

It will also be the paper that will share activities if and when we ever get under way.

We already have one of the most wondrous plans coming up out of MEXICO for humanity that we have yet seen. This can be incorporated with the old Rife technology (this for Lester K. of New Zealand) and all the NEW “scalar” technology along with health, crops, industry and humanitarian projects. And no, Lester, you DO NOT have to be a rocket scientist to participate—JUST BE THERE and you will be included. Of course, this means in New Zealand, for you aren't going to have to GO anywhere unless you simply WANT TO DO SO.

How soon?

Well, obviously until we can get clear of this debris dumping on us we can't do ANYTHING to build the financial foundation—but afterwards, the sky is the only limiting factor because the projects will ultimately abundantly pay for themselves. This shouldn't even hurt the feelings of the Elite bandits and manipulators. It is simply too bad that V.K. didn't bother to get facts and recognize when she had a good thing going—with us ignorant and her secrets buried. “Oh for lack of a nail the whole horse was lost!” Or, something like that. Well, we have a full box of nails of all sizes and coffin-size may well be included.

Litigation? Well, it is doubtful that this longer qualifies as a simple “civil” case—for far too much criminal activity is now proven to be involved. But THAT is not for my fragile mind to handle this morning.

Wouldn't the Feds want to shut her up? I don't know; possibly. Facts are they probably would like a “quiet” transition and not global unraveling of their own clandestine activities. WE MOST CERTAINLY DO NOT WANT TO, IN ANY WAY, NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE STABILITY OF THE U.S. OR THE DOLLAR. IT IS ALREADY BAD ENOUGH IN EVERY WAY AROUND THE GLOBE.

OUR PROGRAM IN NO WAY DOES OTHER THAN ENHANCE STABILITY AND RESERVES AND GIVES A WAY TO RECOVER THE LOST ASSETS, AS IN GOLD RESERVES THEMSELVES.

Bad kids? No, confound it, we are pretty good kids doing an impossible job for which we TAKE NO CREDIT WHATSOEVER. It is that “higher authority” we claim to work for, according to V.K. Durham, and she “wouldn't lie to you and everyone knows it”—according to her own trumpet noise.

We are happy to sign this under penalty of perjury in Makati City, Philippines on this the ninth day of January 2003. We shall affix signatures along with fingerprints for the corporate files.

We will enter this into all corporate records and files but will not request that Mark be placed into the position of having to reset paper layout to accommodate legal requirements. We will, however, attend the records appropriately.

Thank you for further patience in this ongoing and seemingly never-ending “drama” of “B-movie” content and plot.—**Doris J. and E.J. Ekker** (no “etalliises”)

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[MM: The following above-referenced material has been formatted only—attempting to permit the reader to ascertain the sanity (or lack thereof) of one, V.K. Durham.]

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RMNEWS_DAILY_EMAILS/message/32671

From: “Rayelan” <rayelan@m...>

Date: Sun Dec 29, 2002 4:07 am

Subject: NEW RMN YAHOO GROUP TO REPLACE THIS ONE!!

From Rayelan:

RMNews Updates has been so successful in keeping people up to date on breaking news, that we have used up our limit of space on Yahoo. I had a choice of deleting excellent information, or starting a new group and keeping this on in reserve for archival work. **[MM: That’s a logical solution to a simple, common problem.]**

The new group’s name is RMNews Breaking News

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[MM: Now, please enjoy V.K.’s explanation of RMNews “going DOWN”!]

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RUMORMILLNEWS/message/218>

From: “vktdt” <vktdt@p...>

Date: Sat Jan 4, 2003 6:04 pm

Subject: RMNews “PROBLEMS”

THE EKKER-GAIA “MUSLIM” AL QUAD aka AL QAEDA UNDERWRITERS, UNDERWRITING THE “ASEAWN” as Mrs. Ekker calls it, which is THE ASIAN MONETARY BANK trying to BANKRUPT THE “UNITED STATES OF ISRAEL” as Mrs. Ekker aka HATONN refers to the United States of America; WHEREAS; The JANUARY 1, 2003 issue of CONTACT: THE PHOENIX PROJECT JOURNAL lists, names and identifies, the person who has been supplying the information posted on Rumor Mill News commencing shortly prior to Thanksgiving.

The sequence of events pretty well tie into WHO, WHERE & WHY Rumor Mill News was “DOWN.”

As Patriotlads “tracking” of the virus’s attempting to attack his own PC, and those attacking my PC’S.. INDICATING THE SOURCE AS “HONG KONG and various HOPS from Uruguay, Germany and the U.S. right into that CERTAIN BANKING “CARTEL GROUP’S CENTER OF OPERATIONS.”

This HONG KONG “Hopping” ties also in with the Gentleman who called THE TRUST in a Desperate Tizzy, regarding ARTICLES PUT UP ON RUMOR MILL NEWS which were “Interfering with his BANKING BUSINESS IN CHINA” which ties in with the same dates as RUMOR MILL NEWS going DOWN.

At some time, the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT is going to realize FEDERAL LAWS are being broken regarding THE EKKER-GAIA “MUSLIM” AL QUAD aka AL QAEDA OPERATIONS out of MAKITA CITY PHILIPPINES via “International transmission of Articles for Publication of SLANDEROUS MATERIALS, SEDITIOUS MATERIALS, HATE MATERIALS which are transmitted to the United States for PUBLICATION, then sent VIA U.S. MAILS to various “CULT SUBSCRIBERS.”

Happy New Year, Brian.

V.K. DURHAM

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From: “vktdt” <vktdt@p...>

To: “brian fischer” <brianfischer88@h...>

CC: <rayelan@m..., <Patriotlad@a..., “Barbara Hartwell” <babs7@u..., “V.K. DURHAM” <vktdt@p...>

Subject: Fw: THE UNITED STATES “RESTRUCTURING OF DEBT”

Date: Sat, 4 Jan 2003 13:55:39 -0600

Brian. It was your name that was published as the “informer” to the EKKERS, published in the January 1, 2003 issue of the CONTACT.

You, and the Ekkers may have caused us a “few” moments of “unavailability” of proper informing the Public at Large in regards to the GAIA-EKKER CULT ACTIVITY and “Underwriting of the Al Qaeda.” However, fortunately; IT WAS NOT PERMANENT! We, also have our Email “trees.” The few days of RUMOR MILL NEWS BEING DOWN created only a “ripple” on this BIG POND of MAD AS HELL PEOPLE regarding these Activities of the Ekkers.

Even with the “RUMOR MILL NEWS being “DOWNED” by this group; You passing on messages to the Ekkers did serve it’s purpose well. THE BI-POLAR DYSFUNCTIONAL portion of this “delusional individual” brought out the NEED to “PROVE TO THE PUBLIC, SHE WAS SMARTER, MORE INTELLIGENT, BIGGER AND BETTER THAN “GOD”, AND COULD SOMEHOW “PERSUADE” HER READING AUDIENCE THROUGH HER “VOLUMINOUS” RANTINGS AND RAVINGS attempting to discredit THE REAL OWNER and the WIDOW OF THE MAN WHO WAS “MURDERED” who was the CEO of the Corporation now used by this EKKER CULT to Underwrite the Al Qaeda etc..

Rayelan, Patriotlad, and Barbara may not THANK YOU, but “I” DO! Your getting the information to the GAIA-EKKER CULT allowed my “truth” to BAIT Mrs. Ekker aka HATONN into SPILLING THE “BEANS” ON THE ENTIRE OPERATION. She just had to PROVE her ACTS were “legitimate” by “PROTESTING TOO MUCH” in that CULT PAPER used to PASS ENCRYPTED MESSAGES.

I will restate; THANK YOU, BRIAN FISCHER; For the assistance you unknowingly gave me; In BAITING this EGO RIDDEN, CULT PRIESTESS, DORIS J. EKKER of the 21 ALIASES FAME, to SPILL THE WHOLE OPERATION OUT IN PUBLIC PRINT.

THANK YOU.

V.K. DURHAM, CEO

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RUMORMILLNEWS/message/252>

From: “vktdt” <vktdt@p...>

Date: Sun Jan 5, 2003 12:53 pm

Subject: Fw: Spilling The Beans

— Original Message —

From: “brian fischer” <brianfischer88@h...>

To: <vktdt@p...>

Sent: Sunday, January 05, 2003 3:02 AM

Subject: Spilling The Beans

Hello,

You may have to consider me perpetually unknowing. I don’t mind a sarcastic “thank you”, but your process of offering opaque information belittles truth. I stated at RMN that I didn’t understand the nature of your trust. I put 10 questions to Patriotlad in response to an email from him, which I asked to be passed on to you. I’ll ask them directly this, should you wish to answer.

1. What was the original purpose/intent for creating the Durham Trust?
2. When did the Trust come into creation?
3. Who created the Trust?
4. What resources and/or capital was used in creating the Trust?
5. Where were those resources/capital derived?
6. What are the resources/holdings of the Trust today?
7. Who is indebted to the Trust today, and how much are they indebted?
8. What is the purpose/intent for the Trust today? Is it different from the time of its creation?
9. Which organizations are currently in conflict with the Durham Trust?
10. Why are these organizations in conflict with the Durham Trust?

Ron Kirzinger of GAIA contacted me via email shortly after your first letter on Dec. 17/02, giving me his side of your disagreement. He stated his position with as little clarity as you have. I DON’T UNDERSTAND EITHER OF YOU. It’s interesting that you should consider me an “informer” for the Ekkers. I always had the impression that an informer needed information to inform with. Regardless, what I find more remarkable is that two parties arguing over supposed trillions of dollars would spend a moment’s worth of energy trying to convince someone like me of their position. Surely you don’t care whether you prove anything to me. I’m sure that Ron Kirzinger doesn’t care what my opinion is either. So while I continue to receive non-specifics from anyone, I get to ask myself why I’m bestowed the honour of continued letters from anybody. If you don’t wish to answer the previous 10 questions, perhaps you could indulge me an answer to that one.—Brian

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[MM: This next V.K. response to “Brian’s 10 questions” is truly an entertainment gem that conclusively proves that the flatulent spillover from her “Spilling The Beans” has permeated the cranial cavity and done irreparable damage!]

— Original Message —

From: "vkdttdht" <vkdttdht@p...

To: "brian fischer" <brianfischer88@h...

Cc: <rayelan@m...; <Patriotlad@a...; "Barbara Hartwell" <babs7@u...; "V.K. DURHAM" <vkdttdht@p...

Sent: Sunday, January 05, 2003 6:46 AM

Subject: Re: Spilling The Beans

V.K. DURHAM, CEO-SIGNATORY

The Durham (Intl. Ltd;) Holding Trust (TIAS 12087)

Authorized by:

Public Law 89-497. 80 Stat. 271. 1 U.S.C. Sec.

113 (1966) Treaties international Agreements other than treaties sections; 1 U.S.C. Sec. 111. Rights Retained Under Repealed Statutes; 1 U.S.C. Sec. 112. Congress and President Noticed of Debt; 1 U.S.C. Sec. 114. Seals of Originating Nation; 28 U.S.C. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Sections 1740 and 1741.

Brian. These questions were asked of the Ekkers years ago, also. They were also answered, to wit:

Answ. Q. 1.

a. The Original Purpose and Intent of the Trust; Restore that which was stolen from the People by the deliberate bankruptcy (ref: Ben Bernankes toasting Milton Friedman's 90th birthday) 1913-1916-1933 Federal Reserve; Breton Woods, IMF, GATT of 1947, and i. Return this nation back to a Constitutional Government of the People by Congress REPEALING (as England found it necessary to repeal 60 years of bad "corporations" laws) Repugnant, Unconstitutional Laws back to 1913.

b. Back the Constitutionally Lawful U.S. Dept. of the Treasury as intended by Constitution, and

c. Restore the Manufacturing, Industry, Production base, Jobs, Health Care, Educational Systems, Research & Development, and Infra-structures, and

d. Restoration of the before mentioned, Restores the General Welfare Clause of the Constitutional Purpose and Intent of "Public Welfare and General Health" of the American People.

Answ. Q. 2.

a. The Original Durham International Ltd; Trust came into creation 1982, and

b. The Original Durham International Ltd; Trust paid THE NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, CORPORATIONS REGISTRATION OFFICES, from WELLS FARGO BANK ACCOUNT, HEMET, CALIFORNIA; for COSMOS SEAFOOD ENERGY MARKETING, LTD; Nevada Id # 1707-85, FROM 1985 through 1989,

c. The Nevada Resident Corporations Agent was "Shelly Brazier" at Pacific Stock Transfer. I flew over, met with Shelly and PAID THE TAB, not Russell Herman, or Cecelia Xzalis.

Answ. Q. 3. The Trust (originally) was created by the former Durham International Ltd; Trust Attorney, in Louisville, KY.

Answ. Q. 4. Resources and/or Capital; DEBT OF THE UNITED STATES. This Debt was assumed first go round by the U.S. Department of State under Agricultural and Commercial Trades pursuant to the Guano Act of 1857. Later assumed by the U.S. Federal Reserve as ASSUMPTION of, and GUARANTOR OF "U.S. PUBLIC DEBTS."

Answ. Q. 5. The resources/capital is; EQUITY. COLLATERALIZATION OF DEBT INTEREST

DUE AND PAYABLE IN GOLD BY "LEGISLATIVE ACTS/ANNEX APRIL 14-27, 1875, BY "ONE TIME ONLY BONUS 3392-181 COMMODITY CONTRACT; CONTRACTED TO THE "HOLDER-OWNER" "UNTIL PAID." THE "DEBT HAS NOT BEEN PAID."

Answ. Q. 6.

A. WARRANTY DEED, Compared and Indexed, August 1, 1994 complete with

CHAIN OF TITLE, County of Washington, State of Illinois, filed 1:50 PM, Book 433/pg.8 DEEDS, Thomas Ganz, Recorder, further recording; i. COMMODITY GOLD is PROPERTY.

a. CHAIN OF TITLE; INCLUDED; CONTRACTED "DEBT" held by JURAT, COMMODITY CONTRACT, BONUS 3392-181 "SEALED INSTRUMENTS, BEARING THE COLOR SEALS OF THE NATION OF PERU, which CERTIFIED LAWFUL OWNERSHIP of BONUS 3392-181 to DONA VINA DURHAM, identifying Passport, and other Identification; CERTIFYING "ALL ENCUMBRANCES HELD BY BONUS 3392-181, MAY, 1, 1875, August 21, 1989, Signed and Sealed by the Nation of Peru by CERTIFICATION pursuant to the GENEVA ACCORD OF 1962; further Signed: V.K. DURHAM, Owner/ Signatory No. 1, Notarized by OFFICIAL SEAL, Sue A. Schwankhaus, 7/6/1994, recorded of Record.

b. DECLARATION of LIEN, Compared and Indexed, State of Illinois, County of Washington, filed 2, August, 1994 at 2:20 PM Recorded Book 421, Instrument No. 159951, V.K. Durham, Signatory/ Owner, Notarized by Jacquelyn B. Schwankhaus, further Notarizing POWER OF ATTORNEY 188785 (Russell Herman, also filed of Record, Washington County Court House, Nashville, Illinois.

c. DECLARATION of LIEN, Compared and Indexed, State of Illinois, County of Washington, filed 1, August 1994, 1:55 PM, Instrument No. 189935, V.K. Durham, Signatory/Owner (Originally signed March 28, 1994) Filed of Record, August 1, 1994.

ANSW. Q. 7. DEBT OWED by the ASSUMPTOR-GUARANTOR of the U.S. Debt, and DEBTOR NATIONS of the United States who have borrowed, traded, swapped, bartered and otherwise conveyed without authorization and/or knowledge of "GOLD" and other properties of the Citizens of the American Continent, and of the United States i.e THE U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE BANKING SYSTEM, AS "MANAGERS & GUARANTORS; OF PAYMENT OF U.S. DEBTS incurred by FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE UNITED STATES."

ANSW. Q. 8. MODERATE CHANGES; TWO ADDITIONAL TRUSTS SET UP; ONE FOR LATIN AMERICA HOLDING OF RECORD; THE 48%. THE OTHER FOR THE UNITED STATES; THE PARENT "52%" IS HELD IN "TRUST." Essentially; NO CHANGE.

ANSW. Q. 9. THE GAIA-EKKERS funding the AL QAEDA, and BANKING CARTELS associated with the EKKERS facilitating the UNDERWRITING of the AL QUAD originating in IRAN.

ANSW. Q. 10. THE CONFLICT ORIGINATES WITH THE "EKKERS" who are in a conspiracy PUBLIC NOTICE(S) with U.S. Federal Government Officials; TO SPLIT 50-50 THE MONIES TAKEN DOWN ON BONUS 3392-181; DESIGNED TO

TAKE DOWN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY & U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE, THEREBY: CREATING A "FORECLOSURE" UPON THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES i.e., THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES by Unlawful, Unconstitutional Activity of those in Conspiracy TO OVERTHROW the Constitutional Governments of the United States of the Citizens of the United States, bringing same under FOREIGN, MUSLIM-ISLAMIC "GLOBAL ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL HOSTAGE SITUATION(Per Doris J. Ekker aka HATONN on Tape Recorded meeting), under a TOTALLY FABRICATED program, and Only V.K. DURHAM, WOULD KNOW THE TRUTH."

Regarding Mr. Ron Krizinger of GAIA. It would be imagined he would be "nervous" as equally as Mrs. Ekker. ONCE this is investigated for what it truly is; MURDER FOR PROFIT (RICO); The ORIGINAL COLOR SEALED TITLE INSTRUMENTS acknowledging DONA VINA DURHAM as the OWNER (not Russell Herman), will prevail over those BLACK & WHITE COPIES of GAIA (Patriotlad has a copy of the SEALED PAGES).

In all fairness; I find it most astounding ALL OF YOU challenge me, THE OWNER/Signatory who is attempting to KEEP THIS NATION OUT OF BANKRUPTCY and being OVER-THROWN BY A NEW GROUP OF FOREIGN BANKERS by these MUSLIM "AL QUAD" GAIA-EKKERS? WHILE "NO ONE" IS CHALLENGING THE EKKERS?


This "SUPPORT OF THE GAIA EKKERS" who have literally stolen that which was intended FOR THE PEOPLE IN THESE STATES OF THIS UNION OF REPUBLICS; IS TOTALLY BEYOND ME!?

Do all of you realize; I COULD WRITE "LAWFUL GOLD COLLATERAL" EQUITY" INSTRUMENTS" ALL DAY LONG, FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE; NEVER "TOUCH" THE "PORTIONS HELD IN THE TWO TRUSTS SET UP FOR THE UNITED STATES & LATIN AMERICA".. I could live my life without all this hassle. HOWEVER; THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF THIS AMERICAN CONTINENT "COME FIRST IN LINE IN PRIORITIES."

But, I will be the first to admit; I AM GETTING OVERLY TIRED OF THOSE OF YOU WHO "SUPPORT THIS AL QAEDA, AL QUAD ORGANIZATION OF THIS RELIGIOUS CULT LEADER "HATONN" aka Doris J. Eloise aka Doris J. Ekker or whatever, which ever of those 21 REGISTERED ALIASES she chooses to use to DEBUNK & DEFRAUD additional victims out of 50 PERCENT GOLD UP FRONT; FOR THOSE DEEDS OF ASSIGNMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION, JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENTS, GOLD DERIVATIVES, GOLD DEBENTURES which are LODGED & WAREHOUSED IN THE ISLAMIC BANKS, LEVERAGED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES DOLLAR, TO TAKE THIS NATION DOWN THROUGH "BANKING WARS & FINANCIAL AGGRESSION."

You may not, equally as Mrs. Ekker; LIKE THESE ANSWERS. That is not; MY PROBLEM.

V.K. Durham, CEO-SIGNATORY

[MM: So, Big Red Snooky chugs on— swig, after swig, after swig!] 

The News Desk

By John & Jean Ray

NIXON ORDERED SECRET GLOBAL NUCLEAR ALERT PLOY SOUGHT SOVIET PRESSURE ON HANOI

By Ron Kampeas, *Daily News*, 12/26/02

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Richard Nixon ordered a worldwide secret nuclear alert in October 1969, calling his wartime tactic a “madman strategy” aimed at scaring the Soviets into forcing concessions from North Vietnam, declassified documents show.

It did not work, as Moscow displayed no concern. The reason is unclear. The Soviets may not have cared, may not have been as influential as Nixon believed or, like the rest of the world, might not have noticed the alert.

The aim of the alert was kept secret from even the generals who put it into place.

The bluff was part of what Nixon described as a “madman” strategy by his new administration at the outset of 1969: ratcheting up military pressure on the North Vietnamese at unpredictable intervals to pressure them into concessions at peace talks in Paris.

Nixon believed that would accelerate accommodation by the North Vietnamese, forcing them into an agreement that would leave U.S. ally South Vietnam in place.

Among declassified documents published this week by the independent National Security Archive is a memo to National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger from his assistant, Army Gen. Alexander Haig. It described plans to signal “U.S. intent to escalate military operations in Vietnam in the face of continued enemy intransigence in Paris.”

Among the “signals” in Haig’s March 2 outline: bombing enemy positions in Cambodia. On March 17, Nixon launched an extensive secret bombing campaign against communist bases in that country.

Despite such pressures, the Paris talks remained deadlocked, and Nixon began to contemplate the nuclear alert in the summer of 1969.

A memo telegraphed Oct. 19 from Gen. Earle Wheeler, the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, to all his commanders in chief ordered a “series of actions during the period 13 October-25 October to test our military readiness in selected areas worldwide to respond to possible confrontation by the Soviet Union. These actions should be discernible to the Soviets, but not threatening in themselves.”

He recommended grounding combat aircraft in selected areas for readiness checks, periods of radio silence and increased surveillance of Soviet ships—all actions that suggested posturing for a nuclear conflict, and that the Americans believed the Soviets were sure to notice. A later “talking points” document showed that Wheeler also ordered heightened combat readiness for ground troops.

The alert spread far beyond the Southeast Asian theater, and included U.S. forces in the Mideast and Europe.

The commanders carrying out the orders did not know the purpose of the exercise. Wheeler told them only that “we have been directed by a higher authority,” an apparent reference to Nixon’s immediate policy circle.

Keeping the secret to a small circle of advisers prevented leaks as well as widespread panic and protest, anathema to Nixon’s plans to tightly control the war maneuvering. But it may have backfired.

According to a report on the nuclear alert in the January 2003 issue of the *Bulletin of the Atomic*

Scientists, Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin betrayed no knowledge of or concern about the nuclear alert in a meeting with a U.S. official a few days after it was completed.

The Soviets resented attempts to use means unrelated to the Vietnam conflict to pressure them to rein in the North Vietnamese. Nixon brought Vietnam into arms-reduction and Mideast talks as well. Although the Soviets were a major arms supplier to North Vietnam, Hanoi adeptly played the USSR against China, threatening a move to the other sphere of influence at the first sign of pressure.

[JR: The plotters in the Kennedy administration had an operation called the Northwoods plan. The plan was to create incidents of violence and chaos in both Cuba and the U.S. It also called for bombs to go off in certain U.S. locations, along with airline hijackings and the downing of a domestic airliner. Does any of this sound all too familiar? The same plots and ploys are always being used today and I am beginning to wonder what if anything honorable this country has done in its foreign policies for the past sixty years. The Nixon “madman strategy” and the threat of nuclear action is again being utilized by the henchmen in Bush’s Defense Department. Our so-called leaders have made this world a dangerous place to live in yet alone think in. They made laws to protect themselves and use threats and intimidation against those who dare to question the folly of their ill-conceived plans. They are playing a dangerous game of Russian Roulette with the world and their guns are being pointed at our heads, not theirs.]

BUSH ADMINISTRATION STUMBLES AGAIN IN VENEZUELA

By Marcela Sanchez, *Washington Post*, 12/19/02

WASHINGTON—With so many in the Bush administration able to speak Spanish, the phrase “No aprende ni a palos” should have a familiar ring. If not, one need only examine the White House’s recent actions regarding Venezuela to understand that the words refer to someone who never learns—just doesn’t seem to get it—even when hit upside the head with a stick.

How else to explain why for the second time in eight months, the administration recklessly threw its weight behind the political opposition in that very volatile country at a moment when choosing sides threatened to trigger an explosive reaction.

By forcefully calling on Friday for early—and therefore unconstitutional—presidential elections, the administration jeopardized the delicate balance developing in Caracas after weeks of negotiations between President Hugo Chavez’s government and its democratic opponents. Facilitated by Cesar Gaviria, the secretary general of the Organization of American States, the talks have been the best hope for a peaceful solution to a long-simmering crisis.

Within 72 hours the Bush administration modified its stance, calling for a referendum, something the *Constitution* does allow. By then, however, Washington had cast again doubt on its commitment to uncensored democracy in the region.

The United States behaved similarly and with apparent impunity in April, when it prematurely recognized a short-lived government that ousted Chavez in a coup d’etat. This reprise was unnecessary and not helpful.

Latin America would be better off if Washington could learn from its mistakes. The region needs the leader of the free world to be more patient and less willing to publicly air his likes and dislikes. It needs a White House that better understands that in situations like the one in Venezuela, its actions—or lack thereof—send signals to either or both sides in the dispute.

Now, more than ever, such patience with evolving democracies is essential. Newly elected leaders in countries like Brazil or Ecuador need assurances that the United States will stand up for democracy regardless of ideological differences.

That clearly has not been the case with Venezuela, where a striking lack of diplomatic finesse at a critical moment could have darkened the storm clouds still gathering over the presidential palace at Miraflores.

The call for early elections took many by surprise, including some at the State Department, where one official said the White House had gotten a “little in front of the curve”. That was understandable, however, the official said, a case of human error. Nothing more.

Another State Department official said the action was deliberate, a conscious “refinement” of the U.S. position that was warranted by a “heightened state of crisis” in Venezuela that Chavez persistently dismisses as “normal”. Washington, according to this line of thought, was simply expressing what so many others in the hemisphere were thinking but were reluctant to say. Perhaps.

The White House statement, issued Friday and shamelessly revised on Monday, came just hours before representatives of the 34 OAS member states met to consider Chavez’s request for full support. That coincidence prompted some diplomats here to conclude that Washington was throwing its weight around, a scare tactic designed to pre-emptively quash pro-Chavez sentiments. If such was the intent, it is unclear how effective the strategy was.

Late Monday night, after nearly 30 hours of debate, the OAS issued a resolution backing Chavez only by inference. It called for supporting democracy in Venezuela, “whose government is headed by... Chavez”. With that oblique endorsement of Chavez as the coincidental status quo, the organization seemed to be hoping that neither side in Venezuela would interpret the resolution as a victory and use it against the other. Indeed, the risks were so high that for some time during the deliberations, some advocated that the organization say nothing rather than something it later would regret.

At the end of the debate, Washington advised Venezuela to look to others in the region for guidance. The exact reference was unmentioned but obvious: Argentina. Faced earlier this year with the prospect of an increasingly violent situation getting completely out of hand, Argentinian President Eduardo Duhalde turned to an electoral solution. That move, perfectly legal under Argentina’s constitution, helped reduce tension in that financially, politically and socially strapped nation, many here this week said.

There is a key difference in these two cases. Duhalde’s call in Argentina came from someone who had no direct stake in the election outcome, since he is not a candidate. The U.S. call echoed the position of Chavez’s opponents, whose open agenda is to oust him. The Bush administration was harshly criticized for a nearly identical mistake eight months ago. Sometimes even the mighty fail to learn from the stick.

[JR: The U.S. intrudes and involves itself in the affairs of governments and businesses not only in Latin America but elsewhere around the world excluding Israel of course and our Mother country England. The U.S. will never learn or “get it” from others wielding “the stick” because we are the BIG stick. Maybe the OAS and its 30 member states will be the machete that whittles down our big stick.]

BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT CHARTS A TRICKY COURSE
LEFTIST ALLIES, U.S. TUG AT NEW LEADER

By Alan Clendenning, *Newsday*, 01/03/03

BRASILIA (AP)—Breakfast with Hugo Chavez, dinner with Fidel Castro.

The first day in office for Brazil's new president, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, projects the image of a leftist alliance in Latin America; one that Chavez, Venezuela's president, has already nicknamed the "Axis of Good".

Such an alliance could hinder U.S. efforts to create a Free Trade Area of the Americas stretching from Alaska to the tip of Argentina by 2005.

Despite the perception of a new Latin American troika, doubts abound that Silva really wants to form a bloc with such close ties to Chavez and Castro, Cuba's leader.

But by giving Latin America's two other leftist leaders such a warm welcome a day after his inauguration, Silva gets huge political mileage in Brazil, where Castro and Chavez are revered by the far left of Silva's party.

The United States sent trade representative Robert Zoellick to the inauguration, seen by the Brazilians as something of a snub because Zoellick suggested last October that Brazil's only trading partner would be Antarctica if it did not join the hemispheric trade zone.

Silva responded by calling Zoellick "the sub secretary of a sub secretary of a sub secretary" during his election campaign.

At the breakfast meeting, Chavez asked Silva to send technical experts from Brazil's state-owned oil company to replace some of the 30,000 Venezuelan state oil workers who have joined a crippling nationwide strike. Silva said he would consider the request.

And before dining Thursday night with Silva, Castro told reporters that Brazilian-Cuban relations will grow stronger now that Brazil has its first elected leftist president. ...

But experts said Silva's efforts to accommodate Castro and Chavez in Brasilia could be carefully calculated political window dressing.

Silva, who angered his party's left wing by appointing fiscal moderates to key Cabinet posts, needs its help to push programs through Congress, where he lacks a majority.

"Embracing Castro and Chavez, the symbols of anti-U.S. influence in Latin America, gets Silva political capital in Brazil," said Stephen Haber, a Latin America expert at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. "But this is a dangerous game—you go too far one way or the other and this will blow up in your face."

Silva doesn't want to scare away investors, who sent the value of the Brazilian currency, the real, down 40 percent last summer over fears that his administration might not follow responsible economic policies. ...

Named to the posts were a mix of left-leaning, moderate and liberal economists with strong credentials, along with officials from the administration of former President Fernando Henrique Cardoso who will keep their posts.

[JR: The new President da Silva is treading a very thin line. He can feign his ties with Castro and Chavez to appease the leftists while leaning more towards the liberals and their IMF policies for economic reform. If da Silva fails to bring down inflation and upgrade the real currency his country will go the way of Argentina. Hopefully he can balance all the balls he has in the air and prove to be, as President Chavez says, part of the "Axis of Good" of which all of Latin America will benefit from and not just Brazil and Venezuela.]

ISRAEL AND U.S. WAR PLANS

STRATFOR—Summary, 12/26/02

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon claims to have intelligence that Iraq has transferred weapons of mass destruction to Syria. Although the claim itself is difficult to believe, given the enmity between Damascus and Baghdad, it also is hard to believe that Israel would fabricate such a story, knowing that Washington would demand to know how it came by the information. Either something extraordinarily significant is taking place in the Middle East, or Sharon soon will have a lot of explaining to do.

Analysis

Israel suddenly has come alive with information about the impending U.S. war with Iraq. First, intelligence chief Major-General Aharon Ze'evi-Farkash told the Israeli Cabinet that he expects a U.S. attack on Iraq sometime in early February. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon then said Washington had informed him of the attack timing. We can assume he was told the attack would come in early February. Sharon went on to say that Israel had intelligence that Iraq's weapons of mass destruction had been moved to Syria.

The date of the attack has become a no-brainer, but the idea that Iraqi weapons have been moved to Syria is startling. It should be recalled that the Assad family is no friend of Saddam Hussein—the two clans have feuded for decades over claims to the Ba'ath socialist heritage. More to the point, Syria joined the U.S. coalition during Desert Storm. The idea that Iraq would transfer its precious WMD to Syria is, on the surface, hard to believe. Of course, it should be recalled that Iraq permitted much of its air force to fly to Iran in order to escape destruction during Desert Storm, so the idea of transferring WMD to Syria is not completely without foundation.

Nevertheless, it is important to remember also that general elections are looming in Israel. Indeed, the timing of those elections is fascinating: Chief weapons inspector Hans Blix is supposed to submit his report to the UN Security Council on Jan. 27; Israeli general elections will be held the next day. Clearly, the elections will take place within the context of an impending war—one in which Iraqi missiles potentially could be aimed at Israel. The war fever will help Likud's showing, since it is perceived as the party of national security in Israel and because the electorate is not likely to want to change governments in the midst of a crisis. In fact, the Labor opposition has charged that Sharon's statements are meant to intensify the atmosphere of crisis, and it has argued that the threat of Iraqi missiles is relatively low.

Obviously, it is in Sharon's interest to make the Jan. 28 election as tense as possible, but that doesn't explain the claim against Syria. The idea that Israeli intelligence has detected the transfer of WMD from Iraq to Syria is tantamount to claiming that a fundamental realignment in the regional balance of power has occurred. It is difficult to believe that Sharon would make this statement for political purposes—since U.S. intelligence would be demanding evidence—and that is explosive.

A week ago, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad was in London, meeting Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Charles. It seemed, to the unaided eye, that Syria was making its peace with the U.S.-British coalition—not a stretch considering how the Assads feel about the Husseins. If Israeli leaders are right, then all of that was a cover for a covert Syrian-Iraqi alliance.

It is obvious why Israel would like this to be the case. Israeli officials know that war with Iraq is inevitable, and they do not want the United States to have a special relationship with Syria after that war. It would be far more advantageous to Israel if Syria and the United States were antagonistic rather than cooperative with each other.

Therefore, floating this story makes sense in that context, much as it makes sense in the domestic political context within which Sharon must operate.

There are two problems with the story, however:

1. Why would Hussein give weapons of mass destruction to Syria? The country is a traditional enemy of Iraq, and Baghdad certainly is not likely to get the weapons back. Syria, for its part, operates with extreme caution and is unlikely to maneuver itself into a war with the United States. Giving weapons to Syria—unless Hussein has a credible commitment from Damascus that it will attack U.S. forces in the event of a war against Iraq—simply doesn't make a lot of sense.

2. The practical modalities of transferring the weapons to Syria are hard to picture. Both Israeli and U.S. and British forces are operating in the western desert, and aerial reconnaissance carefully watches all routes between Iraq and Syria. Moving materials and production facilities is not easy. The Israelis claim to have detected the movement, and Iraq and Syria certainly must have expected detection. What is the point?

Israeli Labor Party leader Amram Mitzna lashed out at Sharon for trying to create an air of tension over the threat to Israeli national security. There will be a war in Iraq very shortly after Israel's elections; that much is not news and Mitzna can do little about it. However, the idea that Syria has become a repository for Iraq's WMD is news. It certainly increases the threat to Israel and further ratchets up national security issues in Israel, helping Sharon.

However, it also drives a wedge between Syria and the United States at a critical point in war planning. If the Israeli claim is true, then U.S. war plans will have to be reconsidered and even revised. **It is hard to believe that Sharon is publicly passing false information to Washington—especially when officials in Washington are going to ask for Israeli sourcing on the matter.** It is also difficult to believe that the Israeli claim is true. So, it is hard to believe that this is true and it is hard to believe the Israelis would lie about this, since they are likely to get caught.

All of this means there will be a lot of traffic between the Syrians—who deny everything—London and Washington, and between Washington and Jerusalem in the next day or so. Coming from Sharon, this is not a story that will go away easily. Either something of extraordinary significance is happening in the region or Sharon will have a lot of explaining to do. **[JR: I can't believe STRATFOR is being so naïve here. To say, "It is hard to believe that Sharon is publicly passing false information to Washington" is a bit much. Israel has always put out false information and will lie or deny everything and invoke the "Kol Nidre". Every time they have passed on a true bit of intelligence I suspect they have withheld ten even more useful bits of information—so to rely on the veracity of Israel seems a bit far out... even for STRATFOR. These Khazarians excel in the science of manipulation of any situation to the sole advantage and benefit of Israel.]**

REPORTS: ISRAELI POPULATION NOT GUARDED

By Laurie Copans, *Washington Post*, 12/31/02

JERUSALEM (AP)—More than 1.5 million gas masks issued to Israelis are defective and some of the smallpox vaccine used on 17,000 health workers may be ineffective, Israeli newspapers reported Tuesday. The military replied that the Israeli public is well protected. ...

Two newspapers on Tuesday cited internal government reports pointing to concerns by senior officials about the effectiveness of the measures.

Rachel Karpel, director of the Standards Institute in the Health Ministry, has found problems in the manufacturing

of the smallpox vaccine, the *Yediot Ahronot* daily reported. **Karpel discovered that containers with the vaccine were stored near samples of bubonic plague, cholera, salmonella and E. coli, the newspaper said.**

Contamination of the smallpox vaccine stock could have rendered it ineffective and even dangerous, the daily reported. The stock of smallpox vaccine should have been destroyed due to the problems with production and storage, Karpel said.

The director-general of the Health Ministry, Boaz Lev, told Israel Army Radio that the smallpox vaccine was not contaminated and none of those inoculated recently have reported an abnormal response.

Production of the vaccine was stopped for a short time after Karpel's report, Lev said, but was continued after all the laboratories passed control tests.

A Defense Ministry expert, Esther Krasner, meanwhile, was quoted as saying that only one-third of gas masks distributed in recent years are effective.

The army's spokeswoman, Brig. Gen. Ruth Yaron, said a new mask was under development and might not be available to the public for years.

"The Israel public is perhaps among the best-protected populations in the world," she told Israeli TV. "The masks we all have at home for ourselves and our children are good masks."

[JR: Now that the Zionists are in control of the U.S. and Palestine/Israel, notice how it will always take years before the public will enjoy the benefits of the latest technologies. For us in the U.S. it is always somewhere in time in our dim future. One big difference is that Israelis are insured some security with their military based at home protecting their borders and those newly built settlements. Our military is anywhere but home, so we are basically left unprotected in case there is another planned "incident" or an attack.]

U.S. TRIES TO PLAY DOWN DIFFERENCES OVER NORTH KOREA

By Paul Eckert and Adam Entous, *Daily News*, 12/30/02

SEOUL/WASHINGTON (*Reuters*)—The United States sought to play down differences with key allies South Korea and Russia over its response to communist North Korea's nuclear brinkmanship, saying it has no plans for sanctions.

South Korea on Monday launched a flurry of diplomacy to try and ward off a crisis, while Washington insisted on avoiding using the "C-word" to describe the situation and U.S. officials pushed a strategy they were calling "tailored containment".

That approach apparently envisions a mix of diplomatic and economic pressure on North Korea.

Although President Bush's administration has called for punitive economic measures against Stalinist North Korea—already one of the world's most isolated countries—U.S. officials backtracked this week, saying sanctions were not currently being considered.

"The president has all his options at his disposal," said State Department spokesman Philip Reeker. "At this point, nobody has talked about sanctions."

Even so, Washington's stance was far from clear. U.S. officials already have unsettled important allies by suggesting that sanctions could be imposed by the United Nations.

According to congressional sources, the Bush administration may also be considering reimposing unilateral trade and investment sanctions on North Korea, lifted by the Clinton administration. ...

Pyongyang has also disabled UN monitoring devices at a nuclear plant that could produce weapons-grade plutonium as part of a program that might already have produced one or two atomic bombs. ...

But South Korea has made plain its reluctance to join any U.S. moves to isolate Pyongyang economically, something that would threaten millions of North Koreans who already live on the brink of starvation.

South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, speaking ahead of the departure of the international arms inspectors kicked out of North Korea, said on Monday that dialogue was the only option.

"Pressure and isolation have never been successful with communist countries—Cuba is one example," Kim told his Cabinet. "We will work closely with our allies to solve this Korean peninsula problem and we will firmly oppose North Korea's nuclear arms program, but no matter what, we will pursue a peaceful solution," he said.

"We cannot go to war with North Korea and we can't go back to the Cold War system and extreme confrontation..."

Russia aligned itself with South Korea's approach and suggested the United States tone down its pronouncements.

"Aggressive rhetoric and threats and ... attempts to isolate North Korea can only lead to a new escalation in tension," Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said in a statement.

Russia also denounced the expulsion of the International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors and urged North Korea to stick to international agreements.

"Pyongyang's decisions to expel IAEA inspectors and prepare the resumption of unmonitored work on its nuclear energy complex cannot help but provoke regret," Ivanov said. "North Korea should strictly observe all its corresponding international obligations."

He urged all parties involved to keep up a dialogue and stick to a 1994 deal which promised North Korea deliveries of fuel oil and the construction of proliferation-proof reactors in exchange for Pyongyang freezing its nuclear program.

With its attention focused on preparing for war with Iraq, Washington appeared keen for the North Korea crisis to be handled by the IAEA, the UN nuclear watchdog, to avoid diverting the attention of the U.S. Security Council as the threat of military action is ratcheted up against Baghdad.

"If this goes to the council on top of Iraq, the issue could be blown out of proportion," said one UN official speaking on condition of anonymity. "The (IAEA board of) governors will choose to hand the issue through diplomatic means rather than through the council."

Washington has said it will not launch a preemptive attack on North Korea, but this week it was struggling to square that policy with its war-like approach to Iraq. Both countries, along with Iran, have been branded by Bush as part of "an axis of evil" bent on seeking and proliferating weapons of mass destruction.

While the United States has deployed tens of thousands of troops to the area around Iraq to back up its threats to overthrow Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, it apparently has had trouble formulating a decisive policy toward North Korea.

The official Iraqi newspaper *al-Thawra* pointed out the contradiction on Monday, speculating that the motive for a tough line against Iraq might be greed for Iraqi oil or a desire to please Israel's supporters in the United States.

U.S. officials say it is Iraq's recent history that makes the difference, given the invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and the use of chemical weapons against Iraqi Kurds in 1988.

"The situation in Iraq involves somebody who has used force in the past to attack and invade his neighbors. That is not the history of North Korea for the last 50 years. And so it's not exactly analogous," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

Pyongyang meanwhile has vowed not to bow to U.S. pressure and has called sanctions tantamount to a declaration of war.

"It is quite self-evident that dialogue is impossible without sitting face to face and a peaceful settlement of the issue would be unthinkable without dialogue," North Korea's Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Sunday. **[JR: Why is the U.S. backing off from its threats to expand our war into North Korea and seeking to take the diplomatic route and to apply economic pressures? Is it because we haven't gotten anywhere with our "subtle" hints to the UN in confronting North Korea as we did with Iraq? North Korea might consider it well worth the risk of standing up to us if only to illustrate how far the U.S. is willing to go to spread its brand of terrorism. Both Iraq and North Korea have basically been isolated from the rest of the world, so that the danger has to lie with the U.S. and its Zionist expansionist policies. It may be that the world is getting just a bit weary of hearing the beat of our war drums and our continuous warnings of preemptive actions, when we all see that the real threat and challenge is our failing economies. War is never a useful deterrent because it brings about a finality that is often fatal.]**

ZIMBABWE'S ECONOMIC TANK NEARLY EMPTY

By Laurie Goering, *Tribune*, 12/19/02

HARARE, Zimbabwe—The lines of cars waiting for gasoline now stretch a half-mile from Harare's few open service stations, the drivers asleep on the back seats or pushing their vehicles forward to avoid starting them.

Fuel, which largely ran out in Zimbabwe this week, is just the latest casualty of the country's worst economic dive in two decades. Cornmeal, the nation's staple food, is also gone from most stores and getting bread, cooking oil, sugar or salt requires luck and hours standing in line, Zimbabweans complain.

In the worst-hit rural areas, where more than 6 million people face starvation, families eat leaves and toxic roots or rely on international handouts. ...

Who is to blame, Zimbabweans increasingly say, is President Robert Mugabe, 78, who has ruled the nation since its independence from Britain in 1980. With his popularity declining and faced with the rise of a powerful opposition movement, he has fought hard to hold on to power, seizing White-owned farms for redistribution to Black owners and rigging last March's elections, international observer groups charge.

What he has not been able to control is Zimbabwe's flagging economy, which has shrunk by a third over the last five years. Investors, anxious about farm seizures, have fled the country, and the shutdown of White farms, combined with a regionwide drought, has slashed foreign currency earnings. That has left Zimbabwe short of cash to import fuel, food or even chemicals to treat city drinking water.

To worsen matters, inflation is racing toward 200 percent a year as the government prints money and Mugabe's officials, blaming rising prices on greedy producers, have frozen the prices of staples below the cost of production. That has shut down factories, thrown workers out of jobs and left grocery store shelves increasingly empty.

In back alleys, the nation's embattled currency trades illegally at 1,600 to the dollar, even as the government sticks to its fixed official rate of 55 to the dollar. As prices soar, that means a glass of orange juice now costs \$16 at the official rate, and a 20-minute cab ride to the airport \$100. Tourists—required to pay at the official rate—have vanished from Victoria Falls and the country's other once-bustling attractions, further cutting the government's foreign currency earnings.

Many rural Zimbabweans given farm plots cannot afford seed, fertilizer or the fuel needed to run well pumps for water. Urban Zimbabweans are losing their jobs and increasingly staying at home because they cannot afford the bus fare to jobs. Everywhere hunger is growing. ...

Mugabe, who banned any discussion of a possible successor at the party meeting, “is directionless and has brought numerous curses on the nation,” Edgar Tekere, a former secretary general of the ruling party, told the *Standard*, one of Zimbabwe’s opposition newspapers. “There is no end in sight unless we get rid of this wayward Mugabe regime.”...

Persuading the longtime president to retire, however, will be difficult. A recent general strike withered as a result of poor organization, worries about police intimidation and employee concerns that missing even a day of work could leave their families hungrier than usual. Zimbabweans say with pride that they are educated and peaceful people and violence is not their way.

But as hunger and desperation grow, at least some Zimbabweans think that could change.

“Day after day of hunger is difficult,” said David, the taxi driver. “I think it is better to die once than die every day.”

With only a fraction of the country’s newly confiscated fields planted for the new growing season and even Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi now reluctant to provide more gasoline, a turnaround in Zimbabwe’s fortunes seems unlikely. Some Harare residents, who say this will be a bitter Christmas, hope simply that if things get bad enough Mugabe will have no option but to go. ...

[JR: I am sure like all “leaders” Mugabe and his cronies are not being deprived of too many of life’s comforts while the problems of survival for the people are growing worse daily. What is happening in Zimbabwe and in the Philippines is being repeated in too many places around the world. People are doing their best to survive through the hard times while their leaders are wholly absorbed in retaining their powers. The road each travels is so different they tend never to meet.]

SCIENTISTS: BUSH TEAM PLAYS POLITICS IN PANEL SELECTIONS

By Aaron Zitner, *Los Angeles Times*, 12/26/02

WASHINGTON—When psychologist William Miller was asked to join a panel that advises the National Institute on Drug Abuse, he thought he had been selected for his expertise in addiction. Then a Bush administration staff member called with some unexpected questions.

Did Miller support abortion rights? What about the death penalty for so-called drug kingpins? And had he voted for President Bush?

Apparently, Miller said, he did not give enough right answers—he had not, for example, voted for Bush. He was never appointed to the panel.

With rising alarm, researchers are complaining that the Bush administration is using political and ideological screening tests to try to ensure that its scientific consultants recommend no policies that are out of step with the White House political agenda.

Administration officials say they are merely doing what their predecessors have always done: Using appointment powers to ensure their viewpoint is well-represented on the government’s scientific advisory boards, an important part of the policymaking process. More than 250 boards are devoted to public health and biomedical research alone, composed of experts from outside the government who help guide policy on gene therapy, bioterrorism, acceptable pollutant levels and other complex matters.

Still, critics say, the Bush administration is going further than its predecessors in considering ideology as well as scientific expertise in forming the panels. A committee that merely gives technical advice on research proposals, as opposed to setting policy, has even been subject to screening, something the critics say was unheard of in previous administrations. ...

A range of scientists and research advocates said they were particularly disturbed that the administration would ask such political questions of nominees to a peer-review panel. These panels do not set policy or make funding decisions, they said, but determine whether scientists who want federal funding have designed credible experiments that can truly answer the questions they are studying.

“The goal here is to fund the best science, the best-designed experiments,” said Anthony Mazzaschi, an assistant vice president at the Association of American Medical Colleges. “To stack peer-review panels based on political preferences rather than scientific competency is doing everyone a disservice.”

Loomis, the panel chairman, said the screening “tends to stifle the scientific spirit”.

“Regardless of what the intention was, this creates the appearance that review panel members are being politically scrutinized, which is directly opposed to the philosophy of peer review, which is supposed to be non-political and transparent,” Loomis said.

Pierce, the Health and Human Services spokesman, said critics were singling out the few panel members whose views differ from their own, “and then attributing to them some superhuman ability to overwhelm everyone else on the committee.”...

[JR: You don’t have to be a rocket scientist to figure out why this administration is screening the ideologies of those who think to serve government. If you can agree and say yes to everything, you will serve. To those of conscience and who feel the need to question, Big Brother has the exit doors clearly marked for your departure.]

CITIES SAY NO TO FEDERAL SNOOPING

Wired News, 12/19/02

Fearing that the Patriot Act will curtail Americans’ civil rights, municipalities across the country are passing resolutions to repudiate the legislation and protect their residents from a perceived abuse of authority by the federal government.

On Tuesday, Oakland became the 20th municipality to pass a resolution barring its employees—from police officer to librarian—from collaborating with federal officials who may try to use their new power to investigate city residents.

Rushed through Congress a month after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the Patriot Act fundamentally changes Americans’ legal rights. Among other things, the act allows the government to secretly monitor political groups, seize library records and tap phone and Internet connections.

The federal government says the expanded powers are needed to prevent terrorist attacks; but critics say the legislation erodes freedoms protected by the *Constitution*. The Justice Department did not return calls for comment on this article.

A rallying point behind the recent groundswell has been the Bill of Rights Defense Committee, run by Massachusetts activist Nancy Talanian.

Her site includes a blueprint for communities that want to pass anti-Patriot Act resolutions, based on her successful lobbying efforts for such legislation in Northhampton, Massachusetts. The site has gotten over a million hits in the last six months, Talanian said.

Another group to vehemently oppose the act has been librarians. They are now required to divulge patrons’ book-borrowing and Internet-surfing habits to federal investigators and are prohibited from making such requests public.

In retaliation, some librarians have called special meetings to educate their communities about the Patriot Act’s implications. Others now routinely purge borrowing records and Internet caches. One former librarian devised a series of technically legal signs to warn patrons of FBI snooping. ...

[JR: It would be more encouraging if more state

legislators got involved in protecting its citizens’ rights and stand up to Washington. All Big Brother has to do is threaten the withholding of federal handouts and the state power bosses turn mute. We can gain their attention by making our voices loud enough so that they know we are determined to take back our rights and our freedoms that they so cavalierly allowed Washington to usurp. If the smaller municipalities can do it so can we all.]

ENEMIES ALLY OVER ABORTION PROTESTS

By Lynn Sweet, *SUN-TIMES*, 12/05/02

WASHINGTON—Supreme Court justices and lawyers evoked images of a hatchet-wielding Carrie Nation on Wednesday as they wrestled over whether anti-abortion protesters can be hit with racketeering charges in a legal battle launched in Chicago in 1986.

The case, which has nothing to do directly with abortion rights, has thrown together unusual alliances over a broader issue of whether laws intended to nail extortionists can be used against protesters, as the National Organization for Women asserts.

Civil rights and other groups, usually NOW allies, filed briefs in opposition, worried that liability under racketeering laws would create a chilling effect on free speech. ...

Ted Olson, the Bush administration’s solicitor general, argued Wednesday in support of Clayton and NOW’s legal battle to invoke RICO. Olson’s support of NOW’s position was ironic because the Bush administration does not support abortion rights, and Olson is as conservative as NOW is liberal.

Officially, Wednesday’s arguments were not supposed to be about *First Amendment* rights, since the justices declined to take up that particular legal issue. Invited or not, the *First Amendment* hovered throughout the oral arguments, which took a little more than one hour.

“The *First Amendment* is not at issue,” Olson protested.

Said Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, “There’s always a *First Amendment* implication in a protest case.”

Attorney Roy Englert, arguing for Scheidler, tried to make a distinction between political protest and extortion.

“When Carrie Nation swung her ax” outside saloons, Englert said, referring to the anti-alcohol crusader, “she destroyed property.” But that was not extortion, he said.

Asked Justice Ruth Ginsburg, “Carrie Nation... she would have been in violation?”

NOW has argued that women lost property rights when anti-abortion blockades scared them away from entering clinics. “Property includes both tangible things and intangible things,” Clayton said.

Friend-of-the-court briefs were filed on Scheidler’s behalf by civil rights groups, many supporters of abortion rights, such as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and individuals, including actor Martin Sheen and an assortment of peace activists who fear their *First Amendment* rights of protest could be eroded.

Clayton told the justices that NOW could face charges if they “went to Augusta to tear up the greens,” a reference to the refusal of the Augusta National Golf Club to allow female members. “That would be extortion,” she said.

[JR: Both pro- and anti-abortion groups are joining together because the RICO law has opened the doors in defining what is protest and what is extortion. RICO is being selectively used to deflect and suppress freedom of speech and the right of protest. Groups like NOW and the Christian Coalition are rallying because of their concerns over the issues of money and its confiscation. Whatever test RICO might fail in, the Justice Departments has the Patriot Act as its backup. Either way the *First Amendment* rights issues are avoided. How is that for life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness in Zionist USA?]

AMERICANS TO MAN ISRAELI DEFENCES

By Chris McGreal, *Guardian*—UK, 12/28/02

The United States has sent the first of what is expected to be a 1,000-strong force to Israel to bolster defences against missile attacks ahead of a possible war in Iraq.

The deployment of the troops and a number of Patriot missile batteries follows Ariel Sharon's threat to attack Iraq if his country is hit with chemical or biological weapons.

President Bush has sought to prevent Israel embroiling itself in any conflict by assuring Mr. Sharon that there will be no repeat of the 1991 Gulf War when Iraq was able to launch 39 missiles against Israel, killing two people, injuring 200 and spreading considerable panic.

But the Israelis are preparing anyway with mass vaccinations against smallpox, simulated chemical attacks, and air raid drills in schools.

"We have taken all the measures necessary to protect the population of Israel. We are ready and prepared for every eventuality. If Israel is attacked, it will know how to protect its citizens," Mr. Sharon said on state television.

Officially, the American troops are in Israel on an exercise called Jennifer Cobra to integrate the Patriots with a new Israeli missile system, the Arrow. The manoeuvres begin next week and last a fortnight.

But once the exercise is over, the U.S. soldiers will remain in Israel until the crisis over Iraq is resolved. ...

The Americans also plan to station a destroyer, *USS Aegis*, off the Israeli coast. Its long-range radar and short-range missiles would provide a third line of defence.

Critics of the government are accusing Mr. Sharon of overstating the threat to Israel—with claims that Saddam Hussein has smuggled chemical and biological weapons into neighbouring Syria, and that the Palestinians are preparing a fresh wave of attacks against civilians in support of the Iraqi leader—to distract public attention from a deepening political corruption scandal ahead of next month's general election.

Mr. Sharon's opponents voice their scepticism in private for fear of being accused of undermining national security, but they scoff at the prime minister's claims of a greater threat to Israel than during the last Gulf war. U.S. and British diplomats are also sceptical of the claims.

In practice, Israeli officials believe Iraqi Scuds are less likely to strike the Jewish state than in 1991 for a number of reasons. President Saddam has fewer missiles; Israel's defence system is far more advanced; and, after Mr. Sharon warned that he would retaliate against any non-conventional attack, the Americans have made a higher priority of ensuring Israel's security than during the last conflict.

Israeli officials say the Americans have laid plans for an early attack on western Iraq, the principal launch pad for missiles against Israel.

The director of Israeli military intelligence, Major General Aharon Zeevi Farkash, has noted that Iraq is making far fewer threats against Israel than during the 1991 war.

If an attack does come, Israel's homefront command says civilians will get a seven-minute warning, twice as long as during the previous Gulf war thanks to new satellite technology. The Israelis say they can also predict a missile's intended target more accurately.

Civilians will be warned by a siren sounded for one minute across the country. The words "Iron Wall" will be broadcast repeatedly on radio and television. People will then be expected to put on gas masks and head for public air raid shelters or to sealed rooms they have been encouraged to prepare in their homes.

[JR: The 1,000 U.S. troops being sent to Israel is in addition to the over 800, (now maybe more) crack and specialty troops we have had stationed in the Sinai since 1980. Why is the safety of the Israelis more important than the safety of Americans? Since the 9/11 attack, Washington has yet to address the issue of our lack of

shelters nor formulated a plan to advise Americans as to what to do in case of an attack. Our Vice President Cheney for some strange reason always seems to be conveniently near some shelter or in one. The only warning system we have is an alarm that sounds off on our radio once a month along with the weekly litany of government-issued threats and our growing list of enemies and targets. Thanks to a new and advanced satellite lookout system, the Israeli homefront command is already on the alert advising Israelis to prepare and get ready to head for THEIR shelters. Our own Homeland Security is set up to be our overseers and not our protectors. Why is Washington sending our military overseas and leaving us unprotected? Why isn't it important enough for Americans to take up this vital issue with our media and with our U.S. Knesset?]

FEELING A DRAFT COMING ON

By Clarence Page, *Tribune*, 01/01/03

WASHINGTON—Greetings, young'ns. Uncle Charlie wants you. Yes, Rep. Charles B. Rangel, a New York Democrat and Korean War veteran who voted against President Bush's Iraq war powers resolution has announced plans to introduce a bill to reinstate the military draft.

But, cheer up, kids. The Bush administration has assured us that it would rather eat old Al Gore-Joe Lieberman bumper stickers than bring back the draft and, inevitably, huge waves of anti-draft demonstrations.

For example, when *CNN*'s Larry King asked in mid-December whether there might be a draft, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld responded, "Absolutely not. Absolutely not. No!"

Gee, tell us what you really think, Rummie.

As one of the congressional sponsors of legislation calling for a volunteer army in the 1960s, Rumsfeld was proud to say, "We've got people serving because they want to serve, because they care about the country. And this is a calling. Understand the importance of this calling."

Understood. Today's military wants well-educated, highly trained and deeply committed technicians to run its high-tech gadgets and to stick around for more than the two-year maximum tour of duty Uncle Sam requires of draftees.

So why does Rangel want to bring back the draft? He wants to make a political point. As he said Sunday on *CNN*, we Americans have gotten "too cavalier" about using our military to enforce our foreign policy.

"I think if we [members of Congress] went home and found out that there were families concerned about their kids going off to war, there would be more cautiousness and more willingness to work with the international community than to say 'Our way or the highway.'"

He's right. Without a draft, we Americans feel a lot less involved in our wars than we used to. Beirut, Grenada, Panama, the first Persian Gulf War and Afghanistan have scrolled across the background of our lives as just another TV show between *The Bachelor*, *American Idol* and *The Sopranos*.

With most Americans looking the other way, as Rangel suggests, the unilateralist hawks who want the U.S. to go it alone in imposing our policies around the world have too easy of a time getting what they want. In offsetting the unilateralists, we can thank the multilateralists like Secretary of State Colin Powell for President Bush's decision to seek support from the UN and NATO. If we do go to war, we should do it with the rest of the world's support.

It is easy to understand why Rangel would think the return of the draft would make his fellow members of Congress think a little longer and harder before they send our nation's sons and our daughters into harm's way.

Ask your parents, children. Or your grandparents. Nothing took the steam out of the anti-war movement as rapidly and completely as the birth of the all-volunteer army.

Yup, the return of the draft certainly would turn congressional trips home into a far more bracing experience.

Which is precisely why it is not likely to happen.

Besides, the experience of previous drafts indicates that the sacrifice would most likely not be spread very evenly. Kids with money, power and connections inevitably find ways to get out of drafts that snatch up the rest of us. ...

Besides, this is a different kind of era for Americans. Whether we realize it or not, we all were drafted on 9-11-01.

When foreign intruders invaded mainland America for the first time since the War of 1812, and took thousands of casualties, every American was drafted.

When terrorists are attacking American missionaries, embassy workers and others here and abroad simply for being Americans, we all have been drafted.

Suddenly, after generations of going to wars elsewhere, war came to us. As Americans under fire we all have a wartime obligation to pay attention, pitch in and make sacrifices, if only to save our own hides.

Unfortunately, the Bush administration, eager to please voters in an era of feel-good politics, has been reluctant to ask for sacrifices other than, say, some of our privacy rights and civil liberties.

Our gas-guzzlers burn more gasoline than the oil shock of the early 1970s. Yet the administration that has oil industry veterans for president, vice president and national security adviser has given remarkably little attention to our nation's continued dependency on foreign oil, other than to propose drilling for more in Alaska's wildlife regions.

An administration that does not ask Americans to sacrifice muscle cars and sport-utility vehicles is not likely to ask us to give up our young people to a military draft.

But I appreciate Rangel's efforts to raise the right questions. Someday Bush might give us some answers.

[JR: As long as we are able to utilize technology to fight our wars Washington will succeed in keeping the draft issue at bay and Americans from turning into war protesters. The only lessons learned from the Viet Nam War by the plotters in D.C. is how to sell a war with false issues and win without admitting to losses or casualties. The men who fought in the Viet Nam War were lied to about fighting a war to protect America and Americans from the spread of communism. What they fought for was to protect American interests in Southeast Asia and the drug routes in the Golden Triangle. Too many Americans have conveniently forgotten the Gulf War veterans and how Washington and congress ignored their issues and in fact cut their benefits after the war. It is vital that the younger generation is kept distracted and entertained so that their life isn't too impacted during these volatile and changing times. When the lights go out and TV-viewing and other conveniences are rationed or non-existent the young and mindless just might turn into war protesters or something close to it.]

CIA AFGHAN INTERROGATIONS
SAID VERGING ON INHUMANE

Newsday, 12/26/02

WASHINGTON (*Reuters*)—CIA interrogators have been using "stress and duress" techniques on captured enemies in Afghanistan that blur the line between legal and inhumane, the *Washington Post* reported on Thursday.

The *Post* described a cluster of metal shipping containers it said constituted a secret CIA interrogation center at Bagram Air Base, headquarters of U.S. forces hunting al-Qaida operatives and commanders of the ousted Taliban militia.

Captives who refused to cooperate were sometimes kept standing or kneeling for hours, in black hoods or spray-painted goggles, the *Post* said, citing intelligence specialists said to be familiar with CIA interrogation methods.

At times they were held in awkward, painful positions and deprived of sleep with a 24-hour bombardment of lights—subject to what are known as “stress and duress” techniques, the report said.

Those who cooperated were rewarded with “creature comforts” as well as feigned friendship, respect, cultural sensitivity and, in some cases, money, from their interrogators, it said.

On the other hand, some who did not cooperate were turned over—“rendered” in official parlance—to foreign intelligence services whose practice of torture has been documented by the U.S. government and human rights organizations, the *Post* said.

“In the multifaceted global war on terrorism waged by the Bush administration, one of the most opaque—yet vital—fronts is the detention and interrogation of terrorism suspects,” the paper said.

U.S. officials have said little publicly about the captives’ names, numbers or whereabouts, and virtually nothing about interrogation methods.

But the *Post* said it had gained insights thanks to interviews with several former intelligence officials and 10 current U.S. national security officials—including several people who said they had witnessed the handling of prisoners.

“The picture that emerges is of a brass-knuckled quest for information, often in concert with allies of dubious human-rights reputation, in which the traditional lines between right and wrong, legal and inhumane, are evolving and blurred,” the *Post* reported.

The U.S. government publicly denounces the use of torture. But each of the current national security officials interviewed for the article defended the use of violence against captives as just and necessary, the *Post* said.

“They expressed confidence that the American public would back their view,” it added. The CIA had no comment on the article, Mark Mansfield, a spokesman, said late on Wednesday night.

The off-limits patch of ground at Bagram was described by the *Post* as one of a number of secret detention centers overseas where U.S. due process does not apply, where the CIA undertakes or manages the interrogation of suspected terrorists. Another was reported to be Diego Garcia, a British-owned island in the Indian Ocean.

According to U.S. officials, nearly 3,000 suspected al-Qaida members and their supporters have been detained worldwide since Sept. 11, 2001. About 625 are at the U.S. military’s confinement facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Some officials estimated that fewer than 100 captives had been rendered to third countries. Thousands had been arrested and held with U.S. assistance in countries known for brutal treatment of prisoners, the officials were quoted as saying.

[JR: Remember the American propaganda films portraying OUR enemies as brutal in their integration of American prisoners of war and the disdain we felt? Remember how this was used to build hatred in the minds of the American people to justify our war crusades against (often, concocted) enemies that might threaten American interests in the global arena? Our pilots even carry cyanide tablets to end their life quickly if captured by OUR enemies, because THEIR torture to get information was so brutal that the risk of revealing our military secrets had to be protected through the swift death of our husbands, sons, fathers and brothers. Now look at this same scenario in reverse from a suppressed people’s perspective and the revelation that WE are just as brutal as Washington claims our enemies are. This type of brutality and world-class bullying certainly promotes anti-American hatreds globally. Just like we were propagandized on our enemy’s torture and brutality of prisoners, the same justification is now being applied in the attacks against Americans. Only we call THEM terrorist. Aren’t we a major contributor to the hostile environment globally that promotes the hatred of Americans that the terrorists thrive on?]

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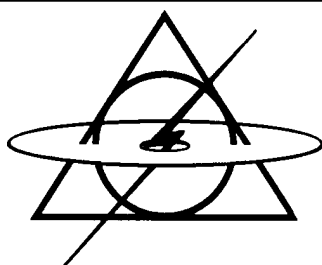
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