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Third World War: The "Quiet War"

The Quiet War was quietly declared by the international Elite at a Bilderberg meeting held in 1954.

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GCH—RE: STATUS OF G.A.I.A. IN CURRENT PHILIPPINES. SILENT WEAPONS; QUIET WARS

QUIET WARS, SECRET WARS,
AND PHONEY WARS

As things get worse in Iraq, it should be noted that NOTHING is as presented—except chaos of the most remarkable kind. You, as citizens of the world, have been lied to, cheated and blinded by your assumed innocence and assumptions of some kind of Freedom of which you can no longer so much as define.

Saddam Hussein and his family and close remaining entourage were evacuated BY THE U.S. right from the newly "taken" airport at the time of the Baghdad early assaults. I can present the "secret" disclosure for your interest, by witnesses to the event, but will do that at another sitting.

Now the demand is for "peace keepers" from the little "coalition of the willing" even when their own countries are wallowing in civil wars and poverty. The U.S. even now demands the countries that objected to the war in the first place, turn over troops through the U.N. to now handle the war unilaterally started and performed by the U.S. and Britain. And nobody seems to notice the diabolical and insipid facts of the matter.

Peace in the Middle East? Not likely is it?

Ah indeed, suicide bombers against armed helicopter gun-ships with SMART weapons and pinpoint location devices. And how are your favorite primitive blowgun tribes faring?

Circulated, now quite widely, is a document which we have presented (as with the *Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*), a document entitled for our purposes, *Silent Weapons for a Quiet War*. **I request that the document again be run in CONTACT as space permits, in full or in segments.**

I also ask that the paper be kept to no less than 16 pages unless absolutely necessary as there are so

many documents we can't run because of space limitations that it is unacceptable to our subscribers to have less than at the least 16 pages, preferably 20, please. It is not feasible to go over 24 pages unless equally necessary, for we can spread out the segments if necessary. Break-even is totally out of reach with larger papers.

I also ask that additional "health" information be added as appropriate, even as to reruns of silver (all of the colloids), background repeats of "Gaiandriana", etc. If we are abundant in space, then run even more incorporation information. These are imperative to our ongoing information and newspaper qualifications instead of simply a "newsletter". WE WILL BE SENDING MORE PUBLIC INFORMATION AND "NOTICE" DOCUMENTS AS WE MOVE FORWARD, FOR THOSE ARE OUR SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR CLEARANCE AND QUALIFICATION.

I have asked for these information pieces prior to now but have yet to find information for contacting resources. I am not going to provide a shower of abundance upon heads—we must do
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these jobs, accomplish our task with what we have and always continue to GROW.

I will remind everyone about the paper and qualifications AS a newspaper; it is imperative for legal purposes to maintain standards of both journalistic excellence and presentation. Our first confrontation with Dr. Young came when he became the author of his own publications (books), receivings (channeling from unknown sources) and the paper got to below 12 pages. This was finally totally unacceptable in that he demanded more funds for LESS output, more people on the payroll, and full usage of publication and support funds for personal use. **[MM: That nightmarish mismanagement team left in March 1999—and SINCE THEN things are just fine because: “There will always be a CONTACT Newspaper because the entire staff are volunteers.”]**

I may very well be needing to RE-RUN as an “issue”, the Tallano information. I would want another edition, more current, so bear with us please. Just to print more of the old issues are not what we need for updating and responding to more and more petitions for the paper itself, not just copies of the material. We will let MM know when that is necessary.

We are making a major effort to get the backup information in order for the next edition of the Land Holdings as to court documents and background. The people doing the work at the courts and Land Office are incredibly busy on other registrations in other “Tallano” business matters needing more court and legal follow-up.

CHAOS WORSENING IN PHILIPPINES

We are pleased to have the mandatory “off-shore” trip behind our team because it is dangerously serious right now. It is mandatory to keep out of circulation and allow us to simply attend our separate business projects. If we keep our calm, then there will be no wish to “tidal-wave” us.

I note, however, that if the Tallano group doesn't get its act in gear, we will become most confrontational to them as they diddle and delay and if not careful, run right into a shutdown of this country as a whole. It IS that seriously in trouble.

The U.S. is back in full action but this time they do NOT want to simply lease some land for bases but have those areas supplied, immediately so, for no rent or payments. Keep dragging and they will simply seize the land through the foreclosure procedures provided by the banks—you know, that old IBC/IMF/WB/BIS. BIS, as well as the Swiss banks, is very prominently BACK IN THE PICTURE.

We are diligently pounding away to get this task accomplished and to prepare the way and a place—for YOU.

When you wonder what that might “mean”, please remember the Christed Teacher left saying HE WAS GOING “TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU”. HE WOULD NOW DO NO LESS! However, just as “then”, you must do your part in the world dimension wherein you manifest and THAT is called “human”. **GOD PROVIDES—YOU DECIDE!**

You must help provide a human place for selves and family. GOD HAS A PLACE FOR YOU FOLLOWING DEPARTURE TRANSITION and you won't need further physical nonsense. Therefore, THINK and act

wisely for that which follows. Please take care in what you do so that you do not leave your precious treasures into the hands of scoundrels or fools.

We have one example of someone who totally gave over her assets to a “lover of sorts” (a scoundrel in reality) and so tied up her affairs as to negate ability to even get back to her family past the man in point. We cannot tamper with wills and legal documents nor shall we even attempt such a thing. God does not “fix” as HE allows and provides.

[H: If you fail to realize that you are “there”, readers, try again to understand your position.]

I would like to now turn this over to COPY-REPRINT (As published in CONTACT, on or about August 8, 2001):

SILENT WEAPONS FOR A QUIET WAR
THE ELITE'S RATIONALIZATION
FOR TAKING CONTROL OF THE WORLD
&
A BLUEPRINT FOR DOMINATION
(OR ELIMINATION) OF ALL OF
THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

[From 8/8/01 CONTACT (33-3), page 14]

(PART 1)

SILENT WEAPONS FOR A QUIET WAR

THE FOLLOWING IS TOO IMPORTANT TO DECLINE OFFERING ONCE AGAIN. UNTIL YOU CAN “REMEMBER”, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU BE REMINDED OF THESE AMAZING BITS AND PIECES EXPLAINING “HOW YOU GOT TO HERE AND NOW”.

This will be a repeat of something we have offered several times prior to now. It is again circulating in the “look at this” circles and, yes, we CAN again look at it with a far more experienced and KNOWING eye and in far greater understanding (except, however, it is all but impossible to “understand” the intent of man against man).

[QUOTING SILENT WEAPONS FOR A QUIET WAR, circa May 1979 #74-1120:]

PLEASE NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT IS THE DOCTRINE ADOPTED BY THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE BILDERBERG GROUP DURING ITS FIRST KNOWN MEETING IN 1954. A COPY FOUND IN 1969 WAS IN THE POSSESSION OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT, DATED MAY 1979, WAS FOUND ON JULY 7, 1986, IN AN IBM COPIER THAT HAD BEEN PURCHASED AT A SURPLUS SALE.

TOP SECRET

SILENT WEAPONS FOR A QUIET WAR

An Introductory Programming Manual
Operations Research
Technical Manual

WELCOME ABOARD

This publication marks the 25th anniversary of the **Third World War, called the “Quiet War”**, being conducted using subjective biological warfare, fought with “silent weapons”.

This book contains an introductory description of this war, its strategies, and its weaponry. May 1979 #74-1120

SECURITY

It is patently impossible to discuss social engineering or the automation of a society, i.e., the engineering of social automation systems (silent weapons) on a national or worldwide scale without implying extensive objectives of social control and destruction of human life, i.e., slavery and genocide.

This manual is in itself an analog declaration of intent. Such a writing must be secured from public scrutiny. Otherwise, it might be recognized as a technically formal declaration of domestic war. Furthermore, whenever any person or group of persons in a position of great power, and without the full knowledge and consent of the public, uses such knowledge and methodology for economic conquest—it must be understood that a state of domestic warfare exists between said person or group of persons and the public.

The solution of today's problems requires an approach which is ruthlessly candid, with no agonizing over religious, moral, or cultural values.

You have qualified for this project because of your ability to look at human society with cold objectivity, and yet analyze and discuss your observations and conclusions with others of similar intellectual capacity without a loss of discretion or humility. Such virtues are exercised in your own best interest. Do not deviate from them.

HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION

Silent weapon technology has evolved from Operations Research (O.R.), a strategic and tactical methodology developed under the military management in England during World War II. The original purpose of Operations Research was to study the strategic and tactical problems of air and land defense with the objective of effective use of limited military resources against foreign enemies (i.e., logistics).

It was soon recognized by those in positions of power that the same methods might be useful for totally controlling a society. But better tools were necessary.

Social engineering (the analysis and automation of a society) requires the correlation of great amounts of constantly changing economic information (data), so a high-speed computerized data processing system was necessary which could race ahead of the society and predict when society would arrive for capitulation.

Relay computers were too slow, but the electronic computer, invented in 1946 by J. Presper Eckert and John W. Mauchly filled the bill.

The next breakthrough was the development of the simplex method of linear programming in 1947 by the mathematician, George B. Dantzig.

Then, in 1948, the transistor, invented by J. Bardeen, W.H. Brattain, AND W. SHOCKLEY [H: An acquaintance/friend of Dr. Ed Young, as claimed by Dr. Young.], promised great expansion of the computer field by reducing space and power requirements.

With these three inventions under their direction, those in positions of power strongly suspected that it was possible for them to control the whole world with the push of a button. [H: REREAD THAT PLEASE.]

Immediately, the Rockefeller Foundation got in on the ground floor by making a four-year grant to Harvard College, funding the Harvard Economic Research Project for the study of the structure of the American economy. One year later, in 1949, the United States Air Force joined in.

In 1952 the original great period terminated, and a high-level meeting of the elite was held to determine the

next phase of social operations research. The Harvard project had been very fruitful as is borne out by the publication of some of its results in 1953 suggesting the feasibility of economic (social) engineering. (*Studies in the Structure of the American Economy*—copyright 1953 by Wassily Leontief, International Sciences Press Inc., White Plains, New York.)

Engineered in the last half decade of the 1940s, the new Quiet War machine stood, so to speak, in sparkling gold-plated hardware on the showroom floor by 1954.

With the creation of the Maser in 1954, the promise of unlocking unlimited sources of fusion atomic energy from the heavy hydrogen in seawater and the consequent availability of unlimited social power became a possibility only decades away.

The combination was irresistible.

The Quiet War was quietly declared by the international Elite at a meeting held in 1954.

Although the silent weapons system was nearly exposed 13 years later, the evolution of the new weapon systems has never suffered any major setbacks.

This volume marks the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the Quiet War. Already this domestic war has had many victories on many fronts throughout the world.

[H: Seems to me in casual counting you are certainly well into half a century of full assault against you people.]

POLITICAL INTRODUCTION

In 1954 it was well recognized by those in positions of authority that it was only a matter of time, only a few decades, before the general public would be able to grasp and upset the cradle of power, for the very elements of the new silent weapon technology were as accessible for a public utopia as they were for providing a private utopia.

The issue of primary concern, that of dominance, revolved around the subject of the energy sciences.

ENERGY

Energy is recognized as the key to all activity on Earth. Natural science is the study of the sources and control of natural energy, and social science, theoretically expressed as economics, is the study of the sources and control of social energy. Both are bookkeeping systems: mathematics. Therefore, mathematics is the primary energy science. And the bookkeeper can be king if the public can be kept ignorant of the methodology of the bookkeeping.

All science is merely a means to an end. The means is knowledge. The end is control. Beyond this remains only one issue, “Who will be the beneficiary?”

In 1954 this was the issue of primary concern. Although the so-called “moral issues” were raised, in view of the law of natural selection it was agreed that a nation or world of people who will not use their intelligence are no better than animals who do not have intelligence. Such a people are beasts of burden and steaks on the table by choice and consent.

CONSEQUENTLY, in the interest of future world order, peace, and tranquility, it was decided to privately wage a quiet war against the American public with an ultimate objective of permanently shifting the natural and social energy (wealth) of the undisciplined and irresponsible many into the hands of the self-disciplined, responsible, and worthy few.

In order to implement this objective, it was necessary to create, secure, and apply new

weapons which, as it turned out, were a class of weapons so subtle and sophisticated in their principle of operation and public appearance as to earn for themselves the name ‘silent weapons’.

In conclusion, the objective of economic research, as conducted by the magnates of capital (banking) and the industries of commodities (goods) and services, is the establishment of an economy which is totally predictable and manipulatable.

In order to achieve a totally predictable economy, the low-class elements of the society must be brought under total control, i.e., must be house-broken, trained, and assigned a yoke and long-term social duties from a very early age, before they have an opportunity to question the propriety of the matter. In order to achieve such conformity, the lower-class family unit must be disintegrated by a process of increasing preoccupation of the parents and the establishment of government-operated day-care centers for the occupationally orphaned children.

The quality of education given to the lower class must be of the poorest sort, so that the meat of ignorance isolating the inferior class from the superior class is and remains incomprehensible to the inferior class. With such an initial handicap, even bright lower-class individuals have little if any hope of extricating themselves from their assigned lot in life. This form of slavery is essential to maintaining some measure of social order, peace, and tranquility for the ruling upper class.

DESCRIPTIVE INTRODUCTION OF THE SILENT WEAPON

Everything that is expected from an ordinary weapon is expected from a silent weapon by its creators, but only in its own manner of functioning.

It shoots situations instead of bullets; propelled by data processing instead of chemical reaction (explosion); originating from bits of data instead of grains of gunpowder; from a computer instead of a gun; operated by a computer programmer instead of marksman; under the orders of a banking magnate instead of a military general.

It makes no obvious explosive noises, causes no obvious physical or mental injuries, and does not obviously interfere with anyone’s daily social life.

Yet it makes an unmistakable ‘noise’, causes unmistakable physical and mental damage, and unmistakably interferes with daily social life, i.e., unmistakable to a trained observer, one who knows what to look for.

The public cannot comprehend this weapon and, therefore cannot believe that they are being attacked and subdued by a weapon.

The public might instinctively feel that something is wrong, but because of the technical nature of the silent weapon, they cannot express their feeling in a rational way, or handle the problem with intelligence. Therefore, they do not know how to cry for help, and do not know how to associate with others to defend themselves against it.

When a silent weapon is applied gradually to the public, the public adjusts/adapts to its presence and learns to tolerate its encroachment on their lives until the pressure (psychological via economic) becomes too great and they crack up.

Therefore, the silent weapon is a type of biological warfare. It attacks the vitality, options and mobility of the individuals of a society by knowing, understanding, manipulating and attacking their sources of natural and social energy—and their physical, mental, and emotional strengths and weaknesses.

THEORETICAL INTRODUCTION

“GIVE ME CONTROL OVER A NATION’S CURRENCY, AND I CARE NOT WHO MAKES ITS LAWS.”—Mayer Amschel Rothschild (1743 - 1812)

Today’s silent weapons technology is an outgrowth of a simple idea discovered, succinctly expressed, and effectively applied by the quoted Mr. Mayor Amschel Rothschild. Mr. Rothschild discovered the missing passive component of economic theory known as economic inductance. He, of course, did not think of his discovery in these 20th-Century terms, and to be sure, mathematical analysis had to wait for the Second Industrial Revolution, the rise of the theory of mechanics and electronics, and finally, the invention of the electronic computer before it could be effectively applied in the control of the world economy.

GENERAL ENERGY CONCEPTS

In the study of energy systems, there always appear three elementary concepts. These are potential energy, kinetic energy, and energy dissipation. And corresponding to these concepts, there are three idealized, essentially pure physical counterparts, called passive components.

(1) In the science of physical mechanics, the phenomenon of potential energy is associated with a physical property called elasticity or stiffness, and can be represented by a stretched spring.

In electronic science, potential energy is stored in a capacitor instead of a spring. This property is called capacitance instead of elasticity or stiffness.

(2) In the science of physical mechanics, the phenomenon of kinetic energy is associated with a physical property called inertia or mass and can be represented by a mass or a flywheel in motion.

In electronic science, kinetic energy is stored in an inductor (in a magnetic field) instead of a mass. This property is called inductance instead of inertia.

(3) In the science of physical mechanics, the phenomenon of energy dissipation is associated with a physical property called friction or resistance, and can be represented by a dashpot or other device which converts system energy into heat.

In electronic science, dissipation of energy is performed by an element called either a resistor or a conductor, the term ‘resistor’ being the one generally used to express the concept of friction, and the term ‘conductor’ being generally used to describe a more ideal device (e.g., wire) employed to convey electric energy efficiently from one location to another. The property of a resistor or conductor is measured as either resistance or conductance, reciprocals.

In economics these three energy concepts are associated with:

(1) Economic Capacitance—Capital (money, stock/inventory, investments in building and durables, etc.)

(2) Economic Conductance—Goods (production flow coefficients)

(3) Economic Inductance—Services (the influence of the population of industry on output).

All of the mathematical theory developed in the study of one energy system, (e.g., mechanics, electronics, etc.) can be immediately applied in the study of any other energy system (e.g., economics).

MR. ROTHSCHILD'S ENERGY DISCOVERY

What Mr. Rothschild had discovered was the basic principle of power, influence, and control over people as applied to economics. That principle is "when you assume the appearance of power, people soon give it to you". **[H: Try that one on for Dr. Ed Young, along with total authority in all matters.]**

Mr. Rothschild had discovered that currency or deposit loan accounts had the required appearance of power that could be used to induce people (inductance, with people corresponding to a magnetic field) into surrendering their real wealth in exchange for a promise of greater wealth (instead of real compensation). They would put up real collateral in exchange for a loan of promissory notes. Mr. Rothschild found that he could issue more notes than he had backing for, so long as he had someone's stock of gold as a persuader to show to his customers.

Mr. Rothschild loaned his promissory notes to individuals and to governments. These would create over-confidence. Then he would make money scarce, tighten control of the system, and collect his collateral through the obligation of contracts. The cycle was then repeated. These pressures could be used to ignite a war. Then he would control the availability of currency to determine who would win the war. That government which agreed to give him control of its economic system got his support. Collection of debts was guaranteed by economic aid to the enemy of the debtor. The profit derived from this economic methodology made Mr. Rothschild all the more wealthy and all the more able to extend his wealth. He found that the public greed would allow currency to be printed by government order beyond the limits (inflation) of backing in precious metal or the production of goods and services (gross national product, GNP).

[H: I think you should read the above a couple of dozen times and check where you are today.]

APPARENT CAPITAL AS "PAPER" INDUCTOR

In this structure, credit, presented as a pure circuit element called "currency", has the appearance of capital, but is, in fact, negative capital. Hence, it has the appearance of service, but is, in fact, indebtedness or debt. It is, therefore, an economic inductance instead of an economic capacitance, and if balanced in no other way, will be balanced by the negation of population (war, genocide). The total goods and services represents real capital called the gross national product, and currency may be printed up to this level and still represent economic capacitance; but currency printed beyond this level is subtractive, represents the introduction of economic inductance, and constitutes notes of indebtedness. War is, therefore, the balancing of the system by killing the true creditors (the public which we have taught to exchange true value for inflated currency) and falling back on whatever is left of the resources of Nature and the regeneration of those resources.

Mr. Rothschild had discovered that currency gave him the power to rearrange the economic structure to his own advantage, to shift economic inductance to those economic positions which would encourage the greatest economic instability and oscillation.

The final key to economic control had to wait until there was sufficient data and high-speed computing equipment to keep close watch on the economic oscillations created by price shocking and excess paper energy credits (paper inductance/inflation).

BREAKTHROUGH

The aviation field provided the greatest evolution in economic engineering by the way of the mathematical theory of shock testing. In this process, a projectile is fired from an airframe on the ground and the impulse of the recoil is monitored by vibration transducers connected to the airframe and wired to chart recorders. By studying the echoes or reflections of the recoil impulse in the airframe, it is possible to discover critical vibrations in the structure of the airframe which either vibrations of the engine or aeolian vibrations of the wings, or a combination of the two, might reinforce resulting in a resonant self-destruction of the airframe in flight as an aircraft. From the standpoint of engineering, this means that the strengths and weaknesses of the structure of the airframe in terms of vibrational energy can be discovered and manipulated.

APPLICATION IN ECONOMICS

To use this method of airframe shock testing in economic engineering, the prices of commodities are shocked, and the public consumer reaction is monitored. The resulting echoes of the economic shock are interpreted theoretically by computers and the psycho-economic structure of the economy is thus discovered. It is by this process that partial differential and difference matrices are discovered that define the family household and make possible its evolution as an economic industry (dissipative consumer structure). Then the response of the household to future shocks can be predicted and manipulated, and society becomes a well-regulated animal with its reins under the control of a sophisticated computer-regulated social energy bookkeeping system.

Eventually every individual element of the structure comes under computer control through a knowledge of personal preferences, such knowledge guaranteed by computer association of consumer preferences (universal product code—UPC – zebra-stripe pricing codes on packages) with identified consumers (identified via association with the use of a credit card and later a permanent 'tattooed' body number invisible under normal ambient illumination).

SUMMARY

Economics is only a social extension of a natural energy system. It, also, has its three passive components. Because of the distribution of wealth and the lack of communication and consequent lack of data, this field has been the last energy field for which a knowledge of these three passive components has been developed.

Since energy is the key to all activity on the face of the Earth, it follows that in order to attain a monopoly of energy, raw materials, goods, and services and to establish a world system of slave labor, it is necessary to have a first-strike capability in the field of economics. In order to maintain our position, it is necessary that we have absolute first knowledge of the science of control over all economic factors and the first experience at engineering the world economy.

In order to achieve such sovereignty, we must at least achieve this one end: that the public will not make either the logical or mathematical connection between economics and the other energy sciences or learn to apply such knowledge.

This is becoming increasingly difficult to control because more and more businesses are making demands upon their computer programmers to create and apply mathematical models for the management of those businesses.

It is only a matter of time before the new breed of private programmer/economists will catch on to the far-reaching implications of the work begun at Harvard in 1948. The speed with which they can communicate their warning to the public will largely depend upon how effective we have been at controlling the media, subverting education, and keeping the public distracted with matters of no real importance.

THE ECONOMIC MODEL

Economics, as a social energy science has as a first objective the description of the complex way in which any given unit of resources is used to satisfy some economic want (Leontief Matrix). The first objective, when it is extended to get the most product from the least or limited resources, comprises that objective of general military and industrial logistics known as Operations Research. (See simplex method of linear programming.)

The Harvard Economic Research Project (1948-) was an extension of World War II Operations Research. Its purpose was to discover the science of controlling an economy; at first the American economy, and then the world economy. It was felt that with sufficient mathematical foundation and data, it would be nearly as easy to predict and control the trend of an economy as to predict and control the trajectory of a projectile. Such has proven to be the case. Moreover, the economy has been transformed into a guided missile on target.

The immediate aim of the Harvard project was to discover the economic structure, what forces change that structure, how the behavior of the structure can be predicted, and how it can be manipulated. What was needed was a well-organized knowledge of the mathematical structures and interrelationships of investment, production, distribution, and consumption. To make a short story of it all, it was discovered that an economy obeyed the same laws as electricity and that all of the mathematical theory and practical and computer know-how developed for the electronic field could be directly applied in the study of economics. This discovery was not openly declared, and its more subtle implications were and are kept a closely guarded secret; for example that in an economic model, human life is measured in dollars, and that the electric spark generated when opening a switch connected to an active inductor is mathematically analogous to the initiation of a war.

The greatest hurdle which theoretical economists faced was the accurate description of the household as an industry. This is a challenge, because consumer purchases are a matter of choice which in turn is influenced by income, price, and other economic factors.

This hurdle was cleared in an indirect and statistically approximate way by an application of shock testing to determine the current characteristics, called current technical coefficients, of a household industry. Why GAS Costs \$2.00 Per Gallon.

Finally, because problems in theoretical economics can be translated very easily into problems in theoretical electronics, and the solution translated back again, it follows that only a book of language translation and concept definition needed to be written for economics. The remainder could be gotten from standard works on mathematics and electronics. This makes the publication of books on advanced economics unnecessary, and greatly simplifies project security.

[END QUOTING, END OF PART 1]



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OPEN LETTER

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 FROM: GLOBAL ALLIANCE INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION
 RE: NOTICE, MISPRISION OF FELONY

In the U.S. we have a criminal violation called "misprision of felony" that applies to persons who know about possible crimes and do not report them. Such persons can be charged with and punished the same as can the perpetrator of the crime. We presume you have such a law here.

In the event that you have, we will avail of the opportunity to not only disclose such a crime, and doing so, protect ourselves, but also to bring your attention to a pattern of criminal activity that, like drugs and gambling, transfers money from the poor to the rich, thus weakening the economic and moral fiber of all Filipinos.

Senator Lacson has identified a valuable piece of property in Quezon City "owned" by the First Couple. Without having the legal description of the property we cannot be sure that it was not the subject of a gift of, or purchase from, the Tallano Estate. However, it would be quite unique if it were. The more likely condition is that it was the subject of a fraudulent land title descended from one of those "Spanish Land Grants" that were mentioned by the First Gentleman during his appearance before the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee on September 3, 2003.

Even though copies of the April 9, 2003 issue of *CONTACT* containing the results of the due diligence we conducted to determine whether we should continue our support of the DON ESTEBAN BENITEZ TALLANO & DON GREGORIO MADRIGAL ACOP FOUNDATION, INC. have previously been delivered to each of you, for your convenience we will enclose another copy of that newspaper along with the edition of May 21, 2003 containing an article titled "The Magnificent Solution", which describes a way of transforming the Philippines into a land of wonderful abundance for all of its people.

If you study the published material, you will learn that all of the Spanish Land Grants were superseded and cancelled by the Land Registration Court on October 3, 1904, which was ratified by the Cadastral Act 2259 in the year 1914. The Original Certificate of Title No. 01-4, along with its only two derivative titles, TCT No. 408 and TCT No. 498, were affirmed by the DECISION WITH COMPROMISE AGREEMENT of February 4, 1972 issued by Judge Agana, a matter that has been litigated and again affirmed by the Pasay court in every presidential administration since. TCT 498 covers nearly all of Quezon City (and much more) so you can see that if the Arroyo-claimed land was based upon a Spanish Land Grant, it is quite likely fraudulent.

Further, we noted the rather virulent attack by Michael Defensor upon the TCT 408 as he alleged it was being used to "harass legitimate property owners in Metro Manila", attributing such harassment to "Anacleto Madrigal Acopiado, Anacleto Madrigal Acop and Julian Tallano". The quotes are from *TODAY*, August 3, 2003. The first two men named are dead long ago and Julian Tallano spends most of his time up near Cabanatuan. Perhaps Mr. Defensor is trying a bit too hard to please the President?

As further ongoing research and title searches are taking place to finish our due diligence in the cases in point, we are just wrapping up for press our next edition of backup, which covers the area of Makati. Since we have found thus far that even the land along Ayala on which our building of residence sits is on land with FALSE TITLES, we have reason to question the title to the land claimed by the Arroyo/Tuison family for their LTA "building".

We do not suggest anyone take our "word" for the newspaper presentation, for it will be easy enough to back up every statement and find correct titles, etc., for any of YOU interested enough to question our research and cover yourselves in the process.

Next, please, may we point out that the worst plunder and total mismanagement of your economy is in the continuing and totally absurd borrowing massive sums when you then have to borrow more to pay the interest every month. That impacts the viability of joint venture projects which impacts our own business, so we must object to such abuse.

Regarding Money Laundering, may we refer you to the article on the front page, Business Section, of *The Philippine STAR*, Wednesday, September 3, 2003. Should the money in the Pidal accounts prove to be "public" (PCSA?), Mr. Buenaventura has given you the sad tale about ability to recovery—YOU CAN'T freeze those accounts, he says.

An excerpt: "Under the original version of the AMLC, the council itself had the authority to freeze accounts even without a court order, allowing the AMLC to prevent funds from dissipating and making it more probable to recover the deposited amount after the investigation and litigation have been concluded.

"But this power was removed from the AMLC so now, we can only freeze bank accounts after we have secured the necessary court order," Buenaventura explained. "The downside of this is that once we file a petition for a court order, the case becomes a matter of public record."

Buenaventura said that once the petition is filed, the owner of the account under investigation is then warned that his or her account was being investigated. "ONCE THEY FIND OUT BEFORE WE CAN ACT, THEY CAN IMMEDIATELY PULL THEIR MONEY OUT AND SO IT GOES," he said. [Emphasis mine.]

Isn't it strange that Mrs. Olivares' arrest can be arranged on Sunday by the mere visit of a Malacañang attorney and poor Mr. Buenaventura is powerless to stop Pidal from removing all of the money from the laundry? How soon can we expect the suspension of Mr. Buenaventura to be dropped? And what about the millions of pesos that Senator Lacson has not yet found, especially those in the U.S.? We will remind you that the IMF typically "reallows" up to 20% of the interest collections from a nation to be used to assure that those collections continue, even when it might require legislation to do so. Those moneys are usually deposited in offshore numbered accounts for presidents, finance ministers, central bankers and legislative leaders.

Vicktor Corpuz was the guest on Gene Orejana's *On Line* Wednesday evening (9/3/3). As you know, Gene is among the most watched and internationally exposed programs out of Manila, especially in the U.S., Australia and Canada. Gene referred to that day's edition of *The Daily TRIBUNE*, a copy of which he displayed and from which he quoted. General Corpuz scoffed, saying that the paper is not credible. A copy of that interview and specifically that segment might be most useful to Ms. Olivares.

We will consider that we have met our obligations under the "misprision of felony" regulations by this notice.

Thank you for your attention.



E.J. Ekker, President

The Strange Death Of Roberto Calvi

8/26/03—#1 (17-10)

TUE, AUG. 26, 2003 6:00 P.M. YR. 17, DAY 10

EJE—RE: *THE BROKEN CROSS; The Hidden Hand in the Vatican*, by Piers Compton: BOOK PART 13, CHAPTERS 1-4 [CONTACT PART 14]

[QUOTING:]

PART 13

Who shall decide when doctors disagree?—Alexander Pope.

1.

The figure of John Paul I, who succeeded Paul VI, adds yet another, and one of the most profound, to a situation that is already crowded with problems. Created Bishop by John XXIII—and made a Cardinal by Paul VI (the Popes who, between them, created and implemented the revolution)—his rise to the Papal throne after having been Albino Luciano, Cardinal-Patriarch of Venice, came almost as an ecclesiastical bolt from the blue.

Humbly circumstanced, he grew up in a family where opinions quite naturally were formed and dominated by those of the father, a committed Left-winger; and he was in his mid-sixties when on August 26, 1978 he emerged from the conclave at which he had been elected, with unprecedented speed, after four ballots that covered only eight hours and forty-five minutes on the first day.

An observer with an eye on the state of affairs at the Vatican might have noted that the stage was being set for yet another Renaissance drama. And such an event was indeed figured forth by the enigmas at once presented by this (apparently) by no means uncommon Pope.

Two schools of thought, in neither of which his voice had so far been definitely heard, grew up about him. One insisted that he was bent on continuing the changes set afoot by his two predecessors; that he favored the modernist or progressive elements and their reforms.

Support for this was given when he rejected the title of Supreme Pontiff; and elected to be installed rather than crowned. There was no crucifix on the table that served for an altar at his inaugural Mass. Simplicity governed all, and those who echoed the ideology of Paul VI were soon claiming that the new Pope was 'their man', especially when he was known to have opposed the Church's teaching forbidding contraception.

On the other hand, it was said that he contemplated the annulment of some of the innovations started by Vatican Two; that he deplored the so-called 'upward' movement that was threatening the Church; and those conservatives who looked for an endorsement of their viewpoint were encouraged when the time came to appoint new Bishops to vacant sees and, more especially, one to his old Patriarchate of Venice.

In that he was opposed by Cardinal Baggio (known as Ceba to the secret societies) whose candidate was a certain Monsignor Ce, who was known to be radical. But John Paul refused to make the appointment, thus giving support to those who wished to believe that he was in conflict with heresy.

Their satisfaction, however, was short lived, as was evidenced by an occasion when he was called upon to address a gathering of students and teachers. He led them in reciting the Angelus, but no sooner had he concluded the last 'Hail Mary' than he began to sing the praises of one whom he extolled as 'a classical example of abnegation and devotion to education'.

This was not, as might have been expected, a saint, nor even a simple member of the Church, but Giosue Carducci (1835-1907), who had been professor at Bologna University and whose name, as a self-confessed worshipper of Satan, was widely respected in occult circles.

His poem *Hymn to Satan*, in forty stanzas, contained such lines as the following:

'Glory to thee, magnanimous Rebel!

On Thy brow shall rise, like laurel groves,
The forests of Aspromonte.

I drink to the happy day which shall see the end
Of Rome the eternal.

To Liberty who, avenging human thought,
Overturns the false throne of Peter's successor;
In the dust with crowns and garlands!
Lie shattered, iniquitous Lord!

In shorter pieces, Carducci apologized to Satan, or the spirit of evil, which he called Agramainio, for the lies and slanders that are heaped upon him on Earth. Glorifications of the occult and the Black Mass, and of Satan as the symbol of revolt against the Church, the antithesis of religion, are mixed with blasphemies. Satan is thanked for being kind, while in his *Ode to the Town of Ferrara*, Carducci cursed the 'cruel old she-wolf of the Vatican'.

Carducci became the center of a cult and was accorded much the same reverence by his followers that he gave to Satan. Processions were held, preceded by a banner on which Satan, in all his regalia of horns, tail and hooves, was depicted, and at which a parody of the Litany, including the line '*Gloria in profundis Satanae*' was chanted. The last eight verses of the hymn by this 'singer of Satan' passed into the repertory of songs that made the rafters ring in Italian secret society meetings.

Yet Pope John Paul's admiration for this man, his holding him up as an example for teachers and the rising generation to follow, was only one of the mysteries connected with his reign.

2.

Over the centuries Rome, insisting on her unique historical validity, had remained stubbornly aloof from negotiations with other Churches—Protestant or Orthodox. But the Second Vatican Council had opened doors so that representatives of those Churches were now exchanging views and discussing the possibilities of unity.

One such visitor to Rome was the Russian Metropolitan Monsignor Nikodim, the Orthodox Archbishop of Leningrad. Born in 1930, and becoming the youngest Bishop of any creed in Christendom, he was reputed to exhibit a pro-Soviet and anti-West bias. In 1961 he led a deputation of Orthodox churchmen to the World Council of Churches. He was awarded the United Nations' medal for peace and became head of the Foreign Relations Department of the Moscow Patriarchate; and after attending the installation of John Paul I, he was received in audience by the Pope on September the 5th.

The meeting occurred in the study adjoining the Pope's private library, and the opening remarks, as reported probably by Father Arrupe, Superior-General of the Jesuits, or by the liberal Cardinal Willebrands (who acted as hosts to Nikodim) followed these lines:

'Welcome, dear brother,' said the Pope, coming forward from the large oak table at which he had been working, 'so close to us, and yet so far away. What shall we discover about ourselves? When will all of us, Catholic and Orthodox, be sons of the same Church?'

Nikodim responded in the same spirit. 'I wish it could be in your reign that such a thing could happen.'

The Pope asked for news of the state of religion in Russia. 'Father Arrupe tells me that you are very hopeful about the future of the Church in your country.'

Nikodim was silent for a time. Those who had met him could imagine how, when pausing for an answer, his eyes showed as little more than slits under bushy brows. 'Most Holy Father, I'll be frank with you,' he said at length. 'In Russia they think very badly of me. They say I am working with the State authorities, and that I serve them rather than God. Yet I am a faithful servant of God.'

That short confession brought a rush of color to his cheeks. He breathed quickly, in the grip of some violent emotion.

John Paul asked quietly: 'What do you wish me to do?'

When able to speak again, Nikodim continued: 'Most Holy Father, how can we work together if Russia still thinks that the Orthodox Church is part of the Communist system? One day I shall be crushed'—he flung out his arms—and the Russian Orthodox Church will come to an end. You must come to an understanding, and negotiate with them as they ask you to.'

Had that been the object of Nikodim's visit? We shall never know, for by now his physical state was truly alarming. His hand was pressed to his left side as though, it was later said (perhaps by John Paul himself), he wished to tear out his heart and fling it at the Pope's feet. He tried to speak, but failed. His mouth twisted, and only the whites of his eyes were visible'.

The Pope seized and partly supported him. 'Mercy, he is ill,' he exclaimed to Willebrands, who was still within hearing. 'Quickly, Eminence, call Doctor Fontana'—the Pope's private physician.

The Pope arranged what comfort he could for Nikodim on the floor of the study. Then he opened the window. By the time the doctor arrived the Russian was dead.

It later emerged that Nikodim had been refused permission to enter France on his way to Rome, and that he was only able to do so when a number of French Bishops interceded on his behalf.

Then, as though to account for their opposition, the French Foreign Office let it be known that Nikodim was an accredited agent of the Soviet Secret Police.

3.

Thursday, September 28, 1978 had been what passed as an ordinary day at the Vatican. The Pope, after working in his office, had received some members of the hierarchy in private audience, and then a group of prelates from the Philippines, to whom, as representatives of the most Catholic region in southeast Asia, he extended a special welcome.

Following lunch and the usual siesta there was more business and discussion with several of the Cardinals. Evening prayers in his private chapel had been followed by a general good-night to members of his staff, after which he retired to his bedroom on the third floor of the Apostolic Palace.

Friday dawned as a typical end-of-September day, with the rows of Palace windows taking shape in the dull grey light and the first sounds coming, not from birds in the Vatican Gardens, but from the little room where Sister Vicenza, a nun who had been in the service of Popes for the past ten years, was preparing coffee. Her timing, her movements and the details of her task had an almost military precision.

It had turned five o'clock. At ten minutes past she would place the cup of coffee, always strong, in the sacristy adjoining the chapel where the Pope knelt, in meditation, before saying Mass at five-thirty. She was therefore surprised when, not hearing any movement, she had gone to the sacristy and found that the coffee, half-cold in the cup, had not been touched.

One of the Papal secretaries, Don Diego, then joined her; and when five-twenty came, and still the Pope had not appeared, they went to the door of his bedroom. There the secretary tapped, more than once, and having received no answer he opened the door.

The Pope lay on his bed, fully dressed and obviously dead. On the bedside table was a lamp, still burning, and a cheap little alarm Clock that he had brought from Venice. In the corridor was a red light emanating from an electric bell. It was placed there as an alarm, to summon help, and its glow meant that such a signal had been made by the Pope who, as Diego saw at a glance, had died alone without his call being answered. He had worn the Fisherman's Ring for only thirty-three days.

The Pope's other secretary, Father John Magee, was next on the scene, and as the news spread Cardinal Confaloniere, Dean of the Congregation of Cardinals, who arrived at the bedside, pronounced what was afterwards accepted as the regular and official version of the tragedy.

The resulting description might relate to the death-bed of any outstandingly religious man. The Pope was on the bed, supported by pillows, with his head turned a little to the right, inclining forward over his chest. His eyes were open. The prevailing impression was one of calmness and serenity with no suggestion of pain. There was nothing to belie the name 'smiling Pope' that had been given him during his brief time in Rome. One hand held some sheets of paper containing notes for a speech he intended to deliver on the following day. A copy of Thomas A. Kempis' *Imitation of Christ* was on the floor.

In the near panic and stupefaction that followed, Don Diego, who might have been expected to join in, was holding a hurriedly excited conversation on the telephone. It later transpired that he had called Doctor Antonio da Ros, begging him to come at once to the Vatican to carry out an external examination of John Paul whom he had known and treated for some twenty years—an extraordinary act for a secretary to carry out on his own initiative, when he was surrounded by a bevy of influential prelates, and doubly surprising since Doctor da Ros was not in Rome, but in Venice.

The news was released through Vatican Radio at seven-thirty-one, and on Italian Radio the morning's announcer cut short the latest act of terrorism by the Red Brigade to say: 'We interrupt this broadcast to bring you grave news.'

The tolling of bells throughout the city, and the lowering of the yellow and white Vatican City flag, took up the story; and away in Cracow, when the tidings were heard in the old building that housed the cathedral Curia, a man who had been seated at breakfast suddenly rose and retired to the private chapel. Those who saw him at the time remembered how Karol Wojtyla, for that was his name, was deathly pale and trembling, as though some heavily charged mission, whose import had been made known to him by some secret counsel in the not too far off past, was on the point of reaching fulfillment.

Those who experienced it have no hesitation in saying that from then on an atmosphere, hitherto unknown there, passed into the Vatican. Men began almost to question themselves, as they did others. Small groups met and talked without animation. They were under a nameless pressure that it was beyond the power of any among them to remove. Much of the conversation there at normal times is highly allusive, causing one to search into their classical, historical or literary memories to find a reason for it, or an answer.

Now that impression was heightened, as when Cardinals Poletti and Baggio came face to face, both aware of a question, and both equally nervous lest the other might solve it. One of them took refuge in recalling the words of Antonio Fogazzaro, the anti-clerical writer.

'Eminence,' said one, 'you jeer at anyone who holds his tongue. Dread his silence!' A less experienced priest came nearer to summing up the situation in more picturesque language. 'The cupboards of the Vatican are full of skeletons. Their bones are beginning to rattle.'

'What if they are?' said another cleric. 'They were placed there during the great heresies of the Middle Ages. Now those heresies have come again.'

Rumors, mystery, embarrassment, perplexity. It came almost as a relief when movements were heard in the hallway that led to the Pope's bedroom. The Swiss Guards, before the termination of their four hours' duty there, were marching out, and a high temporary partition was being erected round the bed. At the same time, all exits and entrances to that part of the building were sealed.

Before long the dead Pope's brother and sister, Eduardo and Amelia Luciani, and a niece Pia, had arrived. They were plain, simple people, who would be regarded by some in Rome as rugged sons and

daughters of the mountains (they came from the Dolomites), and not the sort to impress, in spite of their closeness to the dead Pope, a Cardinal like Villot who, now in charge of Vatican affairs and worldly to a degree, covered an iron nature with a more than usual share of French courtesy.

Worried by the sudden and unexpected death of their brother, they voiced their agreement with most of the doctors that an autopsy must be held to settle the matter and dispel any lingering doubts.

Professor Prati, consultant of the heart unit of St. Camillo hospital, said an autopsy was not only desirable but necessary. Professor Alcona, head of the neurological department of the Polyclinic of the Catholic University of Rome, gave his more downright opinion that it was the duty of the Holy See to order a post-mortem. The same theme was to be more strongly renewed after the Pope's funeral when another specialist, Professor Fontana, said: 'If I had to certify, under the same circumstances, the death of an ordinary unimportant citizen, I would quite simply have refused to allow him to be buried.'

Many publications were equally insistent that a post-mortem was necessary, among them being the conservative group *Civiltà Cristiano*, under its director Franco Antico, and the influential *Corriere della Sera*, of Milan.

Their doubts were supported by the way in which the specialists who examined the Pope's body contradicted each other. Doctor Buzzonetti, the first doctor on the scene, said the Pope had suffered an acute coronary thrombosis. Another put it down to cancer, while a third said the Pope had an apoplectic fit resulting from a brain tumor. Doctor Rulli of the St. Camillo hospital, said it was a case of cerebral hemorrhage.

The suggestion of heart trouble was discountenanced by Edouardo and Amelia Luciani, while Monsignor Senigallia said that John Paul, acting on his advice, had had an electrocardiogram which lasted for twenty minutes, and that no irregularity had been revealed.

The official investigators now adopted a new line to help them out of an embarrassing situation: They suddenly announced that the Pope had, from the first, been a very sick person; that he had been baptized soon after birth, since he had not been expected to live through the day; that he had been in a hospital eight times, in a sanatorium twice, and had undergone four operations. Appendicitis, heart, and sinus trouble, with swelling of the hands and feet, were also numbered among his complaints. His fingernails had turned black, he had managed to survive with a single lung, while there was also talk of an embolism, or blood clot. If this summary of ills had been true (and he underwent the usual medical examination before the conclave), he would not have been elected.

Within a few hours, when the initial feeling of shock had been passed, a veritable campaign of suspicion made itself felt, from which only Villot, and a few of his close associates stayed aloof. There was talk of a more than medicinal dose of digitalis, of the rare wickedness that would be necessary to introduce poison into the wine used for Mass, and of the unobtrusive ways in which a man might be helped to die.

But these hazards apart, with such terms as murder, assassination and poison beginning to be heard, there were some unanswerable questions that were threatening, as one prelate put it, to shake the pillars of the Vatican to their very foundations.

The first one to look on the face of the dead Pope was Don Diego, a secretary. He must have seen something that thoroughly alarmed or shocked him, since he had rushed to the telephone to call Doctor da Ros, a more intimate medical friend of John Paul than any on the Vatican rota, although the average of fourteen prominent specialists it numbered were readily available, while da Ros was three hundred miles away.

Moreover, Don Diego was never asked to account for his action, or, at least, not in a way that was ever the subject of any known inquiry. And, normally loquacious, he became reserved and could never be drawn to enlarge upon the reason why, with so much threatening to break about him he rushed to the telephone to make a distant call.

What had he seen? Had it been the expression on the face of John Paul? According to the octogenarian Dean of the Congregation of Cardinals, Confalonieri, the dead man appeared serene, smooth, peaceful, with a hint of smiling. But a young cleric who had recently been accredited to the Vatican, and who pressed forward with a beginner's eagerness and ardor to make himself familiar with its affairs, saw a very different countenance from the one officially described.

It was distorted by a pronounced look of suffering, while the mouth, instead of presaging a smile, was gaping wide. That this latter version was true was borne out when the embalmers arrived, the four brothers Signoracci from the Medical Institute. Their combined and highly practiced efforts, carried out for two hours on the face alone, and with the aid of cosmetics, could not overcome, still less remove, the manifestation of horror that the dead Pope carried to his tomb.

But the greatest obstacle in the way of a comfortable explanation was the red light in the corridor. It was controlled by an electric bell on the Pope's bedside table, and it was a signal that meant he was calling for assistance. That signal had certainly been made. The red glow had sprung into life. But it had not been answered. Not by any of the guards, nor by any of the staff, the secretaries, clerks, nurse, the chauffeur, who were in the annexe; not by either of the seven nuns of the Order of Marie-Enfant who, being responsible for the Pope's domestic arrangements, were on the floor above his own.

What had they all been doing at the time? What more important task than the Pope's welfare, his safety even, had kept them employed? The police who patrolled St. Peter's Square all through the night must instinctively have glanced more than once at the slightly parted curtains in the Pope's bedroom. The red glow might have appeared between them. But was it indeed observable all through the night, or had it been tampered with so that it only became visible at early dawn? There was no inquiry along those lines. Those questions went unanswered. The Pope was dead. But a post-mortem, demanded by most of the Pope's doctors and his relatives; and seconded by an influential Press, would settle all doubts as well as determining the cause of death.

But here again the tall imposing presence of Villot intervened. An autopsy, he declared, was out of the question; and his reason for saying so left the doctors more bewildered than before. The body had been found at five-thirty a.m. Time, that is normally so regular and methodically paced at the Vatican, had then taken a surprising leap forward. For the embalmers, with quite unnecessary and unprecedented haste, had immediately been summoned, and their process had been completed by nine-thirty.

'But the intestines?' asked one of the doctors, who had made up his mind to remove them and carry out tests for a trace of poison.

Villot's answer was again decisive. They had been burnt. One of the most salient comments on the strange affair came, surprisingly enough, from *L'Osservatore Romano*, which asked whether the death of John Paul might in any way be linked to the homily he had pronounced in favor of the Satanist and devil-worshipper Carducci. But only Catholics in Germany read this, for it was deleted from every copy of the paper that went elsewhere. An effort was actually made to suppress the German edition, but it was too late.

An unimpressive Press conference, that Villot could not actually oppose, though his obvious displeasure almost had the effect of a positive ban (especially when one of those present voiced the widespread regret at the failure to hold an autopsy), yielded nothing. Villot referred objectors to the final verdict given by Father Romeo Panciroli who, after carrying out whatever check was possible on the highly-spiced and viscerated body, was 'pleased to report that everything had been in order'.

Meanwhile a medical man, Gerin, who rejected the possibility of the Pope's death having been a natural one, openly pronounced the word 'poison'; and a Bishop (one must respect his wish to remain unnamed) made up his mind to succeed where doctors, professors and journalists had failed. He would penetrate the veil of silence and secrecy—and establish the truth—whatever its import or what it might entail.

He worked hard and long; interviewed countless people, delved into every department, mounted stairways and passed through devious passages in the Vatican. Then, for a time, he vanished from the scene; and those who have since met him found him not only changed, as may happen after only a few months, but in every sense an entirely different man.

Hardened Romans and realists who had expected nothing else merely shrugged. The dome of St. Peter's is not an eggshell to be cracked. He was merely one more fool who had cracked his own heart against it.

Cardinal Villot, aware of the growing disquiet in the Church, promised to make a statement on recent events in the Vatican before the calling of the next conclave. He never did, but remained a man of mystery to the last, leaving no evidence as to how much he had known (there was ample suspicion to more than make up for absence of certainty), or for how much he had been responsible.

The cause of Villot's own death on March 9, 1979 occasioned the same elementary confusion that surrounded the passing of John Paul I. The Cardinal, according to an early announcement, had died of bronchial-pneumonia. A second verdict named kidney trouble; a third, hepatitis; while yet another attributed the cause to internal hemorrhage.

It appears that top-flight Catholic specialists, when called to the bedside of their most eminent patients, reveal themselves as being very indifferent diagnosticians.

4.

It was raining. From their places on the colonnade above the piazza, Simon Peter and his fellow saints looked down upon a forest of umbrellas. The dead Pope, in vestments of red, white and gold, and with a golden mitre on his head, had been brought from the Clementine Hall in the Apostolic Palace to the square where, in a plain cypress coffin, the body rested on a red blanket fringed with ermine, for the celebration of an open-air Mass. The flame of a single tall taper, placed near the coffin, flickered this way and that in the wind and drizzle, but never to the point of going out. A Monsignor, his mind heavy with a fast-growing certainty, looked round at the mostly shawled heads and white faces, and thought of the terrible suspicion that was trembling on everyone's lips.

'It is too much,' was all he could murmur to himself. 'It is too much.'

A chill October dusk, pierced by pin-points of light from the city, was closing down as the cortege moved into the basilica where, in the crypt, future generations will come to gaze at a tomb bearing the simple inscription JOHANNES PAULUS I. And some, despite the blunting of time, may wonder.

[END QUOTING BOOK PART 13, CHAPTERS 1-4 (CONTACT PART 14)]

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WED, AUG. 27, 2003 8:00 P.M. YR. 17, DAY 11

EJE—RE: *THE BROKEN CROSS; The Hidden Hand in the Vatican*, by Piers Compton: BOOK PART 14, CHAPTERS 1-3 [CONTACT PART 15]

[QUOTING:]

PART 14

Belief in the innocence of rulers depends upon the ignorance of those ruled.—Hugh Ross Williamson.

1.

The Catholic world at large had barely recovered from the shock of John Paul's death, sudden and unexpected as it was, when another event diverted their attention from the Sedes vacante (vacancy of the Apostolic See) to the puff of white smoke that on October 16, 1978 issued from the small, bent chimney of the Sistine Chapel, and to the announcement that followed it: 'We have a new Pope.'

More than the usual excitement resulted, and there were those among the more experienced observers who noted that much of it came from the same quarters that had acclaimed John XXIII; from those who greeted the changes (or disasters, as many thought) that resulted from his reign, as long awaited and welcome signs that the Church was throwing off its iron archaic fetters.

For the new Pontiff was Karol Wojtyla, who received something like a hero's welcome because he was a Pole, from behind the Iron Curtain, where religion, especially the Christian, had had to run the gauntlet, and where now, although the era of blows and taunts was somewhat relaxed, it was still subject to a mainly wary and restricted acceptance. Wojtyla was, incidentally, the first non-Italian to be elected Pope since 1522.

A veteran American journalist who had the not inappropriate name of Avro Manhattan, who knew the Vatican more intimately than he did the White House, and who was well versed in Russian conversation, had earlier written: 'The proportion of radical Cardinals, and of future members of the Sacred College, whose political leanings range from light pink to scarlet red, has been mounting and will continue to increase. The inevitable result will be that, thanks to the greatest number of Leftist clerics, the election of a Red Pope is becoming more likely.'

Had such a Pontiff arrived in the person of Karol Wojtyla?

In view of the strained relationship between countries in the West, and those behind the Iron Curtain, the officially irreligious policy of the latter, and the emergence of John Paul II, as the new Pope elected to be called, a number of questions presented themselves that called for an answer. His orthodox early training and development, his becoming a priest, and his rise to Archbishop and then to Cardinal, had proceeded normally.

Many hundreds of his co-religionists in Poland during the thirty years of Communist domination had undergone petty or serious persecution, many being jailed, some put to death. Yet there is no indication of Wojtyla ever undergoing more than the usual trials that have to be endured by known dissidents. He had not been subject to any sustained or menacing outcry, and his relationship with the Marxist authorities had been the same as that of any ordinary citizen who wore his faith upon his sleeve.

Through it all he must have been called upon, as a prelate, to give not only religious but also social and even economic advice to those of his faith, advice that must have sometimes conflicted with the governing code. Yet he was never actually silenced, and he was tolerated, even privileged by the authorities, while his religious superior, Cardinal Wyszynski, then Primate of Poland, lived under constant pressure.

A case in point was the granting of permission to leave the country. When the Synod of Bishops was called for Rome, both Cardinals applied for exit visas. The Primate encountered a blunt refusal, but Wojtyla was given permission as a matter of course.

He experienced the same favor when it came to attending the conclave at which he was elected, and those who had been dismayed by the prospect of a Pope from a Soviet background soon felt they were justified.

Pierre Bourgeois, writing in *Didasco*, a French publication that appeared in Brussels, April 1979, said: 'No one capable of coherent thought will easily believe that a Cardinal from behind the Iron Curtain can be anything but a Communist plant.'

A similar doubt was expressed in *The War is Now*, an Australian production issued on behalf of Catholic tradition. If Wojtyla, it asked, is a true Catholic Pole, 'why would proper, sensible, prudent Cardinals with the Church's welfare at heart, elect a target, a man whose family and people remain under the gun, a whole nation of ready-made hostages or martyrs?'

The Abbe de Nantes, leader of the Catholic Counter-Reformation of the Twentieth Century, was more downright: '**We have a Communist Pope.**'

It was formerly acknowledged that differences, when they were in Poland, did exist between the two Cardinals. Wyszynski never yielded an inch when dealing with the controllers of his country. Wojtyla was all for coming to terms and continuing 'dialogue' with them, along the lines that had been

established by Paul VI; and what was more noticeable Wojtyla, apart from never actually condemning atheistic Marxism, stood in the way of those who wished to adopt a more militant attitude towards it.

Someone had noted that during the conclave in the Sistine Chapel, at which he was elected, the solemnity of the occasion, and the fact of being overlooked by Michelangelo's gigantic frescoes of the Last Judgment, did not prevent Wojtyla reading from a book that he had thought fit to take in for instruction—or for a little light relief from the gravity of choosing the Vicar of Christ? It was a book of Marxist principles.

Those who regarded him with suspicion were not reassured when he rejected the ritual of coronation and chose to be 'installed', and when he let it be known that he rested more easily in an ordinary chair than on the Papal throne. Were Church practices, they asked, to undergo a further paring down after those that had already resulted from the Council? Their fears grew when he put aside the mantle of authoritarianism with which the Church of which he was now the Head, had hitherto been invested. And any lingering doubts they may have had vanished when in his inaugural speech he undertook to fulfill the last will and testament of Paul VI by adhering to Pope John's directives of collegiality and the liturgy of the New Mass—and that, it may be observed, in spite of the fact that he must have been aware of all the obscenities that followed it.

When making that announcement, Wojtyla stood by a makeshift altar that, like Paul VI's bier, was bereft of any religious sign in the form of a crucifix or cross.

Other indications of what might be expected of the new Pope soon followed. In his first encyclical he praised Paul VI for having revealed 'the true countenance of the Church'. He spoke in a similar vein of the Second Vatican Council which had given 'greater visibility to the Eucharistic sacrifice'; and he undertook to follow and promote the renewal of the Church 'according to the spirit of the Council'.

A later statement referred to that Council as having been 'the greatest ecclesiastical event of our century'; and it now remained to secure 'the acceptance of fulfillment of Vatican Two in accordance with its authentic content. In doing this we are guided by faith. We believe that Christ, through the Holy Spirit, was with the Council Fathers, that the Church contains, within its magisterium, what the Spirit says to the Church, saying it at the same time in harmony with tradition and according to the demands posed by *the signs of the times*' (my emphasis).

His remark on being in harmony with tradition was flatly contradicted by his admission that 'the liturgy of the Mass is different from the one known before the Council. But (he added significantly) 'we do not intend to speak of those differences.' It was essential to renew the Church in structure and function to bring it into line with the needs of the contemporary world; and from that admission it needed but a step for Wojtyla to emphasize the revolutionary principles of 1789, with the glorification of man, liberated man, as a being who is sufficient unto himself. Man was the only idol deserving the reverence of those on Earth, his stature being confirmed by and classified as the Rights of Man.

That somewhat hazy terrestrial belief has been the inspiration of every Left-wing movement from then on.

With a fine disregard for the authority of law it was proclaimed in America that 'liberty is the very foundation of political order.' While a few years ago François Mitterand, the Communist who is now President of the French Republic, said that 'Man is the future of Man.' It was then left for Karol Wojtyla, as John Paul II, to enshrine that belief in a modern religious setting by declaring that 'Man is the primary issue of the Church'; a Papal announcement that is thoroughly in line with the Marxist principle that 'Man is an end in himself and the explanation of all things.'

The Pope then proceeded to pass from verbal to more active approval of the political system from which he had emerged. Speaking of the Church in Poland, he said that 'its relationship with Communism could be one of the elements in the ethical and international order in Europe and the modern world.' He maintained a friendly understanding with the Red occupiers of his country, and thought it possible to open up a spiritual detente with them. In furtherance of this the Communist Minister of State, Jablonski, with a train of comrades as large as that of any Eastern potentate, was received at the Vatican. Then came the Soviet Minister, Gromyko, who was granted more than the prescribed time with His Holiness.

He greeted guerrillas between their bouts of 'freedom fighting' in Africa and Nicaragua. His moral support went with them. He opened the door of his study to the Mexican Jose Alvarez, who traveled far and wide in South America calling on extremists to light the flames of anarchy. Not even the Pope's intimates knew what passed between them. He was the 'star' speaker at a Latin American Congress in Panama City, where the theme was certainly not religious, since the organizers were the Communist dictator, General Torrijos, and the Marxist Sergio Mendez Arceo, of Cuernavaca.

When addressing a group of refugees from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, the Pope's lukewarm attitude was commented on by Robert Serrou, the *Paris Match* correspondent. The Pope, naturally enough, had commiserated with his audience, but why, asked Serrou, had he not so much as mentioned the Red terror from which they had escaped?

In view of that failure to condemn tyranny, it is remarkable that one of the few strictures uttered by John Paul II has been directed against those Catholics who deplore the gradual taking to pieces of the Church since Vatican Two: 'Those who remain attached to incidental aspects of the Church which were more valid in the past but have now been superseded, cannot be considered the faithful.'

His orthodoxy, when it came to the teaching of Catholicism and its relation to other religions, has also been called into question. It is a commonplace but no belittlement of Islam, to point out that the fatalistic Arabian tradition, with its denial of Christ's divinity and of the redemption, is far removed from the essentials of Christian belief. Yet the Pope told an audience of Moslems that their *Koran* and the *Bible* 'are in step'. And in more casual mood, was he pandering to the mechanical spirit of the age when he told a gathering of motorists to have the same care for their cars as they have for their souls? Or was it by a slip of the tongue that the importance attached to cars preceded that of souls?

One of the Pope's letters dated September 15, 1981 on the subject of private property and capitalism,

shows a marked contradiction of and a departure from the Church's teaching. For in the letter he says: 'Christian tradition has never upheld the right of private property as absolute and untouchable. On the contrary, it has always understood the right as common to all to use the goods of the whole creation.'

That is so blatantly false—and so opposed to what every Pope from Leo XIII to Pius XII had said—that one is tempted to agree with those outspoken trans-Atlantic critics who bluntly call Karol Wojtyla a liar, and who follow that up with the exhortation: 'Break off, Charlie!'

For here I quote from Leo XIII: 'The Socialists endeavor to destroy private property, and maintain that the individual possessions should become the common property of all, to be administered by the State or by municipal bodies. It is unjust, because it would rob the legal possessor, bring the State into a sphere that is not its own, and cause complete confusion to the community.'

Leo went on to say that a man works in order to obtain property, and to hold it as his own private possession. 'For every man has the right by nature to possess property of his own. This is one of the distinct points between man and the animal creation. The authority of the Divine Law adds its sanction forbidding us in the gravest terms even to covet that which is another's.'

From Pius XI: 'The primary function of private property is in order that individuals may be able to provide for their own needs and for those of their families.'

And from Pius XII: 'The Church aspires to bring it about that private ownership shall become, in accordance with the plans of the divine wisdom and with the Laws of Nature, an element in the social system, a necessary incentive to human enterprise, and a stimulus to Nature; all this for the benefit of the temporal and spiritual ends of life, and consequently for the benefit of the freedom and dignity of man.'

And still from the same Pope: 'Only private ownership can provide the head of a family with the healthy freedom it requires to carry out the duties allotted to him by the Creator for the physical, spiritual and religious well-being of his family.'

Side by side with these proclamations the Church has issued warnings against Liberalism, which ends in Capitalism, and against Marxism which preaches the abolition of private property. Therefore the statement made by John Paul II may be seen to be extraordinary compared with many of those made by his predecessors.

2.

During his early life in Cracow, both as student and as a young priest, Wojtyla acquired a liking for the theatre that has never left him. It began when he joined a school dramatic group, and later, during the war when Poland was occupied, what is often referred to as a 'subterranean theatre', which means that rehearsals and performances took place in a room, sometimes the kitchen of an apartment, secretly and by candlelight.

'It was round about that time,' says one of his biographers, 'that he formed a sentimental attachment to a young woman,' and from then on she has followed him like a shadow, by rumor, newspaper report, and in the conversation of Polish exiles on both sides of the Atlantic.

Sometimes the details differed. The most unlikely version, that was probably put out to engage sympathy, was that she worked against the Germans, had been discovered, and shot. Another gives the date 1940 as marking the height of their attachment. According to Blazynski, who was born in Poland, the future Pope was popular with the girls and 'had a steady girl friend'.

His love of entertainment extended to the cinema, and to such superficial mock-religious shows as *Jesus Christ Superstar*. After one performance of the latter he spoke for twenty minutes to the audience on the theme of love and joy. He encouraged the adolescent bawling and aimless strumming of guitars 'that, in the name of popular accompaniments, make some present-day Masses unbearable to many. In the same spirit, he invited the American evangelist, Billy Graham, to preach one of his red-hot sermons in the church of St. Anne, Cracow.'

One of the subjects discussed by the circle in which he moved was a book by the writer Zegadlowicz, which had been frowned upon by the Church because of its obsession with sex; while an early piece of writing by Wojtyla (translated by Boleslaw Taborski and quoted by Blazynski) contains such lines as 'Love carries people away like an absolute. Sometimes human existence seems too short for love.'

The same theme occurred in Wojtyla's book *Love and Responsibility*, 1960, which, Blazynski says, 'does not ignore the bodily reality of man and woman, and goes into considerable detail in describing both the physiology and psychology of sex (the latter often with a great deal of insight) that might seem surprising in one who is now, after all, a celibate clergyman.'

Even when Wojtyla became Pope the ghost of the mystery woman who had haunted his student days was not laid. There are those among Polish exiles who claim to have known her, and one of the most downright rumors spread is that her name is Edwige.

But be that as it may, not even Wojtyla's apologists can deny that he has shown more interest in human sexuality than any Pope since the Middle Ages. Many listeners to an address he gave in Rome were quite embarrassed when he launched into details on lust and the nakedness of the body.

Some of his own statements have given publicity agents ample scope to enlarge upon them. 'Young people of France,' he cried to a far-from-mature audience in Paris, 'bodily union has always been the strongest language that two people can say to each other.' Those words have been called some of the most stupefying ever spoken by a Pope.

During his visit to Kisingani in Zaire, Africa, a correspondent in *Newsweek* shook his head sadly over the way in which the Head of the Roman Church dispensed with formality. In humid heat, and almost as soon as he stepped from the plane, he was seen 'grinning, sweating, swaying and stomping with dancing girls'. He has been photographed watching a group of adolescent girls in one-piece garments that reached well above the knee carry out a series of acrobatic dances. Another picture has recently come to hand in which, at Castelgandolfo, he watches a young dancer perform convolutions in front of him, with her head and face almost lost sight of in a flurry of white underclothes.

A play written by Wojtyla, *The Jeweler's Shop*, was produced at the Westminster Theatre in May 1982. Said to be written in purple prose, the producer hoped that the play 'should draw the punters' as well as the church audiences.

His hope may well be realized since the play, still quoting *The Daily Telegraph* (April 28, 1982) 'embraces the unlikely subject of prostitution.'

3.

There is no need for John Paul II to enter deeply into the differences in the Church resulting from Vatican Two. It has been said that he is walking with a rose in his hand—that is, until the early gains achieved by John XXIII and Paul VI have been consolidated. The once proud boast relating to the One True Church has diminished into a spineless acknowledgment of 'these ecumenical days'. The claim of Papal authority, which has yielded place to the idea of power-sharing with Bishops, may remain on the Church's statute books for a while longer, but the force of its divine origin has been watered down; and the altars, always a sign of 'whatever gods may be', have been demolished.

Even so, the next phase of the attack upon the Church from within has passed beyond its preparatory stages and is already under way. It is likely to be less spectacular than the earlier depredations. The word 'revisionary' will be heard more often than 'change'. The churches will no longer be used as amatory playgrounds. Yet what is likely to result from meetings in the Vatican Synod Hall between more than seventy Cardinals and Bishops will probably in the long run be quite as devastating as the innovations that have now been accepted as norms by a largely unperceptive and uncritical public.

Among the subjects that are known to have been discussed are marriage and abortion; and prelates such as Cardinal Felid are rational enough to admit that the issues on these and similar questions have virtually been decided in advance. Marriage annulments, robbed of much of their earlier formality, will be made easier. The threat of excommunication will be lifted from women who undergo abortion; and a still greater earnest of more and vital concessions to come, the articles of Canon Law will be reduced from numbering 2,414 to a possible 1,728.

But these considerations will not weigh heavily on those who are likely to be impressed by the Pope's visit to this country in May this year, 1982. The power of Mr. Mark McCormack's International Management Group has been invoked to provide the same publicity for a Pope that it has so ably done for golfers, baseball toughs, and tennis players; while a firm of business consultants, Papal Visits Limited, will add further promotional backing.

The proven dramatic instinct of John Paul II will doubtless come into play as, scattering blessings from a glass-topped vehicle, he rides slowly between miles of fencing, stands, marquees and Press platforms, and over carpet decorated with thousands of plants, to where three crosses, the tallest a hundred and twenty feet high—no, Mr. McCormack, Calvary was not like that—rise above a steel and canvas altar structure.

After Mass, the faithful may come away with a screwdriver that bears a sticker showing the Pope's head on its handle. All arrangements for the visit will be in the capable hands of Archbishop Marcinkus, who has obviously been washed clean of the somewhat doubtful reputation that clung to him in Rome.

APPENDIX*The strange death of Roberto Calvi*

Hard upon the upheaval caused by the collapse of Michele Sindona's financial empire, and the revelations concerning membership of the Masonic Lodge Propaganda 2, Oriental Rite, the Vatican faced a third embarrassment when on June 18, 1982 the body of banker Roberto Calvi was discovered hanging from scaffolding under Blackfriars Bridge.

Calvi had been the president of Italy's biggest private bank, the Ambrosiano, which took over many of Sindona's assets. Sometimes known as 'God's banker' because of his close connection with Vatican finance (the Vatican bank was a large shareholder in the Ambrosiano), in May of the above year he faced a number of charges related to, among others, illegal currency transactions.

He vanished from Rome and arrived in London, where he took accommodation in Chelsea Cloisters, on June 15. He was a frightened man, burdened with secrets connected with his own and the Vatican bank, into which it was not wise to probe too deeply. Some who had tried were suddenly dismissed from their posts, others went to jail on faked charges, and there had been at least one known shooting affair during investigations.

While Calvi was absent, his secretary, who had been with the bank for thirty years, wrote a note cursing Calvi and then threw herself, so the authorities said, from the fourth floor of the bank's headquarters in Milan.

In London Calvi treated his chauffeur as a bodyguard. He arranged with a friend to call at his flat at regular intervals, and then to knock three times for entrance. He also shaved off his moustache, which he had worn for years.

But although disinclined to leave his apartment, Calvi, it was said, had nonetheless walked four miles in the night or early morning, to commit suicide in the unlikely area of Blackfriars.

The mention of that area calls for comment, together with a reminder that secret societies lay great stress on association and symbols. Blackfriars was the site of the friary and church of the Dominican Order, members of which acquired the name of Black Friars because of their habit. They were, and still are, known as the Order of Preachers. As such they brought the pulpit into general use, and pulpits figure in the stonework of Blackfriars Bridge. And members of the P2 lodge, in which Calvi figured as number 0519, dressed as Black Friars in white tunic, with black cloak and hood, for their ritualistic meetings.

An inquest jury, supported by Scotland Yard, found that Calvi had committed suicide, a verdict that caused raised eyebrows and disbelieving smiles among his relatives and the Italian Press and police. For it implied that Calvi, who was sixty-two, had displayed the dexterity of an athletic young man in seeking, as the Rome Public Prosecutor said, a complicated way to end himself.

In the dark and on completely strange ground he had filled his pockets with rubble, negotiated a long ladder and wet planks which had a gap of some feet between them, seized a piece of sodden rope, tied one end to his neck and the other to a piece of scaffolding, and flung himself off. Why take so much trouble, when among his belongings were found medical syringes, seven boxes of tablets, and 170 pills of various kinds, many of which could have done the trick more easily?

But here again the obscure, somewhat bizarre, yet sinister influence of P2 and other secret societies comes into the picture. The initiation of a candidate into the craft often includes the taking of an oath not to reveal any of its secrets. Should he offend, he would undergo a violent death and then be buried near water at low level within reach of the tide: the belief being that his ghost would thereby be prevented from walking, which might embarrass his murderers.

This would apply to Calvi, who in all probability had been strangled before being taken to Blackfriars, to ensure that the dangerous secrets in his possession would not be divulged. For after his mysterious and clumsy 'suicide'—before his body was cut down—the Thames tide was covering his feet.

There is nothing to suggest that Calvi had offended his brother masons. But he was under legal pressure, and there were many who feared the possible bringing to light of his extensive financial network. The Vatican, ever since the Sindona scandal, had been on its guard against further revelations, and when the activities of P2 were brought into the open, it took a surprising and an apparently unnecessary step.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith reminded Catholics that according to article 2335 of Canon Law they were forbidden, under pain of excommunication, to become freemasons. This was merely a tongue-in-cheek exercise to out-step questioners since, as readers of these pages will know, some of the leading prelates at the Vatican were established masons. But the move reflected the alarm that was felt there. Two cardinals, Guerri and Caprio, had worked hand-in-glove with Sindona whose fall had brought P2 and its shady dealings into the open. A prominent member of the lodge, Umberto Ortolani, was known to have close links with the Vatican.

But the most significant name that surfaced with the scandal was that of Archbishop Marcinkus, among whose several unacknowledged connections were those with Mafia circles and with Licio Gelli, a former Grand Master of P2. But even more to the point, he was also president of the Vatican bank, the most secretive and exclusive bank in the world.

Marcinkus had also been a friend and business associate of Calvi, and having remarked that 'Calvi has our trust' he bore that out by issuing a guarantee, in the name of the Vatican bank, to cover some of Calvi's extensive loan operations, involving many millions, as part of a vast monetary programme that included international arms-selling deals.

But as the storm gathered Marcinkus withdrew his guarantee, though by then sufficient evidence had come to light to justify the belief that more than normal business exchanges had passed between the Vatican bank and the Banco Ambrosiano.

The Minister for the Treasury, Andreatta, called for the Vatican to come into the open and admit its part in the crisis that was rocking the financial world. There were also demands for Marcinkus to be questioned, while pressure was put upon the Pope to dismiss him. But Marcinkus was too well versed in Vatican banking secrets for the Pope to risk his displeasure. Moreover, he had been nominated chairman of the influential Commission of Cardinals, and so was well on the way to becoming a prince of the Church, a prospect which made him unavailable for awkward contacts.

For when commissioners went to the Vatican to seek information on its bank and Calvi's relationship with it, Marcinkus was 'not at home'. And when subpoenas (implying that the recipients were subject to examination) addressed to Marcinkus and two of his clerical banking associates were sent by registered post to the Vatican, the envelope was returned unopened.

A somewhat grudging admission that the Vatican may have been partly responsible for the Calvi bank failure was made this month (August 1982) by Cardinal Casaroli.

Meanwhile the highly controversial Archbishop Marcinkus, in his office that is just a few steps down from the Pope's apartment, may sometimes handle a balance sheet from his late colleague's bank and reflect upon the words with which such statements ended: 'Thanks be to God!'

FINALE*'Ye're a bad lot; a blackguard
in the likes of a living man.'*

I was thus greeted by an Irish priest early one crisp April morning. He had read in manuscript much of what I have here written, and while he could not confute it he thought that I was doing the Church a sorry service. He was a big, broad-shouldered man, with sad eyes and a knobbed stick that he swung as though it were a shillelagh.

We were standing within the shadow of St. Peter's, while the blinds were still drawn in the palace windows, and only isolated footsteps sounded on the piazza. His hint of humorous menace contrasted with the serenity of my feelings.

For there is nothing more golden in the world than a Roman dawn. Gold dust, lighting the past more surely than it does the present, filters through the air and settles like a hesitant touch on Maderna's facade with its bold Roman letters, turning its brown and ochre tints into gold. Dust motes, where the first light catches them, are turned into gold that touches the base of Caligula's obelisk and breaks in splendor over the cobbles; over the statues of the saints on the colonnade, and the dome that gradually wears to white; over the space before the basilica surrounded by Bernini's giant columns, as once the legions surrounded the leveled spears that rose in envy of the Roman Thing; water from the fountains, whenever a breeze ruffles it, falls away in drops of gold.

The angle of the stick was inviting me to look over Vatican Hill. 'That's the way dawn will come, over the city, over the Church. Don't you believe it?'

I only half nodded.

'What you've written will pass, like a holiday or a slow fever. But the promise that was given to Peter'—and he pointed to the central figure on the colonnade—'will not pass. It cannot. The fissure in the Rock will be closed. Dawn will come again. Don't you believe it?'

'Yes,' I agreed, influenced perhaps by his sad eyes and the swing of his shillelagh. 'Dawn will come again.'

But will it be a false dawn?

[END QUOTING BOOK PART 14,
CHAPTERS 1-3 (CONTACT PART 15)] 

We No Longer Have Anything To Prove

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GCH—RE: INFORMATION: PHILIPPINES

CHOICES AND DECISIONS

Do we have an hour? A day? A week? Two weeks? A month? Etc.?

The topic in focus is obviously “time”.

Time for what?

So be it. Time itself as relates to events is ONLY in “your” perception and perspective!

“God, fix things!”

God: “OK, what is it you want ‘fixed’, my child?”

“Everything that is ‘wrong’ (in my perspective).”

“Fine,” says God, “name it—you got it!”

“Ah God, but you know what ‘it’ is while I don’t.”

“Oh,” responds God, “then I will show you a list of seamstresses who can sew the button back on your shirt.”

Oh no, reader, your button may well be THE problem of the day—FOR YOU! Moreover, YOU can fix a button, can’t you?

Well, YOU can fix all the other “wrongs” in the world as well, for one “manifest thing” is no more or less physical than another. Praying yourself into a stupor will not change a hair of it.

We are working around the clock 7-24 to get our job done, so where and what are you doing?

You also want “us” to comment, fix and change all of everywhere and tell you all the secrets and reveal revelations. Well, misconception—AGAIN! The minute something is “revealed”, lie or truth, it is no longer so much as a “revelation”. The manipulators, however, take the lie or truth and make it whatever serves “them” and you are not in consideration, my friend. BUT, YOU MUST WORK WITH WHAT “IS” AND THAT MEANS “WHAT IS”.

I begin this writing, yes, with such points as this. You can pick up political lies and/or truth in bits and pieces right from any piece of information you can obtain. Moreover, you can get it far more easily than from this particular paper—BUT, YOU WILL NOT GET “OUR” INFORMATION FROM ANYWHERE ELSE, EVEN AS “REVELATION”.

Never mind such things as “angels breaking seals”. Angels? Seals? Of what? Who? And moreover, why, what, where and when? Well, in the most cryptic tone I can conjure in writing: Exactly as it happens. ALL “other” events and things are simply potentials, exceptions, or “Ideas”.

You may even perceive that today a more interesting point will be the similarity of the electricity blackout in London with New York. Is it? No, it has almost NO value at all in relationship to IMPORTANT potential.

YOU are a 100% born potential! What you become or how you use that potential is certainly

UP TO YOU. Everyone and everything is a 100% potential absolute. Readers, you don’t get many “absolutes” in your “universal” lives.

Our program “potential” and “possibility for manifestation” is right here in the cracked Pearl of the Pacific. Therefore, THIS keyboard has to remain mostly focused right here in that oyster shell.

I can, further, “teach” as can any professor or teacher—but where human events are presented, I have to wait until “somewhere” confirmation is manifest. THIS is for protection of my secretary who gets blamed globally for whatever I might offer on any topic and upon which back lies are prevalent from the neighbor to the unmet challengers, channels or fools.

I don’t want to be labeled by those who would ridicule and bring absurd games and jokes to anyone’s attention. I have identified myself over and over and over again. It doesn’t longer matter, readers, EXCEPT TO YOU and you will recognize TRUTH anyway.

If you believe this program (and we have presented the Global program in detail) is some little thing that a granny gander could fabricate or manufacture, then you might have to inspect your own attitudes and assumptions. **WE NO LONGER HAVE ANYTHING TO PROVE—BUT A LOT OF “YOU” CERTAINLY DO!**

I further suggest that in THIS VERY PROGRAM you give some careful considerations to our people, journalists and foreign correspondents who also must carry this program AND lay the foundation for what we do. By this point I don’t mean some attention to “poor little things”; I mean to check on those parties who have pronounced that we “got tainted with dark energies”; our “teachers abandoned them and kicked them out”, or MADE TOTAL JUDGMENTS ABOUT US AND SCATTERED THE DISINFORMATION AND DELIBERATE LIES AROUND THE GLOBE ON THE NEWFOUND TOY CALLED INTERNET.

Check out what those “brains” are doing NOW and perhaps you will find a chuckle or two—while we march right on down to the central accomplishment hub, PROVING ourselves in a VERY PHYSICAL MANNER every step of the way, in honor and total integrity.

Is the task easy? Well, it isn’t hard, except on nerves and feelings of “responsibility” while needing to confront lies and pitfalls all along the pathway, sort them, document to perfection, confront and respond to all accusations and inquiries—and finally, just want to say “to hell with it” and step off the treadmill.

A treadmill goes nowhere; a conveyor belt has a destination and at the least a “goalline”.

How fast is that conveyor belt? Just as slow as the slowest of God’s 7 billion people! If THAT doesn’t frighten you, then nothing should. It certainly makes us nervous while our necks and this mammoth program swing in the balance.

CONFUSION AND MISINFORMATION OR MISINTERPRETATION

This little tale is to boost the “I’d rather not” crew here.

In the case of the Tallano “estate” coalition, the feet have dragged and have dragged, it turns out for 27 years. Court orders demanded a SPECIFICALLY NAMED “Foundation”. Two years or so ago, FINALLY “a” Foundation was formed as in incorporated and registered. Moreover, the handlers SOLD seats on the Board. Ah BUT, the name of the corporation/Foundation did not even resemble anything relative to the court orders. So, it should be easy enough to simply change the name to reflect, exactly, the court orders. More than a year later, the little group of “trustees” can’t even get the name changed. They could do it in less than six minutes—but pushed right to the wall about it, they don’t get it done—until somebody else or _____ pays for it. So, the cost? Less than \$40.

Then of course, they have to go further according to the court orders and do a letter to the court ASSIGNING the assets to that Foundation (THEMSELVES) and have it “noticed” by the Judge in charge who actually is waiting for the paperwork to come back to him properly done.

So, finally through push and pull—the “crew” of do-ers goes forth but can’t get the “assignment” done because “they are having trouble assigning it to Global”. Say what? Global not only does not have anything to do with THEIR business but wouldn’t take such an assignment on a bad day in Hell. Not even on a good day in Heaven.

Next “they” hold out for a million pesos to fund the startup Foundation. (???) Then it becomes EXTORTION in any legal game. No, we don’t do that either, friends and colleagues—but we are weary and being damaged by these absolutely credulous escapades. We have sheltered our program and have reinforced the shelter system appropriately.

Now the nation is in such circumstances to cause shock and awe to any observing party with even a tiny microcephalic brain. Martial Law and coup of the military sort is at the doorstep—along with some “supposed to be” 400,000 metric tons of gold IN THE CENTRAL BANK—whereat the “Governor” of same has been suspended and chaos reigns while the little “President” of the nation dangles in her dictatorship swinging chair in a fraudulent, phony position of appointment—tossing out threats and claiming U.S. support and backup. NO, she has NOTHING! Nothing, that is, except for the entire administration falling around her and right within her household as her husband has now committed plunder, theft, fraud, diversion of even government funds, has a mistress and two illegitimate children in the meanwhile—and a falling-apart symphony orchestra.

She wants to bring in Martial Law and so-o-o, her Defense Secretary suddenly in mid-sentence—had to resign to spend more time “with his family”. YOU put together the pieces and just guess who will run the next “coup”. Also guess who will NOT support the official call for Martial Law. Moreover, you might want to guess who will betray his promise to send U.S. TROOPS if her ladyship asks for them as promised when she dumped the Philippines into the “Coalition of the Willing”. Nasty weekend this? Indeed.

So, E.J., I make suggestions and indeed, we can share this Soap Opera with our readers—they ARE our team! Our detractors are of NO IMPORTANCE WHATSOEVER.

I ask that you check with our “quiet” resources and see if you can determine Imminent vs. Hee Hee Hee. And push or pull accordingly.

The TALA people must get the registration, do the assignment and demand from the court a demand document for auditing the gold holdings in the Central Bank as per orders. Then you can establish the mode of approach and get legal backup. THIS IS MANDATORY—AND MANDATORY ASAP.

Then I ask that you get a lawyer, or even do it yourself, and write a very official letter to the CENTRAL BANK parties involved in the “fictitious” trashing prior to now. DO IT WHILE CHAOS IS PREVALENT IN THE VAULTS OF THE RULERS.

You have met Tatangco at the CB—lay the documents on a broadcast notification scatter so that you have MANY with the documents—which we will also run as PUBLIC NOTICE. You will want this to hit at the same time you have the clearance of court documents for the TALA side of our program.

You will want to also send all these types of documents to the Land Bank personnel who denied help and used Bellringer’s absurdities.

BACK HOME IN LA-LA-LAND

There is now trouble of the worst kind between the Dove gaggle and the Bellringers. How many are left to collapse? Bunches, but cycles will attend that which you need as OUR backup and the rest has no longer any relevance. Good riddance. The ones, including V.K. Durham who are involved in the insanity and rip-off of that NESARA bat guano, should be prosecuted and jailed—their actions have been CRIMINAL IN INTENT AND PRACTICE.

The reason I ask that some of our fellow “journalists” be queried about “things” is that we are journalists and thereat and in lays the shelter for all of you who report and/or publish information in this paper or any other.

We will be, in fact, doing a re-run in our publication, with an update, when ready to reinforce our prior presentations. This will allow an emerging system to realize its assets upon which a massively better society can be structured. We offer, God allows, and Man decides/chooses. We offer a gift but it requires “assembly” and, moreover, it requires “acceptance” for it to be so much as called, “a gift”.

Can Ellen, Perline, Norm, etc., as one change a world? Not only can they—THEY HAVE.

The man who drives the car is NOT the one who made the car. If he made the car, then he is the whole of an exception—not the rule. In fact, YOU can drive the car but to make it run—IT MUST HAVE FUEL. Moreover, that fuel must be in the right container and hooked up to the flow-line of the engine-motor itself. Fuel in the enemy’s tank is NOT going to run YOUR car—KNOW IT!

So, you who have actively helped the “enemy” of this project—have actively caused great damage to this program as to the fuel supply. Ignorance is fine, but it will NOT serve as “reason” and, at best, only as an “excuse”.

Will the enemies of good be somehow sent to Hell? Of course not: They are already there, goodly company.

It is our task to turn every “negative” into a “positive” and upon that adventure have we functioned and moved upward through the backwash of those dastardly deed-doers. But no, we are not yet through the “tunnel” and it is yet to be determined as to just when the fuel to finish the drive will be available. But, yes indeed, THE VEHICLE IS WITHIN REACH OF THE FINISH LINE—OR BETTER RECOGNIZED, PERHAPS, THE GAS STATION.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

We are moving up to some BIG things in PNG. The mechanism is almost in place, the players understand and are committed to doing the correct program for their country. It is right on track but will need a bit of time until the persons involved in PNG go to the U.S. and gather, PERSONALLY, the records and “finish” their due-diligence. They already, however, realize they don’t need to waste the time or funds, so don’t be surprised if the “trip” is “called off”.

I apologize to you readers in that no, we won’t give names or numbers for these people. We will publish everything and do so timely.

I want you readers to realize that there are only 24 hours in a day for these two people here to accomplish everything AND write for this paper along with developing all the documents mandatory to getting this job done. NOTHING here gets done magically even if a few miracles allow for realization of the fact of manifestation.

With these things in mind, please be patient and please, if you can, help in maintaining the paper and facility.

A good, if not refined, saying is pretty insightful: “S—t happens, magic is trickery and illusion, while miracles are abundant but ‘created’—so, what do you produce?” This is crude but perhaps thought provoking.

RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

Now we have to begin to recognize the impact of CONTACT outside our little circle of readers and, certainly, subscribers. We are now accepted as an INTERNATIONAL paper bearing both Truth and acknowledgement of legal conduits.

We are torn, always, as to what can be included in both political allowances as well as standing ready to serve Truth. Our entire publication could be nothing more than “affidavits” to be put TO PUBLIC RECORD AND NOTICE—just as have LEGAL-use documents been published of “Public Notice” prior to now. It is certainly a service we enjoy and readers will find of personal participation and interest.

We are confronted RIGHT NOW TODAY with one of the most important “Affidavit” documents in the form of Editor Letter that will pass our way with petition to publish.

We will do that and we will do it here but you will have to realize that we cannot take either time or space to give full coverage of backup information. We have given information prior to now which reflects the party involved as well as the events transpiring. Suffice it “here” to simply say that the young man asking hearing or viewing became, somehow, a spokesperson for the young officers involved in the Oakwood “incident”. He is now incarcerated and every lie, cheat and cover has been dumped onto his head, even to and including PLANTED EVIDENCE of the most absurd but

damaging kind. It is even worse than the incredibly stupid evidence such as finding a “pilot’s” passport from the crashed plane three blocks from the Trade Center—intact and ready for recovery. Even more absurd is finding incriminating documents in trunks of cars and other artifacts AFTER THE FACT and DAYS LATER. But THIS is to the level of sub-ground-level rodent droppings to which you have descended.

With only this brief reference, we will publish Officer Trillanes’ Affidavit. If it becomes necessary to give more direct information for possible later documentation, we will stand ready, willing and able to do so.

PUBLIC NOTICE

(AFFIDAVIT)

IN PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DIGNITY AND HONOR

LT. S/G ANTONIO TRILLANES IV,
Philippine Navy
MANILA, Philippines, August 29, 2003

This is to address the issues raised in the media against us during the last two weeks as part of the government’s intensified “demolition job” against my person, which did not even spare my family. This is very unfortunate. They are apparently doing this in the hope that if my reputation is tarnished, the message we want to convey will also be stained as well. They have failed miserably. They are able, however, to temporarily distract the people from absorbing the true cases we have espoused when we went to Oakwood last July 27. **To protect my personal dignity and the honor of my family and my loved ones, I am forced to defend myself through this letter [affidavit].**

The government, using the entire machinery and resources of the state, came up with the following accusations: (1) That I own eight luxurious vehicles; (2) That I had a P1-million investment at Glasgow; (3) That I am an incorporator of FTI Research and Consulting Group Inc.; and (4) That ammunition and explosives were supposedly found in my ‘home’ in Talipapa Village in Novaliches, Quezon City.

According to government reports, I own a 2001 model Mitsubishi Pajero with license plate RIZ-222, a 1996 Terrano, a 1995 Kawasaki motorbike and five second-hand Japan-surplus Delicas. In truth, however, I only own the second-hand 1996 Nissan Terrano and it is not a luxury vehicle as compared to the Expeditions, Land Cruisers, Lexuses and Jaguars that many government and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) officials own. I have never ever owned a Pajero or Kawasaki motorbike. In fact, I have never driven and I do not know how to ride a motorbike, not even once in my life. My license restriction can easily prove this fact.

As for the Pajero with license plate RIZ-222, the true owner thereof, a certain Durilito Roca, operations officer of Lydia’s Lechon, has surfaced to claim and acknowledge his ownership thereof. This only goes to prove that the government will go to the extent of fabricating and manufacturing even crude evidence just to smear my name.

With regard to the five Delicas, the actual and beneficial owner thereof is my mother, a businesswoman who bought the same from the proceeds of a P2-million loan she obtained from a bank sometime in October 2000. Delicas are not luxury vehicles. In fact, they can be bought in lots for as low as P100,000 to P150,000 each. [About \$2,500 go \$3,000] The intention was to operate a van rental service using these vehicles. These old vehicles, however, proved too costly to maintain. Hence, my mother opted to sell and dispose some of them.

The very idea that I would buy five vehicles of the same model and make for my personal use is quite absurd and illogical. The government obviously has very little respect for the intelligence of our people to concoct such a flimsy and dubious story. Again, these are not luxury vehicles and most definitely they are not mine! My mother's van rental business still operates to this day. It is duly registered with the Department of Trade and Industry under her name and is properly stamped and licensed by the Caloocan City Hall.

Regarding my alleged P1-million investment in Glasgow; it is true that my name is included among the list of the thousands victimized by Glasgow's sudden closure. The money, however, does not belong to me but to my mother. The said funds came from the same P-2 million bank loan obtained in October 2000; she invested the same with Glasgow so the interest could cover the amortization and/or maintenance of the Delicas. Contrary to the information released by National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), my mother never had the chance to cash in on the investment, since it closed down before the post-dated checks they issued matured. These uncashed checks are still with us.

The government makes an issue out of the fact that my name appears as an incorporator of FYI Research and Consulting Group Inc., with a very minimal investment of P12,500.00. The truth is that the company was formed by my best friend, Rolando Averilia, an instructor at the Asian Institute of Management. He invited me to join the company as a consultant and asked me to design the research format/template of the company. I readily accepted because I was then on schooling or study leave from my job at the AFP. I also took it as an opportunity to learn and further my knowledge in the said field and as part of my academic training while in school. I was also, then, contemplating on the possibility of shifting to another profession.

Is this a crime? No! As I have indicated above, even though I was still in the active service with the AFP, there is no conflict of interest between my job at the AFP, where I was on schooling or on study leave, and my being a part-time consultant at FYI. The fact is, I was even twice recognized as a university scholar (or president's lister) and once as a college scholar (or dean's lister) while studying in the University of the Philippines, showing that I was never remiss in my duties as an officer in the AFP on schooling/study leave.

Lastly and most recently, the government through the Philippine National Police (PNP) purportedly discovered a cache of ammunition and explosives together with parts of light anti-tank weapons and two 'Magdalo' armbands in a "house" which I allegedly own. This claim is most pathetic.

I do not own and I have never owned a house or even a lot anywhere in Quezon City. As mentioned, I live with my family in the government-provided quarters of my wife at the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) in Baguio city.

Moreover, the claim that two brand-new-looking Magdalo armbands were found together with the cache (which were purportedly hidden in a dump or ditch) like calling cards conveniently left behind to ensure that the ownership of the items can be so easily established is too incredible and too stupid to elicit belief. Is the government so dumb to believe that the people would fall for such a tall tale?

Finally, I have received information that the government has been desperately trying to convince NGOs like E-JUST and VACC to take on the case of a certain Anastasia Santarin to portray me to the public that I am a heartless "land-grabber" in order to try to give credence to its arms-cache claim and further demonize me before the public. This is very characteristic and very typical of this administration which has shown no qualms in resorting to fabricated evidence to pin down and discredit its adversaries. Suffice it to say that I do not own and I have never claimed ownership over the subject property.

In closing, I would like to say I honestly believe that I have served our country well. I am also certain that most definitely, I have never been corrupt in my entire AFP career. I can look my accusers straight in the eye and say I have never stolen a single centavo from the government.

Moreover, I would like to state for the record that nobody paid us to go to Oakwood. We are not mercenaries. Our lives have no price tags.

As for my lifestyle in general, I would like to point out some very important points the demolition specialists and spin doctors of this administration obviously ignored and/or conveniently overlooked:

First, I do not even have my own house! My family (i.e., my wife and two children) is staying at my wife's government-provided officers' quarters located inside the PMA Compound. She pays the rent through her quarter's allowance at P1,000 a month (as including water and electricity). My two children are enrolled at a simple pre-school also located inside the PMA with a tuition of P400 each child per month. Together, my wife and I earn around P50,000 a month and this is more than enough for us. **[H: Readers, that is less than \$1,000 for a family of four!]**

Second, I have a very simple, almost boring lifestyle: I do not play golf nor do I have expensive hobbies. I do not smoke and neither do I drink liquor. My times with my wife and my kids are often spent playing in parks or public promenades, watching movies or dining out in fast-food chains. This is my lifestyle and simple as it is, I am proud of it!

God has been very good to me by blessing me with a happy family and promising career and I am ever thankful for it. Then again, He also opened my eyes to the corrupt system that is pulling our country down and our people to poverty. What must I do? I could have chosen the easy path of developing apathy toward reform. I could have simply given in and joined the system, enjoying the fruits of corruption. Or I could have chosen the easier path of just resigning from the service and leave the problems to be solved by the next generation.

I did none of these. Instead, I chose the most difficult path of standing up for what I believed was right, moral and just. In the process, I also risked losing everything I had: my family, my career—even my own life and those of my friends and our men!

We are not messiahs and we never pretended to be messiahs. We are only messengers and we can only hope the people have heard our message—that the Arroyo administration has betrayed the people's trust and the corruption in the AFP continues unabated and is principally responsible for the never-ending wars in our country!

Now, we are languishing in jail awaiting our court trial for cases where we can be sentenced to death. This is not enough, however, for this vindictive administration. It has to unleash its attack dogs in the Cabinet, in the Senate and Congress as well as in the media on us to trample upon something that we have so closely guarded and protected ever since we graduated from PMA—our HONOR.

They jeered and vilified us and now they threaten to drag us and our families, friends and loved ones down with us for reasons only they will ever know. May God have mercy on them!

Lt. S/G Antonio Trillanes IV

Philippine Navy

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We honor you, son, and your brave, daring compatriots. Our people have "been there and done this", readers, and our children have even spent time in prison in the aftermath of total betrayal, corruption, lies and false testimony—yet to the Federal agents.

We are honored to serve and I can promise that God will bless these noble beings. Will YOU be so brave or honorable?

If you can read this without a tear in your heart, then you are surely lost to that which is good and beautiful.

"How long, oh God?" is the petition. Response (and you can count on it): "As long as it takes." For as the myth goes: "Find me one good man and I will save your lands" and the search was on. Well, chelas, we have found not just ONE good man—we have MANY. And thus, "the" question might well be: "Are you among them?"


God hears EVERY petition and call—AND HE HAS HEARD THIS ONE WHICH YOU WILL FIND NOT FAR FROM THAT PROVERBIAL "CROSS".

The term used by Lt. Trillanes as referencing "messiah" or "messianic" is that the ridiculing adversaries claimed these young men were suffering from a "bi-polar messianic complex" (been there and accused of that one too!). You know you are a messenger when such difficulties arise in giving forth the message and/or those other self-professing judges acclaim "your" message false while they present, easily, the judgmental edicts upon foolish ears and eyes, lie, plant false evidence and simply work to destroy you in any and every way that "they" believe might serve themselves. In the end they will destroy themselves—as the people they hope to "fool" realize the insult upon their persons by the idiotic manipulators.

This is true whether it be in planets, nations, citizens, OR YOUR NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR WHO BEARS MALICE OR SIMPLY WISHES TO GET WHAT YOU HAVE, WHATEVER THE REQUIREMENTS IN EVIL INTENT AND/OR ACTION. Evil, my friends, SHALL FAIL AND FALL—IT IS UNIVERSAL "LAW".

If you present and walk IN TRUTH, you shall ultimately PREVAIL. So be it and "keep walking". GOD WINS!

GCH (May the light-switch work for you! The power for this "light" does not depend on an electric grid.)

dharma 

The Brighter The Light The Better We Stand

9/1/03—#1 (17-16)

MON., SEP. 1, 2003 8:49 A.M. YR 17, DAY 16

GCH—RE: POLITICAL STORMS OVER PHILIPPINES. DUBYA BUSH COMING ANYWAY? IMPORTANT REFERENCE MATERIAL FOR “KEEPING UP”

MANILA, PHILIPPINES

GOOD MORNING, WORLD! **(WHAT’S LEFT OF IT)**

What events arrive on Monday morning the first day of September 2003?

Too much to even begin to catch up on any one point on the entire globe.

Where will “we” be in the middle of all of the nonsense, bloodletting, government overthrow and generally, is it wipeout time?

Please note that henceforth we will be giving our location. That is for identification and “by-line” recognition. I need no further comment on that point but until things settle down in both our program and in the ongoing activities IN THE PHILIPPINES, you, the reader, need more focused information. This is necessary as we move more and more into “Notice”-type publications. It will, in addition, allow you of our own readership to better keep up with activities that impact us greatly and YOU specifically.

CONTACT grows in recognition and information resource and that alone brings incredible attention even if it does not yet help pay the bills. It will soon be paying all the bills and right into expansion of this little voice heard ’round the world. Until then we simply must keep publishing and sharing—we cannot do it alone. At the least we don’t intend to even try to do it alone.

IS IT NOT WONDROUS TO NOT ONLY SEE GOD’S PLAN 2000 FALLING INTO PLACE BUT MOST GLORIOUS IS TO BE A PART OF IT?

E.J., please make sure Prince Tallano is notified that as long as he continues to be the only referenced party (as administrator) without Foundation coverage through court recognition, HE STANDS ALONE AS “THE ONE” WHO WILL BE CHARGED AND COME AGAINST IN “ALL” RELATED CASES. PROTECTION AND ABILITY TO MOVE AHEAD COMES **ONLY THROUGH FULFILLING THOSE COURT ORDERS AND GETTING OUR AGREEMENTS INTO FULL COMPLIANCE AND IN DOCUMENTED ORDER.**

If people, most especially the administrator of such an estate as that of Tallano-Acop, can’t see the razor’s edge at the throat, then we can hardly help them—but we certainly shall protect our own interests in this coalition venture.

U.S. ASYLUM FOR PRESIDENT GMA?

As frantically as can be, there is a full effort to arrange safe-haven for this miscreant family of political criminals called Gloria and Mike Arroyo. As more and more revelations are dumped on the public and realization that the criminal activities of EDSA II government overthrow of a sitting and duly elected PRESIDENT (Estrada) comes full-blown open information—the ship sinks more and more rapidly for the crew on board.

Whether or not the U.S. comes through with safe-haven is not yet determined and is far more dangerous than even the kidnapping but safe-keeping of Marcos. Marcos was for far greater gains than the U.S. can possibly get through a fallen illegitimate lady, playing dictator.

The confrontation is both massive and imminent as in “get your important business, documents, registrations and recognitions covered NOW!”

If a simple “step-down” is the route of choice for GMA, then constitutional requirements can be met in simply going back to the positions and political structure prior to her takeover. That would mean that Estrada would step back into the Presidency and others would return to status at the takeover.

If there is another major coup, you will kiss democracy goodbye unless it is to regain stability through the replacement of the duly elected President into, at the least, the remainder of the term of office established by the Constitution. It is called Rule of Law.

In that reference, I ask, Dharma, that you give us a couple of Attorney Pagua’s published articles on the topic of law in this matter as he continues to offer sound legal presentations in a public forum.

In the midst of this incredible brink of bloodshed and outright civil war (actually ongoing), plans are touted as still underway to have President of the U.S. G.W. Bush VISIT (as in State Visit) in October when he is in the area for the APEC meetings. The U.S. Ambassador Ricciardone has gone ALREADY to the U.S. to make further arrangements. NOT LIKELY, readers, as transition arrangements are being pushed to get GMA out of here. She, GMA, is on the brink of finding out how nasty politics can REALLY get.

Rumsfeld’s counter-part in conspiracy crime JUST RESIGNED Friday. That is General Reyes of the “Secretary of Defense” slot. That after it was determined on Thursday that two things were taking place. The President (GMA) had good information that he, himself, was plotting to overthrow HER GOVERNMENT.

Now there is talk of putting former President Ramos, the king of the plotters, into the Defense Secretary’s position. However, since he already runs everything and has now the biggest stick of all—against Arroyo, why bother with the inconvenience of change?

Moreover, the Ambassador stated that Bush continued to plan a pleasant State Visit to show support for GMA and her presidency and reassure everyone that he appreciates the “Coalition of the Willing” contributions made by Ms. Arroyo. Translated that means a major reflection of “thank you for sending more targets to Iraq” to lessen the pressure, of course, on his political career over deaths continuing of U.S. troops. Even that seems a bit stalled-out and kept SECRET as to departure but things are bad in Paradise.

What is really taking place is a total confusion over what exactly to do about Philippine events coming down the pike. “Cut and cut clean” was the Marcos treatment—let us see how this one goes.

WHY THE INTEREST IN ROMAN CATHOLIC WRITINGS?

You readers need the background offered through the *BROKEN CROSS* writings. This, because you have a real clash coming dead ahead.

Right in the Philippines you have example and this is only a tiny part of the overall trouble in THE Church.

Cardinal Sin, leader of the Church in the Philippines is up for retirement—NOW. As a matter of fact his retirement is being considered in the Vatican as we write. He is frail, 75 years of age, but more importantly has been a hub of political push-pull through all of the constant upheavals—even back through Marcos.

People: Satan does not go down easily! Furthermore, nobody in goodly position will do anything about simply deleting any evil representation. Satan must do-in himself/herself!

I wonder how all of you feel about the fact that the corrupt

and graft-ridden criminals of highest order—paid no less, by the U.S.—end up in luxurious accommodations with income assets of abundance IN THE UNITED STATES? You have allowed and paid for the clowns taking over the circus.

SENATOR LACSON’S SECOND SHOE

The revelations of the past days and weeks against the Presidential family have exposed the most absurd actions, snatches, snitches and blame-game in this week’s Telenovela. The Presidential brood of chickens and even the foxes are doing such STUPID things as to cause us all to wait with baited breath the drop of the second shoe DUE TO FALL TODAY. Mr. Ricciardone had best hurry or there will be hell to pay in extradition causes.

There are already a bunch of people waiting in the U.S. under threat of extradition in the old Estrada debacle—JUST WAITING TO NOW FINISH OFF THE ARROYOS.

Therefore, I repeat, get our house current and in order so that there can be no “holding” impact past the upheaval bearing down dead ahead.

As soon, however, as our Nevada documents get here we can work around everything blocking the way—but it would take time we don’t wish to spend in such absurd causes. I would hope that Prince Tallano can see his unique and singularly nasty position. And yes, he knows he is vulnerable beyond all others or he wouldn’t hide all the time for fear of losing his thumb for the thumbprint requirements for legal documents.

Now, aren’t we just GLAD that we publish so much stuff as to Truth and Information? ALL the little nails in the horse’s shoe are important—every last one! God blesses each and every one of you who have made this journey possible and keeps *CONTACT* GOING TO PRESS!

I also want to ask in advance that you be patient while we re-run some of the notices so that current publications (issues) can be updated. THIS IS OUR LIFE, friends—this is our wondrous mission. These are the TRUTHS of which are touted to “set you free”. Ah but, just knowing Truth doesn’t cut it, does it? Therefore better observations need to be made: Proper actions on these TRUTHS present freedom when the final trumpet sounds across the heavens. Please ponder it but don’t waste time dawdling about it.

Can we stand to have the Light shown upon us, our deeds and work? OH YES INDEED! **The brighter shines the light the better we stand.**

I would also remind you who have helped us get to “here” that not only are you sheltered for return for services rendered and support given, but we can set things forth in our public recognition so that all return is also sheltered and transparent. Did you REALLY expect less? Can our adversaries expect as much? No—they can expect NOTHING except confrontation for their dastardly behaviors. When “crime pays” it must be that it is only a very short-term “pay”. Forgiveness, you see and must understand, has nothing to do with any of it.

2:00 PM and all is not well.

Interruptions are the only things upon which we can count for credible expectation.

We will abandon must fill-in “law discussion” today and see what unfolds in the coming hours and days to allow for considerations beyond the events in play.

All “business cards” had to be updated and current addresses brought to update. This was mandatory today because on the 13th Ekkers’ visa expires and needs extension. This time, however, we need attached some more extensive backup for journalistic extension.

There certainly is no end of realization that THIS is the place to be for correspondents and journalists as this insanity explodes onto the screens of global measure.

Those things are being accomplished and should be available for use in forms by evening as it is now confirmed that mere days are in position for explosions of activities, etc.

When Ekkers returned from the printer doing the cards and passing the grocery mart, there were people waiting for them on return.

The Implications Of Misprision Of Felony

This brought information which fully confirms what I told you at the beginning of this writing and which always brings shock and awe to Doris, most especially. It is difficult when Dad gives information and instructions before the announcements are made public.

They were also warned to have at least a week's supply of needs, such as groceries, in stock because going out may well be totally restricted and that could come to pass as quickly as tomorrow.

Therefore, passports and documents must be with the attorney who will attend them this time rather than the routine "pass it along" of a travel agency. In case of problems you want the documents with a lawyer, in your safe or at Immigration headquarters. Since the delay in acquiring proper processing is so difficult to handle we play step by step and one note at a time—but always within appropriate time limits and qualification regulations.

Furthermore, it is time to make decisions regarding living facilities, lease extensions and thus and such—while the landlord is calling from London yet, to work out anticipated details.

There comes a time when one confronts experiences and begins to realize that "training" for today's tasks happened long before today. That is the way with training, students. No magic.

Every minute at a keyboard and all the hours spent working, basically alone, is serving now. We had to know if our people, individually and as backup, could handle these angry and dangerous experiences and isolation. They can and shall.

Changes will present delays possibly, but then what else is new? We proceed with responsible activities.

If the government services shut down for a while, as might well happen, along with the courts, we can keep right on developing our cause and coalition, for we have backed up everything we might need as legal and fundamental documentation. The rest we can, if we have to, develop through public notices and notification just as we have done before.

There are not the same rules in the Philippines as to the qualifications for public notices but our own stand firmly and legally. Moreover, we went into overdrive with our Tallano coalition documents and court proof and delivered copies of the paper with the notices to every member of the legislature. It was required by the delivery person to the senators—that every one of them personally sign a receipt.

There is no hanky-panky or secret dealings—everything has gone "global", no pun intended.

As far as national irrationality here; there certainly is plenty. There are now several factions split into pretty deadly groups and they WILL clash because "orderly" transition is not in the Philippine drama concept. To expect the Constitution to prevail is much to ask in a state of full anarchy. Therefore, I too suggest a bit of thought right here to possible desired stores, including some cash assets—for you may well have bank closures. **To be prepared is to wipe out fear before it strikes.** You can be quite comfortable for several days without leaving the building.

If things settle down "this time", good. If the stew-pot simply heats up to boil-over, you will have gone through the drill and even if power is turned off—which is a major controlling factor in this place (any place), you will have some generator time for backup and hopefully to keep the phones working. Nasty is going to be the definition of an outright battle and the big industrial giants are IN TARGET so recognize the vulnerability to the transportation system, power system, water supply, etc.

Dharma, I suggest you cook a large pot of beans and pretend you will probably have water shortage and you will be fine with the cooked meats and canned goods already available. Electricity is your power source of choice.

You have no input into these affairs so stay out of it, stay put and sit back and enjoy the ride.

Thank you for getting on with other things now and we will pick up some general writings later. Growth always brings a bit of pain to the old joints so don't be unduly disturbed.—GCH

dharmia 

9/4/03—#1 (17-19) (MORE COUPS & CHAOS)
THU., SEP. 4, 2003 8:49 A.M. YR 17, DAY 19

GCH—RE: LATEST NEWS

MANILA, PHILIPPINES

JUST WHEN YOU THINK
"ALL" NEWS IS A LIE—IT PROBABLY IS!

ALL of the prominent news of yesterday is denied today! This is so typical of the games at play as to be DEADLY in both intent and factual activities.

Keep the head down, do what I ask about our own "stand" and "position" and we will report that which is necessary while covering our presentations in the paper and in our business "diligence" searches as to legal mandates.

By this statement above I am reminding you of requirements, in the Philippines and abroad as well as in the U.S., that if you KNOW of any type of criminal activities and fail to report it, you have to deal with "misprision of felony".

Since we do know of ongoing criminal activities uncovered in our due diligence searches of court records, recorded orders and other mandates in which we have agreements for actual joint venture partnerships, we must cover all aspects of those laws as established through the laws of the Land as well as through the actual Constitution of whichever State we might be visiting or residing. While on visitation and under visa coverage you are under the laws of the nation and are treated as citizens as to the laws of that nation.

Therefore, I not only request that you get on with the references discussed as to research into Land Titles, etc., but we will also run the letter as presented for transparent recognition. As journalists we are obligated under the established code of ethics as well as being foreign visitors.

I will let that go so that attention can be given to attending this matter and turn to the other pertinent confrontations of the present and ongoing events in the Philippines.

Since you cannot depend on TRUTH to substantiate anything, we manage our involvement and journalistic requirements and stay out of controversy or actual involvement. We will observe, write, comment and offer that which is available to us from any public resource likewise available for backup and confirmation of that which we publish.

As we move further, there is no way for any readers to understand the importance, TO US, of meeting requirements while our interests here are so great as to REQUIRE our informing you, even if unwelcome, of what transpires here—for it impacts us greatly while our full intent and purpose is to have an informed readership. Otherwise, the paper may run the daily races if preferred.

WE cannot do anything about the physical circumstances in Peru, Botswana, Baghdad or Timbuktu. WE HAVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES AND OTHER PARTS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA AND DISTRACTIONS MUST BE CONFRONTED AND THEN PUT ASIDE.

To catch up readers, I am going to ask that several things be offered to readers regarding the exposés taking place recently and perhaps the best way to handle that is to cover the first two presentations of the Senate undertakings as regards Senator Lacson's accusations regarding the President's spouse and which obviously include the President herself. That is backup which allows insight but must not stop outlay of immediate warnings or activities as they transpire.

Too much material pours forth daily for us to even consider full coverage. However, some issues are far too important to this nation and the relationship of this nation to the United States of America and Canada, America.

It seems to have been worked out that the U.S. will not accept the Arroyos in Asylum as such under "National Security" coverage but will work out some "exile" arrangements to shelter them if deposing the President occurs.

Will such "deposition" take place? It is too hard to even predict. Plans seem to be toward same but flow of democratic process offers legitimate elections upcoming in late Spring of 2004. Until then, however, this nation is so crippled as to be all but bound to the "deathbed".

What happens to our Global Alliance activities? It should simply enhance our position immeasurably for that upon which we work is already *res judicata* and should stand in all courts of law.

Our people were warned and then told to be ready for a siege of some kind that could tie up activities, even buying groceries, for several days but a specified period of time is open for debate. As long as the power holds available we can continue right on with reporting from this location and continue working on other projects except where offices are closed which are required for further registration requirements or actual court hearings.

Phone calls have just this day reminded us of limitations of mankind and physical capabilities to function according to "our plans" of preference. Moreover, it makes the old WISE statements of such as Little Crow more meaningful as in: "You are exactly where you are." Also: "It will be exactly as it will be." What IS, is and even Billy Clinton can't change it although effort to do so is at every moment.

Example of "just today" in this wet paradise.

Our courier person getting signatures for the Tallano registrations and assignments was sick yesterday and missed all appointments. So, an appointment is made for this afternoon in Quezon

City to get it all finalized at the place where registration can be concluded—AH BUT—IT IS RAINING AND QUEZON CITY IN THE AREA UNDER POINT HAS BEEN ALREADY FLOODED. Therefore we cover all of OUR bases and what will be will surely come to be.

Yesterday (August 4, 2003) the headline and lead story from *THE DAILY TRIBUNE* read as follows: [QUOTING:]

MILITARY PLOT TO OUST GMA, INSTALL GUINGONA BARED

A military plot is a-brewing to dump President Arroyo and replace her with her Vice President, Teofisto Guingona Jr.

This was bared by highly reliable sources in the Armed Forces of the Philippines yesterday, following a hush-hush meeting of some retired military generals with select members of the Council on Philippine Affairs (Copa) held at the home of former Rep. Jose “Peping” Cojuangco, brother to former President Corazon Aquino.

“They feel that the President has become the problem and, with the corruption raps hounding Malacañang today, she has become ineffective and must be forced out of office,” the source said, adding that the situation has become much too dangerous, as the military has become hopelessly divided, with no one in control.

“They claim that what is needed is something that would unite the military once more,” pointing out that as long as Mrs. Arroyo is in Malacañang, the military will continue to be divided.

It was made clear, however, by the military insider that the moves made by the Copa and military generals are ones that will not call for armed action. A manifesto is reportedly to be issued today.

“The plan that was discussed during the meeting in Peping’s home,” the sources said, “was for either another withdrawal of support by the senior officers or a mass resignation of the officers and men.” They did not elaborate.

[H: Read that again and then I have comment. Note that the news was FULL of denials and rebuttals about “resignation”. Note please, that the first part of the statement itself was “either another WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORT...” THIS does not “mean” “resignation”. Stay alert for the games are massive and hazardous to everyone’s health.]

At least three retired generals were said to have bared to the Copa group, along with some representatives of the Leftist groups, the probable actions by the military to pressure Mrs. Arroyo into stepping down, on grounds of having lost all moral ascendancy to lead the country, owing to the corruption allegations leveled against her by Sen. Panfilo Lacson, which they reportedly said have placed the Arroyo administration in a state of paralysis.

The sources named one Commodore Aparri, retired Gen. Antonio Villanueva and a Col. Jarque, as making the military rounds and influencing active military officers to either withdraw support from Mrs. Arroyo, or have the corps of officers resign

en masse, to pressure the President into stepping down and have Guingona sit as President.

Also discussed during the meeting was the problem of legitimacy, with some bringing up the issue of legitimacy should the plot succeed.

“They said they may just be faced with the same illegitimacy problems, as Guingona is not even an elected official,” he said.

The discussion at one point was focused on creating another problem of an illegitimate successor replacing an illegitimate president, saying there was still the problem of detained President Joseph Estrada who continues to have the support of the masses.

The left-leaning groups like Bayan and Sanlakas have reportedly been tapped by the group, which includes Copa, to provide the “warm bodies” in support of the military move, which is being planned anytime today and Sept. 4, or thereabouts.

Mrs. Arroyo is scheduled to leave for Brunei today.

It was also the Copa group of Jose “Peping” Cojuangco Jr. that touched base with the retired military officials and the Leftist groups in moves to oust then sitting President Joseph Estrada, getting the former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis “Chavit” Singson to “expose” the alleged payoffs to Estrada from the illegal numbers racket.

At the time, Copa had a military component led by a Marine officer, Gen. Espinosa, who today heads the Manila Economic Cooperation Office in Taiwan.

The Leftist groups and Copa have been providing political support to Guingona, specially after he was sacked by Mrs. Arroyo as her Foreign Affairs secretary on grounds of policy differences over the United States government’s role in military exercises as well as using the country’s air and naval facilities for the U.S.’ war against terror.

At the same time, another group of retired military generals led by former Reform the Armed Forces Movement chairman Edgardo Abenina, the same military insiders told the *Tribune*, has been busy mobilizing the soldiery to go against the Arroyo government, with the intent and purpose of replacing Mrs. Arroyo with Guingona.

The Abenina group is reportedly being backed up by former president Fidel Ramos and resigned Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes.

Both military groups are said to be wooing both the young and senior officers by bringing up the nationalist issues and, in doing so, “sell” the idea of having Guingona sit as President for some eight months.

This was confirmed by one of the participants to the meeting at Cojuangco’s home.

He said even as Guingona sits as President, it will be a council of “military and civilian leaders” that will be running the government and affairs of state.

“Guingona will be a figurehead,” he said, adding, “the Left will also be kept happy as they will be given positions in government.”

Last July 27, a group of junior officers laid siege to the Oakwood Hotel in Makati City.

Prior to their taking over the hotel, a videotape was released to the media, with the group, calling themselves the Magdalo group, which is historically the Emilio Aguinaldo faction of the revolutionary Katipuneros, then withdrawing support from the Arroyo administration.

The video-taped announcement, however, failed to state to whom the young Magdalo officers were giving their support.

During the hearings conducted in Congress, one young officer mentioned that they would have been willing to give their support to Guingona. [NCO—Ninez Cacho-Olivares] [END QUOTING]

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We might well point out some things in the above front-page article that might be noted to better clarify some things. One, of course, is what rule of law would allow for Constitutional authority in any of the above circumstances? Another, for readers outside the Philippines would be to recognize who is Guingona? A third and more specific “timeline” for things “coming down” is interesting in that the reference is very definitely for “today (the 3rd, Sept.) and the “4th”.

We can detect nothing much as being different in that the harangue and bickering, lying and accusing continues unabated.

President GMA made her quick trip to Brunei to the pre-APEC meeting of economic leaders. She returned and had a most unladylike shouting fest from “a” podium. She had also met with military leaders who, she claimed, promised her loyalty and support. She said nobody would overthrow her presidency—period and end of subject. Meanwhile back in the hidden rooms the movement to unseat her seems to go on unabated while the confusion of declarations is endless.

Certainly, nothing of note has happened today thus far up to and including 11:00 AM. However, it is further noted that people are not allowed to go to the EDSA Shrine (the place of political history-making) unless you are a supporter of PGMA. All others are arrested.

The shrine area itself is cordoned off with razor/ barbed wire and riot police shoulder to shoulder in riot gear. This is really great for business and FOREIGN VISITORS. We also have to surmise this is an intentional State of Affairs until after the election? Strange management methodology while demanding that the U.S. and others take away the warnings against visitation and/or travel to this area. But then, what is not to enjoy about armed takeover by armed military of your hotel in beautiful downtown business center, Makati?

Oh and by the way, these military officers left standing and being shifted around to accommodate the “resigned” Generals (who haven’t resigned, it is said here in small print) WERE REQUIRED TO STAND AT ATTENTION AND AGAIN SWEAR AN OATH TO THE FLAG AND THE “GOOD OR BAD” LADY IN POWER.

This becomes more interesting as the network of rumor-info already is hooking up the resigned Secretary of Defense with the “opposition” military to again “withdraw support” and replace THIS president as they pulled off in the instance of Estrada. The carousel doesn’t even slow up its insane twirling even for embarkation or debarkation.

So, what would happen if PGMA simply steps down and does whatever she would do? Well, then enters the Rule of Law and all goes to pot and confusion—AGAIN.

It is better that someone with legal credentials handle these quandaries even though there is little even learned individuals can do other than offer information. There is no longer “rule by law” or Supreme Court honor so what comes next—for any of us with legal confrontations or need for clarification? As usual, pray. Of course that too is not any solution but gives you something to do with your mouth.

Our favorite attorney, Alan F. Pagua has commented in an article of Sunday, August 31, 2003 and released to the press, about these problem situations.

Since Atty. Pagua will be writing fairly regularly for *The Daily TRIBUNE* we will stay with that resource to address this topic in point.

[QUOTING:]

IF AND WHEN GMA STEPS DOWN

RULE OF LAW

Sunday, August 31, 2003, Alan F. Pagua

If Madame Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo steps down from her office, what questions would she have to ask her legal advisers? We can imagine the following queries.

Will she RESIGN or STEP DOWN?

Comments: (1) Legally, it must be kept in mind that while it is conceded that GMA holds the POWER of the Presidency, it is still Joseph Ejercito Estrada (JEE), as the duly elected President of the Philippines, who continues to hold the AUTHORITY of the Presidency. (2) GMA was able to wrest that POWER on Jan. 20, 2001 with the connivance of Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. who proclaimed her as President upon the alleged ground of “permanent disability” on the part of President Estrada. (3) That ground was never proved up to this time. The “written declaration” of disability by JEE or by the majority of the Cabinet which is expressly required by the Constitution was never complied with. Chief Justice Davide and other concerned justices of the Supreme Court refuse to explain to the Filipino people why they authorized the proclamation of GMA as president in spite of the patent non-compliance with the constitutional requirement. (4) POWER, which is the “ability to make things happen,” was wrested by GMA from JEE after the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief of staff, now secretary of national Defense, Angelo Reyes, and the Philippine National Police (PNP) transferred their support from JEE, who is the constitutional Commander-in-Chief, to GMA who is constitutionally the duly elected Vice President of the Philippines. (5) AUTHORITY, which is the “duty to make things happen,” could not be so wrested by GMA because it was conferred on JEE by the vote of 10,720,000 Filipinos—and therefore clearly remains duly held by President Estrada. (6) JEE, who wields the AUTHORITY of the Presidency cannot accordingly make things happen for the simple reason that he has been deprived, albeit in violation of the Constitution, of the ABILITY to make things happen. JEE who has the presidential AUTHORITY cannot

make things happen until the majority of the patriotic men and women of the AFP and the PNP finally realize the UNCONSTITUTIONALITY of the Chief Justice Davide’s proclamation of GMA as President of the Philippines. (7) In the eyes of the law, an unconstitutional act is void from the beginning, that is, the act has “no legal existence” as distinguished from the act’s “factual existence”. The factual existence of the questioned act is plainly either legal or illegal. Therefore, that factual existence does not negate the illegality of unconstitutionality of the questioned act. (8) Consequently, GMA remains the duly elected Vice President of the Philippines who holds the POWER, but not the AUTHORITY, of the Office of the President. (9) It would thus appear that: (a) If GMA resigns, she will do so in her capacity as Vice President. She cannot resign as President because she never acquired the AUTHORITY of the Office of the President. The presidential AUTHORITY entrusted in favor of President Estrada by the overwhelming mandate of almost 11,000,000 Filipino voters was never and could never be transferred to GMA—that mandate being a conferment only upon the person of Joseph Ejercito Estrada and to nobody else. If GMA does not resign, she remains the Vice President. Her appointee, “Vice President” Teofisto Guingona Jr., remains a senator. (b) If GMA steps down, she shall relinquish the POWER of the Office of the President. Under the Rule of Law, that POWER ought to be deemed as automatically reconveyed to its rightful and constitutional possessor—the holder of PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY—President Joseph Ejercito Estrada.

What will Vice President Guingona do?

In case GMA steps down, Mr. Guingona may choose either of two options: (1) He shall insist on taking over as President, or (2) He shall not so insist. In the first case, he will have to suffer the same cloud of illegitimacy and the consequential violations of the Rule of Law that GMA had suffered or gone through. In the second case, he will help restore the Rule of Law by respecting the aforementioned mandate and the rule of the majority of the Filipino people. [END QUOTING]

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If you are not confused, then you have other very serious liabilities in your consciousness. This is meant as a kind bit of humor, for it is recognized that **CONFUSION IS THE KING OF EVIL** practical *modus operandi*—EVERY TIME. It is bandied about that it is all a CIA operation (but only in part). The more sophisticated program was said last night on Gene Orejana’s program by General Corpus as being brilliant as the “most sophisticated intelligence group anywhere—the Israeli Mossad”. Certainly, as shocking as it might be, everyone understood and simultaneously named the group.

So, should everything be turned over to the police—and the masses just stay inside their prisons and call in the Pizza man?

That would serve well except that hardly anyone, including us, can afford Pizza. The delivery person is so lowly paid as to be the only part of that transactions that can be afforded.

But what of that Police department?

Let us offer, in closing this writing for today, the small central Editorial comment in *The Philippine STAR* of this date.

This, of course, holds true anywhere, World.

[QUOTING:]

PILFERERS

Drug trafficking is big money—so big even law enforcers dip their fingers into it. Some law enforcers coddle drug dealers, tipping them off about police raids. Others pilfer confiscated drugs. The pilferage can be hugely profitable. The latest case under investigation is the *failure of a police anti-narcotics unit to declare 50 kilos of shabu seized in a drug bust in Cavite. At prevailing street prices, the drugs could fetch up to P100 MILLION (\$2M) for the pilferers.* Unless law enforcement agencies are purged of such scalawags, the government’s anti-drug campaign will never succeed.

Apart from catching the scalawags, agencies involved in the campaign against drug trafficking should tighten procedures in the confiscation, transport and safekeeping of prohibited drugs. Between the presentation to the press of a huge stash of shabu and the transport of the confiscated drugs to law enforcement offices, several kilos can easily disappear. Shabu stored at the National Bureau of Investigation and the Philippine National Police has been pilfered.

When law enforcers aren’t stealing drugs or coddling drug traffickers, they allow suspected drug dealers to escape. In the past year there have been two such escapes from Camp Crame (Police Headquarters) alone, with one of the suspects still handcuffed to a folding bed when he walked out of the headquarters of the Philippine National Police.

As in kidnapping, people are reluctant to turn to the police when they suspect that cops themselves are involved in wrongdoing. When 15 cops, two of them ranking officers, are implicated in a major drug pilferage, it is bound to have a chilling effect on people who may want to do their share in the campaign against drug trafficking. The only way for the government to regain public trust is to ferret out the pilferers and coddlers of drug traffickers, prosecute them and slap them with the maximum penalty. (Shabu is “amphetamines” and doesn’t even take into consideration all of the other loose drugs running about the streets.) [END OF QUOTING]


Worse yet, readers, the runner-up to drug trafficking is HUMAN TRAFFICKING, especially women for prostitution, and children.

Yes indeed, God too has some down moments.

Just today in Florida you murdered by law a man who had murdered a doctor and his bodyguard for murdering unborn children. Good show, human, for surely you have now solved all the problems involved in the ecstasy of sex as you have learned to use it for your enjoyment of meaningless escapades. So be it, for it remains your choice.

If our letter regarding Land Titles is finished today it can be sent along with this writing as referenced but separately published to cover legal notice statutes.

We will make an effort to get other information into your attention as you follow along in this journey through “interesting” times.—GCH

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GCH—RE: ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ARROYO
BY LACSON IN SENATE

MANILA, PHILIPPINES

To have better access to direct copy for use in *CONTACT* as well as to cover, legally, published information, we will begin to offer information regarding articles used from published papers which are reflected on the Internet Websites. This is to protect content and source.

The following two articles regarding exposés in the Senate of the Philippines by Senator Lacson can far more easily be extracted by Mr. Moore as copy than from our own copy which needs additional editing. I apologize to you who depend on getting up-front copy as we produce it but you will get the copy in the paper as referenced.

Too much is happening too quickly for us to even hope to cover these events sufficiently to more than reference them and this especially as we move into interchange with involved parties.

We find the political events to be information backup mandatory even though we have no interchange with any such political events or personalities except that our program information packages have been presented to ALL without bias or prejudice.

We are not "IN BUSINESS". We sell nor market anything. We have an "ALLIANCE" wherein we can offer "in association" assistance. We will not repeat that here.

Furthermore, we are Journalists and that for a paper of International recognition, *CONTACT*. It is because of and through that paper that we have holdings which can be utilized in the "Alliance" (above referenced).

We do not step outside the boundaries of either entity but meet all regulations and requirements right to the visa regulations of the country itself. Our team in Manila is recognized as Investigative Journalists and therefore our research requires we dig deeply into the details of various possible coalition persons and/or programs/projects.

This has been our status and qualification for over 16 years.

As you run into reading the information presented we will present a bit of backup or interim "catch-up" to give updating status. You will find information which will offer succinct references to documents and activities which would appear to be without rebuttal. However, in any political system struggling for existence—it is never so open.

There are immediate accusations of forgeries, fabrications, lies and misrepresentations. This even to visible, human personalities in your very face. Then come the "handwriting" analysts who supply the Elite with "scientific" analysis that states the very signatures are NOT from the one who just was seen signing the document. Then comes the claim of a brother to be the other brother—to shelter massive plunder activities. Oh well, without hesitation the brother's signature is "legally" supplied by personal lawyers, to be "scientifically" compared by no less than the wondrously inept police department wherein in less than an hour the results "prove" the imposter to be the "real" thing.

The intrigue is worthy of a second-rate soap opera—while a world twists in the noose.

WE WILL NOT, HOWEVER, INSERT OURSELVES INTO ANY OF THESE EPISODES OF ABSURDITY OTHER THAN TO PROTECT OUR OWN STANDING AND OUR POSITION. THOSE THINGS WE WILL PROTECT WITHOUT LIMITATION.

It must be noted right here and right now: *We must in all instances meet the requirements, agreements and lawful guidelines as presented in and by the United States—for we are citizens thereof and our agreements regarding "Global" are created THERE.*

OUR LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, YEA EVEN TO THE "MISPRISON OF FELONY" DOCUMENT AS OFFERED IN "OPEN LETTER" FORMAT IS TO PRIMARILY MEET THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. LAW, FOR IMPACT COMES ON OUR OWN PRESENTATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES. WE RESPECT ALL LAWS EVEN THOUGH WE ALSO CLAIM JOURNALISTIC PRIVILEGE OF PRIVACY OF SOURCES.

I would like to leave this now, for when you have been supplied with the copy requested it will make for a sufficient article.

I ask that "Indexer" be given the Website numbers as we reference documents, with information, so that the articles can be integrated in his own records for later publication purposes. When *Journals* are again presented in volume form we MUST have the inserted information WITH THE ARTICLE ENTRY FOR FULL DATE AND INFORMATION REFERENCES.

The articles requested for use in this writing: <www.tribune.net.ph>:

(1) Tuesday, August 19, 2003 "Ping drops bomb on GMA-Mike conjugal corruption", from front page, concluded on page 6.

(2) Tuesday, September 2, 2003 "Ping drops bomb, PCSO funds link GMA to Pidal", front page, concluded on page 6. [QUOTING:]

**PING DROPS BOMB ON GMA—
MIKE CONJUGAL CORRUPTION
EXPOSES FG AS 'JOSE PIDAL',
IDENTIFIES THREE MORE
DIRTY MONEY MACHINES**

By Angie M. Rosales,

The Daily Tribune (Philippines), 08/19/03

Opposition Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson yesterday exploded the bomb that reeked of conjugal corruption and other illegal activities, hitting directly at the presidential couple and their alleged criminal activities that touch on money laundering through their money fronts, the Arroyo foundations and Palace bagmen, all of which have been siphoned and deposited to a private Union Bank account of one, Jose Pidal, whom the Senator identified as the presidential spouse, Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo.

The Senator disclosed that his investigation uncovered that "Mr. and Mrs. Jose Miguel Arroyo received at least P321 million in 'contributions' from supporters and favor seekers".

None of these is reflected in Mrs. Arroyo's

statement of assets and liabilities, whether as senator, vice president or president.

Hard evidence consisting of a copy of the presidential couple's investments in the name of Jose Pidal and Jose Miguel Arroyo, done through Morgan Stanley carried the same LTA Perea Street building as their address.

A check under the alias "Jose Pidal" which signature was identical to the signature of the presidential spouse was also submitted by Lacson.

Lacson advised "Mr. Jose Pidal a.k.a. Mr. Jose Miguel Arroyo" to familiarize himself with the copy of the Anti-Money Laundering Act or, better still, get his lawyers now.

The opposition Senator, in his speech mentioned that the presidential spouse has three more "washing machines" to launder dirty money: Kelvin Tan; Thomas Toh Jr. and Victoria "Vicky" Toh.

Kelvin Tan is a known concessionaire in many outlets, one of which is McDonald's hamburgers. Lacson described Tan as "loaded", as his bank account maintained at the International Exchange Bank—Perea branch, said to be owned by presidential crony Enrique Razon, held more than P20 million in just a month's bank statement. Or a total of P41 million if Union Bank deposits are added. Tan is said to issue "pay-to-cash" checks with amounts in millions, reflected in the statements as such: P2 million, pay to cash on Dec. 4, 2002; P8 million, pay to cash on Dec. 5, 2002; P10 million pay to cash again, on Dec. 5, 2002.

The presidential spouse, through his spokesman, denied the charges, and even denied knowing Vicky Toh, who worked as his personal secretary and accountant.

Vicky Toh is also said to be the mistress of Mr. Arroyo and reportedly has two children by him.

Lacson's privilege speech came as a bombshell that proved sufficient to rock President Arroyo and her men into a panic.

The Senator made a virtual roll call on the alleged cohorts of the First Gentleman numbering as many as 28, including two unidentified Supreme Court associate justices.

The startling revelations of a paper trail of alleged tainted money of the presidential couple rendered Lacson's colleagues—even those in the administration—dumbfounded and appeared sufficient to accede to Lacson's challenge to have the Senate conduct a probe, based on his exposé.

"Even if we're a member of the administration (bloc), we cannot do anything about it but to push through with the investigation. We cannot dismiss political issues here but the allegations are too serious. So serious that we can't just disregard all these," Sen. Manuel Villar Jr. said.

"It's his day," Sen. Joker Arroyo said, declining to comment further on the speech of the Senator.

"I am somewhat speechless toward the end of the exposé. It is seldom, if at all, do we witness such an exposé in Congress. I would admit that I somewhat miss the Ernie Maceda days," Minority Leader Vicente Sotto III, commented referring to the exposés made by former colleague and former Senate President Ernesto Maceda who popularized the PEA-Amari scam as the supposed mother of all scams in his privilege speech as well.

Reminiscent of the impeachment days, Lacson practically personified his colleague, Sen. Arroyo who was a member then of the prosecutor, exposing a Jose Velarde-like alleged account of Mr. Arroyo among other reported illegal activities.

"I recall that when our esteemed colleague ran successfully for the Senate, he did so on the resolve, to which I fully subscribe and I quote: 'Ubusin ang

mga corrupt!’ (Eliminate the corrupt),” Lacson said in reference to Sen. Arroyo as he rallied his colleagues to conduct a probe headed by Sen. Arroyo.

Like Sen. Arroyo, Lacson used a power-point presentation in detailing what he claimed as solid evidence to show an alleged Jose Velarde-like account of Mr. Arroyo carrying supposedly P36.6 million at Union Bank and International Exchange Bank on Perea Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City.

Pidal has the same business address as Mr. Arroyo, that at 8th Floor, LTA Bldg., Perea Street, a structure said to be owned by the Arroyos, Lacson said.

Pidal not only shares the same office address but employs the largest investment house—Morgan Stanley—and has the same financial adviser, Ronald Gin, associate vice president for Investments of San Francisco, California. The signature of Pidal is the same handwriting as that of Mr. Arroyo, the Senator said.

Based on one of the returned checks of Pidal to Union Bank dated March 11, 1997 that was obtained by Lacson and comparing it to the signature of Mr. Arroyo, it matched the same signature of the presidential spouse if superimposed.

“Mr. Pidal, a.k.a. Mr. Jose Miguel Arroyo better get a copy of the Anti-Money Laundering Act or better still, get his own lawyers now,” Lacson said as he bared piece-by-piece the supposed aces under his sleeves against the First Gentleman and several others.

Taking off from what he initially claimed as fishing expedition engaged in by Mr. Arroyo along with Isafp chief Victor Corpus, Lacson said the First Gentleman transacted with the military official in his LTA office along with several other personalities to include Mary “Rosebud” Ong, Pagcor chairman and president Ephraim Genuino, Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) general manager and alleged chief incorporator of the presidential couple’s Lualhati Foundation Edgar Manda, Agriculture Undersecretary Jocelyn “Joc-joc” Bolante, Indian rice trader Kishore Hemlani, former PEA chairman Ernest Villareal, a certain alleged car importer Rey Nadal, former PCSO general manager and now OWWA administrator Virgilio Angelo.

Philippine Ports Authority Alfonso Cusi, Light Rail Transit lawyer Alfonso Cusi, columnist Ramon Tulfo, political analyst Alex Magno, a certain Marissa Bondoc who is said to be the wife of newspaper columnist Jarius Bondoc, former DILF Secretary Ronaldo Puno, lawyer Victor Padilla who is alleged by Angelo “Ador Mawanay as his former “handler”, Corpus, Ong and two SC associate justices.

“The LTA building is the place where criminal minds are given unlimited funds and access to government resources for illegal purposes, where manufactured evidence, concocted stories and blatant lies are orchestrated to demolish whom the Perea gods wish to destroy.

“To keep Mr. Arroyo supposedly well-oiled, the Firm of Carpio, Villaraza and Cruz, Franklin Fuentesbella of the Multitel scam, rice importer Lucio Co, businessman and former Abu Sayyaf kidnap victims Reghis Romero, DPWH Secretary Florante Soriquez and presidential political liaison officer Jose Rufino helped the presidential couple in filling up the campaign kitty of Mrs. Arroyo for the 1998 elections amounting to P321 million.

“Out of the P321 million, P50.2 million was spent as officially submitted to the Comelec by the campaign manager, Mr. Arroyo. So what happened to the balance of P270.8 million? Where did it go?

“There are three possibilities where you can park P270.8 million: inside a six-foot vault, use a foundation and open a secret bank account,” he said.

At this point in his speech, Lacson detailed the supposed paper trail recalling the Lualhati Foundation of the First Couple previously revealed by Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez where an P8 million contribution was made by him.

“Our mission was to look for deposit account nos. 000730014836 and 000730012839 under the name of Lualhati Foundation with Manda as signatory. The other check of Jimenez ended up in Union Bank-Perea deposit account No. 000730014836 under the name of a Jose Pidal,” he said.

But the alleged washing of money did not end there, the Senator said. He went on naming Kelvin Tan, Thomas Toh Jr. and Victoria “Vicky” Toh.

Dubbed by Lacson as the Toh triad, Vicky Toh whom he even identified with slide pictures is Mr. Arroyo’s personal secretary and accountant while Kelvin is her brother-in-law and Thomas as her father.

The three, he claimed, are supposedly holding in safekeeping a total of P132.7 million along with the P36.6 million account of Pidal.

In the background provided by the Senator, he gave the impression that the three do not supposedly have the capacity to come up with millions of pesos in their accounts, much more dispense of checks “pay to cash” on a daily basis.

At one time, Tan, issued a pay-to-cash check on Dec. 4, 2002 at P2 million and twice on Dec. 5, 2002 at P8 million and P10 million, he said.

Coincidentally, these were cashed by a certain Antonio “Tony” Labrador, whom the Senator described as a trusted employee of LTA Inc.

Labrador, he said, even accompanied Mr. Arroyo and son, Pampanga Vice Gov. Mikey Arroyo to Hong Kong aboard PR318 last July 18 where the First Gentleman hand-carried “an incredibly big, black bag: that he clutched all throughout the flight”.

He refused to entrust to the flight attendants eagerly offering to secure the same at the storage bin, he said.

Some administration senators still attempted to prevent the matter from prospering into a full-blown investigation with Sen. Robert Barbers pointing out during the interpellation that some of the issues raised by Lacson had already been investigated by the Senate with a corresponding report at that.

Sen. Arroyo who is blue ribbon chairman, on the other hand, initially avoided getting himself embroiled in an investigation against Mr. Arroyo, the First Gentleman’s second or third probe by the Senator’s committee explaining that the matter is best handled by the committee on banks, financial institutions and currencies.

Sen. Arroyo noted that Lacson delved mostly on alleged money-laundering activities and as such his exposé is best relegated to the banks said committee.

In raising this issue, Sen. Arroyo questioned the move made by Lacson asking the chamber’s leadership to have his speech not only referred to the blue ribbon but to the committee on constitutional amendments, revision of codes and laws that is incidentally headed by opposition Sen. Edgardo Angara.

In his speech, Lacson said the matter is also appropriately jointly probed by Angara’s committee so that needed “measures may be crafted to plug loopholes in campaign spending and reporting regulations”.

Lacson also manifested the participation of the committee on ways and means headed by Sen. Ralph Recto to study the possibility of tightening tax laws, specially as the matters at hand also supposedly deal with non-stock, non-profit foundations and to review the implementation of the Anti-Money Laundering Act (AMLA) that he himself co-authored.

But Sen. Arroyo was prevailed upon by Senate President Franklin Drilon who noted that under their rules, it should be handled by the blue ribbon as primary committee.

Drilon, however, left the matter of the assignment of the secondary committee to be decided upon by the rules committee headed by Majority Leader Loren Legarda.

Legarda vowed to hold a meeting the soonest possible time to address the matter.

Lacson said it is now fact that “corruption thrives and enjoys incredible and unprecedented growth in the Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo government. We all heard about the telecommunications scam, the PCSO anomaly, the jueteng scandal, Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, rice smuggling and many more untold stories of corruption and shady deals.”

He also said he has in his possession “voluminous documents and written testimonies of witnesses that prove tons of money have been delivered and are being delivered” to the presidential spouse, whom he called “The Incredible Hulk”, who Lacson said remains calm as long as he collects money—as money keeps him calm.

The opposition Senator charged the Arroyo couple with “corruption, extortion, money laundering, character assassination and betrayal,” warning all that these consist only of Chapter One of his exposé.

He spoke of this “incredible building on 118 Perea Street in Legaspi Village. Next to Malacañang, this is, perhaps, the most powerful place in the country. This building has become the citadel of power abuse, where incredible deals are cooked and sinister schemes plotted.”

Lacson identified the presidential spouse as “the partner-in-everything of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Rather, in almost everything. One of the most profitable partnerships ever,” saying their conjugal union was “very very profitable...for Very Special Outstanding People.”

He detailed the following amounts in contribution to the Arroyo couple and their identities.

A Franklin Fuentesbella, whose name is the same as the one linked to the Multitel scam, gave P.5 million; Mr. Lucio Co, the biggest importer of everything from canned goods, dressed chicken to house wares looks like a piker with just P.5M: Reghis Romero of the Dos Palmas resort episode gave P2 million; DPWH Secretary Florante Soriquez, whose current net worth is only P1.5 million, but gave P600,000; the presidential political liaison officer, Mr. Joey Rufino, gave all of P2 million.

“Out of the P32 million that entered the Perea coffers, only P50.2M was spent, as officially submitted to the Comelec by the campaign manager, Mr. Jose Miguel Arroyo.”

PING DROPS BOMB, PCSO FUNDS LINK GMA TO PIDAL

**CONJUGAL PRIME PROPERTY
OF 6 HECTARES IN QC,
CORPORATIONS NOT DECLARED
IN GLORIA’S SAL**

By Angie M. Rosales,
The Daily Tribune (Philippines), 9/2/03

The direct link of President Arroyo to the Jose Pidal accounts was bared yesterday by opposition Sen. Panfilo “Ping” Lacson as he exploded yet another bomb that reverberated all the way to Malacañang, amid the Palace’s attempts to discredit

his earlier exposé through the appearance of presidential brother-in-law, Ignacio Tuason Arroyo Jr. claiming ownership of the Jose Pidal accounts.

Lacson yesterday proceeded to link Mrs. Arroyo to the secret Jose Pidal accounts of her husband, First Gentleman Jose Miguel “Mike” Arroyo.

Her involvement stems from a deposit of what Lacson calls the money-laundering account of Mr. Arroyo of some P1.35-million Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) fund last Feb. 28, 2003.

In revealing for the first time the alleged culpability of Mrs. Arroyo in illicit activities jointly with her husband, the Senator bared new information on at least seven other Pidal and dummy accounts distributed among at least six local banks with an aggregate amassed amount of more than P260 million.

In disclosing the Jose Pidal accounts, said to have been active till July 2003—among which included joint accounts with the First Gentleman’s alleged mistress, Victoria “Vicky” Toh—one Pidal account showed a deposit of P1,350,000 from the PCSO, headed by Olivia “Honeygirl” Singson, sister to former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis “Chavit” Singson, in the Jose Pidal account.

The PCSO is an agency directly under the Office of the President and all checks over P100,000 are cleared with the President.

The PCSO issued Land Bank check #20061283, dated Feb. 28, 2003 worth P1,350,000 which ended up in the fictitious Jose Pidal account.

On the eve of the three Senate panels’ scheduled inquiry over Lacson’s explosive exposé made last Aug. 18, Lacson delivered his anticipated second privilege speech dubbed Chapter Two, further pinning down the First Couple on their reported corrupt activities.

The Senator said beyond the alleged secret accounts and dummy corporations that were uncovered by some media entities the past few days, Lacson charged that the presidential couple with hidden wealth, part of which is 60,758 sq.m.—or more than six hectares—of prime property in Quezon City.

“This prime property right in the heart of Quezon City...is enough land to build houses for more than 2,000 middle-income Filipinos,” Lacson said, pointing out that this piece of property was not declared in Mrs. Arroyo’s statement of assets and liabilities (SAL).

It was not immediately known how this would affect the proceedings of the first of a series of public hearings jointly to be conducted by the blue ribbon headed by Sen. Joker Arroyo, banks by Sen. Sergio Osmeña III and constitutional amendments by Sen. Edgardo Angara.

But this early, Sen. John Osmeña could surmise the matter taking its toll on the reported further presidential ambition of Mrs. Arroyo, if not on the presidential election in May 2004 itself.

“What we’re talking about here is public (interest). We’re not really talking of a case that is filed before a court where standards of proof are used. In the end, the effect of this is on what will happen in the presidential election, not on the (Senate) investigation.

“It (Palace’s and Mr. Arroyo’s defense) is something that would have to be considered by the bar of public opinion. The issue being debated here does not involve whether it is inadmissible in court. What they have to contend with is public opinion...whether the people would believe all the allegations,” Osmeña said in an interview.

Lacson, in presenting what could be considered as a “second wave” of his accusations against Mr. Arroyo and three alleged dummies—Vicky Toh, Kelvin Tan and Thomas Toh Jr.—claimed they

were maintaining other accounts besides those with Union Bank and International Exchange Bank on Perea Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City.

The three, along with the Pidal accounts and Lualhati Foundation purportedly owned by the First Couple, Lacson claimed in his previous speech, are maintaining supposedly over P132.7 million.

New discovery showed that Mr. Arroyo has not one, but two joint accounts with Vicky Toh, his personal secretary and accountant and alleged mistress at Philam Savings Bank and Union Bank of the Philippines containing over P50 million in deposits.

Lacson also disclosed that Mr. Arroyo and Vicky Toh’s joint accounts had in PSBank with Account No. 001101-02084-2, opened in March 2001 a balance of P25.72 million as of June 2003 while that in Union Bank under Account No. 0073-001918-4 as of last July still contained over P23.5 million.

Funds from the account, Lacson charged, are laundered into the joint account in Union Bank as the P8 million pay-to-cash check issued by Toh’s brother-in-law supposedly ended up in this account.

“Tan presigned the check using a different pen. Toh filled in the blanks,” he said, adding Toh’s own handwriting in some of her personal notes to Mr. Arroyo belies any attempt to disown the purported evidence now in the hands of the Senator.

Toh’s capacity to amass millions based on her supposed job item in the law office of Mr. Arroyo in LTA Building was further put to question by Lacson as he told colleagues Toh has two other bank accounts apart from the Union Bank-Perea account containing 19.3 million.

From documents, it was discovered that she has two accounts in Banco de Oro and Banco Filipino with a balance as of July 2003 of P19.5 million and P16.3 million, respectively.

Tan also has over P9.6 million in Allied Banking Corp. in a still-active account as of July, while Toh Jr. has Account No. 007-431-00376-9 with a balance of P8.17 million.

The alleged Pidal account uncovered at BPI Family Bank main branch under Account No. 6615-00497-7 has a balance of P25.34 million as of July 30, 2003, Lacson said.

“As of July 30, 2003, Jose Pidal and his laundry machines had 12 local bank accounts with more than P260 million in recent deposits,” he said.

The alleged money laundering of Mr. Arroyo is even booming, Lacson stated as some of the Pidal accounts even included international transactions.

Lacson mentioned at least eight wired deposits coming from individuals he identified as Ricardo Medrano, Luis Abalino Corosco, Romeo Yulo and John U. Telimco dating back from January to June 24 this year ranging from P1.8 million to P3.3 million that ended up in the Pidal accounts.

What could have been a violation of the PCSO’s charter, Lacson said, as well as the corrupt acts of Mrs. Arroyo herself, were the releases of funds from the agency involving more than P100,000 alone that would have required the Chief Executive’s approval.

“An agency established by law for charitable purposes and directly under the Office of the President issues a check that finds its way into the account of a fictitious person. Why? “This is corruption at the top. Kurakot (racket) by example,” he said in his speech.

Lacson also did not spare Ignacio, who had claimed ownership of the Pidal accounts, saying Ignacio’s financial capability added only more doubts to his ownership since Ignacio’s declared income tax payments in 1996 and 1997 were P11,205; P13,446 in 1998 and only P8,500 in 1999.

The alleged Pidal accounts were opened in 1997 as claimed by Mr. Arroyo’s brother, thereby allowing him to use an alias, since there was yet to be an Anti-Money Laundering Act (AMLA) that prohibited numbered accounts.

“Are they the income tax payments of an extremely wealthy individual?” Lacson asked.

“Who is Ignacio T. Arroyo Jr.? Isn’t he the same fall guy who claimed ownership of these two buildings in downtown San Francisco exposed by media as being owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jose Miguel Arroyo?”

Lacson dared Mr. Arroyo’s brother to execute a special power of attorney to prove that the alleged deposits are not tainted money and enable him to withdraw from the Pidal accounts.

The Senator assured his colleagues that whatever amount he would be able to get would be equally distributed to Senate employees.

Lacson’s tirades did not end there as he debunked point-by-point the defense made by Malacañang as well as those whom he described as attack dogs unleashed by the Palace to defuse the issue confronting Mr. Arroyo.

The revival of the issue on his alleged dollar deposits by Representatives Raul Gonzales and Monico Puentebella is nothing but a cheap shot from the usual alleged demolition gang of the Palace.

“They called me a murderer, an Oakwood rebellion financier, a liar, an abductor, a drug dealer...you name it, Lacson was it. The same tiresome recycled lies. From the same lackeys,” he said.

The Palace, he added, has engaged in numerous cover-ups on the revelations of his would-have-been star witness, Eugenio Mahusay Jr., but their futile attempts to cover up the truth are only blowing up on their faces.

Also on Mahusay, Lacson maintained he did not force him into speaking against Mr. Arroyo, saying aside from the protective custody and mobile phone requested of him, he did not extend any financial and other considerations to him.

Furthermore, sightings of Mahusay with his wife and daughter at Alona Tropical Resort hotel along the beach of Panglao Island, Bohol, sometime between Aug. 10 to 13, the same time when his family claimed him to be missing belied allegations that he was kept against his will.

“In year 2000, then senator now Vice President Teofisto Guingona delivered a privilege speech accusing President Estrada of graft and corruption. The Senate was his forum and then Vice President Arroyo, the Bunyes, both father and daughter, knew it. Why they would now dare question my use of this forum, is beyond my understanding,” he said.

The Palace had no immediate reaction to the Lacson exposé, saying only the PCSO records will be open to the public if the Senate subpoenas the PCSO books.

The camp of Mr. Arroyo dismissed the second Lacson exposé as “lies”. [END QUOTING]

Is all of this quite tedious? Indeed, but I ask: What in life, worthy of having, is not gained by some tedium and effort? The Philippines presents as a place which is very difficult to be a surviving human. I suppose if you look around, World Earth is a difficult place to be a surviving human!

You each asked to “live in interesting times”—YOU GOT IT! We have not reached some of those questionably safe/dangerous “bridges” across the chasms and indeed they are THE way to the other side and therefore, tedious or frightening as it may be—we must go on across. Thank you.

GCH (And please, don’t let “my registration” lapse. We have yet places to go and things to do—inclusive of me.)

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By John & Jean Ray

MISSING THE BIGGER PICTURE TIME TO CHANGE THE COURSE IN IRAQ

By Ali Abunimah (a political analyst
based in Chicago), 08/22/03

Following Tuesday's horrifying bombing of the UN headquarters in Baghdad, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) led the calls for the United States to consider sending more troops to Iraq. McCain, in Baghdad when the attack happened, said, "After an event like this we have to evaluate whether we have enough people, whether we have the right kind of people and whether we are spending enough money." McCain supported the war in Iraq, but even those who opposed it could agree with that sentiment. Yet while such a re-evaluation is an understandable response, it misses the bigger point.

The main challenge the U.S. has with Iraq is political, not military or logistical.

The attack on the UN office, and before it the deadly bombing of the Jordanian embassy, cannot be understood as individual acts. Together, though, they paint a worrying picture. Whoever carried out the attacks is telling the American people that their involvement in Iraq is going to be long, bloody and costly. The bombings are the perpetrators' response to President Bush's irresponsible challenge after earlier attacks, to "bring 'em on." To the world, the bombers are saying, "the mighty United States is not in charge of Iraq, and if you go there to cooperate with them, the Americans will not be able to protect you."

U.S. insistence that the campaign of resistance, sabotage and outright murder is the work of "foreign terrorists" or "Saddam loyalists" seems less like giving convincing answers and more like convenient excuses. What appears to be emerging in Iraq is an organized, nationalist resistance to the U.S. occupation itself—not loyal to Saddam Hussein—and likely involving members of the 400,000-strong Iraqi army and security forces unwisely dismissed in May by the U.S. civilian administrator Paul Bremer. It is reckless of the United States not to acknowledge the popular opposition to the occupation that is evident in nearly every report coming out of Iraq, and that this widespread feeling is fueling support for violent resistance.

No matter how much resolve the U.S. shows, its already difficult task just got infinitely harder. The U.S. occupation administration was often accused by Iraqis of being out of touch, coddled in fortified air-conditioned palaces, far away from relentless daily hardships. That can only become worse as U.S. personnel act first and foremost to protect themselves against an enemy who can strike any where at any time. Iraqis will become more angry and less cooperative with rulers they see as distant, illegitimate and ineffective. ...

Within Iraq, the U.S. administration was able to recognize that it badly needed political legitimacy, and in July, Bremer set up a "Governing Council". This body has failed to gain credibility or widespread support among Iraqis, and several of its members have complained publicly that Bremer is not even affording them the limited powers he had promised. Something more than window-dressing is needed.

If we are to stop Iraq from becoming a quagmire for American troops, a new nightmare for Iraqis and a haven for foreign terrorists and troublemakers, the Bush administration must change direction.

It should urgently go to the United Nations Security Council with a proposition: The U.S. will give up much or most of its authority in Iraq in exchange for an international commitment of troops and resources to a transition plan and timetable to restore Iraq to independence. This will have three immediate effects.

*First, it will give the U.S. presence in Iraq the legitimacy it now lacks, and allow it to bring in the help it needs.

*Second, Iraqis will no longer feel they are under the rule of a hostile foreign power whose motives many of them suspect to be less than selfless.

*Third, it will rob those organizing violent resistance of their main motivator: fear, mistrust and hatred of the U.S.

Had the Bush administration taken this path several months ago, when the problems in Iraq began to worsen, it would have been extremely difficult. Yet, it would have been much less costly, politically and diplomatically than it is now. Nevertheless, it is more urgent than ever that this administration change course. If it doesn't have the courage to do that, a new U.S. administration will have to clean up the mess. But by that time, how many more Americans, Iraqis and others will have died needlessly?

U.S. TO ASK UN FOR IRAQ HELP

By Robin Wright and Maggie Farley,
Los Angeles Times, 08/21/03

WASHINGTON—After urgent talks with his top foreign policy team, President Bush decided Wednesday to return to the United Nations for a resolution seeking greater international involvement in Iraq, including more foreign troops and wider funding for reconstruction, U.S. officials said. **[JR: What NATO troops and Euros.]**

The Bush administration, which had resisted returning to the UN for a potentially contentious debate that might try to force the United States to cede partial control of Iraqi reconstruction, **[JR: Doesn't this contradict the above statement about reconstruction assistance?]** began talks with key allies Wednesday and is expected to begin circulating language for a draft resolution at the Security Council in New York on Thursday. ...

In a strategy crafted by the State Department, the United States hopes to tap into global outrage over a devastating bombing at UN headquarters in Baghdad on Tuesday to win quick passage of a resolution providing more troops and financial assistance without diluting U.S. control of the coalition forces or the political transition, according to U.S. officials. ...

At the Security Council, there was much sympathy for the Iraqis and the UN mission but little for the coalition. Countries that were once reluctant to support the reconstruction effort said Wednesday they were more inclined to contribute money—even troops—but only under UN control.

Syria, Germany, Chile and Pakistan, countries that publicly opposed the war in Iraq and have withheld help for reconstruction, all said they would support a new resolution ceding more control to the United Nations. But there seems to be little common ground between the conditions they envisage and the wishes of the United States.

"There is one thing I'm sure of. Arab nations will not send troops to Iraq under a foreign occupation," said Fayssal Mekdad, Syria's deputy ambassador. "The Fourth Geneva Convention describes the responsibilities of the occupying powers, and one of those is to provide security. The United Nations shouldn't have to ask for other troops to do the job."...

One possible compromise between the United States and other Security Council members would establish a separate contingent of UN forces that would report to a UN command structure and provide security for humanitarian missions and some reconstruction efforts. This might satisfy countries that want to help but don't want their soldiers under U.S. command.

Washington also hopes the resolution will call on Iraq's neighbors, particularly Iran and Syria, to block the flow of foreign fighters into Iraq, according to diplomats in Washington. The influx of foreign forces has become a leading U.S. security concern.

The Treasury Department is sending a team to Amman and Damascus, the Jordanian and Syrian capitals, to press both governments on the assets issue—the Security Council has already mandated a universal freeze on Iraqi assets. There is an estimated \$4 billion in Iraqi assets in Syria and "less, but a significant amount" in Jordan, according to a U.S. official.

The resolution may also seek greater backing for the new Iraqi Governing Council, whose members were picked by the U.S.-led occupying forces and so far has been largely shunned by the Arab League.

The Arab League has refused to recognize the council, which it views as a puppet government. A resolution passed last week by the Security Council welcomes the Iraqi council but does not endorse it, language finessed to satisfy Arab concerns. ...

[JR: The U.S. already had Sir Powell twisting arms at the UN the day before the UN compound in Iraq was attacked. Is this just a coincidence or is there some sort of connection as to the chain of events to gain an advantage? Look what evolved in the U.S. after 9/11 happened. The newspapers on 8/14 reported: "The U.S. Rebuffs UN Role in Iraq." On 8/20 six days later Sir Powell was engaged in talks at the UN proposing new U.S. resolutions to the Security Council. The U.S. is showing signs of strain at securing Iraq for itself with the intensified war of occupation increasing daily. Adding to that vexing dilemma, we have the problem of gaining recognition from the UN and Arab countries of our hand-picked Iraqi Governing Council. I can understand why, if some of the members are of the caliber of the chief spokesperson for the council, the discredited and bogus Ahmed Chalabi. The straw that is going to break the overloaded camel's back is members of our U.S. Treasury Department swooping down like vultures into Jordan and Syria to coerce the bankers to hand over all of Iraq's assets. Now I ask you, has Uncle Sam changed his red, white and blue costume and turned himself into the grim reaper? Only the Iraqis know for sure.]

BUSH'S CRUMBLING AUTHORITY IN IRAQ

By Robert Fisk, *The Independent Digital*—UK, 08/20/03

What UN member would ever contemplate sending peace-keeping troops to Iraq now? The men who are attacking America's occupation army are ruthless, but they are not stupid. They know that President George Bush is getting desperate, that he will do anything—that he may even go to the dreaded Security Council for help—to reduce U.S. military losses in Iraq. But yesterday's attack on the UN headquarters in Baghdad has slammed shut the door to that escape route.

Within hours of the explosion, we were being told that this was an attack on a "soft target", a blow against the UN itself. True, it was a "soft" target, although the machine-gun nest on the roof of the UN building might have suggested that even the international body was militarising itself. True, too, it was a shattering assault on the UN as an institution. But in reality, yesterday's attack was against the United States.

For it proves that no foreign organisation—no NGO, no humanitarian organisation, no investor, no businessman—can expect to be safe under America’s occupation rule. Paul Bremer, the U.S. pro-consul, was meant to be an “anti-terrorism” expert. Yet since he arrived in Iraq, he has seen more “terrorism” than he can have dreamt of in his worst nightmares—and has been able to do nothing about it. Pipeline sabotage, electricity sabotage, water sabotage, attacks on U.S. troops and British troops and Iraqi policemen and now the bombing of the UN. What comes next? The Americans can reconstruct the dead faces of Saddam’s two sons, but they can’t reconstruct Iraq.

Of course, this is not the first indication that the “internationals” are in the sights of Iraq’s fast-growing resistance movement. Last month, a UN employee was shot dead south of Baghdad. Two International Red Cross workers were murdered, the second of them a Sri Lankan employee killed in his clearly-marked Red Cross car on Highway 8 just north of Hilla. When he was found, his blood was still pouring from the door of his vehicle. The Red Cross chief delegate, who signed out the doomed man on his mission to the south of Baghdad, is now leaving Iraq. Already, the Red Cross itself is confined to its regional offices and cannot travel across Iraq by road.

An American contractor was killed in Tikrit a week ago. A British journalist was murdered in Baghdad last month. Who is safe now? Who will now feel safe at a Baghdad hotel when one of the most famous of them all—the old Canal Hotel, which housed the UN arms inspectors before the invasion—has been blown up? Will the next “spectacular” be against occupation troops? Against the occupation leadership? Against the so-called Iraqi “Interim Council”? Against journalists?

The reaction to yesterday’s tragedy could have been written in advance. The Americans will tell us that this proves how “desperate” Saddam’s “dead-enders” have become—as if the attackers are more likely to give up as they become more successful in destroying U.S. rule in Iraq. The truth—however many of Saddam’s old regime hands are involved—is that the Iraqi resistance organisation now involves hundreds, if not thousands, of Sunni Muslims, many of them with no loyalty to the old regime. Increasingly, the Shias are becoming involved in anti-American actions.

Future reaction is equally predictable. Unable to blame their daily cup of bitterness upon Saddam’s former retinue, the Americans will have to conjure up foreign intervention. Saudi “terrorists”, al-Qaida “terrorists”, pro-Syrian “terrorists”, pro-Iranian “terrorists”—any mysterious “terrorists” will do if their supposed existence covers up the painful reality: that our occupation has spawned a real home-grown Iraqi guerrilla army capable of humbling the greatest power on Earth.

With the Americans still trying to bring other nations on board for their Iraqi adventure—even the Indians have had the good sense to decline the invitation—yesterday’s bombing was therefore aimed at the jugular of any future “peace-keeping” mission. The UN flag was supposed to guarantee security. But in the past, a UN presence was always contingent upon the acquiescence of the sovereign power. With no sovereign power in existence in Iraq, the UN’s legitimacy was bound to be locked on to the occupation authority. Thus could it be seen—by America’s detractors—as no more than an extension of U.S. power. President Bush was happy to show his scorn for the UN when its inspectors failed to find any weapons of mass destruction and when its Security Council would not agree to the Anglo-American invasion. Now he cannot even protect UN lives in Iraq. Does anyone want to invest in Iraq now? Does anyone want to put their money on a future “democracy” in Iraq?

[JR: The U.S. can’t continue to play the blame game for not restoring order in Iraq by adding more Muslim countries to their growing list of “terrorists”. Bremer and his administrators live in comfort and the places

they work are well secured fortresses that shield them from the ongoing chaos. Only our military live with the dangers and have to face the wrath and desperation of the Iraqi people on an hourly basis. The warlords at the Defense Department and the Pentagon never had a peace plan after the shooting stopped. Rummy and Wolfie figured that after our relentless bombing raids, Iraq would be stunned into submission and we would just march in behind the tanks and set up business. They never figured that our occupation would turn into bitter resentment and meet with increased hostile resistance. Who got the “shock and awe” here and why aren’t the resignations forthcoming, including the White House? The Bush administration thumbed their noses at world opinion and now they expect the UN and the world to help them fight their way out of the mess we instigated, just to get our greedy Zionists’ hands on Iraq and a firm foothold in the Middle East. Well, our plans are stalled—so what will the desperadoes plan next?]

TRUST US, WE’RE THE GOVERNMENT

Rep. Ron Paul’s *TEXAS STRAIT TALK* column, 08/25/03

Attorney General John Ashcroft has embarked on a bizarre promotional tour to counter growing public opposition to the Patriot Act. The administration clearly is worried by recent votes in Congress to limit the scope of the Act, votes that reflect the willingness of even GOP loyalists to buck the president on the issue. So Mr. Ashcroft is visiting several cities to give a stump speech that essentially says this: Trust us—we’re the government, and we say the Patriot Act does not threaten civil liberties.

But the attorney general misses the point. Government assurances are not good enough in a free society. The overwhelming burden must always be placed on government to justify any new encroachment on our liberty. Now that the emotions of September 11th have cooled, the American people are less willing to blindly accept terrorism as an excuse for expanding federal surveillance powers.

Furthermore, Mr. Ashcroft is an administrator, not a legislator. It is not his job to write laws or say what the law should be. His job is to execute the laws passed by Congress. **[JR: Today the executive Branch now makes laws and policies. When was the last time Congress imposed itself on the President or his cabinet?]** It is not his place to chide Congress or the American people for not supporting his viewpoint. He certainly should not be spending taxpayer money to lobby for his political positions.

Mr. Ashcroft complains that the Patriot Act is misunderstood. But it’s not the American public’s fault nobody knows exactly what the Patriot Act does. **The Act contains over 500 pages of detailed legalese, the full text of which was neither read nor made available to Congress before it was voted on,** which by itself should have convinced members to vote against it. **[JR: Few in congress read the 1200 pages in the NAFTA trade agreement, or the GATT agreement that sent our jobs to Mexico and overseas.]** Many of the surveillance powers authorized in the Act are not clearly defined and have not yet been tested. When they are tested, court challenges are sure to follow. The Act’s complexity is even more troubling when we consider how powers given to the Justice department today might be abused by future administrations.

It is clear, however, that the Patriot Act expands the government’s ability to monitor us. The Act eases federal rules for search warrants in some cases; allows expanded wiretaps and internet monitoring; allows secret “sneak and peek” searches; and even permits federal agents to examine library and bookstore records. On these grounds alone it should be soundly rejected.

Mr. Ashcroft was not always so cavalier about civil liberties. Consider the following statement by then-Senator Ashcroft during the Clinton years:

The Clinton administration would like the federal government to have the capability to read any international or domestic computer communications. The FBI wants access to decode, digest, and discuss financial transactions, personal e-mail, and proprietary information sent abroad—all in the name of national security.

The administration’s interest in all e-mail is a wholly unhealthy precedent, especially given this administration’s track record on FBI files and IRS snooping. Every medium by which people communicate can be subject to exploitation by those with illegal intentions. Nevertheless, this is no reason to hand Big Brother the keys to unlock our e-mail diaries, open our ATM records, read our medical records, or translate our international communications... The implications here are far-reaching, with impacts that touch individual users, companies, libraries, universities, teachers, and students.

The attorney general’s blatant flip-flop can of course be ascribed to partisan politics. Like many conservatives, Mr. Ashcroft correctly understood that the Clinton Justice department did not believe in the rule of law and terribly abused its power. Yet even after the Janet Reno debacles, he wants us to believe that his Justice department—and future departments—can be entrusted with more power.

[JR: The Patriot Act is a sneak attack on Americans’ freedoms and liberties. Its content and legalese is open to subjective and biased interpretations. Our fate is in the hands of the black robes whose job it is to protect the powers in office and to abrogate our rights and our Constitution. The Patriot Act sees all Americans as potential enemies along with the terrorists fighting our military in the hot deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan.]

PRESIDENT LIMITS RAISES FOR FEDERAL WORKERS

Newsday, 08/28/03

WASHINGTON (AP)—Giving civilian federal workers a pay raise of more than 2 percent next year would jeopardize the war on terrorism, President Bush said Wednesday.

Citing a national emergency since the 2001 terrorist attacks, Bush said he was using his authority to change the civilian pay structure in times of “national emergency or serious economic conditions” to limit raises to 2 percent. **[JR: It’s all in the fine print.]**

Federal employees covered by the government’s general schedule pay system were to receive a 2.7 percent across-the-board boost of basic pay and also an increase based on private-sector wages in the areas where they work, called locality pay.

About 1.2 million of the 1.8 million in the civilian federal work force are under the general schedule system and would be affected by the change, according to the Office of Personnel Management.

Bush said granting those full raises would cost about \$11 billion more than he had proposed in his budget. **[JR: What budget?]**

“Such cost increases would threaten our efforts against terrorism or force deep cuts in discretionary spending or federal employment to stay within budget,” Bush said. “Neither outcome is acceptable.”

Bush set the across-the-board raise at 1.5 percent, with the remaining 0.5 percent for locality pay. Military personnel aren’t affected. Bush has proposed a 4.1 percent raise for them starting in January. **[JR: Got to keep the troops motivated.]**

The government faces a record \$480 billion shortfall in 2004, congressional budget analysts said this week.

Bush also has proposed \$500 million in the new budget for performance-based raises for federal workers and urged congressional passage.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney called the president's move to limit raises "shameful".

"Bush is making federal employees pay for his own fiscal recklessness," he said. "While Bush is cutting workers' wages in the name of fighting terrorism, he has meanwhile pushed through unaffordable millionaire tax cuts." **[JR: Complain to Bush's Congress.]**

Bush's decision to limit raises is another blow to the civilian federal work force, which is the target of sweeping changes the administration is making to the government bureaucracy.

The administration is moving forward with plans to let private companies compete for nearly half the 1.8 million federal jobs.

[JR: President Bush is the sole authority on all matters due to our ongoing "national emergency". He has in his incapable hands the supreme control over the military, the budget, salaries, the injustice system, oil and defense contracts as well as all matters spiritual. It should come as no surprise to federal workers that they may soon be working under new management, as has happened to most American workers. Wonder how many agencies will be foreign owned and the jobs contracted overseas?]

UNTOLD STORY:

U.S. NEWSPAPERS IGNORE IRAQI CIVILIAN DEATHS

By Mohamad Ozeirm, *Pacific News Service*, 08/11/03

Most reports coming out of Iraq are built around the casualties of American soldiers in post-war attacks. Deaths and injuries among Iraqi civilians, however, rarely make it to the pages of U.S. newspapers, even when the Iraqis are killed in the same incident—and even when major international newswires report these casualties. ...

This kind of reporting not only gives American readers and viewers an incomplete story, but also furthers the mistrust of American media that is becoming more and more pervasive worldwide.

Whatever the reasons for this trend, it is not due to lack of information. The stories of Iraqi civilian casualties are published and broadcast in the Arab and other international media, and the sources for these stories are none other than Western news agencies such as *Reuters*, *Associated Press* and *Agence France Press (AFP)*. But these wire services' reports of civilian deaths rarely appear in U.S. newspapers.

On June 6, for example, the Arab and international press published a report from *Reuters* estimating the average Iraqi casualty count due to U.S. cluster bombs at 15 per day. The report quoted an official at Mines Advisory Group, who said his organization counted 80 killed and 500 injured between April 10 and June 5, 2003. Another article published July 6, based on information from *Reuters* and *AFP*, described a bomb that killed seven Iraqis and injured 40 of the new Police Academy trainees. This incident went entirely unnoticed in American media.

Other ignored reports include the killing of a 70-year-old man and three of his sons by American soldiers in the town of Balad while the family was driving near an American patrol outpost on June 15, 2003.

A review of the Arab press—counting only deaths that were a direct result of armed U.S. or British actions, and taking care not to double-count fatalities—reveals that since May 1, the day President Bush announced the end of major combat operations in Iraq, 245 Iraqi civilians have been killed as a direct result of military action or war-related events.

This number is small when compared to the estimate of civilian deaths from the entire war, compiled by British-based Iraq Body Count, which put the number between 6,086 and 7,797. The extensive cross-checking and conservative methods used to obtain this estimate can be reviewed at www.iraqbodycount.org. From victims of remnant cluster bomblets—mainly children—

to civilians caught in cross-fire or surprised by an American checkpoint, to victims of vengeful acts at the hands of the old regime's victims, Iraqis continue to lose their lives as a result of the war.

The ostensible American agenda in Iraq was to liberate the Iraqi people and bring democracy and accountability to the country. The military operation, after all, was named "Iraqi Freedom". During the days of Saddam's rule, no one in Iraq was allowed to say how many people were killed or why, but everyone knew. Ironically, now the information is available—but it seems that no one wants to know.

[JR: The Iraqi death toll by September 1st will be between 6200 and 7900 and the injured or wounded is estimated at three times the death rate. It's hard to imagine the numbers of injured. As of 8/23 the U.S. death toll was 275, the British had 48 deaths, and the UN had 23 with the count to go higher. The U.S. death toll has been averaging about two to three a day, that's about 60 a month—and if something isn't done soon to overcome this trend it'll be well over 700 in a year. Of course the count on the numbers injured is very sporadic. Notice the media follows the administration's lead in using the term "injured" because WOUNDED might give the American people the stark realization that the war is still going on.]

S. KOREA WARY OF PULLBACK BY U.S.

By Michael A. Lev, *Tribune*, 08/24/03

PANMUNJOM, Korea—If there ever was a comforting thought for South Koreans living in the shadow of a dangerous North Korea, it was that U.S. troops along the demilitarized zone were there to act as a tripwire, guaranteeing America's immediate involvement should the North ever attack.

But now that a new confrontation with North Korea is brewing over its nuclear weapons program, instead of breathing easier because Americans are helping guard the border, South Koreans are worried, confused and disappointed—because the U.S. is planning to withdraw its troops from the DMZ.

There is long-term military logic behind the U.S. decision to pull back its 2nd Infantry Division to bases south of Seoul, but many in South Korea do not like the argument. Fewer still like the timing. ...

The Bush administration has insisted it wants to pursue a diplomatic solution to North Korea's accelerating drive to build a nuclear arsenal, but officials have also refused to rule out a military strike if the nuclear threat from North Korea were to grow imminent.

The U.S. troops are not scheduled to fall back beyond Seoul for several years, but that has not eased South Korean concerns. ...

How South Korea, representing one-half of a crucial American security alliance, could feel so lukewarm about a fundamental change in U.S. military strategy on the Korean Peninsula can be explained, but not easily.

It is happening because of the will of the American government to make the move, and as a byproduct of a suddenly more complex, emotionally wrenching period in South Korean politics in which the entire scope of the relationship with America has come into question a half-century after the Korean War.

The changes in attitude have been seismic. They were fed in part by Roh, who captured the presidency in December by promising not to kowtow to the U.S. and by an incident last year in which two teenage girls were accidentally struck and killed by a U.S. military vehicle.

Many young nationalists now want South Korea to pursue an independent identity and they resent President Bush for seeming to pick a fight with North Korea. Anti-American demonstrations and candlelight vigils have rocked the relationship. Some want all U.S. troops to leave.

"The whole thing means the alliance between South Korea and the United States is cracking," said Lee Choon Kun, an analyst at the Center for Free Enterprise in Seoul. ...

Some experts in South Korea suspect that the U.S. is punishing Seoul for the display of anti-American sentiment. ...

[JR: It's a good way of keeping our allies nervous and off guard.] The military logic is more clear-cut. According to analysts and officials, there is no longer any need to bunch up U.S. ground troops between the DMZ and Seoul when long-range, high-tech precision weapons and aircraft can be used against the North if necessary, as happened in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"It's no secret that having your troops deployed in a 1950s fashion is no longer necessary," said an American diplomat.

The redeployment plan is tied to the Pentagon's vision, pushed by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, to realign troops worldwide to make them more flexible. Official documents discuss the 2nd Infantry Division's future role as being "regional", suggesting that forces in South Korea not only should be able to move more quickly around the peninsula but also could be used elsewhere. ...

But there is a clear psychological difference in having U.S. troops within North Korean shooting range. There is also worry on the part of some experts that South Korea's military isn't quite capable of taking on more responsibility. And experts also wonder whether the redeployment could cause North Korea to behave in even more dangerous ways. ...

But the sense of people close to power here is that it represents another "unilateral" security decision by Washington.

"Anything that reinforces [Seoul's] view that Washington really can't be trusted or is not taking their concerns and desires into account, cannot help us over the long term," said Ralph Cossa, president of Pacific Forum CSIS, a think tank in Honolulu.

[JR: South Koreans have a right to be suspicious about our saber-rattling along with renewed hints of military action against North Korea. Moving our troops away from the DMZ and nearer to Seoul makes the South Korean cities a bigger target while guaranteeing us safe cover among its populations. It also dares the North Koreans to test its resolve against our military might. Perhaps the young nationals have it right when they suggest that South Korea become independent from the U.S. to decide their own future with the North. It may be a gamble but any failure (should it come) will be at their own hands and not at ours.]

GREECE ORDERS

ISRAELI-RUSSIAN TYCOON GUSINSKY HELD

Ha'aretz, 08/25/03

ATHENS (*Reuters*)—A prosecutor on Monday ordered former Russian-Israeli media baron Vladimir Gusinsky detained until a ruling by Greece's top court on whether he should be extradited to Russia on suspicion of fraud.

Gusinsky, who fled Russia after prosecutors opened a criminal case against him, was arrested at Athens airport last week on an international warrant on suspicion of a 250 million fraud and held in custody pending yesterday's hearing.

The prosecutor decided it was beyond his jurisdiction to rule on the issue and referred it to the council of appeals court.

"It is now up to the council to decide on his extradition or not," a Justice Ministry spokeswoman told *Reuters*.

She was unable to say how long it would take to reach a decision, but court sources said it was a matter of weeks rather than days.

Gusinsky, 51, was one of a small group of Russian businessmen—known as the "oligarchs"—who made vast fortunes overnight in the privatization of the 1990s, but he lost his business in 2000 after falling foul of the Kremlin.

His arrest came in the midst of a row between the Kremlin and another “oligarch”, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, which has fuelled talk that President Vladimir Putin is reining in the super-rich elite ahead of parliamentary and presidential elections. **[JR: Long past due, and existed even before Yeltsin.]**

Gusinsky owned Russia’s biggest independent television station NTV—which won international acclaim for its coverage of Moscow’s war in separatist Chechnya—before the state wrested control from him using the company’s massive debt as leverage.

He fled Russia after prosecutors opened a fraud case against him. He was arrested in Spain in 2000 but a Spanish court threw out all charges against him, which Russia submitted to back up an extradition request.

Carrying Russian and Israeli passports, Gusinsky arrived in Athens last Thursday on a flight from Tel Aviv where he had lived in self-imposed exile since leaving Spain.

Gusinsky has numerous business interests in Israel, including stakes in a cable television company, the daily *Ma’ariv* and the Hapoel Tel Aviv basketball team.

“He is going to be detained for a while,” said Gusinsky’s lawyer, who did not identify himself to reporters.

A Greek government spokesman said Gusinsky was detained under an updated arrest warrant issued by Russian authorities and as part of a bilateral Greek-Russian agreement.

Russia’s *Itar-Tass* news agency quoted a lawyer for Gusinsky, Alexander Berezin, as saying the businessman’s fate would be resolved “within 30 days” under the bilateral agreement.

“There has been no official request from Russia to extradite Gusinsky so far,” Berezin added.

After his appearance before the prosecutor, Gusinsky was taken to Athens’ top-security Korydallos Prison.

[JR: According to Mark Meyerson, head of Gusinsky NTV in Israel, he put the spin on it all by saying: “Gusinsky was detained but not arrested until matters could be clarified and that the issues were political and not legal”. Just a bit of the *Kol Nidre* here in Mr. Meyerson’s statement to protect and defend his own. Gusinsky had to leave Russia because the legal wolfhounds were snapping at his heels after the questions about his illegal “procurements” of Russia’s vital assets during Yeltsin’s open house and grab-fest. Gusinsky might think twice before visiting the European continent again—and he might consider staying put in Israel for awhile. He can live the rich and good life there as anywhere else but maybe it’s a little too small for comfort. It does get a bit hot there and things do tend to get a little noisy and unsettled at times. Maybe it is becoming just a little too uncomfortable in a lot of places for all the world’s Gusinskys.]

ARGENTINE MOTHERS REJOICE AT REPEAL OF AMNESTY LAWS

Tribune, 08/22/03

BUENOS AIRES—Mothers who lost children in Argentina’s “dirty war” claimed victory Thursday after Congress repealed two amnesty laws that shielded hundreds of military officers from prosecution for human-rights abuses.

The women, some holding yellowing photographs of their missing sons and daughters, chanted and clapped after the Senate voted to scrap the laws in an early-morning vote, calling it a crucial step in their quest for justice. ...

A Spanish judge moved quickly Thursday to ask the government in Madrid to seek the urgent extradition of 14 Argentines on charges of genocide, torture and terrorism. Activist Judge Baltasar Garzon’s request, which requires approval by Spain’s Cabinet, includes 1976 coup leader Jorge Videla and Emilio Massera, head of the Naval School of Mechanics, which was known as a torture center.

Argentina’s Supreme Court now must decide on the constitutionality of the laws. The nine-member court has not signaled whether it will take up the issue, but legal experts say Congress’ move and other cases now working through the judicial system are likely to add pressure for the court to act soon. Lower courts have ruled them unlawful.

The “Full Stop” and “Due Obedience” laws were enacted after democracy was restored and in the wake of military uprisings. The government sought to temper anger among military leaders over public trials of high-ranking officials.

Many human-rights activists who have spent years fighting to find out what happened to their children said they felt encouraged by the vote. ...

Human-rights groups say as many as 1,300 current and former military officers could be tried if the laws are annulled by the high court.

Official estimates say about 9,000 people died or went missing during the junta years, but rights groups say the number could be as high as 30,000. During that time, leftists and dissident opponents were hunted down, kidnapped, tortured and executed.

President Nestor Kirchner, who was briefly held by the military as a student, had pushed for the laws to be repealed—a decision that led to tensions with Vice President Daniel Scioli, who opposed the move.

The differences heightened tensions between the two, culminating in Kirchner’s decision to force several of Scioli’s closest aides to resign this week.

The vote came as several European countries have sought to extradite former officials to face trial. ...

After Argentina’s dictatorship, many ranking military officers were tried on charges of abduction, torture and execution of suspected opponents of the regime. They were imprisoned in 1985 and later pardoned in 1990 by then-President Carlos Menem.

Many of the junta’s top leaders and other officers are now under house arrest on charges of kidnapping children belonging to mothers who disappeared. ...

[JR: It has taken almost 30 years for the Mothers of Argentina to force the government and the courts to right the wrongs against them as well as their dead and missing. The government thought that by ignoring their pleas they would give up but that just didn’t happen. Persistence has been their reward and President Kirchner has brought honor to them and to those who were lost to them. Hopefully the courts will act swiftly and try those who used death and torture to serve their corrupt masters.]

ACLU CHEERS AS TAMPA ABANDONS SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

By Mitch Stacy, *Newsday*, 08/22/03

TAMPA (AP)—Civil-rights advocates celebrated a decision by police to scrap a highly touted—and much criticized—face-recognition software system that scanned this city’s entertainment district.

After two years, it yielded no positive identifications and no arrests. ...

In June 2001, Tampa became the first city in the nation to install the software to scan faces in the Ybor City nightlife district and check them against a database of more than 24,000 felons, sexual predators and runaway children.

Critics contended it violated privacy rights, forcing people, without their consent, into what amounted to an electronic police lineup.

“People have the right to be anonymous, and not to be put in a police lineup for committing the offense of walking down a public street,” said Darlene Williams, chairwoman of the Tampa area chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

“As a culture we have always given police the tools that are deemed appropriate to do their jobs. [But] this was handled without public input or foreknowledge, and that was wrong.”...

The technology had been used in casinos and foreign airports to find card cheats and terrorists. The same technology also was used to examine the Super Bowl XXXV crowd in Tampa in January 2001 for fugitives and terrorists. **[JR: Notice that terrorists are not the first groups mentioned.]**

The system drew much criticism, with opponents comparing the system to the “Big Brother” in George Orwell’s novel *1984*. Rep. Dick Arney (R-Texas), the U.S. House majority leader at the time, called for congressional hearings.

On one busy Saturday night, protesters even donned bandanas, masks and Groucho glasses to show their contempt.

Police are at a loss to explain why the software wasn’t effective because it seemed to work in controlled testing, Guidara said.

Meir Kahtan, [JR: He is definitely not Irish], a spokesman for the company, now known as Identix Inc., declined to answer questions Wednesday. The company’s only comment came in a one-sentence statement:

“Identix has always stated that this technology requires safeguards, and that as a society we need to be comfortable with its use.”

[JR: I don’t think that all this surveillance is to catch criminals, fugitives, cheats and terrorists but to spy on Americans and to prevent them from enjoying the freedom in a “democratic” (pun intended here) society.]

INTENSE SELLING BY INSIDERS RAISES RECOVERY CONCERNS

By Josh Friedman, *Los Angeles Times*, 08/17/03

Corporate insiders have been unloading shares at a fast clip this summer, raising concerns among some analysts about the outlook for the stock market and the economy.

Last month, officers, directors and big individual shareholders of U.S. firms sold more than \$32 of company stock for every \$1 they bought on the open market, making July the heaviest selling month in more than two years, according to Thomson Financial/First Call.

The early trend for August is negative as well, with insider sales outstripping purchases by about 22 to 1 this month, based on the dollar value of the shares bought and sold.

Stock transactions by insiders are closely watched because insiders are expected to have the best sense of how their companies are faring, and whether their shares are potentially undervalued or overvalued in the marketplace.

This summer, “insiders are having their own recall election,” said Michael Painchaud, research director at Market Profile Theorems, a Seattle-based investment advisory firm. “They are recalling some of their profits” by cashing in stock.

What’s especially notable is that the insider sell-to-buy ratio has topped 20 to 1 for three months running, the longest such streak since July through September 2000.

The sales have come in the wake of the stock market’s big spring rally, Wall Street’s first extended upward move since the end of 2001. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index has risen 24 percent since mid-March. The NASDAQ composite index has surged 33 percent in the same period.

By contrast, insiders were selling relatively few shares in February and March, when stocks were near five-year lows.

Insiders sell for various reasons, including to diversify their personal portfolios, so a lot of sales activity is not necessarily a bearish sign for any particular company. Reasonable profit taking is often the motive, and selling generally spikes after a run-up.

Still, some analysts look at insider transactions as a market gauge reflecting the collective wisdom of those who should be in the know.

As a group, insiders this summer are signaling that the market could be set up for a pullback, Painchaud said. "There could be a significant correction over the next three months," he said.

Though insiders may be continuing to acquire shares at below-market prices via options, their open-market buying has been sparse.

"Despite all the talk about economic recovery, corporate executives are not stepping up," said Kevin Schwenger, analyst at First Call, noting that total open-market buying in July fell to a two-year low of \$73 million.

Insider purchases and sales are legal transactions by executives, directors and others that must be reported to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Selling almost always outpaces buying because insiders often acquire shares through indirect means such as stock option grants, but they usually dispose of shares directly on the open market.

Historically, insiders have been uncanny market forecasters, Painchaud and other analysts say. For example, after heavy selling during the July-September 2000 period, the S&P 500 index was down 19 percent six months later and down 28 percent a year later.

Some analysts say insiders these days are simply reflecting excessive caution.

[JR: The hawkers for Wall Street never shut up. The push to sell "a reviving economy" borders on hysteria.]

RISKY BETS BEING MADE BY INVESTORS CAUSING CONCERN

Newsday, 08/24/03

NEW YORK (AP)—So much for the stock market bust scaring off big risk-taking on Wall Street. Just look at the kind of bets being placed in the market these days.

Investors are always willing to gamble a bit when they think new bull markets are beginning. They hope to get in early so they can benefit as the market rebounds.

But this go-around the market appears to be unusually speculative, with investors shunning more conservative buys in favor of lower-quality and overvalued stocks. **[JR: They just don't learn from their own bad experiences.]**

Technology stocks are strong, while shares of mining, food and pharmaceutical companies are not seeing the same kind of gains.

That worries Merrill Lynch chief U.S. strategist Richard Bernstein, who details in a recent report why that kind of buying could hurt investors and the economy, too.

"Capital continues to be misallocated, and the economy is continuing to be damaged as a result," Bernstein said.

After three years of crippling declines, the market turned its course in mid-March. While gains have somewhat slowed this summer, the market has still climbed more than 20 percent in the last five months.

Much of this rally has been built on expectations that the economy will rebound, thanks largely to Federal Reserve efforts that include keeping short-term interest rates at 45-year lows. As a result, investors are ramping up their buying, fearful they will miss some price appreciation.

Troubling part to market watchers: What is being bought.

Coming out of previous recessions, investors have been more apt to avoid risk. They have typically moved money away from the industries and sectors where they got burned and instead moved money into those areas where investment returns were stronger.

That is not happening in this market. Investors are pouring money right back into the same sectors—like technology and semiconductors—that led the previous bull market.

They are also buying shares that are trading at a premium to the overall market.

Bernstein looked at the 50 most actively traded stocks in the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index, and computed their relative price-to-earnings ratio. He determined that by taking the forecast P/E of those stocks—the price of their shares divided by their expected earnings—and dividing that by the P/E of the market.

What he found is that the most active stocks, which historically have sold at discounts to the market when bull markets began, are now trading at about a 15 percent premium.

Investors also seem more interested in lower-quality stocks, as determined by the stability and the growth in earnings and dividends over a 10-year period.

Bernstein's research shows that the P/Es of those shares are expanding at a faster pace than those of higher quality. But he sees little to justify that appreciation, given that the lower-quality companies are not seeing comparable increases in their earnings estimates.

While this risky stock-picking could produce significant payoffs, it also could wreak havoc on portfolios if the big gains do not happen.

Then there is the impact on the economy.

Just look at what happened during the late 1990s technology boom, when too much money was shifted away from productive purposes and funneled into speculative ventures, many of which did not amount to much. The economy is still struggling to recover from the ensuing downturn.

That's not to say that investors should not take any risks. That's part of holding a balanced portfolio. The danger comes when risk rules the market.

[JR: Can you imagine what the losses by the public investor would be if government wasn't manipulating the stock market via the Plunge Protection Team? The S&P 500 P/E is 32-times earnings and the Dow 30 times. The historical average is 14.5 times. There is so little volume on the daily market today that trades on just one company can swing the Dow or NASDAQ in either direction. Over 80% of stock market trades today are by professionals and our government. Some smaller investors are again being forced back into the technology growth stocks that carry more risk only because they can't survive just on their meager interest earnings. Many had suffered heavy losses when the bottom fell out of those same stocks and what they did managed to salvage is not earning enough to cover the care and feeding of their pets. This is all due to the Federal Reserve's drastically low interest rates which is only good for the large traders. Many retirees that were living off of interest-bearing investments now have to go to the riskier ones just to maintain a minimal lifestyle. Because of these low interest rates, some retirees' income earning insurance decreased and they have to now draw from the principal on their retirement savings in order to survive. Those are the lucky ones that didn't lose all of their savings/investments. And then there are always the greedy ones, which will gamble everything for the possibility of fulfilling their great expectations. Just like the lottery.]

EGYPTIAN JURIST TO SUE 'THE JEWS' OVER GOLD STOLEN' FROM EGYPT DURING THE EXODUS

By Cinnamon Stillwell, *chronwatch.com*, 08/22/03

Egypt, the enlightened locale for last year's *Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* television program, is now the source of even more anti-Semitic hatred. According to MEMRI.org, a group of Egyptians living in Switzerland, is planning to sue "all the Jews of the world" over gold that was allegedly stolen during the biblical exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. While this bigotry is infuriating, the utter ludicrousness of it all makes it read more like a comedy sketch. Seriously, you couldn't make this stuff up!

The August 9, 2003 edition of the Egyptian weekly Al-Ahram Al-Arabi featured an interview with Dr. Nabil Hilmi, dean of the faculty of law at the University of Al-Zaqaziq. The following are excerpts from the interview:

Dr. Hilmi: "... Since the Jews make various demands of the Arabs and the world, and claim rights that they base on historical and religious sources, a group of Egyptians in Switzerland has opened the case of the so-called 'great exodus of the Jews from Pharaonic Egypt'. At that time, they stole from the Pharaonic Egyptians gold, jewelry, cooking utensils, silver ornaments, clothing, and more, leaving Egypt in the middle of the night with all this wealth, which today is priceless."

Question: "What will the group of Egyptians in Switzerland do about this issue?"

Hilmi: "Dr. Gamil Yaken, vice president of the Egyptian community in Switzerland, came to Egypt to collect information. We set up a legal team to prepare the necessary legal confrontation aimed at restoring what the Jews stole a long time ago, to which the statute of limitations cannot possibly apply. Furthermore, [the theft] is based on their holy book, the same source on which they relied when they invaded other peoples..."

Question: "It is clear why they stole the gold, but why the cooking utensils?"

Hilmi: "Taking possession of the gold was understandable. This is clear theft of a host country's resources and treasure, something that fits the morals and character of the Jews. Yet what was not clear to the Egyptian women were the reasons for stealing the cooking utensils, when other things may have been of greater value. However, one of the Egyptian priests said that this had been the Jews' twisted way throughout history; they seek to cause a minor problem connected with the needs of everyday life so as to occupy people with these matters and prevent them from pursuing them to get back the stolen gold. ...

Question: "Did they leave individually or as a group?"

Hilmi: "They left in a convoy of 600,000, that is, about 120,000 families. There were a few wagons in the convoy, and a long line of donkeys loaded with the stolen goods... They crossed the desert in the heart of Sinai, in an attempt to confuse Pharaoh's army, which was on their trail... Later they rested and began to count the stolen gold, and discovered that it reached 300,000 kg of gold."

Question: "So what arguments can be made in support of getting back our stolen gold?"

*Hilmi: "There are two types of claims, one religious and the other legal. From a religious standpoint, all monotheistic religions have called not to steal... It is also in the *Ten Commandments*, which the Jews were ordered [to observe]. Therefore, they have a basic religious obligation to return what was stolen, if it exists."*

"On the other hand, if the Jews took the goods from the Egyptians not for the purpose of borrowing it but to keep them for themselves, by legal norms this is theft, and therefore they must return the stolen goods to their owners, in addition to the interest for its use over the entire period of the theft..."

Question: "What do you think is the value of the gold, silver, and clothing that was stolen, and how do you calculate their value today?"

Hilmi: "If we assume that the weight of what was stolen was one ton, [its worth] doubled every 20 years, even if the annual interest is only 5%. In one ton of gold is 700 kg of pure gold – and we must remember that what was stolen was jewelry, that is, alloyed with copper. Hence, after 1,000 years, it would be worth 1,125,898,240 million tons, which equals 1,125,898 billion tons for 1,000 years. In other words, 1,125 trillion tons of gold, that is, a million multiplied by a million tons of gold. This is for one stolen ton. The stolen gold is estimated at 300 tons, and it was not stolen for 1,000 years, but for 5,758 years, by the Jewish reckoning. Therefore, the debt is very large..."

“The value must be calculated precisely in accordance with the information collected, and afterward a lawsuit must be filed against all the Jews of the world, and against the Jews of Israel in particular, so they will repay the Egyptians the debt that appears in the *Torah*.”

Question: “Is a compromise solution possible?”

Hilmi: “There may be a compromise solution. The debt can be rescheduled over 1,000 years, with the addition of the cumulative interest during that period.”
[JR: This is rather a tongue-in-cheek attempt to incorporate a Biblical event to set a legal precedent to turn the tables on the ethnic tribes of dubious origins, who have used these same tactics, which are perceived by many as a form of extortion. It should be taken with a sense of humor unless and until there is a court willing to hear the case.]

WORLD’S SMALLEST MICROCHIP UNVEILED

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Malaysia has bought the rights from a Japanese firm to the **world’s smallest microchip that can be embedded in everything from currencies to human bodies.**

Announcing this on Thursday, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Muhammad said the microchip would boost the global “anti-terror” war.

Mahathir said the revolutionary miniature chip, developed by Japan’s FEC Inc., could be combined with current technology to “greatly prevent the possibilities of terrorist acts” as well as banknote and document counterfeiting.

FEC (M) Sdn. Bhd. chief executive Kunioki Ichioka told reporters that **the chip can also be inserted into the human body, animals, bullets, credit cards and other items for verification purposes, and can replace price bar codes used to tag products.**

Unlimited application

Measuring 0.5 of a square mm and produced at less than 0.38 ringgit (10 cents) each, the chip—the size of a dot—uses the radio frequency identification (RFID) chip technology.

“The application is almost unlimited,” Mahathir told a news conference after annual talks with global hi-tech chiefs at Cyberjaya town in Malaysia’s Multimedia Super Corridor MSC), an enclave south of the capital Kuala Lumpur modelled after California’s Silicon Valley.

“We think this is a great breakthrough for Malaysia. It is the first in the world. No other people have come up with such a tiny microchip, particularly as it also has a built-in antenna,” he said.

The veteran premier declined to reveal the cost for the project, dubbed MM or Malaysian Microchip. “I think it is reasonably priced,” he said, adding in jest that the acronym MM did not stand for Mahathir Muhammad.

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Mahathir said the project, in which Malaysia would establish the chip applications and network, would spur new economic initiatives and accelerate the country’s goal of becoming a developed nation by 2020.

He said the chip would initially be manufactured in Japan early next year but production would eventually be shifted to a factory in Malaysia’s northern Kedah state belonging to state-owned wafer fabrication firm Silterra (M) Sdn. Bhd.

He said Japanese companies would still be involved in the project, in the transfer of technological know-how, but the proprietary right would belong to Malaysia.

The project is seen as another feather in the cap for the 77-year-old Mahathir before his retirement in October after 22 years in power.— <http://english.aljazeera.net/>

NEVADA CORPORATIONS:

Stay Small Or Increase Substance In Nevada

Budget’s “Tip of the Week” #18:

More on “Nexus” and “Substance”

Two legal issues crop up when operating a Nevada corporation which might have some activities in a foreign jurisdiction: “nexus” and “substance”. Without getting into a full-blown legal definition for the purposes of this discussion, nexus can be considered equivalent to the related word, “connection”. And for purposes of this discussion we can consider the legal issue of “substance” to mean “physical presence”.

We have previously pointed out a list of conditions under which a Nevada corporation is not considered to be “doing business” in a foreign jurisdiction. It may, for instance, use an independent contractor to effect sales outside of Nevada, as long as each sale is not considered final until accepted in Nevada. If, however, a Nevada corporation has significant nexus in (connection to) another jurisdiction, in many cases the tax-hungry foreign state will seek to extend its tax laws to compel the Nevada corporation to pay some home-state taxes. A Nevada corporation with little presence in Nevada but which provides all sorts of equipment to an independent contractor working in, say, California could find itself under attack from the California Franchise Tax Board.

So far, at least, there are very few examples of small, private situations undergoing such scrutiny. However, in cases where the amounts of revenue derived from the foreign jurisdiction are large enough to present a “target of opportunity”, various states are becoming increasingly aggressive in extending their tax tentacles. In auditing such a situation the home-state taxation authority will pose many questions relating to the “substance” (physical presence) of the Nevada corporation in Nevada.

Actual audit questions in establishing the substance of the Nevada corporation in Nevada can be very detailed and probing, including but not limited to the following: employees (compensation, responsibilities, payroll returns); identification of officers and compensation; copies of phone bills; actual payments made on notes; list of suppliers and professional-service providers; where decisions are made regarding investments; copies of corporate records including minutes and resolutions; banking (copies of all bank statements, checks and deposit slips).

The Nevada Department of Taxation uses the following criteria to evaluate nexus in Nevada: use of an office, distribution house, warehouse, service enterprise or other place of business; maintenance of a stock of goods; solicitation of orders by employees or independent contractors; regular engagement in the delivery of property in this state, other than by common carrier or United States mail; or regular engagement in any activity in connection with the leasing or servicing of property which is located within this state.

From the foregoing it should be obvious that it is always best to remain small in order to keep the bureaucrats out of your private business affairs whenever possible. And if and when your business grows to become a substantial potential target, it may become necessary to broaden its Nevada base, in order to retain more “substance” in Nevada relative to “nexus” in the foreign jurisdiction.

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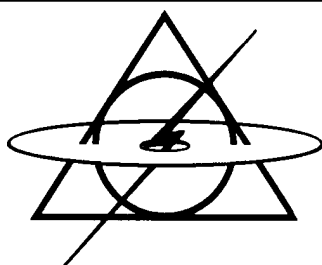
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