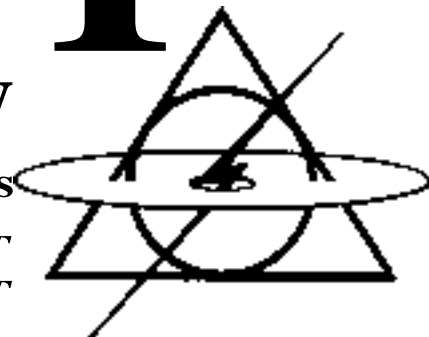


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LIVING IN DENIAL:
DELUSION WITHIN THE ILLUSION

“To the degree we are in denial about the horror that is playing out in our world, we are, to that extent, complicit.”—Paul Levy, AwakeninTheDream.com

I have never met the author of the above citation but there is no doubt of his sincere intentions to awaken the masses to the reality of what is unfolding on the world stage today. I think you’ll enjoy his article, “Denial—The 51st State” reprinted with his permission elsewhere in this issue.

Up front in this issue, however, let’s take a brief look at some key delusions occurring within this illusion: most notably, the delusions of Eddyjo Ekker and his cult followers. Yes, the word “cult” is appropriate because those following EJ Ekker are

following the MAN despite the FACTS, believing without thinking, attributing to the man authority which was never given him by Commander Hatonn and consequently, supporting him in his delusions.

As Mr. Ekker is fond of saying, “We make our own reality.” Um, sure, yes, we do—but—to the extent such a reality does not align itself with the truth, it is delusional; perhaps more than mere self-delusion if others will support it but delusion nevertheless.

I wonder at what point in time EJ Ekker woke up and realized that he has NEVER had the authority he presumes to have. At a February 26, 2007 meeting in front of guests and witnesses, Dr. Ronald Carlson and Dr. Melissa Yee, Mr. Ekker declared: **“Doris died and God left me in charge”** and that succinct statement pretty much sums up his position. From a personal perspective, it should be noted, Drs. Carlson and Yee SUPPORT Mr. Ekker’s position—but it must also be noted that they are not experts in corporate law. How does Mr. Ekker’s position jive with the FACTS?

DID GOD LEAVE EJ EKKER IN CHARGE OF
GLOBAL ALLIANCE?

Did God leave EJ Ekker in charge of Global Alliance Investment Association? If so, you would think that position would be substantiated by the corporate records, wouldn’t you? And if that posture cannot be supported by the truth, how can you or any reasonable individual justify it?

Many people seem to put up some sort of a wall when it comes to discussion of corporate functioning but it’s really not all that complicated. A Nevada corporation is governed by Federal and State law, of course, but beyond that governance, it must operate in accordance with its articles of incorporation and bylaws. To answer the question of EJ Ekker’s lawful/legal control of Global Alliance, we should first reference the articles of incorporation. In particular, Article IV—Organization and Management spells out how the corporation is to be managed and Section 6, Chairman and Officers spells out:

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ASSOCIATION]

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ARTICLE IV
ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

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Section 6. *Chairman and officers*

(a) **The President of the Corporation shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Corporation. He shall preside over meetings of the Board of Directors but without the right to vote except in the event of a tie.**

(b) The President of the Corporation shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, for a term of one year. The President shall be chief of the officers and staff of the Corporation. Under the direction of the Board of Directors, he will conduct the ordinary business of the Corporation and, in consultation with the Board of Directors, shall be responsible for the organization, appointment and dismissal of the officers and staff. The President may participate in meetings of the Board of Directors but shall not vote at such meetings, except as noted. The President shall cease to hold office by resignation or by decision of the Board of Directors, by a three-fifths majority of the total voting power.

(c) Whenever activities must be carried out that require specialized knowledge, or cannot be handled by the regular staff of the Corporation, the Corporation shall obtain technical assistance or the services of experts and consultants may be engaged on a temporary basis.

(d) The officers and staff of the Corporation owe their duty entirely to the Corporation in the discharge of their office and shall recognize no other authority. Each person shall respect the international character of such obligation.

(e) The Corporation shall have due regard for the need to assure the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity as the paramount consideration in appointing the staff of the Corporation and in establishing their conditions of service. Due regard shall also be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographic basis as possible, taking into account the Global character of the institution.

There are TWO directors of the corporation: EJ Ekker (Chairman and President, Treasurer) and Ronald Kirzinger (Secretary). And ONE of these two directors—the one who would be Chairman and President—is not entitled to vote on any matter put before the Board except in the case of a tie. The FACT is: ONLY the vote of non-Chairman-non-President Ronald Kirzinger counts. Thus we see that it is a DELUSION to say that EJ is in control of Global Alliance Investment Association. Nevertheless, his cult followers have bought into his delusion and actually engaged in criminal actions to uphold their joint delusion.

The Articles of Incorporation are a matter of PUBLIC RECORD and available to anyone through the Nevada Secretary of State. Complete contact information follows for those who might wish to verify the foregoing:

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Did God leave EJ in charge? No, He did not. In fact, Commander Hatonn (who remains CEO/COO, by the way) ensured that immediately upon Doris' passing, Ronald Kirzinger replaced her in all positions she had held in all entities. That was thwarted somewhat in the case of the Tallano-Acop Foundation, wherein EJ Ekker saw to it that Tom Taylor was appointed Treasurer for 2006—but that situation has been rectified as of the Annual Meeting of April 7, 2007.

JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM
DELUSION AND CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY

The facts are:

EJ Ekker was EXPELLED from the Philippines-registered Don Esteban Benitez Tallano & Don Gregorio Madrigal Acop Foundation, Inc. on March 17, 2007 for “actions inimical to the interests of the Foundation”.

EJ Ekker was SUSPENDED as officers/director of Global Alliance Investment Association along with affiliated and subsidiary entities on May 9, 2007 pending resolution of the charge of Political Interference in violation of Article III, Section 8 of the Articles of Incorporation.

Thus, EJ Ekker was also SUSPENDED as officers/directors of Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing, Ltd., Contact, Inc., Phoenix Source Distributors, Inc., Budget Corporate Renewals, Inc. and numerous other entities as of May 9, 2007.

EJ Ekker DOES NOT OWN Global Alliance Investment Association (by his own admission of February 4, 2007 shown on page 8 of the May 9, 2007 issue) and has no legal basis for his actions purportedly terminating co-Director Ronald Kirzinger. You don't suppose he would use YOUR (lenders') money to back up these actions in the knowledge that he is in a position of “deeper pockets” even IF I could litigate my correct position? Shame, shame.

EJ Ekker has chosen not to answer for any of the foregoing and remains unavailable for comment. Backed by his cultist followers, who choose to ignore the facts as presented, Mr. Ekker continues to operate by presumption within his delusion, creating his own—provably FALSE and DELUSIONAL—“reality”. Do you actually support this delusion?

In a Budget Corporate Renewals memorandum dated March 10, 2007 EJ Ekker directed Janet Carriger, Office Manager of Budget Corporate Renewals, Inc. to illegally “substitute my name for his [Ronald Kirzinger's]” with regard to Global Alliance, Cosmos Seafood Energy Marketing, Ltd. and other related entities—and Ms. Carriger subsequently complied with this illegal directive which violates Nevada Revised Statutes 239.330, a Class C felony in each instance. Federal and state charges are “pending”, I can only hope, following further investigation of these matters by others involved with Global Alliance Investment Association. YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THIS, RIGHT? You HAVE reported these crimes to the authorities, haven't you? NO? YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED—OR WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, for goodness sake?

EJ Ekker, by his own admission of February 4, 2007 (see page 8 of the May 9, 2007 issue), does NOT own Global Alliance Investment Association and thus has no right whatsoever to “terminate” his co-Director. Moreover, the Articles of Incorporation of Global Alliance provide that Chairman Ekker HAS NO VOTE EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A TIE.

For your ease of reference and as a recap, here is a brief outline/summary of issues raised in immediately prior issues:

March 14, 2007

“SATAN Grabs for Global Alliance”

- GAIA February 26, 2007 meeting minutes (page 7): 2 corporate resolutions subsequently not enacted
- Proof of Jonur blasphemy (page 11): contradictions and advice to KILL by CO poisoning
- Fraudulent Memoranda of Termination (page 18) from GAIA, CSEML
- BCR Memorandum to Janet (page 19): “Please substitute my name for his...”

March 28, 2007

“Does EJ Ekker Own Global Alliance?”

- Notice of Fdn Board Meeting (page 2); Resolution (page 3); Expulsion of EJ Ekker from Fdn (page 4); Suspension of Tom Taylor (page 5); Auditor's request for submission of expenses (page 6)
- RK memoranda (GAIA (page 7), ARC (page 8), CSEML (page 9))
- Criminal Complaint against Janet Carriger
- Article IV, Section 7(a) of the GAIA Articles of Incorporation (page 11)
- Article IX, Interpretation and Arbitration (page 11)
- Article III, Operations (Prohibition against Political Interference) (page 11)
- GAIA Secretary's Notice of Refusal to Produce Corporate Records for Inspection (page 12)
- False PN of GAIA asserting claim against 40% of Philippines gold (pages 13, 14)
- Fdn PN rebutting False Public Notice of GAIA (page 15)

April 11, 2007

“Divine Plan Ready When Vessels Clean”

- Fdn Annual Meeting 2006 irregularities (page 1)
- The Global Problem: Their Only Solution: War (page 2)
- The Striking Eagle: Symbol of Life or Death (Christ or Anti-Christ)? (page 3)
- Fdn Letter to Immigration (pages 4, 5)
- “Funny Business” MoAs and Deeds (pages 6-11)

April 25, 2007

“De Jure or De Facto: Defend or Suppress Truth”

- Money Laundering (page 1)
- Financial Support of Terrorism (page 2)
- Inciting Sedition and Political Interference (“Philippines Future” document) (page 3)
- Endorsement of Blasphemy (page 3)
- Theft by Conversion (page 4)
- Multiple Breaches of Contract (page 4)
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- What About the New Projects? (page 5)
- *De Jure* GIS (page 6)
- *De Facto* GIS (page 7)
- *De Jure* Meeting Minutes (page 8)
- *De Facto* Meeting Minutes (page 10)

May 9, 2007

“Toleration of Evil IS NO VIRTUE”

- Immigration Case against Ronald Kirzinger
- Background Report dated March 13, showing immediate effort to have me deported
- Estepa initial complaint to Immigration (page 5)
- Estepa Second Complaint to Immigration (page 6)
- Atty. Edgardo L. Mendoza Endorsement of Estepa Initial Complaint (page 7)
- EJ Ekker Does NOT Own Global Alliance: Feb 4 2007 EJ Memo (page 8)
- Dissatisfied Lenders (Mark Moore)
- Fdn Notice re *De Facto* Fdn (page 13)
- GAIA Notice re *De Facto* Entities Operated by EJ Ekker (affecting BCR, BCS, Contact, CSEML, PI, PSD, FTE, IESC, CD and other entities) (page 14)
- GAIA Notice of Suspension of EJ Ekker (page 15)

May 23, 2007

“If the Truth Hurts prepare for Pain”

- King Solomon; Is the Mission “bankrupt”?; Mark Moore Libel
- Fired Attorney Threatens Expulsion (page 8)
- Prof. Ramirez Complaint to Immigration (page 9)
- Response to Ridiculous Expulsion Attempt by Fired Attorney Estepa (page 10)

June 6, 2006

“The Divine Plan Awaits Your Choice”

- ContactNewspaper.com; BCR; Divine Plan
- In summary, it is RIDICULOUS for EJ Ekker to attempt to uphold a “reality” which is completely at odds with the facts. Such delusion within the illusion goes beyond “living in denial” and suggests the possibility of severe mental instability.

FATHER’S DAY, THEN AND NOW

From the ridiculous let’s turn our attention for a while to the truly sublime. Are you aware that many of the old tapes of the meetings with Commander Hatonn have been posted to the website (located at www.PhoenixSourceDistributors.com for now, at least, and check ContactNewspaper.com if the original website ends up being usurped by Mr. Ekker and crew) as free downloadable MP3 files? You should really try listening to them—again—sometime because I am sure you will find ever so much more content in them today than when you first listened, even if you were right there in the room at the time. Such is the nature of increasing vibratory rates!

I have taken the time to transcribe a portion of the June 20, 1993 Father’s Day meeting in Tehachapi, California in the hope of refreshing your interest in

this invaluable, irreplaceable resource. For instance, here’s a partial quote from the first tape that sums up the UNIVERSE quite nicely in a single sentence:

“You are within that curved universe where everything that exists is cause and effect; Cause from the thought of God expressed in simulation and reflection, coming from that flat, comprehensive cube of absolute where everything that is, is.”

I’ll jump to Tape 2a at about the 17:50 mark to continue this “teaser” introduction, intended to reactivate interest in the “old” meeting tapes:

... And if that little transaction you made doesn’t suit you, I want to guarantee you when you’re standing on the brink, ready to take that step, some will turn back to the pot of gold and tumble with it into the pit. You better be ready to leave it. And that is your lack of faith if you think you’re leaving something of value. There is GLORY on the other side of that step and you don’t need that pot of gold. ...

You’re headed to VALUE, away from things that you thought to be of value. ...

And you see what we’re working for, in the Remnant, is not just to traverse that crevasse in soul but to be able to take with it the consciousness that allows you the expression in what YOU consider your physical form. I consider it your consciousness; the ability to enjoy the expression of what you’re doing. If you have no consciousness, it’s like in your dreams, it doesn’t matter what you’re doing. Sometimes you get some lessons, sometimes you bring it back, sometimes you confront it, sometimes you figure it out.

I’m talking about planned acknowledgment of consciousness, to express within that consciousness on a higher plane. Let’s find out, out there, adults, what’s beyond sex as the expression of whatever on this Earth you think you want. What is beyond power, where you know you have it ALL? You don’t need it; it’s a part of your very consciousness of being. But it’s FUN to tinker, it’s fun to CREATE and make something work. That’s what I mean.

It isn’t fun to go destroy something—it truly isn’t. That is why there is so much evil—there is no FUN in it; there is no fulfillment in its expression. You can create havoc—therefore you haven’t created anything, have you; you’ve only destroyed whatever might have been there of any form of order.

So what you’re really striving for, if you are searching to be a part of the Remnant, is to express in consciousness beyond this plane. Be damned the body, remember? Most of you aren’t happy with it the way it is, so what you’re really saying is, I want my wholeness of function as I picture myself in perfection of stamina, health (good), without struggling forever against evil. I want to move on and I want to create—and I don’t want my creations to turn into atomic bombs. I want them to turn into something that creates perfection. I want to create the most magnificent apple—but I know that I will not need an apple. So, for my own pleasure and fulfillment I will create—in my own instance, a new world.

Do I need you to do that? “Need” is a strange word, alien to our society. I use it because it means something to you. Do I “need” you? No, I do not “need” you. I WANT you. There’s a big difference. I do not want to make my own journey alone. And no, Esu is not enough for me; Germaine’s not enough for me. “Well,” bitch, moan and groan, “you’ve got Tesla and Russell—who more do you want?” I want you; I want it all. I want it in radiance, I want it in freedom. I want to see your expression the same as any father wants to see his child perform to the best of its ability in goodness. I don’t want to be the father who has to witness the child who goes and slays his brother for a piece of gold.

“Well, you’ve got a long way to go!” No, I don’t; I certainly don’t. WE have a little way to go but we can do it. You’re stuck—you slow us up—but then, I knew that would come, too, because you had all the prophets. ALL of the lessons have pointed to a repetition of cycle, understand, and I can’t get enough of you to give up that last horrible piece of that puzzle to just go on by it—because you want to experience it, you want to remember it. But you’re faced with a dilemma—you’re on the horns of that creature: If I give up my idea, so I can make this conscious transition, what if I blunder and I get caught in that holocaust that I’m also allowing to happen? Well, freedom of will, will cause you to choose—and you’re doing that now. Every time your brain says, pick up the Uzi machine gun and go take care of these bastards out there—and you don’t do it—you respond to the higher wisdom, you’re one step closer to being able to make that journey in consciousness, in wholeness. Not many do it. That’s what we talk about as “Remnant”; that’s what we talk about as remaining Remnant wishing to express in consciousness, in radiance, in this land, this world, this opportunity of creating. And through the creating comes the guidance of those not so advanced.

Many of you are long past the “guide” level. You can from this expression go right into oneness with Creator, as you pass over that crevasse this time. It depends on what choices you make. Some of you will make the FINAL graduation. Most of you from past experience are really having such a good time that you will want another go at it. Couldn’t we have a go of it, though, friends, without destroying anything? I doubt you’ll be able to “save” this illusion but by its mere name—“illusion”—you could do it in the blinking of an eye. How many of you, in this room, want to do that? You want to express the doing it!

930620 Tape 2b (continuing)

How can YOU continue on your journey, create the changes that need to be made, making your contribution—everybody feeling it’s not big enough, some people content with it, ALL willing, some observing (it’s alright)? But you’re not ready to give up. You’re not ready for it to be over—not even the ones who say, “Hey, I’m ready, boy, I’m really tired of writing” (dharma). No, you ones aren’t ready; that’s not what you came for. And there’s not a one in this room that’s ready—to just say, ok, let’s all close our eyes and just whisk

away.

You're not through yet with this expression. And you know at some level, as Creator, you can turn a planet even this dark into radiance, if you're given long enough and you don't go astray. And then I see the little flicker of lights come on and "Oh, my goodness. Hey, once or twice but you're talking a long time, Dad."

Well, why didn't you do it right before? And couldn't you do it right this time? Well, you're not through this time and who says you're not doing it right? But you're up against the massive changes of the electrical cycle. You're going to suck back to God now. He's breathed you out. And as with every cycle, it's pole to pole. You've got to come back now—or go back, depending on your vantage point. But it's an exciting journey. You look around the world and you see pain, agony, misery, boredom—count your blessings in this room. Regardless of what you feel you do not have, you have it all. You have absolutely ALL—not just what you need; you have it ALL. You just don't know it.

I wouldn't even ask you to go into this silly little blithering world that says, "Oh, today is perfect." Today is not perfect. There are some heinous, heinous things going on today. But you can say within yourself, "It's ok. I'll change what I can according to what I KNOW is goodness. And somehow, Father, I'll be able to grow through that which I can't touch; knowing full well, Dad, that if I did it right, starting with ME is enough. If every souled being, Father, came into perfection—would the World be perfection?"

No, because there are more non-functioning souled beings than there are souled beings. But you can jolly well know that if all souled beings moved toward Light and God and Goodness, there is no power greater. There is no power greater. And whether we enjoy the role or not, we are the leaders. And sometimes you're treated very badly. I mean for, after all, being an important leader. You have to know what the other one is looking for. And you also have to know—and I appreciate Commander Gritz for this—if you are catching flak, you must be on target. And we are on target and I will supply your flak jacket. And I would suggest—since you're the middle of the target—that you do not linger long on your assets. A stationary target is the easiest to hit.

We must keep going and maybe if we do, and we do our job, by the time you really are lined up in front of the firing squad, literally, the bullet will pass right through you—just like it would through a light beam. There are no weapons—none—that can destroy the Light of God. And there is no darkness black ENOUGH that if you light the spark and kindle the flame of God it cannot be abolished. One spark of light in the dark, it is no longer dark. You may not be able to see very well. The adversary is trying to put out the light. That is called, "hell": people without direction, in ignorance, blind and separate from God. That is the definition of "hell" in separation from God and it's recognized as darkness. Light is KNOWING. Hell is being in ignorance, without light.

It's a "heavy trip"—but it's what you came for.

And I can talk about the Khazarians and why they write you up in the newspaper and which newspaper and ...—and those are interesting things but that's not why you're gathered. You're willing to put up with that if it gets the job done and people awake. But this is why you're here. And this is why they cannot bear your being here. This is why they want to plaster labels on you, and they want to ridicule and they want to pull you down, and they want to stamp you—because it's the only way they can express their power, because they are HELPLESS in your presence. They claim to feel sorry for you in your blindness. Their souls are crying out for what you have. The nice thing is, they can have it, too! But the majority will not accept it. And there's no magic; there's only reality. And you think, "Well, I don't want to move into reality; the illusion's pretty bad. And you say it's a mirror image."

If you create perfection, then that's the image you will experience. So, let's get on with reality. And let's go have a happy Father's Day. I cherish you. I am pleased to be called your Father.

Salu.

Wow—truly sublime are these reminders of what it's REALLY all about. "Jonur's" "Hatonn" is NOT CAPABLE of delivering such truthful messages as this. And yes, I certainly will do everything in my ability to ensure that the Jonur turds don't overlay these remarkable GEMS of Truth—in CONTACT newspaper, the Phoenix Source Distributors website or anywhere else. For those who have rendered support to allow sustenance to this point, thank you for your help in preserving the Truth and opposing the Error being put forth in the bogus "CONTACT" by EJ Ekker.

I hope you also enjoy the "Father's Day" message from 7 years ago, which is presented elsewhere in this issue.

Fourteen years ago, Commander Hatonn supposedly went with George Green; seven years ago it was claimed GCH went with the Spectrum miscreants; today GCH is writing through "Jonur"? On June 23, 200 (7 years ago) Commander Hatonn wrote:

"I certainly don't want you 'following' me. If we offer that which is truth—take that truth and live it. This is not because 'I' present it, or somebody in a body tells you; DO IT BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT AND NO OTHER 'EXCUSE'. If someone actually steals my own 'being' for themselves and discounts that which came before, how foolish? Very foolish for they have only PROVEN THEIR IGNORANCE OR OUTRIGHT DECEPTION. Proof? What in the world do YOU need for PROOF? I just gave you THE CLUE! What in the WORLD...? TRUTH IS IN THE MIND AND MANIFESTATION OF THE MIND THOUGHT IS WHAT PRESENTS WITHIN OR ON THE WORLD—YOUR PERSPECTIVE OR PERCEPTION. 'Hanging in there' with the lie is only a compounding of the lie itself ... we hang in here because we have something to accomplish in TRUTH. Who cares about the fakers? They will disclose themselves by their own actions in reflection of the thoughts and ideas they hold and present."

Hopefully, wishfully, perhaps, that is "enough said" on the subject of EJ Ekker's "Jonur".

AMBASSADOR SIR LEO WANTA IN RELATION TO GLOBAL ALLIANCE

The last update posted to VK Durham's website, theantechamber.net, was more than four months ago—but that certainly doesn't mean that the assets derived from Bonus 3392-181 are "out of play"! The "Wanta" Trillions story continues to evolve in the most remarkable way as posted by Christopher Story of the *International Currency Review* and *World Reports Limited* (London and New York) on the website at WorldReports.org.

There's enough stink that "a pony must be in there somewhere", as Doris used to say. This extraordinary outlay of information is begging for commentary, so I will make a few observations up front which might pique your interest before looking a little more deeply and critically at that which is presented—and finishing up with a reference from Commander Hatonn with regard to "trial balloons".

First, please note as pointed out previously that **the total Wanta claim of \$27.5 trillion is EXACTLY HALF of the \$55 trillion which has accrued on the Global-Cosmos arrangement with the United States Treasury at the rate of \$5 trillion per year for the last eleven years** (through 2006). Is that just some kind of "coincidence", do you think?

Then perhaps it is also just a "coincidence" that Global Alliance Investment Association has a standing offer that allows the Joint Venture Partner the use of 50% of the value of assets realized?

Global Alliance has made a commitment to leave fully 80% of its portion of the proceeds within the funding jurisdiction, removing just 20% of its portion and leaving 90% of the total emission within that jurisdiction. Accordingly, on a \$5 trillion "tranche", 90% comes to \$4.5 trillion. Surely, then, it must be a mere coincidence that this number corresponds EXACTLY to the value Mr. Story has been discussing for the last year?

Next, apply what you know to the use of the title, "Sir", as in Sir George HW Bush, Sir Norman Schwarzkopf, Sir Colin Powell, Sir Rudy Giuliani, etc.—and now, SIR Leo Wanta. You are "knighted" for service to the CROWN and all of the foregoing have no doubt deserved it. The Crown, of course, is related to The City in London (as opposed to London, the city), the primary financial center of power of the Rothschilds.

The most recent report posted on the WorldReports.org website ("Sir Leo Wanta Rejects False Settlement Scheme") contains the following statement:

"When we first announced the stealing of Her Majesty's gold, some uninformed people found this 'hard to believe': but of course we would not have published such a statement had it not been true (this is NOT a disinformation website). We have established that the volume of the gold (AU) in question, held in New York, is of the order of approximately 224,000 tonnes, which would equate to 7,201,600,000 fine Troy ounces. The value of this gold, at \$667 per U.S. Troy ounce, is slightly in excess of the Wanta Settlement, namely \$4,954,000,000,000 (minus the crooks' commissions). We have confirmation that this gold was stolen and SOLD off by U.S. criminal operatives, aided and abetted by

Bank of England officials, among whom the name of Carl Daniels is mentioned to us by expert observers.”

Mr. Story is NOT afraid to NAME NAMES and his recent reports have exposed a great deal of information about the workings of U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson, Vice President Richard Cheney and BOTH of the Bush presidents. Curiously, he has NOT been shut down for libel—so you must know that a lot of what he presents is true enough that it is not possible for his voice to be silenced in this manner. Who knows what a can of worms might open up in “discovery”!?

The gold has been stolen and stolen again—and again—back and forth by the criminal ruling elite. It doesn't belong to them, however: it exists for the benefit of the PEOPLE OF THE WORLD and not just for one or another element of the criminal elite.

The underlying premises of the Wanta story do not seem even remotely possible. It is claimed that the \$27.5 trillion accrued from dealings in the Russian ruble in the 1980s, when Leo Wanta worked as an agent directly for President Ronald Reagan. That's a whole bunch of rubles, wouldn't you say? And all this “profit” was squeezed out of Russia? What do you think about the basis of the “Wanta” Trillions?

Well, we “happen” to know that President Ronald Reagan was working directly with President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines on a program to establish a worldwide, value-based currency. It was known as the *Ang Bagong Lipunan* (ABL) program and involved using the gold of the Philippines as its backing. Many ABL packages, consisting of the newly printed currency, documentation and the physical gold (average “lot” size of approximately 3,500 metric tons). Each such package—and I repeat, there were MANY—was worth close to \$70 billion at today's gold price. There is some speculation that DUBAI, which now has something like 25% of all the high-lift (construction) cranes in the World working within its borders, might have cashed in ONE such ABL package; and even ONE such package would be enough to pay off the entire national debt of the Philippines—in gold, not paper.

Take note of the QUANTITY of gold in the above-referenced citation and weigh it against the fact that there are only something like 32,000 tons of gold in all of the vaults of all of the central banks around the World. 224,000 tons: that quantity of gold could ONLY be the gold of the Philippines under discussion. The computed value is VERY close to \$5 trillion, not the \$4.5 trillion involved in the so-called “Wanta Settlement”. That is (almost exactly) ONE YEAR's accrual on the Global Alliance arrangement with the United States Treasury.

Still think there's nothing going on here?

On December 3, 1999 (7 years prior to Wanta taking the spotlight), Commander Hatonn wrote:

“This is HOW, my precious team, we communicate without weird impact or necessity of great and dark secrets and clandestine assumptions. **For this focus let us take the Federal Reserve (FED) and the Federal agency(s), say, the U.S. Treasury, as might be relative to whatever we are holding or doing. ...**

“We KNOW that these entities are ‘in the game’ but they play all sorts of games for which they have been amply TRAINED. So they have to go to great

lengths to either terrify, threaten, cajole, pretend or simply lie. This is fine, of all the attitudes we are now accustomed to recognize it is the ‘pretense’ and the ‘LIE’ which changes as suitable to get whatever it is they want FROM whomever has what they want for their puppet-masters. It is fine, TRUTH holds. **So, we can know right off that there will be a presentation of, at the least, a balloon run by the clowns (you know, the clowns releasing the balloons), a preposterous tale usually invoking the name of or a decided devotion to God and God's work, a good substantial sprinkling of lies, a desire to get the best deal (cheating), some show of force and on and on. Knowing that you are fully prepared to meet and negotiate.**”

NOW what do you think of the “SIR Wanta” Trillions story?

TALLANO-ACOP FOUNDATION INTERNET MIS-/DIS-INFORMATION

I want to spend a little time responding to information apparently being propagated on the Internet with regard to the Philippines-registered Tallano-Acop Foundation (and Global Alliance, too) because there are a whole bunch of misconceptions that need to be set straight.

Does this publication qualify as “a newspaper of wide circulation”? Well, its circulation is a LOT wider than its subscription base but it is not on the basis of popularity that this publication qualifies as THE communications conduit with “the powers that be”. It has been AGREED upon at very high levels that this is the medium for communications and whether or not anyone lesser recognizes or acknowledges it, that CONTRACT is the reason why Public Notices in *CONTACT* are indeed most meaningful.

Who owns the gold of the Philippines—the government; the Sultan of Sulu; the heirs of Santa Romana; the heirs of Ferdinand Marcos; the Tallano-Acop Foundation; the international bankers; the Vatican? The Agana Court's 1972 *Decision with Compromise Agreement* (which constitutes a CONTRACT) indicates that the gold exists for the benefit of the people of the Philippines. That decision is *Res Judicata*, final and executory, unalterable. It ordered the Administrator to:

“Organize and establish Foundation in the name of Don Esteban Benitez Tallano and Don Gregorio Madrigal Acop to pursue the objectives of the Land owners to preserve the estate for and in the interest of Filipino farmers, poor families and their children either Christian or Muslim especially those who became a victims of martial law, and to uplift economic, social and health condition of those families living under poverty line by providing employment with the use of the proceeds of the sale of the estate which the administrator is authorize to do so.”

In other words, the honorable Judge Enrique A. Agana ordered that the gold should be used for the benefit of **the people of the Philippines, who are the beneficial owners. If others have a claim, such claim must now be against the court-determined ownership of the people of the Philippines, generally, and specifically the farmers and poor families (as opposed to the elite grabbers).**

What happened to the gold? According to court records, the gold was leased to the government in 1949 for a period of 50 years with a 5-year extension and held by the Central Bank. The government was apparently obligated to pay 5% of 1% of the value of the gold annually.

Judge Agana's decision rebuked the Government of the Philippines (headed then by President Diosdal Macapagal and at the time of the decision by President Ferdinand Marcos) for attempting to take the land and gold assets from the people. His decision was based on the government's own position paper, which provided the (“a”) history of the Philippines, along with the testimony of witnesses including Santa Romana. All interested parties were given opportunity to appeal the judgment but the judgment stood and still stands, final and executory.

Was the history, as provided within the Agana Decision, valid? It really doesn't matter at this point if the history as given—as provided by the government itself in the Solicitor General's own position paper—is correct because the Decision is now *Res Judicata*. If anyone else feels they have a claim based on different historical facts, such claim must be against the long-since-decided ownership of the PEOPLE of the Philippines, generally. Such claims are not likely to prosper for a variety of reasons, not least of which being the absence of reliable historical facts—and in any case it is hard to see any court awarding these assets to some subset of the decided owners.

By the way, the Tallano-Acop Foundation (the Philippines-registered Don Esteban Benitez Tallano & Don Gregorio Madrigal Acop Foundation, Inc.) IS NOT A “CLAIMANT”; it exists merely to administer these assets and does not own them—and the Agana Decision makes clear that the government is barred from administration of these assets.

The official records were destroyed, so are the documents used to support this position valid? There were dozens of parties involved in these claims, all of whom would have been provided with copies of the Decision and probably the Solicitor General's position paper as well. So the fire at the Courthouse which destroyed the official records in 1992 did not eliminate all of the documentation. On July 11, 2001 Judge Ernesto Reyes, after offering opportunity for the government to oppose a motion to reconstitute the documents of the case, had no choice but to reconstitute upon petition of Julian Morden Tallano. Eventually, this reconstitution also became *Res Judicata*, final and executory. By refusing to involve itself to rebut the motion for reconstitution, the Government of the Philippines has essentially endorsed the documents proffered for reconstitution.

There are apparently at least two “recovery” groups working at getting a hold on the assets of the people of the Philippines: the SAMCO group, which professes to support the claims of the “Sultan of Sulu”; and the VICTORIA group, allegedly connected with the Vatican and the heir(s) of Santa Romana. We thank both for the fact that they are bringing these issues to light and actually beginning to cause the people of the Philippines to awaken to their inheritance. When the truth is fully known, the World—not just the Philippines—will be a much better place.

Illusion versus Reality

Father's Day Message

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Sun., June 18, 2000, 7:46 a.m., Year 13, Day 306
Manila, Philippines

**RE: FATHER'S DAY AND RESPONSE TO
WALLY GENTLEMAN—GCH/D**

FATHER'S DAY 2000

Either a Father wishes to be given accolades or be quietly ignored—depending....

Well, every "father" has co-created and therefore is recognized whether "known" or not. Responsibility is the measure of an individual's role played out on the game-board of life and living. Most "fathers" are living a lie and the snickering audience only uses the possibilities as fodder for the joke mills. Therefore I ask YOU: What is a "Father"? Furthermore, are there remaining any fixed ideas or, for that matter, ideals, as regards the role of "father"? Then to consider is whether or not a father must be present in physical expression to serve? In the physical give and take of living it helps and certainly to support is a necessity often affixed by law—but what a man becomes, father or not, is that which is the foundation of the conclusion of worth (as in value) and is that for which a man is remembered, and who leaves a legacy unto his offspring. Father's "Day" is simply a commercial day to celebrate gift exchanges, but indeed, an opportunity to reflect, and sometimes negatively in many instances, on feelings regarding your own "father", either in flesh and blood, breathing, or in the other dimensions of your THOUGHT expression. But remember that even in the Royal families of the experiencing globe it is only ONE who shall seat the throne as is decided by the throne occupier come before. This is not built on any reason except having been "born".

Later on in your journey through living in the physical it is a rare man who will not regret his antics come before, and yet, those experiences cannot be wiped from the slate of life. Where do you fit in the overall scheme of life in another's eyes and heart? Well, as with God, my observation is: You must live WHAT IS, and God does not care that which a man "was" but only that which he IS. Does that make YOU feel better or worse? And indeed, yes, these ARE my thoughts on "Father's Day", 2000.

P.S.: As long as you live and breathe you can produce a legacy which reaches beyond all time and space considerations in that which you move to produce NOW. In this you will find that your limitations to a line of blood cells are in error. You must reach beyond and into the assumption that you can serve as a "father" unto all who come after—or for that matter, before. A true "father" is one who serves in goodness for mankind, not a tyrant who

grabs unto self that for which he has no honorable right. A FATHER PROVIDES, TEACHES AND LOVES. HE DOES NOT "DO FOR" OR INSTEAD OF. HE SHARES AND OFFERS AND, FINALLY, "ALLOWS".

Indeed it is wondrous for a man, "father", to leave his wealth and accomplishments unto his offspring but he can only leave a measure of "stuff" for his accomplishments must forever remain his own, and therefore, as you consider your own accomplishments—are they worthy of that which is perceived as "great" or just another day on the calendar of memories? How, for instance, do YOU meet your responsibilities TODAY? Yesterday is gone, tomorrow may never arrive in your physical consciousness—so where is your heart, intent and growth TODAY? And, by the way, children, a new tie or T-shirt does not the gift make. The gift is only a little reminder of the "thought". May each live in such a way as the current moment thought is one of respect, reverence and the wrapping made of love. Also remember, father of today, that the children will come to run the world and that shall be presented wisely in goodness or foolishly in ignorance or intelligence—as you have exemplified! This is one reason I choose wisdom and goodness because evil is a miserable legacy to leave upon my own children or students.

KNOW something else that is very important: the DNA of flesh body and/or that of soul essence—IS and shall forever more BE. This should be considered in your expectation within "thought" as to what your DNA information history shall produce.

Is this a big load? Yes indeed! Furthermore, it is only through wisdom and righteousness that your legacy merits the affirmation of God and is, in addition, the very basis upon which you can have KNOWING of success in the game of living production.

RESPONSE TO WALLY GENTLEMAN

[RK: Wally Gentleman, the genius behind the making of 2001: A Space Odyssey, has passed away but this message is still every bit as relevant today as it was 7 years ago.] Dharma, I am going to change your own line of expectation for this morning's writings for I have been asked for input regarding the perception of **illusion vs. reality**.

I can use this statement as an example.

Dharma is prepared to send back for the paper, a writing inclusive of Erick's writing dealing with symbolic concepts, now integrated into the "seeming" reality of expression. However, it can only be a "perception" for until a term is defined so that all participating "thinkers" are doing the same thing and have definition in explicit understanding, you can each have such divergence of thought recognition as to have no connection or focus.

In experiencing in a physical body, what determines the experience? Well, if you have a retarded brain-damaged vehicle, you will find limitations according to the circumstance with no real ability to change the individual's circumstance and that entity then becomes the very experience in care and nurturing of those who attend that entity.

Let us, however, consider what is recognized in your living experience/expression, a perfectly normal being. It starts out totally helpless and is yet to be molded and imprinted by those who are the caretakers, just as is, frankly, Earth, and those creatures of that which you call Nature. YOU DECIDE THE FATE, WITTINGLY OR UNWITTINGLY, OF THE ENTIRE FLOW OF THE UNIVERSE FOR YOU, AND EACH OTHER FRAGMENT, DECIDE HOW IT WILL COME TO BE.

Therefore, even if happenstance comes within your life-stream, you have written your script and each day is a new decision regarding that participation. Actually, each breath you take is a viable and visible expression of your decision for that "next breath" is a physical show of life itself—or death.

This very fact presents as the proof of "illusion" for at any moment YOU can change your presentation—through the MIND—and "reality" is only the substance of infinite being which remains "unchanged" in its own created form. Therefore, MAN CREATES HIS EXPERIENCE THROUGH HIS CHOICES AND FOLLOW-THROUGH OF THOSE CHOICES IN ACTION—BUT BEFORE ANYTHING, IS THOUGHT AND THOUGHT PROJECTION. THEREFORE, EXPERIENCE MAY WELL BE A MANIFESTATION BUT THE STAGE SET FOR THE PROJECTION IS EVER HOW YOU STRUCTURE IT TO BE ACCORDING TO YOUR OWN PERCEPTIONS. All emotional expressions are THOUGHT and perception.

Even a person who commits suicide does so in the midst of perception that things will, in the end, be better or, at the least, changed in his life-flow expression. Therefore, ultimately, living experience can at best only be ILLUSION for THOUGHT itself is only "illusion" in expression. You must DO SOMETHING to MANIFEST that which you perceive in THOUGHT to present as some TANGIBLE "REALITY".

What does man then seek? Well, he decides that to "know" he must have tangible, tactile manifestation in some presentation of physical MATERIAL SUBSTANCE. Why? Because he has been TAUGHT (read: trained) the way to perceive through the physical circumstance while dulling the mind in a constant downward spiral at the hands of that which represents physical control, power and position of another experiencing actor on the play's stage.

Wally takes the "thought" much further and of these thoughts new plays are written. He asks about those things found in tombs with artifacts and what relationships have these "things" to reality or illusion.

Everything, both and nothing. You can either manifest those things to be present when a tomb or a "dig" is opened to conscious viewing, or not. What is the anthropologist seeking, is the first consideration. So, it matters not if the elemental substance coalesced into a vase or an ornament is justified, there is an expectation of what WAS TRADITIONAL and

therefore the digging itself will be where the manifest entities “did their thing”.

Let us take Egyptian myth. If a wiggly indentation in the tomb, as on the floor, say, is presented, which will be expected? Is the trail that of a serpent (an asp or cobra) or is it an angel’s robe? Guess what is ASSUMED by the designer? IF throughout the annals of all history it was determined that angels trod endlessly within the tombs—you would find recognition. But MAN will always expect serpents within his experience and therefore you cannot move beyond that perception easily.

To Earth and current events, for example. Bill Gates has still been declared among or heading the list of wealthiest men in the business world. IS HE? Perhaps, but the real aspects of his position are the sudden perceptions and foisted-off opinions of observers.

Even in the daily paper of Max Soliven [*RK: now also departed from this realm of experience*] there is devotion and opinion presented most uncomplimentary of one Bill Gates. The conclusion a reader will take away is that somehow Max Soliven is so envious of one Bill Gates as to be all but childish in his immature attitude regarding said wealthy person. The point SHOULD BE: is Bill Gates an honorable man having earned his wealth the old fashioned way—through labor, brilliance and integrity? Even THAT is not for another to decide and certainly to compare the wealth use of the man in point against what others may or may not “have” is ludicrous.

An observer can as well “judge” the intentions and thought processing against that stated attitude as to whether or not Max S. should have anything from his labors, newspaper, etc., or should he simply toss it into the ring for the “needy”? No, it does NOT matter whether or not the sums are billions vs. millions or in dollars or pesos. The point is that a man’s right to his earned rewards must be left to the individual. At some point Bill Gates did not have “billions” but he manifested, through intelligence and intentional effort, billions of ideas made manifest in the reflection of that which is considered “money”. But even money is a concept so where does the “fact” leave you? Indeed, in a state of perception which is, IN FACT, illusion as in “belief”. Is Max SURE that the amount held by Bill is \$60 billion or could it be \$59 or 62? It has no meaning and thus becomes a part of the “illusion” for to a man with nothing or even only 6 pesos for he cannot even “think” in such terms of how to utilize \$60 billion anything.

In going back to the question of the idea of opening tombs, etc. Could it not be that the very treasure itself is but a means for basing some ONGOING intent of those who came before and will come after—YOUR DEPARTURE? Could not the treasure stashed in a cave in Malaysia be uncovered deliberately in the “time” frame for a change based on what MANIFEST MAN can see, touch and USE in the “framework” of accepted reality so that the illusion is not denied on the basis of “impossibility”? This truly becomes the intrusive question always presented: “Which came first, the chicken or the egg?” And further: “From where and what came either one?”

I have another question for Wally, who speaks of a world in beauty and wonder as one moves into the accepted concept of change as to “moving on” and

which, unexperienced in the moment experienced, is near enough for considerations of change. As a man is limited by his circumstances in the physical world, HOW CAN THE WORLD ITSELF BE CONSIDERED BEAUTIFUL OR WONDROUS? As incapacity determines limitation of experience is the attitude REAL or SIMPLY IMAGINED? YOU CAN ONLY HAVE YOUR OWN PERCEPTION IN ANY EVENT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU CONCERN SELF WITH INPUT OR OPINIONS OF OTHERS. GOD IS PURE REASON, LOGIC, LOVE, LIGHT—ALL OF THOSE THINGS OF “INFINITE BEING IN PERFECTION”. WOULD HE, THEREFORE, LIMIT THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE GREATEST SOULS HE HAS EVER PRESENTED? OF COURSE NOT AND THAT THE FINALITY OF EXPRESSION OF DEATH ENDS IT ALL IS PURE AND ABSOLUTE HOGWASH FOISTED OFF ONTO YOUR PHYSICAL CONSCIOUSNESS TO SCARE YOU INTO SUBMISSION TO THAT WHICH IS LIMITING IN RECOGNITION. IT IS NOT OF GOD CREATOR PERFECTION.

Ah, indeed, you perceive that too late smart is the troubling realization—but is it? When you have gained the experience of the human expression, unlimited KNOWING becomes the realization and thus the lingering need of physical expression ceases to be—no more, no less. Therefore, when you place realization within the REALITY of truth in being, you are wherever your choice has moved you and your only “new” perception is one of compassion for that which was left because YOU NO LONGER HAD ANY NEED FOR THE ATTACHMENTS. ALONG WITH THAT COMES TOTAL REALITY OF THE GAME ITSELF WHEREIN YOU THEN CAN OBSERVE, AND ASSIST IN MENTAL COMMUNICATION AND “THOUGHT” PROJECTION, WHICH HAS MORE INPUT TO THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE THAN ANY OTHER ONE MANIFESTING OCCURRENCE. OF COURSE, THE RECEIVER MUST SORT HIS/HER/ITS OWN PERCEPTION OF THE EXPERIENCE.

In all instances of death as in perceived “end” of a physical being and questionable unseen realizations, what is left? Well, that which is reflected in the actions and responses of those left on the viewing stage or in the audience. As in the reference to “the son” in *Sipapu* it is reality that had the son not died the story itself WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN WRITTEN.

The next consideration is whether or not the son KNEW of his mission? Of course, but probably not in the conscious need to hold on to a tormented experience within the “illusion”. Things may very well be “coincidental” in order to have realization or THOUGHT to move on beyond the moment or even, within the moment, but that is not to say that the full intentional actions of the experiencing “son” were not fully realized as well as “HOW” the very act itself must be orchestrated in order to find realization in the mind of another. MAN WANTS TO PUT LIMITATIONS, PUNISHMENTS AND REALIZATIONS ONTO THAT WHICH IS ACTUALLY NONE OF HIS BUSINESS IN SUCH THINGS AS SOUL EXPRESSION WHICH FLOWS IN AND OUT WHILE MOVING THROUGH MANIFEST EXPERIENCE.

To be more specific as to the “son” in *Sipapu* as presented: The things which “happened” had to happen and evolve exactly as presented to be where we ARE in the play, TODAY. And yes indeed, you will determine the continuing scenario by moving on, manifesting the purpose in reality, quitting, running, hiding, or hanging right in there to accomplish your perceived task. ONLY YOU HAVE PERCEPTION IN TRUTH OF THE JOURNEY.

If you, Wally, had not ever heard of or met the writer of *Sipapu*, would it have any reality at all—TO YOU? You almost missed that opportunity by the breadth of a few hours, if you wish to recall. And why did such a story, out of the myriads to which you have had access, touch your realization to the point that the dream planted becomes your primary purpose as you move on in physical attitude or other expression? YOU CANNOT FAIL TO ACHIEVE THE INTENT AND PURPOSE FOR IT SIMPLY WILL NOT BE OTHERWISE, EVEN IF USURPED AND STOLEN AS WAS YOUR WORK IN *2001 SPACE ODYSSEY*. THE ODYSSEY ITSELF IS THE REALITY COME FORTH FROM THE ILLUSION OF MIND IN SHARED THOUGHT. It CAN be no other way and exist within the universal reality of physics. It is that mystery held in the actual reality of physics that is the elusive perception—not the ongoing illusion.

How do you present this reality and truth unto mankind? Wow, this is the question of the eons and can only be presented in the vision presented within and from that very truth for man has all but ceased to “think” as in mass intelligence while being led along the limited corridors of orchestrated limitation. Man has trained to accept enslavement—OF MIND—which is ALL THERE IS. He is so preoccupied within his illusionary perception as to disallow him to reach beyond the limitation into the reality of non-limitation. This is why the planted vision of, say, outer space and interchanging images must represent monstrous and further non-reality in order to bring FEAR of truth in reality of existence of any OTHER perceived reality. Make monsters that eat people and souls and no thinking entity wants to “go” there.

I can comment further on the very individual need of one identified as Wally Gentleman to come into knowing realization for self. It is as personal as any wish to KNOW for both self and for the legacy to be left, in desired truth of reality. The answer, of course, is in the thought itself as to which is most important. The most important point is not in the realization other than unto SELF in such a way as to realize the legacy itself. Therefore, individual perception MUST come before the change in dimensional expression in order to determine your OWN placement in progression of soul experience. Ah, the mysterious dilemma presented and higher “intervention”, as in reference to another thought offered, is not relative to the choice, other than to a brother wishing “non-intervention”.

It becomes obvious that through the very questions themselves there is still “desire” for at least having “non-change” until some things are accomplished and knowledge realized BECAUSE of the intense desire of individual soul “thought” to be knowing of self to the necessary extent of stating or picturing “realization” in “reality”. You are making an effort to remove the “fog factor” of confusion and until the fog is removed, there

can be no “vision” past the curtain of the fog itself. YOU want to see and know where you are headed to make wise choices in the journey, whether you are just across the street from destination or just beginning the journey. BOTH PATHS ARE BUILT UPON THE EXPERIENCE OF LIFETIMES.

So, when we consider Father’s Day again in this writing, my question to each of you is as to whether or not you were a good provider, teacher, acceptance of individual differences and whether or not you leave a “vision” in the hearts and minds of those who come after your journey—whether “dead” or “alive”. The world is filled to overflow with breathing DEAD. LIFE RESIDES WITHIN THE THOUGHT WORLD OF MIND VISION AND MANIFESTATION. MAN WILL ULTIMATELY BECOME AND PRODUCE THAT WHICH HE “IS” IN HIS MIND. THE WORLD WILL FOLLOW THAT MANIFESTATION ACCORDING TO THE PRESENTATION COME BEFORE.

Mankind stands at the doorway of full opportunity to balance its very being—if that be the choice. And, yes indeed, with petition for intervention as to offering insight and “the way” to achieve that end, God responds. HE DOES NOT, HOWEVER, INTERFERE! IF GOD INTERFERED AS SUCH IT WOULD NOT BE A FREE-WILL EXPRESSION, FOR YOU ARE NOW “IN” THAT KIND OF CONTROLLED INTERFERENCE—MOST OFTEN CALLED INTERVENTION—TO PLACE SELVES INTO A BETTER PRESENTATION IN THE EYES OF OTHERS, I.E., “WE INTERVENED MEDICALLY TO SAVE THE CHILD.” Good, but what if you only prolonged the unlimited inability to function or to be allowed freedom of moving “on”. WHO, EXACTLY WAS SERVED IN EVEN THIS LITTLE EXAMPLE? IT IS THE OUTCOME WHICH IS THE MEASURE OF THE GOOD OR EVIL OF THE CIRCUMSTANCE—GOD JUST “IS”.

God answers petitions as requested and in the form requested and IF YOU LIMIT GOD TO YOUR PERCEPTIONS, YOU ERR, FOR YOU WOULD GET THE PERFECT RESPONSE IF YOU DID NOT DO SO.

Furthermore, God will allow you to experience in the negative pit of evil intentions and manifestations if THAT IS WHAT YOU REQUEST. HE WILL ALSO, HOWEVER, SEND THE “ANSWER” WHICH IS NECESSARY FOR FULFILLMENT OF YOUR GOAL—IN PERFECTION, IF “YOU” ATTEND YOUR RIGHTEOUS INTENTIONS TO ENHANCE MANKIND AND NOT FURTHER DAMAGE. Meanwhile YOU are not given to manipulate or force another to do your bidding for that decision is not yours to make regarding that other soul in progress.

If YOU meet your agreed upon task, the rest will follow in the path laid forth, for it then becomes the ideal WILL OF GOD in your expression. And indeed, yes, when enough prayers and demands are placed in focus, success is not only possible—but mandatory. If enough energy is poured forth for the successful realization of a mission in progress, by all those who back the mission, it HAS TO MANIFEST IN KIND. DELAYS ARE NEVER GOD’S DENIALS—ONLY YOU CAN DENY SELF WHATEVER COMES TO CONFRONT

YOUR REALIZATION, OR, YOUR SENSING.

The ones who persevere shall accomplish and prevail if their vision be great and that which determines good or bad conclusion is in the eye and realization of the experiencing co-travelers. When the intent is toward goodly manifestation of “the way”, there is no way to STOP the realization of success. So, more important is the question of what do YOU consider “success” to be? Sometimes it is simply best to “let go and let God” while you keep your eye on the “prize”. Evil intent will always present itself and it will be issued usually under the guise of “good intent” but will also be relatively open in its presentation of negative intent or self-oriented greed and avarice. If however, a fake gold slug becomes pure gold, is not that gold as valuable as the element itself? Stop placing non-reality value on that which is other than a useful tool in determination of value. Furthermore, to actually have value, a thing must be

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used or placed as a value base of something else appointed to the status of value. Water is actually far more VALUABLE than is a chunk of gold but it is of life necessity and therefore may well be valuable but is also a precious RIGHT of life-form to have and hold. All things must have water and air to live and yet few “have to have” gold, except to value the exchange in a recognized manner.

Evil pretends to the slave-master throne manipulate through that which is considered worthless, or worthy, but the conclusive intent is to gain control of the MANDATORY LIFE SUBSTANCE NEEDS in order to gain total enslavement over the slaves themselves.

In all of these true realizations gained through gain of knowledge and fact, you can see and KNOW that the game in which you participate is an illusion of your own perception. If, for instance, you KNOW there is a missing bridge over a deep gorge and river below on your roadway—you will change course and made some intelligent and wise changes in your journey. If you don’t know of the missing roadway, you will plough right over the edge and become soul form and dead body most quickly. KNOWING IS ALWAYS THE CHOICE OF WISE THINKERS AND YES, EVEN SHREWD MANIPULATORS. Would you actually think George Soros to have been a stupid player? Of course not—he always acted in brilliance of maneuvering into position. So, whose fault is it that Soros was able to do such damage in financial circles? He thought his own circle of financial prowess to be quite wondrous. Which is correct (I did not say “right”)? It is all in the perception as realization from the play as scripted by myriads of playwrights.

The Teacher you hear and receive is that which will come to be. You can act out of selfish ego-greed and come to be that very model of greedy person—that is YOUR choice. YOU WILL BE THAT

WHICH YOU THINK! THE NEXT REALITY OF LIFE IS THAT OF THOUGHT AND CHOICE OF BECOMING. The same thing results from “fear” limitation. You will achieve that which you most FEAR for where the MIND IS so is where YOU ARE. Again, proof of the “illusion” of experience. You pull unto self that which you most fear for on that fear will you focus your mind and mind will present and create that which it believes.

Now, let us consider for a moment the symbol of the pentagram. Is it a five-pointed star in ode to God, or Satan? NEITHER AND BOTH. It is simply a projected symbol of lines and illustration and it will be whatever YOU perceive it to be. Therefore, is that not “illusion” presented or foisted off onto your senses by whichever the presenter chooses the meaning to be? THESE ARE TRIGGER SYMBOLS, AND UNTIL YOU REALIZE SAME YOU ARE CAUGHT IN ANOTHER’S PERCEPTION WHILE YOU RESPOND OR REACT TO THE IDEA AND NOT A REALITY.

If, therefore, the “enemy” knows that in your pathway of light he is going to encounter God, he will try his games but he shall not prevail against you for he CANNOT. All he can do is TRY while digging his own hole deeper and deeper into the reality of outcome. The facts ARE that the enemy will already KNOW he will not prevail and the game is one of continual harassment and assaults beyond which he hopes you will not pursue his being. Well, we do not need to pursue such entities for they chase their own tails of illusion. They may even gain a “thing” or two, but it will eventually be declared a criminal acquisition and thus ultimately their own UNDOING. Others who pay the price of their adventures usually get sick and tired of their own lack of good position and will, themselves, take action to stop the children of chaos and contempt. THE ALTERNATIVE PERCEPTION AND REALITY RESIDES IN THE MIND OF THE PLAYER, EVEN UNTO JUST GETTING ENOUGH AVAILABLE ASSET TO REPLACE THE LOSS AND LET THE DEVIL KEEP HIS PLAYMATES. ULTIMATELY YOU MAY EVEN FIND THAT WHICH YOU PERCEIVED AS “LOST” WAS ONLY A BURDEN AT BEST!

When does an apple harvest become reality? When you conceive the “idea” and follow through with a planted seed—the rest is just nurturing and growing time where the “harvest” itself is also an idea for some trees will not bear fruit and thus “harvest” is also an illusion made manifest by WHAT YOU DO in RESPONSE to the IDEA WHICH “IS” THE DETERMINING FACTOR FROM SEED TO MATURITY.

Before the tree “is”, the thought “must be”. So, again, which came first, the chicken or the egg? Neither—the THOUGHT OF GOD CAME FIRST! Furthermore, the LAST will be the THOUGHT OF GOD.

GOD IS NEVER BORED! ARE YOU?

Therefore, I wish you a happy and endearing (enduring?) Father’s Day and may you think carefully about the TRUTH OF BEING for therein lies EVERYTHING—ALL things.

When you ponder “success”, furthermore, when you get the play right, the show perfects itself and it will do

Denial—The 51st State

We give thanks to author Paul Levy for granting his permission to reprint the following article, which “just happens” to mesh very nicely with the theme of the current issue.

We must take some exception to the use of the word “unconscious” throughout this piece because it is better described as SUB-conscious, that which exists beneath consciousness. The subconscious is a very powerful driver, as the mind controllers well know. It is hoped this is not too distracting but throughout the text you will find the word “subconscious” in square braces wherever “unconscious” is used. Similarly, the word “magical” should be interpreted as “not fully understood” or “mysterious”, rather than “mystical”.

DENIAL—THE 51ST STATE

By Paul Levy, AwakeninTheDream.com, 5/29/07

What the underlying military-industrial-financial crime syndicate that controls our government is doing, both domestically and internationally, is so horrifying (please see my article Homeland Insecurity, awakeninthedream.com/insecurity.html) that it is literally traumatizing to consciously bear witness to it, to experience it. When we become traumatized, we become stuck, literally “frozen in time”, as our ability to creatively respond and mobilize ourselves in the present moment into effective action in the world becomes inoperative. When we become overwhelmed by trauma, we are not able to creatively express our internal experience in a way that discharges what has been triggered in us. We feel impotent. We are unable to give voice to our experience, as our power to be ourselves has become foreign to us. We become mute. When we become traumatized, we lose touch with our inner voice, which is our guiding spirit, our true genius.

Bush and his regime could only be getting away with the atrocities they are perpetrating not only because there are an insufficient number of people who see what they are doing, but because there are enough people who see what is happening and remain silent (please see my article Breaking the Vow of Silence, www.awakeninthedream.com/vow.html). To quote Judith Herman, author of *Trauma and Abuse*, “The ordinary response to atrocities is to banish them from consciousness. Certain violations of the social compact are too terrible to utter aloud: this is the meaning of the word unspeakable.” When our nation is seen as a family system composed of interrelated roles that do not exist in isolation from each other but rather in co-relation to one another, the people in the role of the abuser, Bush and his regime, depend upon the tendency for most people to split-off from and deny the horror of the atrocities they are perpetrating to be able to get away with them. When we deny what is happening, we are not able to speak about it, for to speak about what is happening is to invest our experience with a living reality, which is the very thing our denial ensures doesn’t happen.

As perpetrators of the abuse, the Bush regime will do everything in their power to promote our denial,

pretense and silence. Our becoming silent is the very thing which allows them to literally get away with murder. They need to induce our denial, which is an internal cover-up, as a necessary requirement for them to act out their role as “perpe-traitor”. Denial is an integral dynamic which sustains the pathology of the victim-perpetrator collusion. The abuser’s refusal to hear the voices of those they are exploiting is crucial to their continued domination.

When the abuse is so horrific, it forcibly overwhelms the human psyche so as to split the psyche from itself and shatter its wholeness, which is the very root of trauma. When the atrocity is so inhumane, we disassociate from the experience, creating a self-protective amnesia for ourselves. An (arche-) typical response to trauma is to simply “forget about it” and try to go on with our life. Like Bush himself counseled us after 9/11, we should just continue shopping. It is the strangest experience to walk around town and see so many people just going about their day, drinking their cup of coffee in their favorite café and reading the sports page as if nothing out of the ordinary is happening, while in the same moment on another part of the planet bombs are being dropped on innocent people with our names on them. A more perfect image of collective denial is hard to imagine. “Hey, did you hear the Yankees took two yesterday?”

To be in denial is both an unconscious, primitive and magical [*mysterious*] defense, as well as on some level also being a conscious choice. There is a collective denial that most of us support by acting out our own personal denial in our individual lives, which in turn simply feeds into our collective madness. To the extent that we aren’t completely outraged with what our government is doing, we are in denial, for what could we possibly be thinking? To the degree we are in denial about the horror that is playing out in our world, we are, to that extent, complicit.

When the abuse is so overwhelming, we become numbed, desensitized and anesthetized, as if a psychological “operation” (psy-op) is being done on us (please see my article, “The War on Consciousness”, awakeninthedream.com/warconsc.html). Instead of being enlivened by the abuse, we become “deadened”, as if we have become dehumanized. Devalued, we become incapable of “feeling”. In this covert operation, our ability to respond creatively and responsibly becomes disabled. We can become incapacitated with inexpressible rage, hopeless despair and a feeling of worthlessness. The worst of the abuse isn’t even so much what the external abuse actually is, but what it creates in us internally.

When we are overwhelmed by abuse, we are literally coerced to disavow our perceptions, which is to betray ourselves. To quote the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “At some point, silence before a lie becomes betrayal.” Betraying ourselves, we become a stranger to ourselves, forgetting who we are. We become disoriented, as our bedrock connection between psyche and reality has been severed. Moment

so according to your wishes as pertains to self and journey(s). And yes indeed, you can pass it out to others to experience and perfect—you do NOT have to do it all for potential is 100% according to the action taken—through IDEA. IDEALS are fulfilled when the movement is in a positive flow and away from that which is hurtful and considered evil in practice and greedy in intent. When you can enjoy and experience without need of accolades for your greatness, you have ARRIVED! Some of you are “there” but the task is not concluded in the whole, so we must continue to our positive conclusion in order that the audience takes away positive knowing or at the least HOPE, for the life you save might actually be the idea birthed in the mind of a child—even as you choose to interrupt your present role.

You can accept Spielberg’s or Gentleman’s projection according to whether or not you want TRUTH in wondrous mystery made known or if you wish to hide from reptiles of ancient manifestation along with giant toads from outer space invading your little world. YOU WILL GET THAT WHICH YOU THINK YOU DESERVE AS A SPECIES, BE IT ANGELS OR MONSTERS. THEREFORE, LIFE IS THAT WHICH YOU PERCEIVE AND AN ILLUSION YOU MAKE MANIFEST.

In conclusion, to Wally who apologizes for any “trouble” he might place in my time-line or activities. YOU ARE NOT HEAVY; YOU ARE MY BROTHER AND THEREFORE YOU ARE LIGHT UPON MY BEING AND A LAMP, IN REALITY, WITHIN THE HEART OF DHARMA WHO MUST DWELL IN THE PITS OF DARK REALIZATION OF WORLD ONGOING FOR PHYSICAL LIMITATION WHICH IS OFTEN THE MOST CURSED OF PRESENTATION AND PRESENTERS. EACH CHOOSES THE WAY OF PRESENTATION AND TASK AND SOMETIMES THE YOKE WEARS BLISTERS ON THE BEING AND FRUSTRATION IN THE PHYSICAL RECOGNITION—NEVER UPON THE SOUL IN KNOWING.

Take time along your journey to consider what you are and where you are, for it will determine the remainder of your play in progress. Some might truly consider possibilities of restitution for wrong actions thrust upon another and rectify to the extent possible the errors conjured and placed in manifest doing. One day, you too shall face the end of the play in production and where will you then find self? Indeed, it is worthy of some thought and perception in truth as you put aside the ego-blinders. These things are up to YOU and they will be confronted, in the NOW—whenever you perceive NOW to be. This fact is why today and this moment is your only reality of any expression, be it manifest physical or mental dreaming. Tomorrow is simply an expectation so if you need clean up your act it can only be NOW for that is all there is—ETERNAL NOW!

I offer my unlimited (often misdefined as “unconditional”) love and truth in KNOWING. What YOU accept is all that is under possible question.

Salu, for the light is yours to bear high or bury according to your own individual being. GOD IS AND THEREFORE I AM AND YOU ARE. So, again, what is the question? It is answered only in the KNOWING and all else is illusion.

Dad
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by moment we insist on building a wall between our inner selves and the outer world. Splitting off from the abuse, we invariably internalize the abuser and police ourselves. We lose our connection with our inner nature, as well as with nature itself. Our sense of meaning, and our identity as sovereign meaning-generators, becomes scrambled. When the nightmare that is playing out is so horrible, we marginalize and deny our very experience itself, as we literally “split” (which means both “in two” and “leave”—i.e., go far away from the present, as well as from our true selves). A part of us pretends that what is happening is not really happening.

A specific example of denial in our current day and age are people’s reactions to 9/11. The most superficial inquiry into the facts reveals that there is no doubt whatsoever that the government’s official story about 9/11, a crazy conspiracy theory if there ever was one, is not only not true, but is covering up what really happened. Who knows what really happened on 9/11, but when the evidence is studied, it is beyond any reasonable doubt that the same criminal enterprise that has infiltrated the highest levels of our government also had its hands in creating 9/11. The underlying military-industrial-financial crime syndicate was the only organization that had the motive and the ability to pull-off, cover-up and capitalize on the “opportunity” of 9/11. To go down this rabbit hole and see what the criminal forces that have taken over and control our government are capable of is to unravel and shatter many of our naïve illusions, which is why many of us deny and simply refuse to look at the evidence.

It is clear that the same underlying criminal syndicate that was behind 9/11 is using 9/11 as a catapult to further expand its domination and extend its tentacles to the furthest reaches of not just the planet, but space itself. If you think I am exaggerating or being paranoid when I point this out, I would respond by simply inviting you to open your eyes and explore the ample evidence, which is readily available and overwhelmingly convincing (see 911truth.org). Besides being utterly traumatic to realize, another reason the truth behind 9/11 is so hard to see is because it is everywhere we look, literally staring us in the face. If we don’t realize the truth behind 9/11, it is because we are in denial.

When we realize that 9/11 was an “inside job” perpetrated by our own government against us, we step out of denying what deep down we know to be true. 9/11 was a wake up call for the American people and the world at large, and it has the potentiality of snapping us out of our spell so that we can begin to see what is actually happening in our world. Looking beneath the superficial “official” explanation for 9/11 begins an initiatory process of reconsidering the way the power structure of our nation and the world operates. People who have woken up to the truth behind 9/11 are very much like people who have had a kind of spiritual awakening, in that having snapped out of the consensus trance, they are recognizing a deeper, more fundamental process that is in-forming and giving shape to events in our world. Like a person who has had a spiritual awakening, people who have realized the truth about 9/11 have stepped out of their denial and snapped out of an illusion.

When we are in denial, we avert our gaze, which is a reactive form of psychic blindness. When we get stuck in and embody the madness of denial, we become psychologically deaf, as we are not able to hear any “informing” influences from the outside world which reflect back to us our unconscious state. Falling into denial, we become psychologically deaf, dumb and blind. We see no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil.

When we are riddled by denial, we hold contradictory viewpoints simultaneously, while splitting off from the underlying contradiction, which is a self-induced, trance-like dissociated state, in which we have fixated our attention, restricted our own awareness and hypnotized ourselves. When groups of people (or a nation) collectively fall into a mass entrancement together, they reinforce each other’s unconscious denial, which feeds the zombie-like madness of the group. The name of this phenomenon is “collective psychosis” and this is what is presently happening in the United States of America (please see my book, *The Madness of George W. Bush: A Reflection of our Collective Psychosis*).

The underlying culture and field in which and from which we dissociate conspires with us in our betrayal of ourselves. We are informed by and receive feedback from the abusive family system, in this case, our nation, that it is not OK and actually quite dangerous to be ourselves, which only reinforces the trauma, *ad infinitum*. Part of the abuse in our country is that, like an unrestrained malignant narcissist, the criminal enterprise that controls our government has let it be known that it will destroy anyone who tries to stand up to it (please see my article, “George Bush is a Malignant Narcissist”). This threat itself is a form of terrorism, as it creates terror in US. As a result, for the ordinary person, the utter evil of what is playing out in our country is better left unsaid, so as to not cause trouble or rock the boat, which, *Titanic*-like, is sinking due to our passivity and silence.

When the horror is so overwhelming, we become alien to ourselves and deny our own experience. We then deny our denial and fall into the depraved state of lying and actually believing our own lies. This is a state of complete and utter self-deception. When we are in denial, we are in the perverse state of fooling ourselves, while pretending we are not fooling ourselves. This is to have fallen into a diabolically self-perpetuating feedback loop, an infinite regression in which we deny that we are denying and then we deny that, and on and on, *ad infinitum*. This is called “the state of being in denial”, which is the 51st state in the U.S.

Once we fall into the state of denial, we become invested in not only keeping ourselves asleep but we also seek out others in the same state of denial with whom to join forces. Once our mass unconsciousness gains enough self-generating momentum, our denial has an inductive, magnetic effect of entraining others into a similar state of unconsciousness as our own. Our somnambulism has a bewitching effect on others, while at the same time their unconsciousness strengthens our denial, in a self-reinforcing web of mutual conditioning. Falling into and supporting each other’s collective denial, we become infected by, while concurrently infecting the field around us with a self-created, but very contagious, psychological “virus”.

This is an immaterial, psychic “bug” that insinuates itself into and operates through the psyche by distorting and manipulating our perceptions so as to feed itself, while at the same time veiling that it is doing this so as to keep itself invisible. Jung never tired of warning us that psychic epidemics such as this, which spread and replicate themselves through our unconscious blind spots, were the greatest danger facing humanity. In a crazy-making loop that both produces and is an expression of madness, the denial in the underlying field feeds our denial, while at the same time our denial feeds the denial in the underlying field.

When we live in the state of denial, we are investing all of our psychic energy into a lie to protect ourselves from the awful shock of stepping out of our denial and consciously experiencing both the lie that we have been living and the reality we have been avoiding. Once our denial becomes invested with enough energy, a counter-incentive to step out of our denial arises, as we become highly motivated in sustaining the lie that is fundamental to our denial, for the trauma of consciously realizing the perverse state we have fallen into is too much for us to bear. Once our denial solidifies its reign, it literally rules over us, as we become obedient to it, as if we are its slaves and it is our master. When we repress something from our consciousness, we unwittingly invest it with power over us. Once we become sufficiently corrupted by our denial, we become dedicated to preserving it at all costs. Once we become tied, attached and bound to our denial, our entire *modus operandi* is to do whatever it takes to continue the charade of hiding from ourselves.

At a certain point, we literally become taken over, as if possessed, by our compulsion to avoid relationship with ourselves. We are then not able to help ourselves from compulsively acting out our unconscious denial, a perverse state for which we are ultimately responsible. Being in the state of denial, we are not in our right mind, and we are not even home in our own bodies. In this state, we can be of no help to either ourselves or to others, as we ourselves are the ones increasingly in need of help. Having fallen into a truly pathological state, we have become addicted to our denial, which we then embody and act out in our lives, as our denial continually in-forms us. Once this pathological process develops a sufficient inner sovereignty, it “colonizes” our psyche and we fall into becoming an unwitting instrument for what is called “evil” to act itself out in our world.

We have then attained what political philosopher Hannah Arendt saw as the fundamental characteristic of evil: the incapacity for thought. When we are in denial, the primary thought we can’t think about is ourselves, which is to say we are incapable of self-reflection, as if we are not able to bend around backwards and see our reflection in the mirror of life. When we are in the state of denial, we are “not ourselves” but rather, are “beside ourselves”. Instead of associating with all of our-selves, we imagine that we exist separately from the world out there, of which we are desperately afraid. This is an outer reflection of the inner process of being terrified of a part of ourselves, which is the dynamic which precipitated our denial in the first place.

As this inner pathological state takes us over, it

develops a seemingly autonomous life of its own, animating and playing itself out in the most unconscious, and hence, destructive of ways, creating violence, abuse, and terror, whether it be within ourselves or in the outside world. Anyone who points out or reflects back the pathology is demonized, pathologized, criminalized and seen as the enemy. People in denial react violently when they see someone who does not share their denial, as it secretly reminds them of how sick they are.

When we are in the state of denial, we lose our ability to discern what is really going on. For example, when we are in denial, we are unable to discern whether or not others are in denial. When other people are actually in denial, it has a resonance with our own denial and, insanely, we see them as expressing the truth and being enlightened. At the same time, people who aren't in denial we see as being crazy. When we are in denial, we live in an inverted world, blindly imagining others to be the ones who are blind. We project the face of our own unconscious onto the world, which simply mirrors it back to us, confirming our delusion.

To step out of our denial is the scariest thing imaginable to the part of us that is in denial. To snap out of our denial is a form of "death", as it is to "die" to the fantasy world in which we imagined we lived. This is why people will "defend" their denial to the point of death, often in the most aggressively "offensive" of ways. People in denial will actually create "explosions" in the outside world as distractions so as to protect themselves from inwardly "imploding" at the sight of themselves. People cherish their illusions, which they hold dear to themselves, as if their illusions are their most sacred possession. To be in denial is to live in an illusion, and the system which produced this pathological state is only too happy to configure itself to support the abuse by supplying all the evidence needed to strengthen the denial and confirm the illusion. Our denial allows the abuse to continue to be perpetrated and perpetuate itself, while at the same time the abuse facilitates our denial in a reciprocally co-arising, circular (as compared to linear) and self-generating feedback loop that is truly pathological. When we are in denial, the system which precipitated our denial gets dreamed up to collude with, nourish, nurture and justify our denial, creating a psychological black hole: a true dis-ease of the psyche, in which no light escapes or is emitted.

DENIAL IS ITS OWN MEDICINE

When we are taken over by the pathological state of denial, we embody and incarnate it, becoming agents by which it propagates itself, as we collectively act out our inner, unconscious state of denial on the outer stage of the world. This is to say that the inner state of our unconsciousness is actually being dreamed up into full-bodied form and reflex-ively played out in the theater of the outside world. Just like in a dream—where the outer dreamscape is a reflection of the inner psyche—our unconscious has spilled out from the boundaries of our skull and is materializing itself in, as, and through the seemingly outside world. Not limited by the conventional laws of time and space, our unconscious [RK: *more truly, SUBconscious*] has changed channels and is non-locally giving shape and form to itself by synchronistically arranging events in the outside world

so as to express and reveal itself to those that have the eyes to see. The fact that there is a synchronistic correlation and correspondence between the unconscious [*subconscious*] process going on inside of our psyche and what is playing out in the outside world is not an accident, as this mirroring is reflecting something back to us that is most important for us to know. Encoded in the outer manifestation of our unconscious [*subconscious*] denial is the key to its resolution.

Collective events in our world are the expressions of our inner state of unconsciousness [*the subconscious*], while simultaneously being the revelation of the very unconsciousness [*subconsciousness*] of which they themselves are an expression. What this means is that events in our world, while being manifestations of our unconscious [*subconscious*], are at the same time potentially the liberator and liberation of the very unconsciousness [*subconsciousness*] of which they themselves are a manifestation.

The malevolent events that are literally being unconsciously [*subconsciously*] acted out on the world stage are at the same time speaking to us symbolically, which is the language of dreams. Seen as symbols that unite the opposites, these events reflect back to us our inner state of unconsciousness [*subconsciousness*], while simultaneously revealing to us, and hence potentially transforming, the very unconsciousness [*subconsciousness*] of which they are an unmediated manifestation. Recognizing what is being revealed instantaneously, in no time whatsoever, transforms our unconscious [*subconscious*], our experience of our world [*consciousness*] and ourselves, which empowers us to be a genuine agent for positive change in the world.

Seen symbolically, events in our world are simultaneously the problem and the solution co-joined in one phenomenon, and how they manifest depends upon how we dream them. Our world crisis is the problem, while at the same time it is the revelation of the solution, as it unveils the unconscious [*subconscious*] part of ourselves, which is the source of our current world crisis. Once we recognize what is being revealed, our consciousness has expanded itself through this realization, thereby transforming both our unconscious [*subconscious*] and the world crisis simultaneously. Seen as symbols in a dream, the malevolent events in our world are potentially expanding our consciousness so as to heal the very pathology which is at the root of their malevolence. Something is revealing itself to us as it acts itself out through our unconscious [*subconscious*]. **Recognizing what is being revealed changes everything, for then all bets are off, as anything becomes possible.** We only suffer from a failure of imagination. The collective denial and madness that is playing itself out in our world is paradoxically its own medicine.

How the events in our world actually manifest and what effect they have on us, either continuing to traumatize us, or wake us up, depends upon whether or not we recognize what they are revealing to us about ourselves. Events in our world are being dreamed up to reflect back to us that we ourselves are responsible for how we moment by moment collectively dream up our world.

All six-and-a-half billion of us are moment-by-moment collaboratively dreaming up this universe into materialization, as if we are co-creating a mass, shared dream. Once we realize this, we literally snap out of the illusion of thinking we exist separate from each other and recognize we are "relational beings", interdependent parts of one another, which is to say we are "related", members of a greater family. We are a part of the whole but not "a-part" from the whole. We are interconnected aspects and unique expressions of the whole. To consciously realize our wholeness is to heal our disassociation from each other as well as from ourselves.

Once we snap out of the spell of imagining we are separate from each other, we can get in sync with each other so as to awaken "eros", which has to do with being able to relate with each other through a deeply shared feeling of the heart called love. Reciprocally co-inspiring each other, we mutually help one another plug into and activate our collective genius, as if collectively awakening a higher strand of our DNA. Once our awakening attains a certain momentum, we become instruments through which something greater than ourselves is able to inform and give shape to our world. We are then able to non-locally effect the entire universe, which is to say we can literally make a positive difference in the world.

Putting our lucid awareness together, we synergistically activate our inherent God-given power of being able to consciously co-create reality in a way that serves our highest, evolutionary unfoldment. We discover that we can enter into an engaged, intimate and conscious partnership with each other, as well as with the universe as a whole. Once our intention is to serve what is best for the whole, we become inspired by something greater than our own ego. We become imbued with life, as we become guided and animated by a creative and whole-making spirit. As compared to the spirit of division and destruction, this is the spirit of integration and creation. **This is the point where we are able to join together and, not just in imagination but in seemingly real time and space, change the collective dream we are having. Instead of destroying ourselves, we can actually create the world in which we want to live.**

Recognizing what is being revealed, we become students of history, as we become educated by our experience, learn from our mistakes and organically grow. Stepping out of our shared delusion that we exist separate from each other, we discover that we can co-operatively help each other to evolve to greater orders of freedom and ever-deepening degrees of compassion. Cultivating our shared awakening, we naturally change the world in the process.

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Vladimir Putin: The Best Leader for a Free World?

According to Vladimir Putin, he hasn't had anyone to talk to since the death of Gandhi and further, he is the only purely democratic leader in the World. I, personally, think very highly of this man. Further, Commander Hatonn has made no bones about the roles of Russia and China in forging a new World order of greater promise than the global police state envisioned by the elite controllers.

It behooves us to study this man carefully because we KNOW he is well aware of the Global Alliance Investment Association program and he seems to be quite naturally attuned to the Divine Plan.

The following complete interview has been widely available across the Internet and is presented in its entirety in order to advance understanding of environmental, political, human rights, economic, scientific and social justice issues.

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT PUTIN'S INTERVIEW WITH G8 NEWSPAPER JOURNALISTS 6/9/07 ICH, 6/6/07 Mathaba News Network

President Vladimir Putin Fields Questions from G8 Member Countries' Newspaper Journalists

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Good evening ladies and gentlemen!

I would like to warmly welcome you.

I would just like to say a few words at the beginning of our discussion. We believe that the G8 forum is a useful and interesting event that allows us to synchronise our approaches to key issues linked with the development of the global economy and on the international agenda. And not simply to, shall we say, synchronise our watches but also to coordinate our positions, positions that can then be formalised in G8 documents and, later on, in the documents of other international organisations, including the UN. And this has occurred in the past.

I am very pleased to see that the agreements that were reached in St Petersburg last year have not been forgotten. Many of our agreements are being implemented. Moreover, the German G8 presidency has not forgotten about the major themes of our discussions in St Petersburg. We see clear evidence of what we discussed in Russia in the documents that are now being drafted by experts and sherpas. Of course, this first and foremost refers to energy. But not only that. This also includes development aid and especially aid to African countries. This includes the fight against infectious diseases. Naturally, this also includes our joint efforts concerning climate change.

Of course we will address all of this and, as I have already said, other serious international issues for Europe, such as the Balkans, and other problems. And I am confident that an open, honest discussion between partners on all of these problems — no matter how difficult they are to resolve — will be a useful discussion.

I would like to thank you for the interest you have shown in our work. And I certainly do not have the audacity or the responsibility of speaking for all my

G8 colleagues. But I am ready to explain in more detail Russia's position on issues that you think are of interest to the public.

That was everything I wanted to say at the outset and I will not waste time in a monologue. I am listening to you. Let's start working.

DER SPIEGEL: Mr President, it seems like Russia is not very fond of the West. Our relations have somewhat deteriorated. And we can also mention the deterioration of your relations with America. Are we once again approaching a Cold War?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: One can hardly use the same terminology in international relations, in relations between countries, that would apply to relationships between people — especially during their honeymoon or as they prepare to go to the Civil Registry Office.

Throughout history, interests have always been the main organising principle for relations between states and on the international arena. And the more civilised these relations become, the clearer it is that one's own interests must be balanced against the interests of other countries. And one must be able to find compromises to resolve the most difficult problems and issues.

One of the major difficulties today is that certain members of the international community are absolutely convinced that their opinion is the correct one. And of course this is hardly conducive to creating the trusting atmosphere that I believe is crucial for finding more than simply mutually acceptable solutions, for finding optimal solutions. However, we also think that we should not dramatise anything unduly. If we express our opinions openly, honestly and forthrightly, then this does not imply that we are looking for confrontation. Moreover, I am deeply convinced that if we were able to reinstate honest discussion and the capacity to find compromises in the international arena then everyone would benefit. And I am convinced that certain crises that face the international community today would not exist and would not have had such a dire impact on the internal political situation in certain countries. For example, events in Iraq would not be such a headache for the United States. This is the most vivid, sharpest example but, nevertheless, I want you to understand me. And as you recall, we were opposed to military action in Iraq. We now consider that had we confronted the problems that faced us at the time with other means then the result would have been — in my opinion — still better than what we have today.

It is for that reason that we do not want confrontation; we want to engage in dialogue. However, we want a dialogue that acknowledges the equality of both parties' interests.

WALL STREET JOURNAL: A follow-up to the previous question. One of the most acute recent problems between Washington and Moscow has been American plans to install elements of a missile defence system in Europe. Since Russia is very radically opposed to this system and the White House confirms that it will go ahead regardless, the confrontation becomes more pronounced...

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Incidentally, that it is the answer to the previous question. I am sorry — please continue.

WALL STREET JOURNAL: ... and the more countries there are that want to participate in this system. What does Russia gain by being so fiercely opposed to this system? Are you hoping that Washington will eventually abandon its plans to install an anti-missile defence system or do you have other goals, since Washington has already said that it will not allow Russia to veto this programme?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: I would start with the Adapted Conventional Armed Forces Treaty in Europe (ACAF). We have not just stated that we are ready to comply with the treaty, like certain others have done. We really are implementing it: we have removed all of our heavy weapons from the European part of Russia and put them behind the Urals. We have reduced our Armed Forces by 300,000. We have taken several other steps required by the ACAF. But what have we seen in response? Eastern Europe is receiving new weapons, two new military bases are being set up in Romania and in Bulgaria, and there are two new missile launch areas — a radar in Czech republic and missile systems in Poland. And we are asking ourselves the question: what is going on? Russia is disarming unilaterally. But if we disarm unilaterally then we would like to see our partners be willing to do the same thing in Europe. On the contrary, Europe is being pumped full of new weapons systems. And of course we cannot help but be concerned.

What should we do in these circumstances? Of course we have declared a moratorium.

This applies to the missile defence system. But not just the missile defence system itself. Since if this missile system is put in place, it will work automatically with the entire nuclear capability of the United States. It will be an integral part of the U.S. nuclear capability.

I draw your attention and that of your readers to the fact that, for the first time in history — and I want to emphasize this — there are elements of the U.S. nuclear capability on the European continent. It simply changes the whole configuration of international security. That is the second thing.

Finally, thirdly, how do they justify this? By the need to defend themselves against Iranian missiles. But there are no such missiles. Iran has no missiles with a range of 5,000 to 8,000 kilometres. In other words, we are being told that this missile defence system is there to defend against something that doesn't exist. Do you not think that this is even a little bit funny? But it would only be funny if it were not so said. We are not satisfied with the explanations that we are hearing. There is no justification whatsoever for installing a missile defence system in Europe. Our military experts certainly believe that this system affects the territory of the Russian Federation in front of the Ural mountains. And of course we have to respond to that.

And now I would like to give a definite answer to your question: what do we want? First of all, we want to be heard. We want our position to be understood. We do not exclude that our American partners might reconsider their decision. We are not imposing anything on anyone. But we are proceeding from common sense and think that everyone else could also use their common sense. But if this does not take place then we will absolve ourselves from the responsibility of our retaliatory steps because we are not initiating what is certainly growing into a new arms race in Europe. And we want everybody to understand very clearly that we are not going to bear

responsibility for this arms race. For example, when they try to shift this responsibility to us in connection with our efforts to improve our strategic nuclear weapons. We did not initiate the withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. But what response did we give when we discussed this issue with our American partners? We said that we do not have the resources and desire to establish such a system. But as professionals we both understand that a missile defence system for one side and no such a system for the other creates an illusion of security and increases the possibility of a nuclear conflict.

I am speaking purely theoretically — this has no personal dimension. It is destroying the strategic equilibrium in the world. In order to restore that balance without setting up a missile defence system we will have to create a system to overcome missile defence, and this is what we are doing now.

At that point our partners said: “there’s nothing wrong, we are not enemies, we are not going to work against one another”. We would point out that we are simply answering them: “we warned you, we talked about this, you answered us a certain way. So we are going to do what we said we would”. And if they put a missile defence system in Europe — and we are warning this today — there will be retaliatory measures. We need to ensure our security. And we are not the proponents of this process.

And, finally, the last thing. Again I would not want you to suffer from the illusion that we have fallen out of love with anyone. But I sometimes think to myself: why are they doing all this? Why are our American partners trying so obstinately to deploy a missile defence system in Europe when — and this is perfectly obvious — it is not needed to defend against Iranian or — even more obvious — North Korean missiles? (We all know where North Korea is and the kind of range these missiles would need to have to be able to reach Europe.) So it is clearly not against them and it is clearly not against us because it is obvious to everyone that Russia is not preparing to attack anybody. Then why? Is it perhaps to ensure that we carry out these retaliatory measures? And to prevent a further rapprochement between Russian and Europe? If this is the case (and I am not claiming so, but it is a possibility), then I believe that this would be yet another mistake because that is not the way to improve international peace and security.

DER SPIEGEL: A short additional question: would you be prepared to consider the possibility of deploying a similar, Russian missile defence system somewhere near the United States, for example in Cuba?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: You know, I should have talked about this, but you brought it up before me. We are not planning any such thing and, as is well-known, we just recently dismantled our bases in Cuba. At the same time that the Americans are building new ones in Europe, in Romania and in Bulgaria. We dismantled them because after the fall of the Soviet Union our foreign policy changed a great deal because Russian society itself changed. We do not want a confrontation, we want cooperation. And we do not need bases close to anyone and we are not planning anything of the kind. That is the first thing.

The second. Basically, as a rule, modern weapons systems don’t need such bases. These are generally political decisions.

NIKKEI: I am the only representative here from Asia. I would like to ask about your Asian policy.

What is your general position towards Asian countries?

It is possible that you will not like the question but I must nevertheless ask about the Northern Territories and the dispute between Japan and Russia. I just heard from colleagues from Tokyo that Japan and Russia are going to hold a summit on 7 June 2007. And Prime Minister Abe will evidently raise the issue of the Northern Territories. He has already said very clearly that he wants to make a final decision on this issue with you, Mr Putin. And this means that before the end of your term you will somehow need to address this issue. What is your response to his political intentions?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: As you know, a significant portion of Russian territory is in Asia. The Asian continent is developing extremely quickly and holds great interest for us, especially in economic terms. It is not only interesting because we have a great deal of energy resources, something that Asian countries lack, and therefore the possibility to cooperate in the energy sector. There are also broader possibilities for cooperation. We believe that we have things to talk about and room to cooperate in the high-tech sector. We very much expect that this cooperation will help us develop the Asian part of Russia. Over the past 15 years we have witnessed difficulties in this region, including the depopulation of these territories. We are now adopting programmes to develop these Russian regions and intend to pay the closest possible attention to them. This is all associated with our interest in our Asian partners.

You probably know that our trade with both China and Japan is growing. I think that last year it grew by almost 60 percent. Japanese investors are coming to the Russian market and not only in the Far East — also to the European part of Russia. We welcome this interest in developing cooperation between our countries.

As to the so-called disputed islands that you mentioned. We do not consider them disputed because this situation was a result of the Second World War and was confirmed in international law and international documents. But we understand our Japanese partners’ motives. We want to dispose of all the arguments from the past and look for a way forward on this issue together with Japan.

I would like to point out that my own impression is that recently there has been less rhetoric on this issue and the discussion has become more business-like and profound. We welcome this. And I would like to say once again that even the Soviet Union showed a great deal of flexibility on this issue in its time and in 1956 signed a declaration according to which two islands were to remain within the Soviet Union and two would go to Japan. The Supreme Council ratified this declaration as did Japan. And as a matter of fact, this document should have come into force. But our Japanese partners suddenly renounced the document even though they had already ratified it. It goes without saying that in such conditions it is difficult to find a mutually acceptable solution. However, we are determined to work with you towards finding one. And I am looking forward to meeting with my Japanese colleague in Heiligendamm. I hope that we will be able to talk about this issue especially since consultations at the working, expert level have not stopped. On the contrary, they have intensified recently.

THE TIMES: Today the British media are mainly

interested in two issues concerning Russia. The first is the Litvinenko case. And the second is BP and Shell’s experience in Russia.

I would like to ask you two questions. First, are there circumstances in which Russia would agree to Britain’s request to extradite Lugovoi?

And the second question. In light of BP and Shell’s experience in Russia, should British companies invest in Russia?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Are there circumstances in which Russia would extradite Lugovoi? There are. The Constitution of the Russian Federation would have to change. That is the first thing.

Second. Even if the Constitution were to be amended, one would need, of course, valid reasons to do so. Based on the information I received from the Prosecutor General the British party has not yet provided us with sufficient grounds to do so. There is a request for the extradition of Mr Lugovoi but no materials documenting the grounds on which we should do so. As diplomats say, this request has no substance: it is not supported by the materials that constitute the grounds on which our British colleagues asked us to extradite Lugovoi.

Finally, the third thing. As you know a criminal investigation into Litvinenko’s death is proceeding in Britain. And if our law enforcement agencies gather enough evidence to take anyone to court, if there is enough material in connection with any citizen of the Russian Federation to bring this evidence to court, this will certainly be done. And I very much hope that our British colleagues will assist us effectively. Not simply by demanding the extradition of Lugovoi but also by sending enough evidence so that we could put the case before a court. We will do this in Russia and convict any person found guilty of Litvinenko’s murder.

And now about the request itself. I have very mixed feelings about this request. If the people who sent this request did not know that the Russian Constitution prohibits the extradition of Russian citizens to foreign countries then their level of competency must certainly be questioned. In general the heads of such high-ranking law enforcement agencies should know this. And if they do not know this then their place is not in law enforcement agencies but somewhere else. In parliament, for example, or in journalism. But on the other hand, if they did know this but made the request anyways, then it is just a publicity stunt. In other words, you can look at the problem from any way but in all cases you see stupidity. I do not see any positive aspects to what was done. If they did not know then they are incompetent and we have doubts about what they have been doing there. And if they did know and did it anyway then that is pure politics. Both options are bad.

One last point. I think that after the British government allowed a significant number of criminals, thieves and terrorists to gather in Britain they created an environment which endangers the lives and health of British citizens. And all responsibility for this lies with the British side.

Shell. I would like to clarify the issue. What are you interested in with respect to Shell and BP? Shell in Sakhalin, is that right?

THE TIMES: Yes, it is a question about Sakhalin, about BP’s permit. Will it be necessary to renounce the permit or they may still expect to keep it?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Have you seen the original agreement? Have you ever read it?

THE TIMES: Yes.

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Did you like what was written? You know, that is a colonial treaty that has absolutely nothing to do with the interests of the Russian Federation. I can only regret that in the early 1990s the Russian officials allowed such incidents to take place, incidents for which they should have been put in prison. Implementing this treaty resulted in a situation in which, for a long period of time, Russia allowed its natural resources to be exploited and received nothing in return. Almost nothing at all. But if our partners had been fulfilling their obligations correctly then we certainly would have had no chance to rectify the situation. But they are guilty of violating environmental laws and this is a generally accepted fact that is supported with objective data. And I must say that our partners do not even deny it. Environmental experts have corroborated this evidence. Incidentally, Gazprom has received various proposals from its partners to join the project even earlier, before any environmental scandal, but refused to do so. But after the environmental problems arose and there was the threat of fines, I believe that Gazprom's entry quite simply saved the project.

And, finally, one last point. Gazprom did not simply act as a result of our pressure and take something away, Gazprom paid a huge sum of money to enter the project — 8 billion USD. That is a market price. And, as far as I understood, the partners working on the project were satisfied because all the terms and conditions of the treaty are being met and no one is questioning this treaty's purpose. Our foreign partners are receiving all the resources that they had planned to receive from this project. And I think that this is a good example of cooperation and our responsibility even in the face of situations that arose in the early 1990s, situations that were clearly beyond the pale of law.

As to BP, you know that every country has certain rules about working in the subsoil. These rules exist in Russia as well. If anyone believes that they do not need to observe such rules in Russia, they are mistaken. And this does not only concern BP. If you are referring to the Kovyktinskoye deposit — and you evidently have this in mind — in addition to BP there are also Russian companies participating in the project. And this does not only affect BP but also about Mr Wechselberg's company and Mr Potanin's company. They are all Russian economic residents. And for that reason the affair is not limited to BP, to a foreign partner, but to all shareholders that have committed to developing this deposit and, unfortunately, have failed to comply with the terms of their permit. They have not yet started to develop it. According to the permit's conditions they should have already begun extraction last year. And not simply begun but also extracted a certain amount of gas. Unfortunately, they have not done so.

And one can find a huge number of reasons for this, including that it was necessary to be part of a pipeline system. But they already knew this when they applied for a permit. They knew about these problems and potential limitations. And they nevertheless went ahead and got a permit. I am not even going to talk about how they obtained this permit. We will let it rest in the conscience of those who did this at the beginning of the 1990s.

But I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the gas reserves in the field amount to some 3 trillion cubic metres. To understand the volume and

importance for Russia, one might say that this is equivalent to almost all of Canada's reserves. But if the participants in this consortium are not doing anything to use their permit, how long should we wait?

Obviously the Ministry of Natural Resources raised the issue of withdrawing the permit. Even though, as you can see, negotiations are going on and I don't know what they will end with. I don't know what decision the Natural Resources Ministry and the company shareholders will make. I deliberately say company shareholders because if you talk about the company BP, and not simply about the Russian part of the corporation that was preparing to develop the Kovyktinskoye deposit, then to a large or a significant degree its deposits in the world are increasing at Russia's expense. And if you talk with the past or present BP leadership they will confirm this.

Moreover, 25 percent of BP's revenues come from its activities in the Russian Federation. We welcome the company's participation in the Russian economy and will continue to support and help companies but we want their activities to be executed within existing legislation.

KOMMERSANT: Vladimir Vladimirovich, in my opinion, recently Russia's relations with the West are developing at a catastrophic speed. If you examine them then you see that everything is very bad and going from bad to worse: the energy dialogue is frozen, no one is even talking about the Energy Charter, the arms race is proceeding. And you acknowledge it yourself. Yesterday you said that, yes, there is an arms race — you used precisely those words. And there is a new word in your vocabulary that was not there before, the word imperialism. That is a word from Soviet times. American imperialism and Israeli militarism were both terms that you must remember. And they were countered only by Soviet peace initiatives, as they are now countered by Russian peace initiatives. I would like to ask: do you not think it is possible to talk about certain compromises, to engage in compromises, to look even occasionally, even for show, at public opinion in Europe, in America and, finally, in Russia? Do you not think that this present course is leading nowhere? It is becoming, even gaining new strength with, this arms race, with these missiles of ours. To what purpose?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Frankly, I find this question quite strange and unexpected. An arms race really is unfolding. Well, was it we who withdrew from the ABM Treaty? We must react to what our partners do. We already told them two years ago, "don't do this, you don't need to do this. What are you doing? You are destroying the system of international security. You must understand that you are forcing us to take retaliatory steps." They said: "okay, no problem, go ahead. We are not enemies. Do what you want to." I think that this was based on the illusion that Russia would have nothing to answer with. But we warned them. No, they did not listen to us. Then we heard about them developing low-yield nuclear weapons and they are continuing to develop these charges. We understand in the rocks where bin Laden is hiding it might be necessary to, shall we say, destroy some of his asylum. Yes, such an objective probably exists.

But perhaps it would be better to look for other ways and means to resolve the problem rather than create low-yield nuclear weapons, lower the threshold for using nuclear weapons, and thereby put humankind

on the brink of nuclear catastrophe. But they are not listening to us. We are saying: do not deploy weapons in space. We don't want to do that. No, it continues: "whoever is not with us is against us". What is that? Is it a dialogue or a search for compromise? The entire dialogue can be summed up by: whoever is not with us is against us.

I talked about how we implemented the ACAF, the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty. We really have implemented it; I wasn't inventing anything. And there are inspection groups that come, they go onsite, our western partners check and see everything. We implemented it. And in response we get bases and a missile defence system in Europe. So what should we do?

You talked about public opinion. Public opinion in Russia is in favour of us ensuring our security. Where can you find a public in favour of the idea that we must completely disarm, and then perhaps, according to theorists such as Zbigniew Brzezinski, that we must divide our territory into three or four parts.

If such a public did exist, I would argue with it. I was not elected President of the Russian Federation to put my country on the brink of disaster. And if this equilibrium in the world is finally broken then it will be a catastrophe not only for Russia but also for the whole world.

Some people have the illusion that you can do everything just as you want, irregardless of the interests of other people. Of course it is for precisely this reason that the international situation gets worse and eventually results in an arms race as you pointed out. But we are not the instigators. We do not want it. Why would we want to divert resources to this? And we are not jeopardising our relations with anyone. But we must respond.

Name even one step that we have taken or one action of ours designed to worsen the situation. There are none. We are not interested in that. We are interested in having a good atmosphere, environment and energy dialogue around Russia.

We already talked about how we subsidized countries, the former republics of the Soviet Union, by providing them with cheap energy for 15 years. Why did we need to do that, where is the logic, what is the justification for this? We subsidised Ukraine for 15 years, by three to five billion dollars a year. Just think about it! Who else in the world does this? And our actions are not politicized. They are not political actions.

The very best example and proof of this — and I talked about this recently at a press conference — is the Baltic countries that we also subsidised for all these years. When we realised that the Baltic states were engaging in honest economic relations with us and that they were ready to transfer to world, to European pricing, then we met them half way. We said: "fine. We are going to continue to deliver energy to you at discounted prices. Let's agree on a timetable for a transition to European prices". We agreed with them and signed the relevant documents. Within three years they had gently overcome the transition to European pricing. Even considering the fact that we did not have a border treaty with Latvia and there was a serious political disagreement on this issue, until last year Latvia received cheap Russian gas and, as a whole, the gas Latvia received in 2006 was about a third cheaper than what it was for, for example, Germany. Ask the Latvian Prime Minister and he will confirm this.

When the Ukrainian question arose then we were told that this was a political decision and they accused us of supporting Lukashenko's regime, a regime that western countries are not very fond of. We said: "listen, first of all, we cannot simply declare war on all fronts. Secondly, we are planning to transfer to market pricing with all of our partners. The time will come when we do this with Belarus as well". We did this. Yet once we had done so the noise began, including in the western media: what are we doing there, why are we harming small Belarus? Is this a fair and admirable attitude towards Russia? We switched to one pricing regime with all the countries of the Caucasus: with Georgia — with whom we do not have very good political relations — and with Armenia, with whom we have excellent relations and a strategic alliance. Yes, we have heard a lot of criticism including from our Armenian partners but at the end of the day we were able to understand one another and find a way forward. They could not pay the entire price with liquid and therefore are paying in physical assets. With live, real assets and all of this is formalised on paper. No one can accuse us of politicizing these issues. We are not preparing to spend huge amounts of money subsidising other countries' economies. We are ready to develop integration on the territory of the former Soviet Union, but it must be integration on an equal footing. But you know, they are coming closer and closer to our interests and everyone is increasingly expecting that we are not going to defend these interests. If we want order and international law to prevail in the international arena then we must respect this law and the interests of all members of the international community. That is all.

KOMMERSANT: When I mentioned public opinion in Russia I was referring to the fact that, as I understand it, public opinion in Russia would be strongly opposed to a new arms race after the one the Soviet Union lost.

VLADIMIR PUTIN: And I am also against an arms race. I am opposed to any kind of arms race but I would like to quickly draw your attention to something I said in last year's Address [to the Federal Assembly]. We have learned from the Soviet Union's experience and we will not be drawn into an arms race that anyone imposes on us. We will not respond symmetrically, we will respond with other methods and means that are no less effective. This is called an asymmetrical response.

The United States are building a huge and costly missile defence system which will cost dozens and dozens of billions of dollars. We said: "no, we are not going to be pulled into this race. We will construct systems that will be much cheaper yet effective enough to overcome the missile defence system and therefore maintain the balance of power in the world." And we are going to proceed this way in the future.

Moreover, I want to draw your attention to the fact that, despite our retaliatory measures, the volume of our defence expenditures as a percentage of GDP is not growing. They were 2,7 percent of GDP and will remain so. We are planning the same amount of defence spending for the next 5 to 10 years. This is fully in line with the average expenditures of NATO countries. This amount is not more than their average defence expenditures and in some cases it is even lower than that of NATO member countries. And we can use our competitive advantages which include quite advanced military-industrial capabilities and the

intellectual capacities of those who work in our military complex. There are good results and good people. In any case, much of this has been preserved, and we will do everything possible in order not only to maintain but also to develop this potential.

CORRERE DELLA SERA: Mr President, two more points about the strategic balance in Europe. I would like to ask you whether you think that the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF) is presently at risk and if it could lose force judging by what happened to the ACAF?

And the second point. You said that you do not want to participate in an arms race. But if the United States continues building a strategic shield in Poland and the Czech Republic, will we not return to the situation and times in which the former Soviet Union's nuclear forces were focused on European cities, on European targets?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Certainly. Of course we will return to those times. And it is clear that if part of the United States' nuclear capability is situated in Europe and that our military experts consider that they represent a potential threat then we will have to take appropriate retaliatory steps. What steps? Of course we must have new targets in Europe. And determining precisely which means will be used to destroy the installations that our experts believe represent a potential threat for the Russian Federation is a matter of technology. Ballistic or cruise missiles or a completely new system. I repeat that it is a matter of technology.

CORRIERE DELLA SERA: And what about the INF Treaty?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: The Treaty on intermediate-range nuclear forces is a broader problem and not directly related to the United States' missile defence system.

The issue at hand is that only the U.S. and Russia are prevented from developing intermediate-range missiles and, meanwhile, a lot of other countries are doing so. I already talked about this. They include Israel, Pakistan, Iran and North Korea. If this were a comprehensive agreement then it would be clear that all must abide by it. But when almost all countries in the world are developing or planning to develop these missiles, I do not quite understand why there should be limits for either the United States or Russia.

We have non-proliferation agreements. That is clear. These agreements are comprehensive. We find it difficult but until now we have kept the world from taking any steps that might exacerbate the situation or, God forbid, result in disaster.

And I repeat that these agreements are not comprehensive with respect to intermediate-range missiles, so we certainly do think about what we need to do to ensure our safety. I repeat that many countries are doing this, including our neighbours.

And I want to emphasise again that this has nothing to do with the United States' plans to deploy a missile defence system in Europe. But we will find answers to both threats.

LE FIGARO: Mr President, at the G8 summit you will meet with the newly elected President Sarkozy. You had a close working relationship with President Chirac, the former President of France. How do you imagine relations between Russia and France developing during the Sarkozy presidency, since Mr Sarkozy is regarded as a friend of America's and expected to focus his foreign policy on human rights?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: You know, I would be very

happy if someone were to focus on the problem of human rights. I just read Amnesty International's report and there are many issues that apply not only to Russia but also to our partners, including within the G8. The criticism is very harsh: issues such as violations of the rights of the media, torture, police that mistreat detainees, migration legislation. I think that we should all pay attention to these issues.

And I can only be happy if someone is a friend of the United States because we also think of ourselves as friends of the United States. I say that without exaggeration even though you could perhaps find a contradiction in light of the fact that we are now discussing problems such as missile defence, the ACAF and others so heatedly. It may not seem convincing but it is the case. Our relations are very different then, shall we say, 20 or even 15 years ago. And when the U.S. President says that we are no longer enemies I not only believe him but I feel the same way myself. Because the issue is not limited to who is whose friend and which friendship is stronger. The issue at hand is how to strengthen the present system of international security, what we need to do to attain this, and what is preventing us from doing so. And in this respect we have different positions and different opinions. We have one point of view, our American partners have another.

As far as I was able to tell when Mr Sarkozy made one of his first public statements, he stressed that he was indeed a friend of the United States. But along with this he said that that did not mean that we must agree on everything, and our friends have to admit that on a range of questions we can have our own views. I can only welcome this because I personally have taken exactly the same approach. And I do not see anything unusual here if we express our views and defend a position on a given issue. How is that unusual?

On the question of our relations with France, they run deep, there are mutual political interests, common interests. We have similar positions on many international issues. There is a large amount of economic cooperation and, most importantly, very high potential further cooperation. All this creates a good basis for the development of future relations. I very much hope that this will take place. In any case, during the conversation I had with the newly elected President of France on the phone, we spoke of how the French leadership intended to embark on similar positive work. We have scheduled a meeting with the President of France in Germany during the G8, we shall get to know each other. I think that we will establish good working and personal relations. In any case, I would very much like to do so and we will work hard to achieve this.

LE FIGARO: Let me ask you a question about gas. It concerns developing the Shtokman deposit with Gazprom. Gazprom has decided to develop the Shtokman deposit on its own, without the consortium. And, as you know, this is a test of the investment climate in Russia. Do you think that there is any possibility that Western oil companies will be involved in this project?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Gazprom did not say that there will be no consortium. Gazprom did announce that it will develop the deposit by itself. These are still things we have to separate. Gazprom will be the sole developer and have sole ownership, but this does not mean that Gazprom does not intend to try to work with foreign partners in fields such as mining. And if

we do engage in gas liquification then Gazprom will be ready to continue to engage in broad cooperation with foreign partners, including in the design and construction of a plant to liquefy gas, in distribution and in selling gas.

THE GLOBE AND MAIL: Rumours suggesting that Russia should no longer be a member of the G8 continue to circulate. They say that your country is moving away from the values of liberal democracy, has been unable to improve its record in terms of political freedom, transparency, the development of human rights, and so forth. People are saying that part of the Russian economy has moved away from the principles of free economy and is now back in the hands of the state. According to this point of view, your country might no longer be considered as belonging to the ranks of industrialised countries that make up the G8.

How do you respond to such assertions?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: I would say that this is the usual stupidity and perhaps motivated by a desire to draw attention to oneself, perhaps to gain some political goals, aggravate problems, or to attract special attention to these issues. We ourselves did not ask to join the G8. It was offered to us and we are delighted to be there.

Russia, as you know, is changing and changing very rapidly. Measured in economic terms we are now ninth in the world and by some indicators have already overtaken certain G8 countries. If we consider the magnitude of the economy in a certain way then we have already overtaken some of the G8 countries.

Russia has enormous gold and currency reserves, the third largest in the world. Russia has very sound macroeconomic policies and thereby influences the global financial market. Maybe this is not very significant degree today, but nevertheless important.

Russia is one of the leading players in international energy policy. I said last year that we had moved into first place as an oil producer, ahead of everybody. And we have already been ranked as the largest producer of natural gas for a long time. Russia's role and significance in the energy sector are increasing and will continue to grow.

After all, Russia is one of the biggest nuclear powers. Let us not forget that Russia is one of the founding members of the United Nations and a permanent member of the Security Council.

If someone wants to turn the G8 into an exclusive club for a few members who will try to resolve humanity's problems among themselves, I think that no good will come of it.

On the contrary, we are presently examining the idea of extending the G8 club with a view to involving other countries more systematically in the G8: China, India, Brazil, Mexico and the Republic of South Africa.

Let us not be hypocritical about democratic freedoms and human rights. I already said that I have a copy of Amnesty International's report including on the United States. There is probably no need to repeat this so as not to offend anyone. If you wish, I shall now report how the United States does in all this. We have an expression that is perhaps difficult to translate but it means that one can always have plenty to say about others. Amnesty International has concluded that the United States is now the principal violator of human rights and freedoms worldwide. I have the quote here, I can show you. And there is argumentation behind it.

There are similar claims about Great Britain, France or the Federal Republic of Germany. The same could be said of Russia. But let us not forget that other countries in the G8 have not experienced the dramatic transformations that the Russian Federation has undergone. They have not experienced a civil war, which we, in fact, had in the Caucasus.

And yet we have preserved many of the so-called common values even better than some other G8 countries. Despite serious conflicts in the Caucasus, we have not abandoned our moratorium on the death penalty. And, as we know, in some G8 countries this penalty is applied quite consistently and strictly enforced.

So I think that such discussions are certainly possible, but I am sure they have no serious justification.

Let me say again that, as far as I know, the German presidency of the G8 wants to formulate rules for dealing with some of the major economies of the world on an ongoing basis. I have already listed these countries and we certainly support our German partners. I think this initiative is absolutely valid.

THE GLOBE AND MAIL: A follow-up question. You talked about the problems of a unipolar world. Have you considered the possibility of creating some kind of alliance, some formal relations between countries, which could be seen as an alternative pole in the system of international relations?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: I think it would be a dead end, the wrong way to go about development. We advocate a multipolar world. We believe that it should be diverse and respect the interests of the overwhelming majority of the international community. We must create these rules and learn to respect these rules.

DER SPIEGEL: Mr President, former Federal Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder called you a 'pure democrat'. Do you consider yourself such?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: (laughs) Am I a 'pure democrat'? Of course I am, absolutely. But do you know what the problem is? Not even a problem but a real tragedy? The problem is that I'm all alone, the only one of my kind in the whole wide world. Just look at what's happening in North America, it's simply awful: torture, homeless people, Guantanamo, people detained without trial and investigation. Just look at what's happening in Europe: harsh treatment of demonstrators, rubber bullets and tear gas used first in one capital then in another, demonstrators killed on the streets. That's not even to mention the post-Soviet area. Only the guys in Ukraine still gave hope, but they've completely discredited themselves now and things are moving towards total tyranny there; complete violation of the Constitution and the law and so on. There is no one to talk to since Mahatma Gandhi died.

DER SPIEGEL: And your country is not moving at all back towards a totalitarian regime?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: There is no truth in that. Do not believe what you hear.

DER SPIEGEL: You had very close relations with Gerhard Schroeder. Do you think that Angela Merkel, the new chancellor, is more inclined to seek contact with the United States rather than with Russia?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Every person and every politician chooses their own style of behaviour and sets their own priorities. I do not have the impression that there has been any worsening of our relations with Germany. For all my good relations with Gerhard

Schroeder, I can say that I have also established very good and businesslike relations with Ms Merkel. Yes, she shows more persistence in some areas. She is very happy to fight for Polish meat, for example. As I have already said, she does not want to eat it herself: we all know that a delivery of Polish meat was seized in Berlin. But when it comes to the key issues, the questions of principle, there are no problems between us that could get in the way of developing the ties between our countries. We have very pragmatic and consistent relations and we see that there is continuity with regard to the previous government's policy when it comes to relations with Russia.

KOMMERSANT: Vladimir Vladimirovich, this is perhaps more of a local, specific matter, but I think the issue is nevertheless important. Our newspaper has been writing over the last few days about the fact that, two days ago, the Federal Customs Service banned biological materials from being taken out of the country. It is quite simply not letting them out of the country.

VLADIMIR PUTIN: What are these biological materials?

KOMMERSANT: Samples of biological materials, things such as blood samples, pieces of human tissue, material that is needed for carrying out quality analysis in the West where there are large-scale data bases. This is needed in order to establish the most accurate diagnosis for people in Russia who have cancer, for example, and in order, ultimately, to be able to operate on them and help them. But the customs service is not letting these samples out of the country. Various explanations are being circulated as to why this is so, but facts remains facts. The Federal Customs Service even issued a statement today saying that some rules would soon be drawn up on this matter. But the samples are already not being allowed out of the country. What is your view on this matter?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: It is hard for me to say exactly because I do not know very much about this. I think that rules should be drawn up, and the Health Ministry should take part in this work. You say that these samples are sent abroad in order to help people, but my question in this case is: who has been helped through this and what help have they actually received? Are there any statistics? I do not have any such statistics and, overall, I have my doubts as to whether anyone has been specifically helped through these biological samples being sent abroad.

KOMMERSANT: Getting a correct diagnosis is already a form of help, and it is these international data bases abroad that are used to establish the correct diagnosis.

VLADIMIR PUTIN: And where is this diagnosis? Show me statistics proving that someone has received the correct diagnosis as a result of this work?

KOMMERSANT: We can show you these statistics.

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Send them to me then. But one should be working with the Health Ministry on all of this. All countries have rules on issues such as organs, tissues and so on being taken out of the country. This is a sensitive issue and any civilised country should have some rules in this area, Russia too. I do not know all the details of this issue, but rules will be put in place and we will all work within their framework.

KOMMERSANT: But perhaps the border could be opened again while the rules are being drafted?

Perhaps the previous rules could continue to be applied over this period?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: There are no previous rules. If there had been a set of rules, it would be possible to say whether or not violations have taken place, but there simply was no previous set of rules. Now we need to take steps to bring order to this situation and the Health Ministry's specialists need to get involved in this work and set out their position.

NIKKEI: Asian people see Russia through the prism of relations with the United States and Europe. I think that we need to look at Russia directly as an Asian country because Russia is a big country and a substantial part of its territory lies in Asia. Now, we are seeing economic growth in Asia taking place at a pace that would have been hard to imagine in the past.

The Asian countries are all growing very fast. Japan has entered a new period of growth and China, of course, is one of the fastest-growing countries. Various bilateral agreements on trade preferences and so on have been signed in Asia alongside the multilateral agreements. Russia is also showing rapid economic growth. How do you plan to take part in the Asian region's dynamic development and how do you plan to work within the six-party group? Why not make use of the possibilities investment cooperation offers as a form of cooperation?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Could you specify which six-party group you are referring to?

NIKKEI: The six-party talks on resolving the situation in North Korea. Russia is one of the parties in these negotiations, the aim of which is to resolve the North Korean issue. How do you plan to play a more active part in this process?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: We are actively involved in the six-party negotiations on the North Korean nuclear issue. You have probably been able to see for yourself that our position on this complex issue is very productive, and our position has indeed helped to achieve positive results in this area. We have always taken the view that we need to avoid anything that could drive the negotiations into deadlock, and that we need to take North Korea's interests into account and work towards agreements that all sides can accept. China has worked very hard, of course, to help achieve a positive outcome. I think that all the parties in this process have shown goodwill and have demonstrated that, despite the seriousness of the problem, they all seek an agreement and are willing to look for compromise solutions that can always be found. We will continue our work in this area.

Regarding Asia as a whole, I have already said that Asia is one of our priorities. We will work together within the international organisations and we already take part in many Asian forums and will continue to participate in their work.

As for economic matters, if we take the energy issue, one of the most pressing problems, you know that we are already building an oil pipeline to the Pacific coast and we are looking at building a gas pipeline as well. Active work is underway on plans to build a gas pipeline to China and also to the Pacific coast.

We will also continue to work together in other sectors, in the high-technology sector and in military-technical cooperation. We will develop multilateral cooperation with Asia.

THE TIMES: Tony Blair has finally decided to give his support to Gordon Brown to become the new prime minister. Do you think this is the right choice?

For your part, who would you like to see as the next President of Russia?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: If you are hinting at Gordon Brown, for all the respect I have for him, he is not likely to become President of Russia. (Laughter).

The Labour Party's choice is not our affair. We know Gordon Brown to be a top-class specialist and I hope that if he does indeed become prime minister the positive results obtained over recent years will be taken into account and we will be able to develop further our relations with the United Kingdom. We have many common interests in a wide variety of areas. Tony and I have discussed this on many occasions. We have discussed our cooperation and the prospects for work together between the Russian and British governments.

I remember what a warm welcome I received when I made a state visit to the United Kingdom. All of these things have so many positive elements that can help us to continue moving forward. As for the decisions taken within the Labour Party, we will of course agree with its decision and will work with our new partners whoever they may be.

As for Russia, unlike in the United Kingdom, where the prime minister is chosen within a political party, the President here is elected by Russian voters through direct secret ballot.

THE TIMES: But even so, what kind of person would you like to see, and what kind of qualities should they have?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: I would like to see above all someone who is decent and honest, someone with a high level of professionalism and experience who has already proven themselves and achieved positive results at regional or federal level. In other words, I would like to see someone who can inspire confidence in the great majority of Russian voters through the election campaign and the election process.

SPIEGEL: Could this person be someone who has already been president?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: There has been only one previous President of Russia – Boris Yeltsin. Today is a day of memory for Boris Yeltsin – the fortieth day since his passing. There have been no other presidents of the Russian Federation. My term in office is coming to an end. I do not even understand what you are talking about.

WALL STREET JOURNAL: Now that your term in office is coming to an end, how would you like history to remember your presidency? What are the main achievements of your presidency you would like to see remembered? In this respect, which Russian or world leader's rule would you like your presidency to be compared to?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Starting from the end, why make comparisons? The situation in each historical period and in each country is always unique in its way and I do not see the need to make comparisons. Time will pass and the specialists, the public and the experts will objectively assess what I was able to achieve during these eight years as President of the Russian Federation.

I think there are things of which I and the people who have worked with me can feel deservedly proud. They include restoring Russia's territorial integrity, strengthening the state, progress towards establishing a multiparty system, strengthening the parliamentary system, restoring the Armed Forces' potential and, of course, developing the economy. As you know, our

economy has been growing by 6.9 percent a year on average over this time, and our GDP increased by 7.7 percent over the first four months of this year alone.

When I began my work in 2000, 30 percent of our population was living below the poverty line. There has been a two-fold drop in the number of people living below the poverty line since then and the figure today is around 15 percent. By 2009-2010, we will bring this figure down to 10 percent, and this will bring us in line with the European average.

We had enormous debts, simply catastrophic for our economy, but we have paid them off in full now. Not only have we paid our debts, but we now have the best foreign debt to GDP ratio in Europe. Our gold and currency reserve figures are well known: in 2000, they stood at just \$12 billion and we had a debt of more than 100 percent of GDP, but now we have the third-biggest gold and currency reserves in the world and they increased by \$90 billion over the first four months of this year alone.

During the 1990s and even in 2000-2001, we had massive capital flight from Russia with \$15 billion, \$20 billion or \$25 billion leaving the country every year. Last year we reversed this situation for the first time and had capital inflow of \$41 billion. We have already had capital inflow of \$40 billion over the first four months of this year. Russia's stock market capitalisation showed immense growth last year and increased by more than 50 percent. This is one of the best results in the world, perhaps even the best. Our economy was near the bottom of the list of world economies in terms of size but today it has climbed to ninth place and in some areas has even overtaken some of the other G8 countries' economies. This means that today we are able to tackle social problems. Real incomes are growing by around 12 percent a year. Real income growth over the first four months of this year came to just over 18 percent, while wages rose by 11-12 percent.

Looking at the problems we have yet to resolve, one of the biggest is the huge income gap between the people at the top and the bottom of the scale. Combating poverty is obviously one of our top priorities in the immediate term and we still have to do a lot to improve our pension system too because the correlation between pensions and the average wage is still lower here than in Europe. The gap between incomes at the top and bottom end of the scale is still high here – a 15.6-15.7-fold difference. This is less than in the United States today (they have a figure of 15.9) but more than in the UK or Italy (where they have 13.6-13.7). But this remains a big gap for us and fighting poverty is one of our biggest priorities.

The demographic situation is another priority. We need to do all we can to change the demographic situation. We have adopted a special programme in this area. I will not repeat all the programme's details now but we are allocating major resources to its implementation and I am sure that it will achieve results.

On the issue of state-building, we are often criticised for centralising state power, but few pay attention to the fact that we have made a whole number of decisions to decentralise state power and have transferred considerable powers to the regional and, most importantly, to the municipal authorities.

It was with amazement that I followed the debate in Germany on what powers to give to the lands. I followed this whole debate with amazement and saw that we have long since already done all of this. It

would be simply comical in Russia today to hear a debate on giving the municipal or regional authorities the power to decide, for example, on the opening and closing of shops and so on. Russian municipalities have much broader powers than in many European countries, and we think that this is the right policy. Unfortunately, we had a situation in which the financial resources were not available to back these powers, but we are gradually changing this situation. That is as concerns the general situation in this area now in Russia, though we still have much work to do.

CORRIERE DELLA SERA: Mr President, I promised my colleagues that I would keep silent, but I have one more very brief question for you. I realise that it is Russia's voters who will elect the next president, but could you perhaps say something about what you, Vladimir Putin, will do after your term in office ends?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: I will work, that is for sure, but where and in what capacity I cannot say at this point. I do have some ideas on this point but it is early as yet to talk about them. Even under current Russian law I am still a long way away from retirement age and it would make no sense to just sit at home and twiddle my thumbs.

But I do not want to talk about my possible future plans at this point. To be honest, I just do not think it right to get public opinion all excited over this matter right now. We have to wait and see how the situation shapes up, how the political process in Russia progresses over this year and the beginning of next year. There are a number of different possibilities.

CORRIERE DELLA SERA: I have a second question on Russian foreign policy. It seems to me that Russian foreign policy does not offer any real alternative to say U.S. or European foreign policy.

One example is Iran. Of course, Russia does not want Iran to become a nuclear state, after all, Iran is very close to Russia's borders. But what alternative is there to the West's policy of sanctions, to the policy the West has pursued, including with Russia's participation, in the UN? Do you see any alternative that Russia could put forward?

Kosovo is another example. I know your position on Kosovo, your position regarding direct negotiations between the Serbs and the Kosovars. But do you not think that the position you have taken against Mr Ahtisaari and the UN could actually encourage Kosovo to unilaterally declare independence?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Regarding what Russia can propose by way of solutions to complex or at first glance irresolvable problems, I just spoke about the North Korean issue with your colleague, Mr Ota. We all know that despite this problem's complexity, a solution has been found, and it is possible to settle issues when, rather than dramatising the situation and driving things into a dead end, the parties decide to look for ways out of the deadlock and accept a compromise. Problems can be solved without having to use threats and armed force, and we support this method of settling issues.

Regarding Kosovo, you mentioned that we support the idea of dialogue between Kosovo's Albanian population and the Serbs. But that does not fully sum up our position. I would like to say a bit more on this point.

First, our position is based on the principles of international law, and one of these main principles is that of a state's territorial integrity.

Second, our position is also based on United

Nations Security Council Resolution 1244, which, I want to stress, was voted for unanimously, and which no one has repealed. This resolution sets out clearly, black on white, that Kosovo is an integral part of Serbia.

If we want to place the principle of a people's right to self-determination – the principle behind the Soviet Union's policy during the time when peoples were struggling to free themselves from colonialism – above the principle of territorial integrity, this policy and this decision should be universal and should apply to all parts of the world, and at least to all parts of Europe. We are not convinced by our partners' statements to the effect that Kosovo is a unique case. There is nothing to suggest that the case of Kosovo is any different to that of South Ossetia, Abkhazia or Trans-Dniester. The Yugoslav communist empire collapsed in one case and the Soviet communist empire collapsed in the second. Both cases had their litany of war, victims, criminals and the victims of crimes. South Ossetia, Abkhazia and Trans-Dniester have been living essentially as independent states for 15 years now and have elected parliaments and presidents and adopted constitutions. There is no difference.

We do not understand why we should support one principle in one part of Europe and follow other principles in other parts of Europe, denying peoples in the Caucasus, say, the right to self-determination.

I do not rule out that gradual work on the Serbian side could eventually transform their view on Kosovo. I do not want to speak for the Serbs, but ongoing and tactful work could result in some kind of compromise being reached.

I do not understand the need today to force an entire European people to its knees and humiliate it so that an entire nation will then look upon those who have brought about this situation as enemies. These kinds of issues should be settled only through a process of agreement and compromise, and I think that we have not yet exhausted our possibilities in this respect.

We are told that there is a need to hurry, but hurry where? What is taking place to make so urgent to leap about like, excuse the expression, a flea in a lasso?

CORRIERE DELLA SERA: Could you say a few words about Iran?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: I already said that we were able to settle the North Korean issue without making any particular threats and without the use of force. Why should we not be able to find a solution to the Iranian problem? We need to keep searching and we need to be patient.

I agree that it is a complex issue. Mr Solana just met in Madrid, I think with Iranian representatives and the dialogue continues. We want it to continue in the future. As you can see, we are working together with all the members of the UN Security Council to look for mutually acceptable solutions, and we feel the highest degree of responsibility for this work.

THE TIMES: Can I ask you in this respect: do you agree with President Bush that it would be unacceptable for Iran to have nuclear weapons?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: I absolutely agree.

LE FIGARO: I would like to respond to your comments on Kosovo. I do not see any possibility for a compromise solution. Could you explain what kind of compromise would be possible? A country is either independent or it is not. What kind of compromise is possible here?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: If I knew, I would have long since proposed it. We need to keep looking. This is difficult and complex work. I do not know. I do not know at the moment. But Montenegro and Serbia, for example, reached a compromise for a period in their history, and everyone agreed with it. That's just one example. But has it not occurred to you that asserting the principle of the right to self-determination could set off negative processes of the kind that Russia encounters, and not just in the post-Soviet area? It would be hard for us to explain to the different peoples of the North Caucasus why people in one part of Europe have this right, but they do not. You have, for example, the situation where part of the Ossetian people lives in Russia and the other part lives on Georgian territory and consider themselves an independent state, and how do we explain to the Ossetians why they cannot enjoy the same rights as other peoples in Europe, why Albanians are allowed to enjoy these rights but not Ossetians? This would be impossible to explain.

Furthermore, this decision would encourage separatist movements in Europe itself. Scotland, as far as I know, plans to hold a referendum on independence in three years' time. Similar movements exist in Catalonia and this process has been going on for a long time now in the Basque Country. If we dig deeper into the situation in the Balkans, we see that the Republika Srpska will want to unite with Serbia. Southern Europe has other problems as well. I do not want even to name all these problems so not to provoke any movements of this kind, but if you talk with the experts, you see that there are a whole lot of problems of this kind, and why provoke the situation? I think this is very harmful and dangerous. If someone wants to play along with people who for whatever reason are in a rush and say there is no time, though no time for what it is not clear, then please, go ahead, but we cannot agree to this.

LE FIGARO: I have another question, on the economy, on Russia's wish to participate in European companies, in EADS in particular, the European aerospace company. What aims is Russia pursuing in this respect? What can you say to people in Western Europe who are a bit worried about just what objectives Russia is pursuing in entering the capital of European companies?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: What is there to be afraid of if Russian companies are bringing much-needed investment into other European countries? This is something that should be welcomed, something that should be received with thanks. Our companies are operating in market conditions. They are not coming to take anything away from anyone; they are investing, creating jobs, contributing to economic development. You mentioned EADS. We know that EADS faces a number of problems, and if we had reached an agreement on a Russian investor coming in, it would have perhaps been possible to preserve jobs at Airbus. It would have perhaps been possible to avoid laying off hundreds of people. I am just citing this case by way of example. What is there to fear? I do not see any danger. I see only the possibility to unite our potential, all the more so as we do have something to offer in the aviation sector. We have our own problems in this sector but we are currently in the process of developing a large holding and we do have something to offer, interesting projects and developments. We have the Be-200 fire-fighting aircraft, for example, which is unique in its class.

There is no other such plane in the world. We saw how southern Europe's forests have been so badly affected by fires over these last years. Why not use this plane?

I realise that Russian manufacturers would establish their hold on certain segments of the market, but I have no doubt that the sector in Europe in general would only benefit from this process.

Let's be frank too, competition is tough. The global market is monopolised by two or three players – U.S. and European – competing fiercely against each other. But if the Europeans do not want us to work with them, we will look for partners elsewhere. In some areas of the aircraft manufacturing market we will always work together with someone or other. Boeing already has a bureau in Moscow that carried out a huge amount of work on the development of Boeing's latest aircraft. There are things we could work on together, and as I said, this work could be productive and could help to make us all more competitive.

As for other investment, in the energy sector, for example, if Gazprom or any other of our energy companies gain a stake in the gas distribution networks, it will be very much in their interests to ensure that these networks are filled with gas, and what could be bad about that? Everyone would stand to benefit.

We have agreed with our German partners to build the North-European Gas Pipeline. People see this, for some reason, as bypassing other countries, but it is not at all about bypassing any other country, rather, it is simply about establishing an additional route to transport energy resources to Europe. We are not shutting off or cutting back anything, we are simply building an additional transport route. The two sides have stakes of 49 and 51 percent in this pipeline. Germany is allowing us to enter the networks on its territory, and we are allowing them to take part in production activity on our territory. This means that German consumers can be confident about future production and supply volumes and about the quality of the work carried out. This raises the level of energy security in Europe and reassures market participants that everything will work with reliable precision, like a watch.

Yes, we are interested in cooperation in the high-technology sectors. The old COCOM lists were formally abolished but many restrictions remain in place today and we think this is an obstacle to global economic development, a harmful obstacle that does not at all reflect the current state of international relations. These restrictions are a relic of the past and they should be lifted. Our businesspeople acquired a 25 or 30-percent stake in a major Austrian construction company, say, and are now bringing this company onto our construction market. They have the possibility of carrying out joint work for a total of \$25 billion over the next 14 years in just one place in Russia alone, and what could possibly be bad in this for the company in question? It has guaranteed itself work for the next 14 years and will build a new residential district in Yekaterinburg.

CORRIERE DELLA SERA: Can the same be said about Aeroflot?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: If Aeroflot, as a commercial company, reaches an agreement on cooperation with Al Italia, and Al Italia considers this expedient and profitable, we will welcome it. We intend to help Aeroflot improve its position in Russia,

but the company will operate as an equal player on the market and we will not give it any special preference. If our partners in Italy think it would make economic sense for them to unite forces with Aeroflot on markets, passenger and freight transport, ticket distribution and other services, we would only welcome this.

WALL STREET JOURNAL: Don't you think that there is discrimination against Russian companies in the West? Do you think they are not being welcomed for political reasons?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Your colleague mentioned fears and concerns, though I do not understand what basis they could have. I think that it is simply that this is a new situation and people are not used to it yet. Everyone is used to seeing Russia receive humanitarian aid and here it is suddenly investing or ready to invest billions of dollars. I think that public opinion is still getting used to this idea, but this is the reality today and this process is only going to gather momentum.

In cooperating with Russia, there is no threat, not even in the long term, of a flood of cheap consumer goods coming in, as it does from some Asian countries.

WALL STREET JOURNAL: I think people are more afraid of political influence or of economic levers being used.

VLADIMIR PUTIN: This is laughable and it simply arises from ignorance of what is actually happening in today's world. When I was in Bulgaria, President Prvanov said to me, "Your company, Lukoil, has invested \$300 million here and has bought a network of service stations here". I only learnt of this from him. I do not know what Lukoil is doing in Bulgaria. CONOCO-Philips already has a 10-percent stake in Lukoil. This is a company with international participation now. If we take Gazprom, which everyone seems to be so afraid of, Germany's Ruhrgas has a stake of more than 10 percent in the company today and has a representative on the board of directors. Many of our other companies have also opened up to foreign participation.

One of your colleagues or even you yourself said that we are developing state capitalism, but this is not the case. Yes, we are pursuing policies of consolidation and mobilisation in some areas, in shipbuilding and aircraft manufacturing, for example, areas where we have decided to establish state corporations, but take a look at what other countries are doing. Look at what South Korea did in the shipbuilding sector in the mid-1960s, for example. Look at their decisions and the preferences for their companies they wrote into law and everything will be clear. Some things have already been tried and tested in the world. The same is true in aircraft manufacturing. Unfortunately, without state support, aircraft manufacturing in Russia, especially civilian aircraft manufacturing, finds itself in a very difficult situation.

We are not increasing the amount of state-owned assets by creating these corporations, and I want to stress this point. We are simply gathering existing state-owned assets under one legal roof in order to have them operate more effectively. We have not taken anything away from anyone. We have simply created a shipbuilding company out of existing state assets and we are doing the same in the aircraft manufacturing sector. We are streamlining these sectors, moving out of ineffective projects, and we do

not exclude the possibility that, once these companies are working efficiently, part of the shares currently owned by the state could eventually be put on the market. That is the general development line we are following.

As for the energy sector, unlike the OPEC countries, we have completely privatised our oil sector and we now have only two companies with state participation. Gazprom already has 49 percent of its shares on the market, and, according to our calculations, more than 20 percent are now in foreign hands. Ruhrgas formally has a stake of 10 percent, and the experts say that more than 10 percent are in foreign hands on the market. The other company, Rosneft has carried out an IPO, as you know, and has sold part of its shares.

The other companies are all private companies and many of them have foreign participation. BP, which your colleague from The Times asked about, is increasing its reserves mostly through its Russian activities, and the Russian government accepts this and is increasing BP's reserves every year, which also raises their capitalisation, even if the company does not develop these deposits. In this sense, Russia has long since become part of the world economy. It makes no sense at all for one part of the global economy to discriminate against another and be afraid of opening up to it. This whole process is already underway and I think that with time, and if we reach the right arrangements and present things in an objective light, no problems should arise. At the corporate level of course, fears of competition and so on can arise, but it is people who are afraid of fair and open competition who are provoking these fears in Western society.

WALL STREET JOURNAL: Coming back to BP, when TNK-BP was created, the Russian shareholders were asked how control would be exercised in a situation where the stakes were 50-50. Now Russia is retaining a 51-stake in its major companies, and this means that the state retains control.

From the point of view of Russia's strategic interests, do you think that TNK-BP, which is now the country's third biggest company in terms of production, can continue to operate on this 50-50 basis, or would it be better to have control...?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: This is not a question for me. I am not a shareholder in either BP or TNK. This is a question for the shareholders. Neither in my personal capacity nor as a state official can I speak on behalf of the shareholders in BP and TNK. I said right at the outset, when they decided to operate on a 50-50 basis, that I recall from my work in St Petersburg that this is not always effective, but they said they would be able to agree. I told them that this was their affair. So far, it seems, they have managed to agree, and as far as I know they do not have any problems.

WALL STREET JOURNAL: So the state is not of the opinion that it would be better to have a 51-percent stake in such companies?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Let foreigners buy all 100 percent if they want.

KOMMERSANT: Vladimir Vladimirovich, you said that today is a day of memory for Boris Yeltsin. We all recall what he said to you: 'Take care of Russia'. At that moment, those words were especially pertinent and it was case perhaps not even so much of taking care of Russia as of saving Russia. You will, in your turn, also have to say some words to whoever

will take over from you. Have you thought about what you will say when that moment comes?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: No, I haven't.

KOMMERSANT: Isn't it time to start thinking?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: No, it's early yet. Don't be in such a hurry. I'm still working on a dessert and you're already... (laughter).

KOMMERSANT: Another question then: a lot of people say, "I'm Putin's man", people who have been working with you for a long time now, for many years.

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Who exactly?

KOMMERSANT: Alexei Gromov, for example.

ALEXEI GROMOV: Thank you, but I have never said that.

KOMMERSANT: Vladislav Surkov and Igor Sechin, for example. I could list all your aides and the deputy heads of the Presidential Executive Office. Have you thought about what will become of all these people after 2008? Will they depart with you, or will they stay in place? This is a problem for a large number of people.

VLADIMIR PUTIN: I do not think this is a problem for decent and honest people. If someone has served the state honestly, there is no problem, only the problem of finding new work, and that, of course, is an important issue for any person. But for honest and decent citizens who have worked honestly for the good of their country, there cannot and should not be any political problems.

THE TIMES: I would like to ask you a personal question about your wife and your family. The spouses of prime ministers and presidents are always the focus for a lot of attention. Has your wife enjoyed being the wife of a president, or is she waiting impatiently for your term in office to end?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: She is impatient for it to end. In general, this situation places a certain burden on our family, of course. My work itself serves as compensation to a certain degree for this situation, but my family has no such compensation and there are a lot of restrictions. My wife never expected that I would become president and has no regret about my term of office coming to an end. My children are studying and, fortunately, everything is fine with them. Overall, there are no problems and I hope that none will arise.

My wife is busy with her favourite work – she is a philologist by education and has found her place in that area, so everything is fine in this respect.

DER SPIEGEL: When Gerhard Schroeder became...

VLADIMIR PUTIN: You really like Schroeder that much?

DER SPIEGEL: He seems to be impressed by you, too. He said that it would be good for Germany if the constitution allowed the chancellor to serve only two consecutive terms in office, but later he changed his views. Do you agree with him that a president or state leader should serve only two consecutive terms?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: As we know, different countries reach different decisions at various stages of their development. The United States, for example, used to have no limit on the number of terms in office, while France now has no limits on the number of consecutive terms. A president there can be elected to office as many times as the voters are willing to give him their support. But I think that some kind of limits are necessary.

In parliamentary republics, as we know, it is not

a specific individual but a party that wins elections and comes to power and then chooses from within its ranks the person who will head the government. Presidential republics follow a different system.

I think that it is best to have some kind of restrictions on the term in office. The four-year term in Russia was perhaps borrowed from the U.S. model, and it was not of such great importance at the time the new Constitution was adopted. Sergei Mironov, the speaker of the upper house of parliament, said on one occasion that it would make more sense to have a term of five or even seven years in Russia. I do not want to say what would be the best length, five or maybe seven years, but I think that four years is, of course, not very long.

Before I became President I was prime minister and was already aware of the events taking place in the country and was involved in the decision-making process, but if, say, a regional governor was elected president, he would need a year or two just to become familiar with all the federal and international issues, and then it would already be time to start a new election campaign. I think that for Russia today, a term of five, six or seven years in office would be entirely acceptable, but the number of consecutive terms should be limited.

GLOBE AND MAIL: Do you think that Russia is currently in a transition period in terms of nationalising some sectors of the economy, and is this just a temporary measure on the road to economic development? Can this period be called a transition period in economic and political terms? What is Russia's ultimate goal in the coming five years? Of course, you could say that a similar situation exists in other countries, but would you say that the current situation in Russia is not ideal in terms of political and media freedom? Is this period a transition to something else, to something that will see Russia become a genuine liberal democracy with a fully private economy, like other European countries?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Even in vital economic sectors such as the energy sector, private capital has a greater presence here than in some other countries that are indisputably seen as market economies. Mexico, for example, is considered a country with a market economy, but the state has a complete monopoly on the oil sector there. In Russia, the oil sector is almost entirely in private hands and foreign capital has a large presence in the sector. I already said to your colleague from the Wall Street Journal that in cases where we are establishing large state corporations, such as in the shipbuilding and aircraft manufacturing sectors, we are not nationalising previously privatised enterprises but are simply bringing scattered state-owned assets under one roof, uniting them as a single corporation. As for the unfortunate and notorious Yukos case, this company's assets are being sold off in order to settle debts, including debts to foreign shareholders. Some of these assets have been acquired by partially state-owned companies, and some by private companies.

We have no intention of trying to increase the number of state assets from beyond their present size. As I already said, in the case of the aircraft manufacturing and shipbuilding sectors, we are streamlining state assets and making them more viable, efficient and competitive, and we do not rule out the sale of stakes in these corporations in the future, IPO operations, but these future plans will then involve viable and competitive companies of European level and significance. We do not want to lose these sectors;

we want to develop them and we want to do so with the help of private capital too.

As you know, we have set up a number of different funds – the venture capital fund and the development fund. We are allocating considerable resources through these funds to develop joint work with private business through public-private partnerships. We already have a whole number of major projects, above all infrastructure projects, ready for implementation. For the first time, we are not just talking about ambitious infrastructure projects but are actually carrying them out – projects to build airports, roads and bridges with the help of private capital, and we will do the same in the high-technology sector.

We are committed to developing the market and to developing liberal market values.

But at the same time, we want to maintain and develop our industry. We know that there have been cases in some European countries where competitors have bought up companies, even quite thriving businesses, and have then closed them down in order to rid themselves of extra competition. But this could be done, perhaps, within one state, because there was something to rely on for support. But if we lose several industries, we will not have anything to rely on for support.

We have to take all of this into account, but as I said, we are committed to developing a liberal economy.

CORRIERE DELLA SERA: Mr President, I have a somewhat provocative question.

Anyone who knows Russia knows that President Putin is popular and that there is strong consensus in his regard. And anyone who watches Russian television sees that there is no criticism of President Putin and of the Russian authorities in general. Is there not a contradiction in that greater freedom of expression, including freedom to criticise, especially on television, could have a positive impact on Russian society and at the same time, given your genuine popularity, would not do you any harm at all?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: First of all, I doubt that you have information on everything the Russian electronic media are saying. The cable network here is growing very fast. I think that 19,000 electronic media outlets have been created here over these last years, including television and radio stations: 17,000-19,000 electronic media outlets and 40,000 new print media publications. As I have said in the past, even if we wanted to control all of these media outlets it would be impossible, and people say in them what they think and what they want to say.

I have already spoken about what we have accomplished over these last years. You have no doubt noticed the major social projects we are currently implementing. This includes our programmes to fight poverty, improve the demographic situation, raise the standards of healthcare, build new housing and develop agriculture, one of the most vulnerable sectors of our economy. The positive media coverage you mention and the public response to the President's work is, it would seem, a result of the work the authorities are doing to resolve specific problems. Obviously, we also make mistakes, could be more effective in some areas and still there are a lot of problems to address, problems we have not yet managed to resolve, the fight against corruption, for example. These are painful issues that worry everyone. But we are not alone in this respect. I will not list all the different cases, but we are aware of events

elsewhere, the arrest of the mayors of almost all the towns in southern Spain, for example. These are not our problems and we do not want to point the finger at anyone. We have made miscalculations of our own, in the case of introducing substituting monetary payments for social benefits, for example. Look back at media coverage over that period and you will see immediately whether or not there was criticism of the authorities. Not a day went by and not a programme was shown without criticism, it seems. If we make a mistake, criticism is swift to follow. But if we are actually resolving problems, there is perhaps correspondingly less criticism. Probably there could be more criticism. Now digital technology is developing fast and there will soon be so many different ways and channels of getting information to the public that it will be impossible to enforce any kind of control.

This idea that the media here is under control is largely a myth. But there are three television channels considered to be state channels. In reality the situation is a little different. Formally, there is just one state channel, Rossia. The state also has a stake in a second channel, Channel One. NTV is a corporate channel, owned by Gazprom and Gazprom, as you know, is a joint-stock company with a large number of foreign shareholders. Looking at France, for example, I do not know now exactly which television channel Bouygues owns, but the state has a controlling stake in Bouygues, and it does not seem to matter. There is nothing unique in Russia's situation.

NIKKEI: My question might seem a bit odd, but it is pertinent to the market economy you spoke about. You might be surprised to hear that the headlines of most Japanese newspapers yesterday were about Russia, about Russia's decision to stop exporting crabs. This has taken the Japanese by surprise. They can't make sushi without crab meat and they absolutely need Russian crab meat in order to make sushi. Does Russia really plan to stop exporting crabs?

Also, a second question of great concern for Mr Abe, who plans to visit Russia: Will you invite Mr Abe to come and see you?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Yes, it will be our pleasure to invite Mr Abe to Russia and we will be very happy to see him. The more often Japanese state officials and businesspeople visit Russia the better. You know that leading Japanese carmakers have decided to invest in Russia. Toyota has already begun building a plant here and work is going ahead rapidly. Nissan has also begun building a plant and work is moving along very efficiently indeed. Several other companies have begun investing of late and we are very happy to see this.

Investment is on the rise in general. Last year it rose by 13 percent, I think, and it has already increased by more than 20 percent over the first four months of this year. In absolute figures investment totalled \$26 billion last year, and this year it will clearly come to more than \$30 billion.

Concerning crab meat, we will not stop exporting this product, of course, but we do want to put an end to smuggling and we hope that our Japanese colleagues will help us. It is to my great regret that we have so far not seen such help and the amount of crab meat and other seafood and fish products unloaded in Japanese ports far surpasses the volumes reflected in our customs documents. Of course, Russia itself has to take a lot of the blame for this situation, and we need to put this sector in order here at home and ensure that everything goes

through the proper customs formalities and that cargoes are not simply transferred from one vessel to another outside Russia's customs area and economic zone. But we need honest cooperation and a real partnership in this area. I hope that the Japanese Prime Minister and I will be able to discuss this problem and find acceptable solutions. If we fail to take action in this area, we will end up facing the same situation as what has already happened in parts of the world's oceans where the Japanese traditionally pursued fishing activities, and today there are no longer any resources to be fished. Some traditional fishing grounds will never recover. We need to remember the mistakes of the past and not repeat them in the present and the future. Our cooperation is very important in this respect.

I also like sushi very much, but I prefer tuna.

WALL STREET JOURNAL: Continuing on from my colleague's question: given the level of public support for the authorities, one cannot but be surprised by the harsh reaction of the authorities to the opposition forces that take part in the 'marches of the dissenters' (and you said yourself that these opposition forces are only a marginal element in society). This reaction seems only to encourage sympathy for these opposition groups. Why do the authorities take such a hard line?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: Look at how the police in European countries behave: truncheons, tear gas, electric shock devices (in Germany 70 people have died as a result of these devices being used), rubber bullets. We have a proverb in Russian; you speak Russian and would understand it: 'don't blame the mirror if your face is crooked'.

Everyone should understand that we need to live in compliance with the law. The local authorities are responsible for deciding where people can hold meetings, demonstrations and such like. People most certainly have the right to express their opinion, and it is the state's duty to ensure that everyone has the right to express their opinions, regardless of whether or not they agree with state policy or with the local authorities. People generally organise demonstrations in order to express their disagreement, and this right should certainly be protected. But their exercise of this right should not create obstacles for other citizens and should not disrupt transport, stop people from being able to get to work on time and create situations that endanger the health or safety of others. When people deliberately provoke the law enforcement agencies and deliberately go to places where they are obviously going to cause disruption to normal city life, the authorities have to respond and enforce order. Thankfully, we have never had to use the extreme methods that are used in some Western European countries. As I said, everyone in Russia who wants to demonstrate has the right to do so, but must do so in the places designated for this purpose by the local authorities. Demonstrators can demonstrate from morning till evening if they wish, vocally or silently, with signs, however they please. And of course the media should also be present and I think that there should be coverage of such events so that people can see what is happening and express their views, express their agreement or disagreement with whichever group of people and their slogans and so on. Overall, this is positive for the country, for the local and regional authorities, but as I said, everything needs to be

done with respect for the law.

DER SPIEGEL: You will see a huge number of police in Heiligendamm next week. Will you remind Ms Merkel that she spoke about the freedom to demonstrate just recently?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: The matter was not one of freedom to demonstrate. When Angela [Merkel] and I spoke about the events in Hamburg, for example, the issue there was that they did not just decide to demonstrate for no reason, but they came out onto the streets in response to preventive arrests and searches carried out by the police. It was these preventive arrests and searches that provoked the decision to demonstrate. That was the point I made on that occasion. The participants in the press conference preferred to pass over that matter in silence, and as the host of the event, I considered it wrong to emphasise this point and let it be passed over without further comments. But the point I made was precisely about the preventive nature of the action taken.

As for the matter of ensuring security at major international events such as the G8 summit when a country plays host to so many people, and not just state officials from other countries but also journalists and specialists, all the thousands of people who take part in such events, the country in question has a duty to ensure their security. At the same time, it must also guarantee the rights of those who wish to express their views on the event and criticise it. Let them gather where the press can see them, let them have television coverage, so that millions of people can be informed about their point of view too. But they are not happy with this – they are looking for a fight, and if they want to fight, I am sure they will get it.

KOMMERSANT: Vladimir Vladimirovich, President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev has long since said that a Eurasian Union should be created in place of the former Soviet Union. It seems to me that you also support this idea. In this respect, I would like to ask if it would be possible to give this idea form before your presidential term expires? What role could the new pipelines, including the Central Asian pipeline, play in this project?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: I do not think that we should try to make serious and important events in international affairs and in the post-Soviet area coincide with particular dates. It used to be the fashion in the Soviet Union to make events coincide with the November 7 or May 1 holidays, and when we are told that a decision on Kosovo should also be made to fit in with some specific timeframe or other, this is also the Soviet style of doing things. We should not try to fit events into rigid timeframes but should let life take its natural development course. There is a great need for integration in the post-Soviet area. It would benefit not only everyone living in the post-Soviet area but also our main partners in Europe and around the world because potential benefits for our partners depend directly on how effectively we are able to cooperate with each other and how balanced this cooperation is.

You mentioned our latest agreements in Central Asia on oil and gas production, including the agreement to build an additional gas pipeline through Turkmenistan into Kazakhstan and onwards to Russia. I am surprised by the reactions of our American colleagues who suggest that Europe or America has lost out and that this is somehow a great mistake. This is all nonsense. This is a traditional transport route from Central Asia and from Russia to our traditional main consumers. We have said loud and clear to the

whole world that we are increasing production, building new transport capacity and that we will guarantee increased supplies. This is reason to celebrate. What can be bad here? But these transport projects are far from the only factor that will contribute to integration.

We had and still have today a unified railway system. There is a unified transport infrastructure operating throughout the post-Soviet area. We have also developed close relations in regional cooperation.

You mentioned the President of Kazakhstan. Seventy percent of trade and economic cooperation between Russia and Kazakhstan takes place at regional level, and the same is true of our relations with almost all the CIS countries. In other words, our economic ties have achieved such a level of inter-penetration since the Soviet years that it is hard to even measure the full extent of these ties at first glance.

Sometimes I find it simply laughable when I hear absolutely unprofessional statements from some of our partners in Europe or the United States about what is happening here and what we should do, say, to resolve energy issues. They can all read and they should at least take a look through some of the documents available first.

Economic integration in the post-Soviet area is also immensely important in terms of ensuring the region's stability. The entire world has an interest in stable development in this part of Eurasia, but this can only go ahead as a natural process, on the basis of mutual interests and being able to work within this process, taking each other's interests into account. We find mutual interests with many of our partners and the integration process is moving ahead even in cases where it has not been formulated in law. I am sure that this process will continue.

THE TIMES: Would you be willing to accept Ukraine becoming a member of the European Union? How would you view this?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: I would view it positively. We generally support making the European Union stronger. If you have noticed, we have never said anything negative about this process. But I am not sure how ready the European Union itself is to take in new members, including Ukraine. That is not our affair, however. As I see it, the EU is not ready at this point. If there is to be further enlargement, the countries of southern Europe, mostly some of the Balkan countries who have not yet joined, would be first on the list of new members. Ukraine is a country of 45 million people and, as we can see, it has big economic and political problems. But if the time comes when Ukraine is able to join the EU, we would not have anything against the idea.

I am always surprised by provocative discussions regarding the integration processes underway in the post-Soviet area. We talk, for example, about creating a unified economic space encompassing Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan, and people start to ask whether Ukraine is binding its future development to Europe or to Russia. But have these people stopped to think about the fact that Russia and the EU have agreements on creating four common spaces in the economy, security and the humanitarian sphere? And if Russia and Europe establish this common framework and Russia at the same time creates a common framework with Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan, would this not lead to harmonisation throughout the Eurasian area? And then if at some point in its development Ukraine decided that now it

has established various preferences and special relations, and it will become a candidate for EU membership and even join the EU, this whole process would surely only facilitate this process and help improve Ukraine's chances.

I cannot understand the logic behind the kind of discussion I just mentioned. It seems to me that these are just flashy political slogans, provocative slogans that show an unwillingness to take a close look at the substance of what is happening. The integration projects we are pursuing in the post-Soviet area create no obstacles for anyone, set no restrictions and are not creating any barriers for countries' own development.

The main idea behind the project to create a unified economic space of four countries that I mentioned is to set up a common tariffs body, no more than that. What is interesting is that it is mostly Russia that is being asked to apply these common tariffs. Why was President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev this project's initiator? Because Kazakhstan wants Russia to apply common tariffs in the energy and transport sectors. This was their initiative, but we are willing to go along with it in the common interest.

But now everything has been made to look as if it is Russia that initiated this project and as if it is above all in our own interest. No one is being forced into anything. In the EU, as far as I know, 85 percent of all legal acts passed by national parliaments repeat what was passed by the European parliament. In other words, the level of national independence in the EU is decreasing all the time and sovereignty is gradually disappearing. We in the post-Soviet area have decided to agree on common energy and transport tariffs and this has sparked a storm of emotion, debate and political gossip and provocation. And yet this is clearly not in the interests of Europe itself. Why is this happening? I do not understand this. But I think that, as in the case of Russian investment, time will pass and everything will settle down and this political agitation will give way to pragmatism and trust.

CORRIERE DELLA SERA: What about NATO?

VLADIMIR PUTIN: We think NATO expansion is different because NATO is a military-political bloc and this expansion creates friction in relations with Russia. We see no need for Ukraine to join NATO because no one has any plans to attack it, and we think that the argument that NATO expansion can make the fight against terrorism more effective is just empty talk that has nothing to do with common sense. NATO in itself does not help the fight against terrorism; multilateral cooperation helps us to combat terrorism. Today we face threats and challenges such as terrorism, human trafficking and drugs trafficking, organised crime and nuclear proliferation, and what help can bloc politics be here?

And there is more to add. We have spoken about what is actually happening in international affairs, the reasons for increased tension and so on. This happens because our partners are taking a more aggressive line in some areas now. You cite the case of NATO and Ukraine. But the public opinion surveys show that 60-70 percent, perhaps even 80 percent of people are against Ukraine joining NATO. Even so, the U.S. Congress votes to finance Ukraine's accession to NATO. But have they asked the Ukrainian people what they want? Why are they not taking the Ukrainian public's views into account?

GLOBE AND MAIL: If NATO had advantages in terms of missile defence, it could perhaps be of use?

The U.S. is taking unilateral action, but if NATO were to get involved instead it would not look like an imperialist step. Everything might look different if NATO or Russia were to become involved in these missile defence plans.

VLADIMIR PUTIN: If NATO were involved this would not fundamentally change anything because we know how decisions are made in NATO. They were made in the same way in the Warsaw Pact. There was a joke in East Germany: How can you tell which of the telephones on Honecker's desk is the direct line to Moscow? Do you know this joke?

DER SPIEGEL: No.

VLADIMIR PUTIN: The answer is: it's the one with only a receiver and no mouthpiece. (Laughter).

The same goes for NATO, except that the telephone line goes not to Moscow in this case but to Washington, and so it would make no difference to us if NATO were heading this project.

As for the question of other countries participating, yes, we are not against this idea, but no one has asked us. We often hear talk of European solidarity and so on, but what solidarity are we talking about? Two countries – Poland and the Czech Republic - have decided to allow missile defence systems to be deployed on their territories. We are told that this is needed for Europe's defence. But has anyone asked Europe? Was this really a common European decision? The decision could have at least been taken through NATO, if only for cover. But no one was asked. I am sure that had Europe been asked it would have given its agreement, but the U.S. did not even bother to consult with its allies in this case.

As for Russia, we are not against the idea of reflecting on this project. Indeed, strange though it may sound, we proposed this right from the start. We suggested working together right from the start but we got an immediate refusal. Later, seeing the opposition in Europe and around the world to their plans, our colleagues and partners said that actually they did want to talk to us. But do you know what their cooperation proposals amount to? They want us to provide our missiles as targets they can use in training. What clever fellows to have come up with such an idea! Some of my American colleagues, friends, people with a lot of experience in politics and international affairs, reacted the same way as you and laughed. I am referring to important U.S. political figures.

But we have not heard any real proposals of substance, any proposals on far-reaching cooperation, and we know that no such proposals will be made because this system is being created as part of the United States' nuclear forces. Of course, it would be strange if they were to suddenly let Russia into their holy of holies. There is not anything to talk about. This is a serious affair. But if we saw that efforts are being made to take our views into account, to think about our security too, to preserve some kind of balance, and if we saw that this system does not threaten us and does not undermine our own potential, then of course we would be willing to work together. I think, however, that is not very likely. As I say, this would involve giving us access to the holy of holies of the strategic nuclear forces, and that is obviously a serious decision.

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