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What To Do About We Uppity People: Scary Appraisal Of Possibilities

The following is one of the scariest documents we here at CONTACT have come across in a long time. It is a comprehensive report to the European Community “Elite” concerning the current state of people-control technologies. You will quickly remember from just a few weeks ago (in the 2/9/99 issue of CONTACT) our Front Page story about the high-tech spy system called Echelon. That imposing system is just one of the clever tools mentioned herein. Longtime CONTACT readers will recognize many disgusting techniques and technologies for exercising and maintaining control over large groups of people, subjects which we have covered in great detail over these many past years. Put all together here, the picture being painted is truly

diabolical and provides sobering food for thought.

In typical understated style, this report could not help but at least give casual mention to the high level of “public concern” about both the machineries and the implications of such sophisticated people control. However, with the Global Plan 2000 in high gear as the millennium approaches ever closer, you can know that comprehensive measures must be in place to insure the achievement of the goal of the so-called “Elite” over we mere “useless eaters and consumers of natural resources” as we are so fondly called. It remains to be seen just how many of the sheeple are led to the slaughter without the slightest inkling of what has happened or how slick were the methods used to achieve the goal. Or will enough awaken in time to render this madness ineffective? I guess we’ll find out pretty soon now!

—Dr. Edwin M. Young, Editor-In-Chief

*(Please see **What To Do About We Uppity People**, p.10)*

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The News Desk

2/27/99 DR. AL OVERHOLT

MORE ON "KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER" BANKING BILL

Excerpted from the INTERNET, <paradiscuss@tje.net>, 2/19/99: [quoting]

You only have until March 8th to voice your objections.

In 1998, a banking bill was defeated in the House of Representatives. The federal government, namely the FDIC and Treasury, quietly took the regulation and decided to implement it without congressional approval. It has silently made its way to the public comment phase, and very few people (including many of your representatives, bank employees, etc.) are even aware it's out there. If implemented, this regulation will have a significant and far reaching effect on your everyday life.

Here are just a few of the highlights of the proposed "Know Your Customer" regulation. I've included a link below that has all the details (this is only the small part of the regulation).

* Bank customers (you) will be required to reveal all sources of revenue (income) that you deposit in the bank. Accounts will be monitored to evaluate actual deposits compared against projections. You must provide them with your projected income and sources.

* Banks will establish profiles, classifications, and categorizations on every person who has an account based on information supplied by the customer (you) and other gathered information. All customers will be compared against the subjective classifications. Perceived anomalies in deposits or withdrawals (that means any time your spending habits change, even for a day) will be reported as "suspicious activity". In short, the bank or credit union will establish a baseline for you that identifies when and how you usually receive and spend your money. If you normally withdraw \$100 from the ATM every Friday night, that will be part of your profile.

If you decide one Friday to withdraw \$700 for a weekend trip or to make a purchase, you will have deviated from your normal spending pattern, and the bank will be required to file a suspicious-transaction report to the federal government.

* Banks are prohibited from informing customers when suspicious transaction reports have been filed on them.

* If you do not "volunteer" to be identified, you will be denied all banking services.

If you believe in your 4th Amendment right to privacy, I urge you to read the specifics below, and contact the agencies listed at the bottom of this message with your strong objections. This is your only chance to stop the regulation. Public comments will only be accepted through March 8th.

Here are the complete details of what the regulation includes—it's worth your time to read it:

<<http://www.networkusa.org/fingerprint/page1b/fp-kyc-summary.html>>

Comments will be taken from the public by these agencies until March 8, 1999.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary; Attention:

Comments/OES <comments@fdic.gov> [End quoting]

This is a reminder about the bill which I noted in this column a few weeks ago. Time is very short and there isn't one of us who won't be sorry if we allow the "elite" to get this put into full force. The "elite" are getting desperate to pull us under their complete control, so PLEASE get off the couch and make enough fuss to cause them to back off.

THINGS STILL LOOK BAD FOR FARMERS IN 1999

From *THE ORLANDO SENTINEL*, 2/23/99: [quoting]

American farmers face another year of lagging exports and low prices, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman predicts. "There is no point in trying to put a shiny gloss on it," he told a forum on the farm outlook.

Agency figures released Monday lowered U.S. farm-export projections by \$1.5 billion to \$49 billion—lower than last year's \$53.6 billion.

The news was a blow to U.S. farmers still struggling from last year's low prices for commodities and livestock. Farmers have become increasingly reliant on exports since government subsidies began phasing out.

Congress late last year passed a \$6 billion bailout, and the government last month gave \$50 million to hog farmers who are getting their lowest prices in four decades.

USDA chief economist Keith Collins was blunt: "All signs now point to higher farm financial stress in 1999." [End quoting]

The farmers were really hurt this year, so with everything else the "elite" have planned for us in the next few months, it looks like we're in severe trouble.

Gordon Michael Scallion has predicted the start of a major war, starting around the area of Turkey, about November of this year. BE PREPARED—for almost anything, because the weather will no doubt be acting strangely also.

RED CROSS ADMITS IT HELPED MENGELE AND OTHER NAZIS

Excerpted from the INTERNET, 2/99: [quoting]

Nazi war criminals escaped to Argentina using false identities supplied by the Red Cross, the humanitarian organization has admitted. The International Committee of the Red Cross has said it unwittingly [*Don't believe this lie.*] provided travel papers to at least 10 Nazis, including Adolf Eichmann, Josef Mengele and Klaus Barbie. A statement issued by the ICRC, from its Geneva headquarters, said they were among thousands of people found in refugee camps who were given Red Cross travel documents. The ICRC said documents were provided unknowingly and it was committed to dealing openly with the "painful and regrettable experiences" of the past. ICRC spokesman Urs Boegli said: "The travel documents were swindled out of the ICRC. The Nazi deception was uncovered after the ICRC was given a list of aliases

used by Nazi war criminals. But it remains unclear exactly how many Nazis used the Red Cross as a means of escaping war crime trials. [End quoting]

Longtime *CONTACT* readers will recognize this as the "big lie". This has been a Rothschild front organization from its birth; the Rothschild name is derived from the "RED SHIELD" which is also the RED CROSS.

Recall that the Rothschilds are one of the biggest instigators of wars on this planet, as a means to great profit and political control!

Doesn't this say a lot for Elizabeth Dole who was a longtime head of the Red Cross?

MANDATORY HEPATITIS SHOTS URGED

From the INTERNET, 2/18/99: [quoting]

A federal health group wants 11 Western states with a high incidence of hepatitis A to require that children be vaccinated.

Children are one of the highest risk groups for hepatitis A, the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's advisory committee on immunization said Wednesday.

The committee recommended that states with at least 20 cases out of every 100,000 people—twice the national average for hepatitis A cases between 1987 and 1997—implement routine vaccinations.

Those states currently are Arizona, Alaska, California, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Washington.

"Vaccinating children against hepatitis A is one of the most effective—and cost-effective—strategies for building long-term immunity against hepatitis A and preventing further spread of the disease," said Thelma King Thiel, chairman and chief executive of the Hepatitis Foundation International in Cedar Grove, N.J.

Hepatitis A, a highly contagious virus that affects the liver, is spread by personal contact when hands aren't washed after bathroom use or by contaminated food or water. It infects as many as 200,000 Americans and costs the nation more than \$450 million annually, the foundation said.

Primary symptoms include jaundice, fatigue, flu-like illness with high fever, chills, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. [End quoting]

The "elite" are getting desperate to speed up their depopulation plans it appears, from all the contrail spraying projects and all the pushing of vaccinations.

You had better protect yourselves by boosting your immune system—not destroying it with the "elite's" poison shots. See elsewhere in this paper for products to do this.

Also, for those who haven't read the descriptive article about several useful products in last week's *CONTACT*, it would be very wise to do so. The stress on our immune system will only multiply from here forward until the dark forces lose their control of this planet. An ounce of prevention goes a long way!

BRONFMAN WILL LEAD UNION OF JEWISH CHARITY GROUPS

From *THE ORLANDO SENTINEL*, 2/17/99: [quoting]

Philanthropist Charles R. Bronfman was appointed Tuesday to head an organization to be formed from the merger of three Jewish charities

later this year. The merger will combine the United Jewish Appeal, the Council of Jewish Federations and United Israel Appeal. The new organization is as yet unnamed. Bronfman, co-chairman of Seagram Co., said the merger will change the face of Jewish philanthropy, which in the past focused on recovery from the Holocaust. Bronfman said the new organization will focus on such tasks as feeding Jews in poverty-stricken areas and helping settle new immigrants in Israel. [End quoting]

When one of the biggest whiskey racketeers is appointed to oversee some of the biggest charities, do you expect anything but another massive rip-off of the poor? They will also rip-off their own people, even those of wealth. Greed is like drugs—you always need MORE. How much “help” do you really think is going to be dispensed to those truly in need?

NORTH DAKOTA TOWN MUST TAKE MENINGITIS SHOTS

Excerpted from *THE ORLANDO SENTINEL*, 2/17/99: [quoting]

WILLISTON, N.D.—State officials plan to vaccinate nearly 5,000 people around this town in the northwestern part of the state after a 2-year-old boy died of a meningitis-related bacteria. Dr. Stephen McDonough, the medical officer for the state health department, said Tuesday that people in Williston ages 18 months to 21 years should be immunized. About 13,000 people live in Williston. [End quoting]

More suspicious coercion tactics fueled by fear. Most will likely comply.

DRUG MAKERS AGREE TO PAY \$176 MILLION

From *DAILY NEWS*, Los Angeles, 2/20/99: [quoting]

SAN FRANCISCO—Nineteen drug makers have agreed to pay more than \$176 million to settle a class-action lawsuit alleging they gouged the public by overcharging for medicines sold through independent pharmacies.

As part of the deal, the companies will furnish \$148 million worth of brand-name drugs to 300 nonprofit California medical clinics that provide drugs to the poor. The manufacturers would pay \$1.6 million to administer the three-year program.

Under the settlement, given preliminary court approval Thursday, the companies could pay as much as \$27 million in fees to attorneys for the plaintiffs. Merck & Co. would pay the most, more than \$19 million, while Carter, Wallace would pay the least, at \$705,000. Nine companies named in the suit did not join in the settlement. [End quoting]

Can you imagine how bad the rip-off really was to be able to get a court to even listen to the case?

JEWISH GROUP PRESSURES DEUTSCHE BANK

From *THE WASHINGTON POST*, 2/8/99: [quoting]

The World Jewish Congress today was considering possible sanctions against Deutsche Bank AG, a day before the group meets the chairman of Germany's biggest bank to try to resolve Holocaust claims.

If a resolution is not reached, the organization is “planning to go far beyond blocking a merger between Deutsche Bank and Bankers Trust” a WJC source said. “In effect, we would try to impose a kind of disinvestment campaign, following the pattern of South Africa under the apartheid regime.”

Deutsche Bank has begun a \$10.1 billion takeover of Bankers Trust Corp. as part of an ambitious expansion drive, only to see the deal imperiled by charges its affiliates used slave labor during World War II. Deutsche Bank denies using slave laborers, though the company said Thursday it had helped pay for building the Auschwitz death camp, where 1.5 million people, mostly Jews, were killed.

The WJC wants the bank to make “material reparations” to Holocaust survivors and their heirs.

Germany is sending its chancellery minister, Bodo Hombach, to Monday's talks in Washington, at which U.S. officials also will be present. Hombach is expected to float a solution that could involve establishing a fund, a foundation, or a combination of both.

New York Comptroller Alan Hevesi will base a decision on whether to fight Deutsche Bank's purchase of Bankers Trust on the outcome of Monday's talks. The merger must have the approval of federal and New York state banking regulators because Bankers Trust is a state-chartered institution.

Hevesi, who said he lost at least 55 relatives to the Holocaust, leads a network of state and local officials whose boycott threats last year helped push Swiss banks into a 1.25 billion settlement with Holocaust victims. [End quoting]

Once the bankers knuckled under to the first blackmail threat, they left themselves open to endless blackmail schemes, and guess who is actually paying for most of these payoffs?—US, THE BANK CUSTOMERS!

WELL WATER THREATENS MILLIONS

Arsenic-poisoned water supply is a fact of life for Bangladeshis

Excerpted from *THE ORLANDO SENTINEL*, 2/22/99: [quoting]

A good deed gone awry.

Water in this Wetland delta is both a blessing and a curse.

Surface water contaminated by fertilizer and a population that doubled since Bangladesh won its independence from Pakistan in 1973 has caused diarrhea and cholera epidemics that killed millions in the past.

The current tragedy has its roots in a good Samaritan act by the international community. Beginning in the late 1970s, United Nations agencies such as UNICEF began to wean rural people away from polluted ponds and canals by providing them with 1 million wells that draw water from what hydrologists then considered pure aquifer water deposits 120 feet or more below the surface.

UNICEF officials admit no one tested the new wells; the campaign was hailed as a resounding success. In fact, 97 percent of the rural population now drink from deepbore aquifer wells. Villagers dug 3 million more wells at their own expense, and

they used the additional water for irrigation, which has now raised fears of food-chain poisoning.

But the wells had been drilled into the subterranean layer of arsenic that was washed down from the Himalayas by the Ganges and Bramaputra rivers over eons. The chemical had seeped to the bottom of the silt that makes this region so fertile.

As irrigation and a booming population lowered the water table, people inadvertently pumped the arsenic to the surface.

According to studies submitted to the World Bank, as many as 200,000 people a year now die of arsenic poisoning in Bangladesh.

Many more may have succumbed to cancer caused by a poison that frequently afflicts internal organs, such as the liver and kidney, but is diagnosed only by sophisticated methods too costly for this impoverished nation. [End quoting]

Knowing how the NWO and its DEPOPULATION PLAN 2000 work, the fact of them not doing water testing makes all the sense in the world because they probably made the tests but would not make them public.

Remember the y2k plan was a well laid-out plan—decades ago, to grab control. It is critical to look at the style of such long-range planning strategies when discerning “guilt” or “innocence” here.

NATIONAL HEALTH FEDERATION WINS SIX-YEAR BATTLE WITH FDA

From *HEALTH FREEDOM NEWS*, NHF newsletter, Jan/Feb 1999: [quoting]

On Friday, January 15, 1999, in a landmark decision and National Health Federation victory, the United States Court of Appeals held that the FDA's health claim rules, which imposed a blanket ban against health claims on labels and in labeling of dietary supplements, are a violation of the Free Speech Amendment of the *Constitution*. The court also held invalid the agency's interpretation of “significant scientific agreement for review of health claims”, instructing the FDA to define the term for health claims on dietary supplement labels and to allow the use of disclaimers on labels, rather than suppress claims outright.

Six years ago, the National Health Federation, joining with Durk Pearson & Sandy Shaw, APMA and Citizens for Health, filed this lawsuit. Judge Gladys Kessler of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled against us in December 1997. In March 1998, an appeal was filed.

In their decision, the wise and capable judges said:

“As best we understood the government, its first argument runs along the following lines: that health claims lacking significant scientific agreement are inherently misleading because they have such an awesome impact on consumers as to make it virtually impossible for them to exercise any judgment at the point of sale. It would be as if the consumers were asked to buy something while hypnotized and therefore are bound to be misled. We think this contention is almost frivolous.

Product harmfulness not claimed

“...Because it is not claimed that the product is harmful, the government's underlying—if unarticulated—premise must be that consumers have a limited amount of either attention or dollars that could be devoted to pursuing health through nutrition and therefore products that are

not indisputably health-enhancing should be discouraged as threatening to crowd out more worthy expenditures.

Unsound view

"We are rather dubious that this simplistic view of human nature or market behavior is sound, but, in any event, it surely cannot be said that this notion—which the government does not even dare openly to set forth—is a direct pursuit of consumer health. It would seem a rather indirect route to say the least.

FDA's conclusion falls short

"...Although the government may have more leeway in choosing suppression over disclosure as a response to the problem of consumer confusion, where the product affects health, it must still meet its burden of justifying a restriction on speech—here the FDA's conclusionary assertion falls far short.

"We've proven once again that despite formidable odds, with unity, faith and purpose, we can win this battle and the others to come," responded NHF President Maureen Kennedy Salaman, addressing NHF members.

Victory requires effort

"The NHF has been standing for your health freedoms for 43 years. Despite formidable odds, the Federation has continued to safeguard your freedom of choice for the consumer and practitioner. The price of victory requires relentless effort. We've won an important battle but we still have a war to win. We can only win that war if you help us help you with your membership and monthly support."

NHF, P.O. Box 688, Monrovia, CA 91017 [End quoting]

Here's another **big victory—we can turn the world around if we continue to make our voices heard where it counts!**

WHO'S PROTECTED BY THE FDA?

From *HEALTH FREEDOM NEWS*, NHF newsletter, Jan/Feb 1999: [quoting]

MORE AND MORE, we are becoming less and less protected by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—something blatantly apparent in the proliferation of products containing caffeine.

Once upon a time, our intake of caffeine was mainly limited to coffee and tea. So we were well aware when we were taking in this stimulant and, roughly, in what amounts.

Now, added to our intake from the usual known sources, it is entering us from chewing gum, fruit juices, water and even some yogurt. Recently, the *Los Angeles Times* revealed this growing problem in an article, "Products Stimulate Debate".

Aqua Java (a water product) contains more caffeine than half a cup of instant coffee. Wrigley has recently introduced chewing gum with as much caffeine as a can of Coke. At least the gum's name warns you that it contains a stimulant. It's called Stay Alert. Coke is now marketing citrus soda spiked with caffeine. Ben and Jerry's company has a no-fat fudge, frozen yogurt that contains 85mg of caffeine in a cup,

the same amount as that in a five-ounce cup of coffee.

"Health watchers", as the *Los Angeles Times* calls them, object to all the hidden caffeine, inasmuch as a U.S. Department of Agriculture study reveals that teenage boys drink twice as much soda as milk. Statistics for teenage girls are almost as bad.

Roland Griffiths, professor of psychology and behavioral science at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine objects, as well. Drinking two to three cups of coffee daily can invite anxiety, sleeplessness and lessened ability to concentrate. Adding more caffeine just aggravates these symptoms.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest recently sent a petition to the Food and Drug Administration requesting that the FDA require manufacturers of foods and beverages to list caffeine content on their labels. This petition was signed by professor Griffiths and other prominent authorities.

Although we don't always agree with the Center for Science in the Public Interest, we surely do in this instance. The FDA should compel manufacturers to list caffeine on their labels, rather than just sidestep or delay a decision. Not to do this is a disservice to us taxpayers and a service to companies selling products, companies far more interested in their bottom line than in the health of consumers.

Failing to protect us consumers is not new to the FDA. Consider irradiated and genetically-engineered food products. The FDA makes up our minds for us. It decides neither of these practices is harmful, so it doesn't feel an obligation to warn us. (Independent studies tell an entirely different story.)

Sure, the FDA requires a symbol that supposedly lets us know that a food is irradiated. However, it looks somewhat like a flower, misleading those not familiar with its meaning to thinking that it symbolizes something pleasant.

It is time for the FDA to start serving the taxpayers, rather than just the major food companies and the makers of drugs! [End quoting]

The "elite" are doing everything they can to make our children hyper and "hooked" on anything they can.

THE HIDDEN LAW

From a subscriber, 2/99: [quoting]

What you Government DOES NOT TELL YOU!!

On March 26th, 1991, a joint resolution by the U.S. Senate and Congress was signed into Law recognizing the "Seven Noahide Laws". The reason I mention these Laws is because the penalty for breaking one of these Laws is EXECUTION BY DECAPITATION. I will proceed to quote the whole report.

Laws Binding on ALL MANKIND, the NOACHIAN LAWS

There were certain basic laws, seven in number, which the Rabbi considered binding upon all the descendants of Noah, i.e., upon all mankind. According to their interpretation of *Genesis 2, 16*, Adam the first man was given six commandments:

1. Not to worship idols
2. Not to blaspheme
3. To establish courts of justice
4. Not to kill
5. Not to commit adultery
6. Not to rob

A seventh command was given to Noah after the flood, that one must not eat flesh cut from a living animal (c.f. *Genesis 9.4*). Hence the *Talmud* speaks of "The Seven Laws of the Sons of Noah", what might be described as "Natural Law" the contrast to the "national law" of *Torah* and *Talmud*, binding only upon Israel. (c.f. T. Avodah Zarah IX, 4; *Sanhedrin*, et seq.)

Although some of the tannaim added a number of other laws and the *Talmud* actually only mentions as many as thirty, the decided halakah was that only the seven mentioned are universal laws binding on all mankind.

Jew Talmudic Laws, Noahide Laws for Goyim [non-Jews] Now U.S. Public Policy Decapitation for Christians.

The Jews are, by their own law, bound to follow the religious teachings of their *Talmud*. (See *Talmud* in *Black's Law Dictionary* 6th Edition, 1990, it says "A work which embodies the civil and canonical law of the Jewish people".)

Notice this definition does not say it is the law of part of or a sect of the Jewish people, it says "Jewish People". In faithfully following their Talmudic Law, the Jews have succeeded in getting Congress to COVERTLY pass Public Law 102-14, (H.J. Res, 104) March 20th, 1991, this diabolical Public Law and Proclamation was done without the knowledge and consent of the American people in general.

This Public Law now places Americans under the Jewish Seven Noahide Laws. Please be advised that the Jews have written in their *Encyclopaedia Judaica*—"VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE SEVEN LAWS SUBJECTS THE NOAHIDE TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BY DECAPITATION", (*Encyclopaedia Judaica*, page 1192). The Noahide Laws are for the Goyim (Gentile cattle) and have, as law, replaced the *Ten Commandments*. The Noahide Laws are now covertly blending into the Supreme Law of the Land. Christians would be guilty of violating law number two, "Thou shalt not blaspheme God", because Christians believe Jesus the Christ is God manifest in the flesh and this Christian belief is "blaspheme" to the religion and tradition of the Jews. The Noahide Laws developed by the Jew provide for their EXECUTION of EVERY CHRISTIAN on the FACE of the EARTH by MEANS of DECAPITATION. [End quoting]

We have published this information a number of times in the past, but we felt it was time for another reminder. How did such happen right under our noses?

U.S. BELIEVES NORTH KOREA WOULD TARGET MONTREAL FOR NUCLEAR STRIKE

Fearing retaliation from Americans,
Communist country
may aim at Canada

Excerpted from *THE NATIONAL POST*,

2/12/99: [quoting]
by Joel-Denis Bellavance

OTTAWA—U.S. Army officials say they expect Canada would be the first target of a North Korean nuclear attack if tensions were to escalate between the Communist power and the United States.

According to a war scenario being developed at the U.S. Army War College, Montreal would be the Canadian city likely to be hit by North Korea, which is suspected of having developed nuclear weapons.

Three Canadian MPs were briefed about the war scenario during a meeting of elected representatives from the 16 NATO countries in Carlisle, Pa., last week, the *National Post* has learned.

U.S. Army officials told the MPs they doubt North Korea would attack the U.S. directly because it would result in massive nuclear retaliation that would wipe the Asian nation off the map.

American officials therefore think it more likely for North Korea to hit U.S. interests indirectly by attacking a close ally and a friend—Canada—that does not have nuclear weapons....

“The U.S. sees North Korea as the biggest nuclear threat in the short term. But they don’t expect North Korea to attack them directly. They believe Canada will be hit first,” said David Price, a Conservative MP who was briefed about the war scenario. [End quoting]

Sounds like some pretty good logic if you try to put yourselves in the N. Koreans’ shoes.

NAVY PILOTS

The next 4 articles are from *MILITARY* magazine, 2/99: [quoting]

Only 10% of carrier-qualified pilots agreed to stay on active duty, even with a bonus. A dangerous shortage looms in the near future. [End quoting]

Sounds like the pilots have had it with the NWO! Who will defend us?

INDIA/RUSSIA

[quoting]

The two countries have signed a pact for the sale of military technology and arms by Russia. Presently, 50% of India’s military hardware comes from Russia. However, Israel and European arms dealers are talking to India. [End quoting]

Most of the world is ganging up against the good ol’ USA! We are regarded as the SATAN of this world!

PLA OBSERVERS

[quoting]

In 1998 60 Red Chinese military leaders were allowed to observe “Cooperative Cope Thunder”, the largest air combat exercise in the Pacific involving USAF and allied forces aircraft. [End quoting]

It was stated by the Communists many decades ago that we would give them the means to do us in.

ISRAELI SPIES

[quoting]

Two men accused as Israeli Spies were arrested in Cyprus in Nov. They had sophisticated electronic monitoring equipment in a small coastal village. Israel, an ally of Turkey, fears Turkey’s threat to go to war over the delivery of Russian S-300 missiles, may be the trigger for Syria to attack Israel. It’s thought the spies were trying to learn when the missiles may be delivered. [End quoting]

Looks like verification for Scallion’s prophecy I mentioned earlier in this column.

UK CONSIDERING MORATORIUM

From *THE CANADIAN JOURNAL OF HEALTH AND NUTRITION*, 1/99: [quoting]

The government in Britain is considering a three-year moratorium on the commercial planting of genetically-engineered crops. This action followed mounting public concern about the possible health and environmental risks of genetically-engineered crops. Industry opposes the proposal as too restrictive, while environmentalists say three years is not long enough to evaluate the risks. [End quoting]

Why don’t we jump on our Agriculture Department and get this done here?

PASS THE BUCK

From *THE CANADIAN JOURNAL OF HEALTH AND NUTRITION*, 1/99: [quoting]

The American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has a list of foods that are “generally recognized as safe”. *Rachel’s Environment and Health Weekly* reports that since 1992 FDA has allowed companies like Monsanto to decide for themselves whether their new genetically-engineered foods should be added to this list and thus escape regulation. In other words, FDA regulation of genetically-engineered foods is voluntary, not mandatory.

“Monsanto should not have to vouchsafe the safety of biotech food,” Phil Angell, Monsanto’s director of corporate communications, told the *New York Times*. “Our interest is in selling as much of it as possible. Assuring its safety is the FDA’s job.”

For further information on biotechnology and its hazards, see the website <<http://www.concentric.net/~Rwolfson/home.html>> [End quoting]

Can we handle the issues of another grave—pun intended—food problem?

COLORADO’S WILD RAINBOW TROUT DYING

From the INTERNET, <HEOT@onelist.com> 2/18/99: [quoting]

“A disease that attacks the bone structure of young fish has now wiped out 90% of Colorado’s wild rainbow trout in 6 of the state’s best trout streams. The study by the Colorado Division of Wildlife also found that whirling disease, you’ve heard of that, has reached now 12 of the state’s 15 state hatcheries, threatening the state’s \$420-million-per-year fishing industry.” They said, “It’s like getting pounded by a sledge hammer!” That’s it. I mean animals of all sorts at the lower end of the chain, albeit, but nevertheless, creatures of the Earth are beginning to die out. There’s got to be a BIG, big message there.

RG: There’s a big message! But are people

going to hear it? [End quoting]

Yes, there is a very big message here, and it’s going to get far worse if we don’t take steps to reverse the assaults on all living creatures.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

From *THE LUMBY VALLEY TIMES*, 2/99: [quoting]

Torrin Polk, University of Houston receiver, commenting on coach John Jenkins:

“He treats us like men. He lets us wear earrings.”

FINE SCIENCE?

The really good thing about newspapers is that they are entertaining as well as informative. Whether it’s simply stating the obvious or providing that “hook” to get the reader to spend some time on a subject, there are some headline editors who really have their jobs down to a fine science. These are actual headlines, gleaned from papers around the world. First, in the “Profound Insight” category:

SOMETHING WENT WRONG IN JET CRASH, EXPERT SAYS

ENFIELDS COUPLE SLAIN, POLICE SUSPECT HOMICIDE

PLANE TOO CLOSE TO GROUND, CRASH PROBE TOLD

MINERS REFUSE TO WORK AFTER DEATH

WAR DIMS HOPE FOR PEACE

IF STRIKE ISN’T SETTLED QUICKLY, IT MAY LAST A WHILE

COLD WAVE LINKED TO TEMPERATURES

No kidding. You have to wonder. These guys are good, but some headline editors truly come into their glory, however, in the “Say WHAT?” category:

POLICE BEGIN CAMPAIGN TO RUN DOWN JAYWALKERS

SAFETY EXPERTS SAY SCHOOL BUS PASSENGERS SHOULD BE BELTED

IRAQI HEAD SEEKS ARMS

IS THERE A RING OF DEBRIS AROUND URANUS?

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IRIDIUM REFLECTIONS GIVE SURPRISE LIGHT

From the INTERNET, courtesy of Calvin Burgin, <wrlldline@texas.net>, 2/24/99: [quoting]

(Chicago Tribune Traditional Version—Business News)

Piercing the night with sudden shards of light, a new globe-girdling array of 79 communications satellites called Iridium, lofted by Motorola Inc., is already arcing across the heavens, emitting brilliant “flares” from their super-reflective antenna-panels, bedazzling and bedeviling astronomers by turns.

Six necklaces of 11 satellites each now surround the Earth, arrayed longitudinally, creating a bead-like electronic cage within which the world slowly spins. Because some of the satellites have malfunctioned and others are being used as backups, there are 13 more aloft than are needed.

Nowhere on Earth is unreachable anymore, thanks to this new network.

But an unanticipated side effect of the satellites—brilliant solar reflections of light as they pass overhead—has caused concern among astronomers, some of whom see the satellites as yet another source of light pollution in a world where the magic and majesty of the star-sown night sky are already under assault from street lights and neon signs.

“I really think it’s a shame that yet another natural resource has to be ruined by an unregulated commercial venture,” said Mike Stebbins, a computer analyst who is past president of the New Hampshire Astronomical Society. “Why should those of us who do not wish to call the North Pole have to endure the clutter of those who do?”

The sheer intensity of the Iridium flares has to be seen to be believed.

For up to 20 seconds, the evening or early morning sky will suddenly emit an eye-needling flash, 100 times brighter than the planet Venus, equal to all the light of a crescent moon. Then, as swiftly and unexpectedly as it appeared, the spark of light vanishes.

So bright are the flares that they can sometimes be seen in broad daylight.

Computer programs available over the Internet can help predict to the second exactly when the flares will be visible and precisely where in the sky they will appear.

Renowned satellite observer Paul Maley, of the NASA/Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society, was the first to correctly identify the cause of the flares, in 1997.

“When I learned that a bright glint had been observed by one amateur astronomer in Canada (Dr. Brian K. Hunter of Ontario), then another, it occurred to me that these might not be accidents,” he recalled. “Many satellites can occasionally flare up to look like very bright stars for short periods. But the super high brightness of the Iridiums was the trigger.

“As the days went on, I began to do some reading on the constellation design. Through professional contacts I was able to get in touch with someone at Motorola. After that, things began to fall into place.”

As it turned out, the designers at Motorola were as surprised as anyone to find that the satellites were flaring. It turned out that the triple-vaned doorsize Main Mission Antennas (MMAs), made of aluminum and coated with silverized Teflon, were almost perfect mirrors.

The 40-degree tilt of the antennas away from the axis of the satellite would catch the sunlight and flash it down to Earth at certain times and in certain places.

Satellite watchers began to speak of the “Golden Hour” and the “box,” the time and place in the sky where Iridium flares were most likely to appear.

The satellites do not always live up to predictions. Some are tumbling in orbit, useless. Others, for reasons as yet unexplained, flare twice. The brightness of the flares varies, depending on how far away from the center of the satellite’s exact north-south path the observer is standing; they are brightest in a narrow swath about three miles wide.

Two computer programmers, Rob Matson and Randy John, wrote a program that is available on the Internet (<http://members.aol.com/skysatrlj/>), and Maley still recalls the thrill of awaiting the launching of multiple Iridium satellites aboard American, Russian and Chinese rockets. As the satellites slipped into north-south orbit, all five flared gloriously, in sequence.

“In August 1997, I was able to videotape the flaring of all five recently launched objects within a two-minute period as they passed west of Houston,” Maley said. “It was quite unbelievable to see one after the other brightening up to surpass the brilliance of every star in the sky that morning.”

The Iridium satellites contain no iridium. The name comes from a miscalculated number. It was originally believed that 77 satellites would be needed to cover the Earth completely, and 77 was the atomic number for iridium on the periodic table of elements. Later it was found that only 66 were needed, but since 66 was the atomic number for the element dysprosium, and “dysprosium” doesn’t sound as catchy as “iridium”, Motorola decided to keep the original name.

Unlike high-orbit communication satellites, which relay a terrestrial signal straight back to Earth, the Iridium array move in low Earth orbit, handing off the signal from one satellite to the next, like the baton in a relay race, until it reaches the proper destination and is beamed down to a ground relay station. Because the satellites travel north to south and south to north in six orbital planes, the farther north or south you are, the more flares you will see. [End quoting]

These flashes are convenient distractions to cover for other shenanigans that may be going on in the day and night skies. Moreover, the polar orbits of these satellites make for some interesting speculation about covert military usage for many reasons having to do with a first nuclear strike against Russia by the Khazarian Zionist mad-dogs running the USA.

BOY SCOUT TRAINING: TRUE STORY

From the INTERNET, 2/22/99: [quoting]

Thanks to the office of Rep. Edward Royce, California Republican, for sending the following excerpt from a local radio interview.

The female newscaster is interviewing the leader of a youth club:

Interviewer: “So, Mr. Jones, what are you going to do with these children on this adventure holiday?”

Mr. Jones: “We’re going to teach them climbing, canoeing, archery, and shooting.”

Interviewer: “Shooting! That’s a bit irresponsible, isn’t it?”

Mr. Jones: “No, I don’t think so, they’ll be properly supervised on the range.”

Interviewer: “Don’t you admit that this is a terribly dangerous activity to be teaching children?”

Mr. Jones: “No, I don’t, we will be teaching them proper range safety and discipline before they even touch a firearm.”

Interviewer: “But you’re equipping them to become violent killers.”

Mr. Jones: “Well, you’re equipped to be a prostitute but you’re not one, are you?” [End quoting]

The best “comeback” I’ve heard in a long while.


THE CRACKED POT: A LESSON IN POSSIBILITIES

From the INTERNET, 2/99: [quoting]

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on opposite ends of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master’s house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his master’s house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream: “I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you.” “Why?” asked the bearer. “What are you ashamed of?” I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master’s house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don’t get full value from your efforts,” the pot said. The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, “As we return to the master’s house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path.”

Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the Sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologized to the bearer for its failure. The bearer said to the pot: “Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot’s side? That’s because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you’ve watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master’s table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house.” [End quoting]

So often we fail to see the value of a situation and instead only focus upon perceived shortcomings. Pardon the pun, but—how many so-called “cracked pots” are responsible for great beauty in this world? That’s something worth thinking about. 

Editor's note: To fulfill the legal requirements, we are presenting the following Public Notice for four consecutive weeks. This Public Notice herein reproduces a legally binding document on the parties working as top-level management personnel. This is the second of four presentations.

—PUBLIC NOTICE—
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
NATIONAL SECURITY
(CONFIDENTIAL)
September 9, 1996

The following constitutes an agreement among the following parties: **E.J. Ekker, Doris Ekker, and Rick Martin**. These parties, signing as individuals, shall stand individually and jointly responsible for ONLY their actions as they apply to themselves individually or to any corporate entity wherein they are jointly corporate officers and/or directors. They shall NOT be responsible for the actions of ANY OTHER PARTIES nor shall they stand responsible for the actions of any alleged-owners, alleged-partners, trustees or beneficiaries. This agreement concerns transactions utilizing the instrument referred to as the Peruvian Bonus Certificate 3392-181, which originated in 1875 and was accepted as United States of America Treasury debt in 1906, and subsequently as debt of the Federal Reserve in 1913. Said debt, as accepted, is inclusive of all interest and penalties (as reflected in the calculations made on the Federal Reserve's own computer in Los Angeles, California in 1989 with members of the "intelligence" community present to monitor the activity). This agreement arises as result of several telephone conversations with authorities in the Treasury Department held over the past few weeks and is meant to memorialize those conversations for our own future use.

Since the debt was assumed prior to any other agreements involving monetary departments, divisions, or branches of government, it is a bonafide outstanding debt of the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve System.

The applicable restrictions and limitations in this transaction will apply to all participants. Due to NATIONAL SECURITY considerations no input to change or remand the validity of the debt created by BONUS 3392 will be accepted from the COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, the UNITED NATIONS, or any other entity, foreign or domestic.

As a consideration of National Security (as well as Global Security), transactions WITHIN these guidelines will not be interfered with or blocked by the U.S. or its assigns. The consideration for such noninterference is that none of these contracts will be lodged for collection until such time as there is an additional agreement as to the lodging and honoring, through payoff, of the contracts.

Generally, it will be the practice of the Holder to expect the funder to provide loan capabilities and to purchase gold as needed wherever there is security; it is NOT required that the gold be housed within the U.S.

The Holder will not directly do business with any national group under sanction by either the U.S. or U.N. There is to be no restriction, however, on other parties or nations conducting business in their normal way. The Holder will conduct itself in the strictest accordance with all applicable laws.

The Holder has agreed to use its portion of funds for humanitarian purposes. No portion of its funds or assets will be used for purposes of ARMS ACQUISITION, WAR MAKING, OR THE OVERTHROW OR SUBVERSION OF ANY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. However, the Holder has no way to police the use of funds by any other participating party.

We agree that we will issue no SINGLE deed in excess of \$10 billion (USD) and no group issue to a single entity of greater than \$1 trillion (USD)—per year. Preferably the deeds will be issued and utilized in increments which would be appropriate in "ordinary" working conditions. It is also agreed that in any one year there will be no more than \$5 trillion (USD) and there must be capability of the currency sources to issue funds timely. The understanding is that the documents themselves will be used as COLLATERAL so that it is not utilized as a "cash" demand or a "call" on the gold reserves. We, the below signed, herein agree that all transactions involving us, individually or as corporate representative, will be additionally backed by hard-metal gold (or other precious metal) totaling the full value of our portion, prior to any line-

of-credit being drawn-upon against the "bonus" collateral. If this is impractical at the time of a transaction, it will be accomplished as soon as possible.

Further, it is understood and accepted that any outside requests made to the U.S. Treasury for confirmation of the validity of the debt of Bonus Certificate 3392-181 will be met with denial and a "wall of silence" as is considered standard procedure in such matters concerning national security.

We, the below signed, attest that we will make it clearly understood to all participants wishing to utilize the Bonus Certificate 3392-181 for collateral that the debt is not to be "called" by those participants. However, we also clearly stipulate that once the deed has been issued, we are unable to control the actions of any other individual and/or corporate participant, and as such, we will not be legally held accountable for another's actions. We further stipulate that when functioning in our capacity as a corporate representative, we are protected under the laws governing the corporation to the full extent that such protection exists. Further, we will not agree to negate the value of the contracts if and when there should be a call on the Treasury, Federal Reserve or its owners. It is our understanding that the Federal Reserve has a working relationship with the Treasury Department regarding valid debt both prior to and following the Federal Reserve Act of December 23-24, 1913. We have not been made privy to those arrangements.

It is also agreed that in the event of a call for payment on this debt, negotiations can be entered into to accept currency of the date of demand rather than a full demand for payment in gold. In this instance, however, it must be noted, again, that the holders are not responsible for the use or intent of use of any participating entities who are not parties to this agreement.

We, the below signed, agree that we will affix our fingerprints to legal documents, agreements and understandings, and to all deeds to be utilized. We also agree to take such further security measures as are known to us to make the collateral instruments secure from forgery or duplication.

We, the below mentioned, do hereby sign this agreement being individually of sound mind and body, and do hereby do so under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, the State of Nevada, the Federal Laws of the United States of America, and under the Constitution of the United States of America.

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Part 3 In A Series

Islamic System Of Interest-Free Banking

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At first thought the idea of operating a bank without charging interest on loans seems a bit far-fetched. It was surprising to learn that a few nations, Pakistan and Iran among them, do not permit "riba", which means usury or interest. The *Qur'an* explicitly states that the charging of interest will draw a declaration of war from Allah and His Messenger, destroying any economy permitting interest-based transactions. Philosophically, the basis of this prohibition seems to be that Muslims should profit only through their own exertions and not through the exploitation of or at the expense of others.

But how can a bank make money without charging interest? Surprisingly, again, many Islamic banks do very well while performing far greater service and community good than do their Pharisee-spawned counterparts. To explain: the majority of Islamic banking transactions fall into two closely related classes called *mudaraba* (meaning something close to our profit-sharing) and *musharaka* (close to our joint-venture). There are many others, falling generally into a category that can be classed as "fees", but for this discussion we will confine ourselves to *Mush* and *Mud*. (Please excuse my American shortcut.)

When a bank is dependent upon the profit of an enterprise for its own profit, as it is with either *Mush* or *Mud*, the relationship between the banker and the entrepreneur is significantly different than an asset-based (collateral) loan wherein the banker doesn't make the loan unless he covets the collateral. First, in making his case for an interest-free loan, the entrepreneur must do much more research and planning to convince the banker that he can succeed, thus making a profit for both. (A significant percentage of foreclosed assets in the US are the residences of ill-prepared entrepreneurs.) Then, once the loan is made, the real differences emerge. Experienced bankers can be extremely helpful, especially to beginning businessmen, and the thought of fathering a failure is probably unacceptable to a good banker.

The difference between *Mush* and *Mud* seems to be whether, if the venture FAILS, the bank suffers all of the loss (*Mud*) or if the entrepreneur (*Mush*) shares the loss. The beneficial societal contrasts of this system with the more typical system can hardly be

imagined. At the same time, however, it is easily seen that this system leads toward what has become loudly criticized as "cronyism" in Southeast Asia, even though a much more virulent form of cronyism has been practiced to its ultimate by the Jews for centuries.

The Islamic society places the banker more in a position of beneficent public service than his non-Islamic counterpart. He is charged with helping build the society and he typically contributes 5% of gross profit to an organized form of charity (which is not the same as our system of "welfare"). All Islamic businesses are expected to earn a profit and to do so with honor and integrity—any "windfall" profits are to be shared with depositors and/or charity.

Usually, an Islamic bank offers at least three kinds of deposits: current (like checking), savings (no profit, no risk), and profit-sharing (*mudaraba*) wherein the depositor takes the risk of losing his deposit, but like *Mud* above, he also enjoys the opportunity for a share of the profit. This is by far the most popular, and no wonder! All of the motivations are in alignment. Hundreds, maybe thousands, of depositors put their money in the bank expecting a profit; the banker examines an entrepreneur and his project and lends the money expecting a profit; the entrepreneur has a plan to make a profit to share with the bank, and the bank with the depositors so that it can show a better record of payout to its depositors; and the bank has the wherewithal to make it happen. With that much energy focused upon success, who dares project failure?

The beauty of the Islamic system is that it is totally dedicated to "win-win". It is not a "zero-sum game" wherein to win, someone must lose—which is the most basic tenant of the Pharisee/Khazar/Zionist (PKZ) position. (How can you own the world if you don't take something from somebody? And the *Protocols Of The Learned Elders of Zion* surely disclose the intentions of the PKZ as being to own the world.)

In Islamic Law there are prohibitions against accepting paper money in payment of certain debts and obligations. Only gold (*Dinar*) and silver (*Dirham*) coins are acceptable. The *Dinar* is 4.3 grams of gold, approximately .15 ounce, worth (at \$300/oz) \$45. The *Dirham* is 3 grams of silver, approximately .106 ounce, worth (at \$4.50/oz) 48 cents. If the Islamic countries and their combined population of some 1.2 billion people were to return to the gold standard, the

demand would be huge. And that might be enough to dislodge the London "price fixers" who are artificially holding the price of gold at low levels to support their derivative-based currency trading as well as discourage and gain control of gold production.

And what of the other non-Judeo-Christians in the world, the Buddhists and Hindus? Can it be expected, or even hoped, that the benefits of gold-based currencies in an interest-free banking system will someday be important enough to justify the effort to make the change? Is there enough gold? The IMF's inventory of gold in central banks totals 124,000 metric tons which, at \$300 per ounce, would be worth \$1.25T (trillion). What if gold were \$9000 per ounce (like rhodium or iridium)? Then the central banks' gold would be worth some \$40T, and it is estimated that there is at least as much outside the central banks as there is inside. So, in our wild imaginings, we could say there could be as much as \$80T worth of gold and, at the traditional ratio of 20 to 1, the amount of "currency" available could be as much as \$1600T.

We can say, "That is not only illogical, it is impossible." Maybe not. It is calculated that the "Western" banks, including central banks, contain "assets" amounting to nearly \$100T. Nearly every day we hear about the new derivative-based high-yield "trading programs" that pay off at the rate of 100% per WEEK. If true, that would indicate that certain elements (those with "IMF trading account numbers") are making (manufacturing might be a better word) a lot of money—all of it baseless paper in our lingo. However, a lot of rivers have been dammed to supply electricity, a lot of powerlines, roads and railroads, bridges and buildings have been built using only paper money. But we must wonder: why the sudden rush to debase virtually all of the world's currency? Knowing about the Zionist Plan 2000 and relating that to the so-called "Millennium Bug" as a "triggering" mechanism may provide the answer. If so, there is very little time to do much about it.

What can be done about it? To answer that question requires a bit more background. All of the naughty games played by the hedge funds, currency traders, rollover artists and their supporting banks, including the Federal Reserve System, World Bank, IMF and Bank of International Settlements, require what are called, in the trade, "spreads", differentials in interest rates. If there is no interest, usury,

riba, they cannot play their games, which are designed, and now refined, to suck the liquidity (money) out of their victim nation's foreign exchange and stock markets. They have become so adroit that they can name a victim in advance (such as Brazil), borrow (the buzz word for borrow is now "leverage") hundreds of BILLIONS of dollars (the most common foreign exchange currency) so that they can sell short (on paper they "borrow" currency or stock [yes, it is fictitious, just as are "derivatives"] and "sell" the currency or stock) in the expectation that it will go down in price (what else can it do with so much "sold into the market"?) so that, when it does go down they "buy" it at the lower price (to be "returned" to their co-conspirator from whom they "borrowed" it) and thus pocket the difference, which is often tens of BILLIONS of dollars. (At this time it is estimated that nearly a trillion dollars have been "stolen" out of Southeast Asia.) The money is held for a period of time until the economies and stock markets adjust and settle down and then the conspirators send in their brokerage arms to buy up the best businesses and properties of what still survives, using the very money stolen from within the victim nation. (Why have "colonies" when this scheme is so much more efficient and costs nothing?) In the Philippines we see evidence nearly every day of the deals put together to "save" or "salvage" Philippine companies, banks, and properties by these corporate carpetbaggers.

These are all very dishonest transactions (although perfectly legal since "they" have been writing all of the laws for so long), and the "top dawgs" take great care that their involvement in the conspiracy is never disclosed. Because they seem to be so very "light-sensitive", it is quite likely that, when their involvement is disclosed, the denial will require the shutdown of the operation. Unhappily, the only real fruit yet to be plucked is in the USA—Mr. Soros has already announced that the USA is next—so it is a bit late to close the barn door.

This is probably a good place to mention that some 95-98% of the people in the "host" nations of these money manipulators are either unfriendly toward them or are unaware of them. We have heard the statement, "Well, they have the support of nearly one half of the world's population!" No. They may control the finance and government of those nations in which they reside, but they represent a very miniscule proportion of the citizens of those nations and the exposure of their manipulations can cause them great grief. For example, if they should use the "Millennium Bug" to trigger chaos and riots, and the people are informed as to the real source of the problem, might there not be some backlash? Their hold upon those two nations wherein they are reportedly the strongest, Israel and the US, is extremely tenuous and can be broken any

time the people are given to see how they have been taken advantage of.

Now to respond to the question, "What can be done about it?" Since it becomes a matter of strategy and tactics, it may not be wise to provide details. But it should be useful to provide hope. For centuries (more than 20 that we know about) the money war has raged between the PKZ (Pharisee/Khazar/Zionist) faction and the rest of the world. During the past 500 years the PKZ has been winning and strengthening their position. The pendulum always swings and it seems about time for it to reverse its direction. Wide public knowledge can surely slow, and perhaps even stop, the further depredations of the money thieves. A "permanent" solution (gold-based interest-free banking) may take longer, but the drawing together of a large number of nations in opposition to the "status quo" is occurring which could well end the PKZ world dominance that is now so effectively maintained through the rationing of the money supply of virtually all nations.


Lest we leave readers with the wrong impression, we must deny that we are PREDICTING a price of \$9000 per ounce for gold. On the contrary, it is our opinion that the "tumble" of the bloated price of paper money (and publicly-held corporate stock) is a great deal more likely than an astronomical rise in the price of gold. Besides being a good base for money, gold is also a commodity and the supply of gold will rise as its price rises. If the cost of production is, say, \$350 per ounce (which it might be in the US and Canada but varies widely in other parts of the world), when the price exceeds \$400 for a sustained period the production will begin to come back on line, and a lot of gold may "come out of hiding" which could tend to dampen the price rise. Offsetting that, and a far more powerful force, is the estimated \$100T worth of stocks on the world's stock exchanges, some of which will be

looking for a place to go when the US stock market even heaves a big sigh. At today's prices only 2% of that stock market money would sop up all of the known gold in the world, even if the central banks sold all of theirs, which they will not.

Further complicating the situation is the specter of "legislating" the price of gold as was done with the Bretton Woods Conference. Lately Lyndon LaRouche has been promoting the idea of "another Bretton Woods" which should cause a lot of people to wonder just what his real rationale is. The IMF and World Bank came out of Bretton Woods, also, and perhaps that is what Mr. LaRouche is wanting to "correct".

To sum up: Global Alliance Investment Association (GAIA) is proposing to supply the collateral to support an Islamic-style interest-free gold-based banking system so that those people and nations of the world, that have been "colonized" and held in bondage by those same international bankers who own/control virtually all of the "Western" nations and whose debt it is (payable in gold) that is the source of the GAIA collateral, can now access essentially unlimited funds (at the expense of those same international bankers), limited only by their own growth of national value, for the development of themselves and their nations. (In my article entitled "A History Lesson About Value-Based National Banking" in the 2/16/99 issue of this newspaper I explained how a nation's issuance of its currency could equal but not exceed its growth in value.)

We should hasten to add that this "Islamic-style" banking system can work in conjunction with, or in competition to, the current system. It is, of course, hoped that the owners of the current system will see the wisdom of working with, and even assisting, the new system. If they do not, the likelihood is that their position will be seen as so weakened by the accumulating of their debt as it is issued to needy people and nations by GAIA that they will be unable to maintain their dominance.

In my "National Banking" article I also suggested that each sovereign nation has the responsibility for the issuance of its own currency; that each nation use the GAIA collateral as its empowerment to issue its currency with which to purchase gold; that it then base the value of its currency on gold, and use gold as its "reserves" so that its currency will be recognized world-wide. In such a gold-based society, interest-free banking becomes quite feasible, which does away with the awful destructive pressure created by the (now) ever-present "cost of the use of money", so artificial and yet so ingrained in our current thinking. Given the choice, where would you put your money, and/or go for a loan, Profit Sharing or Interest Bearing? 

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AN APPRAISAL OF THE TECHNOLOGIES OF POLITICAL CONTROL

An Omega Foundation Summary
& Options Report
For The European Parliament

SEPTEMBER 1998

1. INTRODUCTION

This report represents a summarized version of an interim study, "An Appraisal of the Technology of Political Control" (PE 166.499), (referred to throughout this document as the Interim Report), prepared by the Omega Foundation in Manchester and presented to the STOA Panel at its meeting of 18 December 1997 and to the Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs on 27 January 1998.

The Interim Report aroused great interest and the resultant high-profile press comment throughout the European Union and beyond, indicates the level of public concern about many of the innovations detailed by the study. This current report is framed by the same key objectives as the Interim Report (1), namely:

(i) To provide Members of the European Parliament with a succinct reference guide to recent advances in the technology of political control;

(ii) To identify and describe the current state of the art of the most salient developments, further clarifying and updating the areas of the interim report which have aroused the greatest public concern and comment;

(iii) To present MEP's with an account of current trends both within Europe and Worldwide;

(iv) To suggest policy options covering regulatory strategies for the future democratic control and management of this technology;

(v) To provide some further succinct background material to inform the Parliament's response to the proposed declaration by the Commission on electronic eavesdropping which has been put on the agenda for the plenary session of the European Parliament, on Wednesday 16 September 1998.

This report also has seven substantive sections covering (a) the role and function of the technologies of political control; (b) recent trends and innovations; (c) crowd-control

weapons; (d) new prisoner control technology; (e) new interrogation and torture technologies; (f) developments in surveillance technology (including the creation of human recognition and tracking devices and the evolution of new global police and military telecommunications interceptions networks; (g) the implications of vertical and horizontal proliferation of this technology and the need for an adequate EU response, to ensure it neither threatens civil liberties in Europe, nor reaches the hands of tyrants.

Thus, the purpose of this report is to explore the most recent developments in the technology of political control and the major consequences associated with their integration into processes and strategies of policing and internal control. The report ends each section with a series of policy options which might facilitate more democratic, open and efficient regulatory control, including specific areas where further research is needed to make such regulatory controls effective.

A brief look at the historical development of this concept is instructive. Twenty years ago, the British Society for Social Responsibility of Scientists (BSSRS) warned about the dangers of a new technology of political control. BSSRS defined this technology as "a new type of weaponry"... "It is the product of the application of science and technology to the problem of neutralising the state's internal enemies. It is mainly directed at civilian populations, and is not intended to kill (and only rarely does). It is aimed as much at hearts and minds as at bodies." For these scientists, "This new weaponry ranges from means of monitoring internal dissent to devices for controlling demonstrations; from new techniques of interrogation to methods of prisoner control. The intended and actual effects of these new technological aids are both broader and more complex than the more lethal weaponry they complement."(2)

BSSRS recognised that the weapons and systems developed and tested by the USA in Vietnam, and by the UK in its former colonies, were about to be used on the home front and that the military-industrial complex would in the future, rapidly modify its military systems for police and internal security use. In other words, a new technology of repression was being spawned which would find a political niche in Western Liberal democracies. The role of this technology was to provide a technical fix which might effectively crush dissent whilst being designed to mask the level of coercion being

deployed. With the advent of the Northern Irish conflict, the genie was out of the bottle and a new laboratory for field testing these technologies had emerged.

There have been quite awesome changes in the technologies available to states for internal control since the first BSSRS publication. Some of these technologies are highly sensitive politically and without proper regulation can threaten or undermine many of the human rights enshrined in international law, such as the rights of assembly, privacy, due process, freedom of political and cultural expression and protection from torture, arbitrary arrest, cruel and inhumane punishments and extra-judicial execution.

Proper oversight of developments in political control technologies is further complicated by the phenomena of 'bureaucratic capture' where senior officials control their ministers rather than the other way round. Politicians both at European and sovereign state level, whom citizens of the community have presumed will be monitoring any excesses or abuse of this technology on their behalf, are sometimes systematically denied the information they require to do that job.

2. THE ROLE & FUNCTION OF POLITICAL CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES

Throughout the Nineties, many governments have spent huge sums on the research, development, procurement and deployment of new technology for their police, para-military and internal security forces. The objective of this development work has been to increase and enhance each agency's policing capacities. A dominant assumption behind this technocratisation of the policing process, is the belief that it has created both a faster policing response time and a greater cost-effectiveness. The main aim of all this effort has been to save policing resources by either automating certain forms of control, amplifying the rate of particular activities, or decreasing the number of officers required to perform them.

The resultant innovations in the technology of political control have been functionally designed to yield an extension of the scope, efficiency and growth of policing power. The extent to which this process can be judged to be a legitimate one depends both on one's point of view and the level of secrecy and accountability built into the overall procurement and deployment procedures. The full implications of such developments may take time to assess. It is argued that one impact of this process is the militarisation of the police and the para-militarisation of the army as their roles, equipment and procedures begin to overlap. This phenomena is seen as having far reaching consequences on the way that future episodes of sub-state violence is handled, and influencing whether those involved are reconciled, managed, repressed, 'lost' or efficiently destroyed.

What is emerging in certain quarters is a chilling picture of ongoing innovation in the science and technology of social and political control, including: semi-intelligent zone-denial systems using neural networks which can identify and potentially punish unsanctioned behaviour; the advent of global

telecommunications surveillance systems using voice recognition and other biometric techniques to facilitate human tracking; data-veillance systems which can match computer-held data to visual recognition systems or identify friendship maps simply by analysing the telephone and e-mail links between who calls whom; new sub-lethal incapacitating weapons used both for prison and riot control as well as in sub-state conflict operations other than war; new target acquisition aids, lethal weapons and expanding dum-dum like ammunition which although banned by the Geneva conventions for use against other state's soldiers, is finding increasing popularity amongst SWAT and special forces teams; discreet order vehicles designed to look like ambulances on prime time television but which can deploy a formidable array of weaponry to provide a show of force in countries like Indonesia or Turkey, or spray harassing chemicals or dye onto protesters. Such marking appears to be kid-glove in its restraint but tags all protesters so that the snatch squads can arrest them later, out of the prying lenses of CNN.

Whilst there are many opposing schools of thought on why these changes are happening now, few doubt that there are fundamental changes taking place in the types of tactics, techniques and technologies available to internal security agencies for policing purposes. Yet many questions remain unanswered, unconsidered or under-researched. Why for example, did such a transformation in the technology used for political control dramatically change over the last twenty-five years? Is there any significance in the fact that former communist regimes in the Warsaw Treaty Organisation and continuing centralised economic systems such as China, are beginning to adopt such technologies? What are the reasons behind a global convergence of the technology of political control deployed in the North and South, the East and West?

What are the factors responsible for generating the adoption of such new policing technology--was it technology push or demand pull? What new tools for policing lie on the horizon and what are the dynamics behind the process of innovation and the need for a vast arsenal of different kinds of technology rather than just a few? Are the many ways this technology affects the policing process fully understood? Who controls the patterns of police technology procurement and what are the corporate influences?

The technology of political control produces a continuum of flexible options which stretch from modern law enforcement to advanced state suppression. It is multi-functional and has led to a rapid extension of the scope, efficiency and growth of policing power, creating policing revolutions both with Europe, the US and the rest of the world. The key difference being the level of democratic accountability in the manner in which the technology is applied. Yet because of a process of technological and decision drift these instruments of control, once deployed quickly become "normalised". Their secondary and unanticipated effects often lead to a paramilitarisation of the security forces and a militarisation of the police—often because the companies which produce them service both

3. RECENT TRENDS & INNOVATIONS

Since the "Technology of Political Control" was first written (Ackroyd et al., 1977) there has been a profusion of technological innovations for police, paramilitary, intelligence and internal security forces. Many of these are simple advances on the technologies available in the 1970s. Others such as automatic telephone tapping, voice recognition and electronic tagging were not envisaged by the original BSSRS authors since they did not think that the computing power needed for a national monitoring system was feasible. The overall drift of this technology is to increase the power and reliability of the policing process, either enhancing the individual power of police operatives, replacing personnel with less expensive machines to monitor activity or to automate certain police monitoring, detection and communication facilities completely. A massive Police-Industrial Complex has been spawned to service the needs of police, paramilitary and security forces, evidenced by the number of companies now active in the market.. An overall trend is towards globalisation of these technologies and a drift towards increasing proliferation.

One core trend has been towards a militarisation of the police and a paramilitarisation of military forces in Europe. In some European countries, that trend is reversed, e.g. in 1996, the Swiss government (Federal Council and the Military Department) made plans to re-equip the Swiss Army Ordnungsdienst with 118 million Swiss Francs of less-lethal weapons for action within the country in times of crisis. (These include 12 tanks, armoured vehicles, teargas, rubber shot and handcuffs.) The decision was made by decree preventing any discussion or intervention. Their role will be to help police large scale demonstrations or riots and to police frontiers to 'prevent streams of refugees coming into Switzerland.(3)

There has also been an increasing trend towards convergence--the process whereby the technology used by police and the military for internal security operations, converges towards being more or less indistinguishable. The term also describes the trend towards a universal adoption of similar types of technologies by most states for internal security and policing. Security companies now produce weapons and communications systems for both military and the police. Such systems increasingly represent the muscle and the nervous system of public order squads. (4) Given the potential civil liberties and human rights implications associated with certain technologies of political control, there is a pressing need to avoid the risks of such technologies developing faster than any regulating legislation. MEP's may wish to consider how best it should develop appropriate structures of accountability to prevent undesirable innovations emerging via processes of technological creep or decision drift. Towards that end, members of the European Parliament may wish to consider the following policy options:

3.1 POLICY OPTIONS

(i) Accepting the principle that the process

of innovation of new systems for use in internal social and political control should be transparent (i.e. open to appropriate public and parliamentary scrutiny) and be subject to change should unwanted and unanticipated consequences emerge;

(ii) Give consideration to what committee and procedural changes might be needed to ensure that Members of the European Parliament are adequately informed on issues relating to technologies of political control and can effectively act should the need arise;

(iii) Consider if there is a need to amend the terms of reference of the Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs Committee to include powers and responsibilities for matters relating to, for example, the civil liberties and human rights implications of developments in political control technologies such as:

(a) new crowd and prison control weapons and technologies, lethal and less lethal weapons and ammunition;

(b) developments in surveillance technologies such as data-veillance, electronic eavesdropping, CCTV, human recognition and tracking systems;

(c) private prisons and related equipment and training;

(d) torture and interrogation of detainees;

(e) any class of technology which has been shown in the past to be excessively injurious, cruel, inhumane or indiscriminate in its effects.

4. INNOVATIONS IN CROWD CONTROL WEAPONS

The Interim Report critically evaluated the so-called safety of these allegedly harmless crowd-control weapons.(5) Using earlier US military data and empirical data on the kinetic energy of all the commonly available kinetic weapons such as plastic bullets, it found that much of the biomedical research legitimating the introduction of current crowd control weapons is badly flawed. All the commonly available plastic bullet ammunition used in Europe breaches the severe damage zone of kinetic energy used to assess such weapons by the US military scientists. (Over 100,000 plastic bullets were withdrawn in the UK in 1996 for possessing excessive kinetic energy but according to this report their replacements are still excessively injurious.) The price of protest should not be death, yet given that these weapons are frequently used against bystanders in zone clearance operations, this aspect is particularly important.

Likewise there is a need to consider halting the use of peppergas (OC) in Europe until independent evaluation of its biomedical effects is undertaken. Special Agent Ward, the FBI officer who cleared OC in the USA, was found to have taken a \$57,000 kickback to give it the OK. Other US military scientists warned of dangerous side effects including neurotoxicity and a recent estimate by the International Association of Chief Police Officers suggested at least 113 peppergas linked fatalities in the US--predominantly from positional asphyxia.(6)

Amnesty International has said that the use of pepper spray by Californian police against peaceful environmental activists, is 'cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of such deliberateness and severity that it is tantamount to torture.' (Police deputies pulled back

protesters heads, opened their eyes and "swabbed" the burning liquid directly on to their eyeballs.) (7)

Sometimes when technologies are transferred, their characteristics also change. For example CS Sprays authorised for use by the police in the UK from 1996 were five times the concentration of similar MACE products in the US and have dispersion rates which are five times faster. This means that they dump twenty-five times as much irritant on a target's face as do US products yet were justified as being the same. In practice this meant that one former Metropolitan police instructor Peter Hodgkinson lost between 40-50% of his corneas after he volunteered to be sprayed at the beginning of trials. Most police forces in the UK have now adopted the spray which was authorised before findings on its alleged safety were published.(8)

In the early Nineties, much to the disbelief of serious researchers, a new doctrine emerged in the US--non-lethal warfare. Its advocates were predominantly science fiction writers such as (Toffler, A., & Toffler, H., 1994) and (Morris, J., & Morris, C., 1990, 1994), who found a willing ear in the nuclear weapons laboratories of Los Alamos, Oak Ridge and Lawrence Livermore. The cynics were quick to point out that non-lethal warfare was a contradiction in terms and that this was really a "rice-bowls" initiative, dreamt up to protect jobs in beleaguered weapons laboratories facing the challenge of life without the Cold War.

This naive doctrine found a champion in Col. John Alexander (who made his name in the rather more lethal Phoenix assassination programmes of the Vietnam War) and subsequently picked up by the US Defence and Justice Departments. After the controversial and overly public beating of Rodney King (who was subdued by an electro-shock "taser" before being attacked); the excessive firepower deployed by all sides in the Waco debacle (where the police used chemical agents which failed to end the siege); and the humiliations of the US military missions in Somalia--America was in search of a magic bullet which would somehow allow the powers of good to prevail without anyone being hurt. Yet US doctrine in practice was not that simple, it was not to replace lethal weapons with "non-lethal" alternatives but to augment the use of deadly force, in both war and 'operations other than war', where the main targets include civilians. A dubious Pandora's box of new weapons has emerged, designed to appear, rather than be, safe. Because of the "CNN factor" they need to be media friendly, more a case of invisible weapons than war without blood. America now has an integrated product team consisting of the US Marines, US Air Force, US Special Operations Command, US Army, US Navy, DOT, DOJ, DOE, Joint Staff, and CINC's Office of SecDef. Bridgeheads for this technology are already emerging since one of the roles of this team is to liaise with friendly foreign governments.

Last year, the interim report advised that the Commission should be requested to report on the existence of formal liaison arrangements with the US, for introducing advanced non-lethal weapons into the EU.(9) The urgency of this advice was highlighted in November 1997 for example, when a special conference on the "Future of Non-Lethal Weapons", was held in

London. A flavour of what was on offer was provided by Ms. Hildi Libby, systems manager of the US Army's Non-lethal Material Programme.

Ms. Libby described the M203 Anti-personnel blunt trauma crowd dispersal grenade, which hurtles a large number of small "stinging" rubber balls at rioters. The US team also promoted acoustic wave weapons that used "mechanical pressure wave generation" to "provide the war fighter with a weapon capable of delivering incapacitating effects, from lethal to non-lethal"; the non-lethal Claymore mine--a crowd control version of the more lethal M18A1; ground vehicle stoppers; the M139 Volcano mine which projects a net (that can cover a football-sized field) laced with either razor blades or other "immobilisation enhancers"--adhesive or sting; canister launched area denial systems; sticky foam; vortex ring guns--to apply vortex ring gas impulses with flash, concussion and the option of quickly changing between lethal and non-lethal operations; and the underbarrel tactical payload delivery system--essentially an M-16 which shoots either bullets, disabling chemicals, kinetic munitions or marker dye.

One of the unanticipated consequences of these weapons is that they offer a flexible response which can potentially undermine non-violent direct action. Used to inflict instant gratuitous punishment, their flexibility means that if official violence does tempt demonstrators to fight back, the weapons are often just a switch away from street level executions.

At their last conference in Lillehammer, the Nobel Peace Prize-winning organisation Pugwash came to the conclusion that the term 'non-lethal' should be abandoned, not only because it covers a variety of very different weapons but also because it can be dangerously misleading. "In combat situations, 'sub-lethal' weapons are likely to be used in co-ordination with other weapons and could increase overall lethality. Weapons purportedly developed for conventional military or peacekeeping use are also likely to be used in civil wars or for oppression by brutal governments."

Weapons developed for police use may encourage the militarisation of police forces or be used for torture. If a generic term is needed "less-lethal or pre-lethal weapons might be preferable."(10) Such misgivings are certainly borne out by recent developments. US expert Bill Arkin has warned that the new generation of acoustic weapons can rupture organs, create cavities in human tissue and produce shockwaves of 170 decibels and potentially lethal blastwave trauma.(11) Pugwash considered that "each of the emerging less-lethal weapons technologies required urgent examination and that their development or adoption should be subject to public review."(12) Informed by principle 3 and 4 of the United Nations Basic Principles on The Use of Force & Firearms (13), MEP's may wish to consider the following options:

4.1 POLICY OPTIONS

(i) Reaffirm the European Parliamentary demand of May 1982, for a ban on the use of plastic bullets;

(ii) Establish objective criteria for assessing

the biomedical effects of so called non-lethal weapons that are independent from commercial or governmental research;

(iii) Seek confirmation from the Commission that:

Member States are fully aware of their responsibilities under Principles 3 and 4 of the United Nations Basic Principles on the Use of Force & Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials and to ask for clarification of exactly what steps individual Member States are taking to ensure that these are fully met, given the power of "less-lethal weapons" changes and whether consistent standards apply;

(iv) Request the Commission to report on the existing liaison arrangements for the second generation of non-lethal weapons to enter European Union from the USA and call for an independent report on their alleged safety as well as their intended and unforeseen social and political effects.

(v) During the interim period, consider restricting the deployment by the police, the military or paramilitary special forces, of US made or licensed 2nd. generation chemical irritant, kinetic, acoustic, laser, electromagnetic frequency, capture, entanglement, injector or electrical disabling and paralysing weapons, within Europe.

(vi). Establish the following principles across all EU Member States:

(a) Research on chemical irritants should be published in open scientific journals before authorization for any usage is permitted and that the safety criteria for such chemicals should be treated as if they were drugs rather than riot control agents.

(b) Research on the alleged safety of existing crowd-control weapons and of all future innovations in crowd-control weapons should be placed in the public domain prior to any decision towards deployment.

(c) that deployment of OC (peppergas) should be halted across the EU until independent non-FBI funded research has evaluated any risks it poses to health.

5. NEW PRISON CONTROL SYSTEMS

Some of the equipment described above, such as the surveillance, area denial and crowd-control technologies, also finds ready use inside permanent prisons and houses of correction. Other devices such as the area denial, perimeter fencing systems, portable coils of razor wire, prison transport vehicles with mini cage cells, to create temporary holding centres. Permanent prisons are however, literally custom built control environments, where every act and thing, including the architecture, the behaviour of the prison officers and daily routines, are functionally organised with that purpose in mind. Therefore many of the technologies discussed above are built in to the prison structure and integral to policing systems used to contain their inmates. For example, area denial technology, intruder detection equipment and surveillance devices are instrumental in hermetically sealing high security prisons. If disturbances develop within a prison, the riot technologies and tactics outlined above, are also available for use by prison officers. The trend has been to train specialized MUFTI (Minimum Force Tactical Intervention) squads for this

purpose. Outside Europe, irritant gas has been used not only to crush revolt but also to punish political detainees or to eject reticent prisoners from their cells before execution. The Interim Report describes prison restraint techniques using straitjackets, body belts, leg shackles, padded cells and isolation units, some of which infringe the European Convention against Torture.(14)

Apart from mechanical restraint, prison authorities have access to pharmacological approaches for immobilising inmates, colloquially known as "the liquid cosh". These vary from psychotropic drugs such as anti-depressants, sedatives and powerful hypnotics. Drugs like largactil or Seranace offer a chemical strait-jacket and their usage is becoming increasingly controversial as prison populations rise and larger numbers of inmates are "treated". In the USA, the trend is for punishment to become therapy: "behaviour modification"--Pavlovian reward and punishment routines using drugs like anectine, producing fear or pain, to recondition behaviour. The possibilities of testing new social control drugs are extensive, whilst controls are few. Prisons form the new laboratories developing the next generation of drugs for social reprogramming, whilst military and university laboratories provide scores of new psychoactive drugs each year. (15)

Critics such as Lilly & Knepper (1992, 186-7) argue that in examining the international aspects of crime control as industry, more attention is needed to the changing activities of the companies which used to provide supplies to the military. At the end of the Cold War, "with defence contractors reporting declines in sales, the search for new markets is pushing corporate decision making, it should be no surprise to see increased corporate activity in criminal justice." Where such companies previously profited from wars with foreign enemies, they are increasingly turning to the new opportunities afforded by crime control as industry.(Christie, 1994).

Several European countries are now experiencing a rapid process of privatisation of prisons by corporate conglomerations, predominantly from the USA. Some of the prisons run by these organisations in the US have cultures and control techniques which are alien to European traditions. Such a process of privatisation can lead to a bridgehead for importing U.S. corrections mentality, methods and technologies into Europe and there is a pressing need to ensure a consensus on what constitutes acceptable practice. There is a further danger that such privatisation will lead to cost-cutting practices of human warehousing, rather than the more long term beneficial practice of prisoner rehabilitation.

In some European countries, particularly Britain, where changes in penal policy are leading to a rapid rise in prison population without additional resources being applied to the sector, the imperative is to cut costs either through using technology or by privatising prisons.(16)

Already, the UK Prison Service has compiled a shopping list of computer-based options with existing CCTV surveillance systems being complemented by geophones, identity recognition technology and forward looking infra-red systems which can spot weapons and drugs.(17) Alongside such proactive technologies, UK prisons will face

increasing pressure to tool up for trouble. Much of this weaponry including the contract for between 950,000 and 2,500,000 of side handled batons, kubotans, riot shields etc. made by the Prison Service in March 1995, is likely to be originally manufactured in the United States.(18)

The U.S.A. adopts a far more militarised prison regime than anywhere in Europe outside of Northern Ireland. A massive prison-industrial complex has mushroomed to maintain the strict control regimes that typify American Houses of Correction. The future prospect is of that alien technology coming here, with very little in the way of public or parliamentary debate. A few examples of US prison technologies and proliferation illustrate the dangers.

Many prisons in the U.S. use Nova electronic 50,000-volt extraction shields, electronic stun prods and most recently the REACT remote-controlled stun belts. In 1994, the US Federal Bureau of Prisons decided to use remote-controlled stun belts on prisoners considered dangerous to prevent them from escaping during transportation and court appearances. By May 1996, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections said that no longer will inmates be chained together "but will be restrained by the use of stun belts and individual restraints."

Promotional literature from US company Stun Tech of Cleveland, Ohio, claims that its high pulse stun belt can be activated from 300 feet. After a warning noise, the Remote Electronically Activated Control Technology (REACT) belt inflicts a 50,000 volt shock for 8 seconds. This high pulsed current enters the prisoners left kidney region then enters the body of the victim along blood channels and nerve pathways. Each pulse results in a rapid body shock extending to the whole of the brain and central nervous system. The makers promote the belt "for total psychological supremacy ... of potentially troublesome prisoners". Stunned prisoners lose control of the bladders and bowels. "After all, if you were wearing the contraption around your waist that by the mere push of a button in someone's hand, could make you defecate or urinate yourself, what would you do from the psychological standpoint?"(19) Amnesty International wants Washington to ban the belts because they can be used to torture, and calls them, "cruel, inhuman and degrading". Some officials say the belts can save money because fewer guards would be needed. But human rights activists and some jailers oppose them as the "most degrading new measure in an increasingly barbaric field". (Kilborn,1997) Already, some European countries are in the process of evaluating stunbelt systems for use here. (Marks, 1996)

Without proper licensing and a clear consensus on what is expected from private prisons in Europe, multinational private prison conglomerations could act as a bridgehead for similar sorts of technology to further enter the European crime control industry. Proper limits need to be set when a licence is granted with a comprehensive account taken of that company's past track record in terms of civil liberties, rehabilitation and crisis management rather than just cost per prisoner held. Amnesty International in the USA is currently asking the large multi-national prison corporations to sign up to the United Nations Declaration on Human

Rights and a similar approach with associated contractual obligations, might prove to be a useful way forward here in Europe. Members of the European Parliament may wish to consider the following options:

5.1 POLICY OPTIONS

(i) To let commercial requirements to make profits from prisoners become the primary criterion in running Europe's private jails;

(ii). Further examine the use of kill fencing and lethal area denial systems in all prisons within the European Union, whether private or public, with a view to their prohibition;

(iii) That the European Parliament establish a rigorous independent and impartial inquiry into the use of stun belts, stunguns and shields, and all other types and variants of electro-shock weapons in Member States, to assess their medical and other effects in terms of international human rights standards regulating the treatment of prisoners and the use of force; the inquiry should examine all known cases of deaths or injury resulting from the use of these instruments, and the results of the inquiry should be published without delay;

(iv) That the European Commission be asked to:

(a) Ensure that the UN Minimum treatment of prisoners rules banning the use of leg irons on prisoners are implemented in all EU correctional facilities.

(b) Implement a ban on the introduction of in-built gassing systems inside European gaols on the basis of the manufacturers warnings of the dangers of using chemical riot control agents in enclosed spaces. Restrictions should also be made on the use of chemical irritants from whatever source in correctional facilities wherever research has shown that a concentration of that irritant could either kill or be associated with permanent damage to health.

(c) Explore legal mechanisms to ensure that all private prison operations within the European Union should be subject to a common and consistent licensing regime by the host member. If adopted, no licence should be granted where proven human rights violations by that contractor have been made elsewhere. Consideration might be given to providing a contract mechanism whereby any failure to secure a licence in one European state should debar that private prison contractor from bidding for other European contracts (pending evidence of adequate human rights training and appropriate improvements in standard operating procedures and controls by that corporation or company).

(v) Seek agreement between all Member States to ensure that:

(a) All riot control, prisoner transport and extraction technology which is in use or proposed for use in all prisons, (whether state or privately run), should be subject to prior approval by the competent member authorities on the basis of independent research.

(b) Automated systems of indiscriminate punishment such as built-in baton round firing mechanisms, should be prohibited.

(c) The use of electro-shock restraining devices or other remote-control punishment devices including shock-shields should be immediately suspended in any private or public prison in the European Union, until and unless

independent medical evidence can clearly demonstrate that their use will not contribute to deaths in custody, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

6. INTERROGATION, TORTURE TECHNIQUES & TECHNOLOGIES

The Interim Report on the variety of hardware, software and liveware involved in human interrogation and torture.(20) Millennia of research and development have been expended in devising ever more cruel and inhumane means of extracting obedience and information from reluctant victims or achieving excruciatingly painful and long-drawn-out deaths for those who would question or challenge the prevalent status quo. What has changed in more recent times is (i) the increasing requirement for speed in breaking down prisoners' resistance; (ii) the adoption of sophisticated methods based on a scientific approach and (iii) a need for invisible torture which leaves no or few marks which might be used by organisations like Amnesty International to label a particular government, a torturing state. Today, the phenomena of torture has grown to a worldwide epidemic. A report by the Redress Trust, 1996, found that 151 countries were involved in torture, inhuman or degrading treatment, despite the fact that 106 states have ratified, acceded to or signed the Convention Against Torture.

Helen Bamber, Director of the British Medical Foundation for the Treatment of the Victims of Torture, has described electroshock batons at "the most universal modern tool of the torturers" (Gregory,1995) Recent surveys of torture victims have confirmed that after systematic beating, electroshock is one of the most common factors (London, 1993; Rasmussen, 1990). If one looks at the country reports of Amnesty International (which recently published a survey of fifty countries where electric shock torture and ill treatment has been recorded since 1990)(21), confirm that electroshock torture is the Esperanto of the most repressive states. Since publication of the Interim Report, one news story has uncovered evidence suggesting that Taiwan-made electroshock weapons are being sold with the EC "mark of quality", despite the resolution passed by the European Parliament seeking a ban on such devices. There is an urgent need to establish whether this is a bogus claim or whether there really are people in the Commission building whose job is to make sure the electro-shock weapons produced by foreign manufacturers can produce the requisite level of paralysis & helplessness beloved of torturers everywhere.(22) Members of the European Parliament may wish to consider the following policy options:

6.1 POLICY OPTIONS

(i) That the Civil Liberties Committee should receive expert evidence to determine whether:

(a) New regulations on the nature of in-depth interrogation training should be agreed which prohibit export of such techniques to forces overseas known to be involved in gross human rights violation.

(b) All training of foreign military, police, security and intelligence forces in interrogation

techniques, can be subject to licence, even if it is provided outside European territory.

(c) Restrictions on visits to European MSP related events by representatives of known torturing states can be effectively implemented.

(ii) The Commission should be requested to achieve agreement between member States to:

(a) Carry out an investigation of claims that the EC "mark of quality" is being used to endorse electroshock devices and Immediately prohibit the transfer of all electroshock stun weapons to any country where such weapons are likely to contribute to unlawful killings, or to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, for example by refusing any export licence where it is proposed that electroshock weapons will be transferred to a country where persistent torture or instances of electric shock torture and ill treatment have been reported.

(b) Introduce and implement new regulations on the manufacture, sale and transfer of all electroshock weapons from and into Europe, with a full report to the European Parliament's Civil Liberties committee made each year. [Special consideration should be given to controlling the whole procurement process, covering even the making of contracts of sale, (to prevent a purchase deal made in a European country being met by a supplier or subsidiary outside of the EU, in an effort to obviate extant controls)].

(c) Ensure that the proposed regulations should cover patents and prohibit the patenting of any device whose sole use would be the violation of human rights, via torture or the creation of unnecessary suffering. The onus should be on the patent seeker to show that his patent would not lead to such outcomes.

(iii) The European Parliament should look at commissioning new work to investigate how existing legislation within member states of the EU, can be brought to bear to prosecute companies who have been complicit in the supply of equipment used for torture as defined by the UN convention of torture. This new work should examine, in conjunction with the Directorate of Human Rights:

(a) The extent to which such technology produced by European companies is being transferred to human rights violators and the role played by international military, police and security fairs organised both inside and outside European Borders;

(b)The possible measures that could be set in place to monitor and track any technology transfer within this category and any potential role in this endeavour that might be played by recognised Non-Governmental Organisations.

7. DEVELOPMENTS IN SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY

Surveillance technology can be defined as devices or systems which can monitor, track and assess the movements of individuals, their property and other assets. Much of this technology is used to track the activities of dissidents, human rights activists, journalists, student leaders, minorities, trade union leaders and political opponents. A huge range of surveillance technologies has evolved, including the night vision goggles; parabolic microphones to detect conversations over a kilometre away; laser versions, can pick up any conversation from a closed window in line of sight; the

Danish Jai stroboscopic camera can take hundreds of pictures in a matter of seconds and individually photograph all the participants in a demonstration or March; and the automatic vehicle recognition systems can track cars around a city via a Geographic Information System of maps.

New technologies which were originally conceived for the Defence and Intelligence sectors have, after the Cold War, rapidly spread into the law enforcement and private sectors. It is one of the areas of technological advance, where outdated regulations have not kept pace with an accelerating pattern of abuses. Up until the 1960s, most surveillance was low-tech and expensive since it involved following suspects around from place to place, using up to 6 people in teams of two working 3 eight-hour shifts. All of the material and contacts gleaned had to be typed up and filed away with little prospect of rapidly cross checking. Even electronic surveillance was highly labour intensive. The East German police for example employed 500,000 secret informers, 10,000 of which were needed just to listen and transcribe citizens' phone calls.(23)

By the 1980s, new forms of electronic surveillance were emerging and many of these were directed towards automation of communications interception. This trend was fuelled in the U.S. in the 1990s by accelerated government funding at the end of the Cold War, with defence and intelligence agencies being refocussed with new missions to justify their budgets, transferring their technologies to certain law enforcement applications such as anti-drug and anti-terror operations. In 1993, the US Department of Defence and the Justice Department signed memoranda of understanding for "Operations Other Than War and Law Enforcement" to facilitate joint development and sharing of technology. According to David Banisar of Privacy International, "To counteract reductions in military contracts which began in the 1980s, computer and electronics companies are expanding into new markets--at home and abroad--with equipment originally developed for the military. Companies such as E Systems, Electronic Data Systems and Texas Instruments are selling advanced computer systems and surveillance equipment to state and local governments that use them for law enforcement, border control and Welfare administration."(24) What the East German secret police could only dream of is rapidly becoming a reality in the "free world". (25)

7.1 CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) SURVEILLANCE NETWORKS

In fact the art of visual surveillance has dramatically changed over recent years. Of course police and intelligence officers still photograph demonstrations and individuals of interest but increasingly such images can be stored and searched. Ongoing processes of ultra-miniaturisation mean that such devices can be made to be virtually undetectable and are open to abuse by both individuals, companies and official agencies.

The attitude to CCTV camera networks varies greatly in the European Union, from the position in Denmark where such cameras are banned by law to the position in the UK, where many hundreds of CCTV networks exist.

Nevertheless, a common position on the status of such systems where they exist in relation to data protection principles should apply in general. A specific consideration is the legal status of admissibility as evidence, of digital material such as those taken by the more advanced CCTV systems. Much of this will fall within data protection legislation if the material gathered can be searched, e.g., by car number plate or by time. Given that material from such systems can be seamlessly edited, the European Data Protection Directive legislation needs to be implemented through primary legislation which clarifies the law as it applies to CCTV, to avoid confusion amongst both CCTV data controllers as well as citizens as data subjects. Primary legislation will make it possible to extend the impact of the Directive to areas of activity that do not fall within community law. Articles 3 and 13 of the Directive should not create a blanket covering the use of CCTV in every circumstance in a domestic context.

A proper code of practice such as that promoted by the UK-based Local Government Information Unit (LGIU, 1996) should be extended to absorb best practice from all EU Member States to cover the use of all CCTV surveillance schemes operating in public spaces and especially in residential areas.(26) As a first step it is suggested that the Civil Liberties Committee formally consider examining the practice and control of CCTV throughout the member States with a view to establishing what elements of the various codes of practice could be adopted for a unified code and an enforceable legal framework covering enforcement and civil liberties protection and redress.

7.2 ALGORITHMIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

The revolution in urban surveillance will reach the next generation of control once reliable face recognition comes in. It will initially be introduced at stationary locations, like turnstiles, customs points, security gateways etc. to enable a standard full face recognition to take place. The Interim Report predicted that in the early part of the 21st century, facial recognition on CCTV will be a reality and those countries with CCTV infrastructures will view such technology as a natural add-on. In fact, an American company, Software and Systems, has trialed a system in London which can scan crowds and match faces against a database of images held in a remote computer.(27) We are at the beginning of a revolution in "algorithmic surveillance"--effectively data analysis via complex algorithms which enable automatic recognition and tracking. Such automation not only widens the surveillance net, it narrows the mesh. (See Norris, C., et. al, 1998)

Similarly, Vehicle Recognition Systems have been developed which can identify a car number plate then track the car around a city using a computerised geographic information system. Such systems are now commercially available, for example, the Talon system introduced in 1994 by UK company Racal at a price of 2000 per unit. The system is trained to recognise number plates based on neural network technology developed by Cambridge Neurodynamics, and can see both night and day. Initially it has been used for traffic monitoring

but its function has been adapted in recent years to cover security surveillance and has been incorporated in the "ring of steel" around London. The system can then record all the vehicles that entered or left the cordon on a particular day. (28)

It is important to set clear guidelines and codes of practice for such technological innovations, well in advance of the digital revolution making new and unforeseen opportunities to collate, analyze, recognise and store such visual images. Already multifunctional traffic management systems such as "Traffic Master", (which uses vehicle recognition systems to map and quantify congestion), are facilitating a national surveillance architecture. Such regulation will need to be founded on sound data protection principles and take cognizance of article 15 of the 1995 European Directive on the protection of Individuals and Processing of Personal Data. Essentially this says that "Member States shall grant the right of every person not to be subject to a decision which produces legal effects concerning him or significantly affects him and which is based solely on the automatic processing of data."(29) There is much to recommend the European Parliament following the advice of a recent UK House of Lords Report (Select Committee Report on Digital Images as Evidence, 1998). Namely: (i)that the European Parliament "produces guidance for both the public and private sectors on the use of data matching, and in particular the linking of surveillance systems with other databases; and (ii) That the Data Protection Registrar be given powers to audit the operation of data matching systems".

Such surveillance systems raise significant issues of accountability, particularly when transferred to authoritarian regimes. The cameras used in Tiananmen Square were sold as advanced traffic control systems by Siemens Plessey. Yet after the 1989 massacre of students, there followed a witch hunt when the authorities tortured and interrogated thousands in an effort to ferret out the subversives. The Scoot surveillance system with USA-made Pelco cameras were used to faithfully record the protests. The images were repeatedly broadcast over Chinese television offering a reward for information, with the result that nearly all the transgressors were identified. Again democratic accountability is only the criterion which distinguishes a modern traffic control system from an advanced dissident capture technology. Foreign companies are exporting traffic control systems to Lhasa in Tibet, yet Lhasa does not as yet have any traffic control problems. The problem here may be a culpable lack of imagination.

7.3 BUGGING & TAPPING DEVICES

A wide range of bugging and tapping devices have been evolved to record conversations and to intercept telecommunications traffic. In recent years the widespread practice of illegal and legal interception of communications and the planting of 'bugs' has been an issue in many European States.(30) However, planting illegal bugs is yesterday's technology. Modern snoopers can buy specially adapted lap-top computers, and simply tune in to all the mobile phones active

in the area by cursoring down to their number. The machine will even search for numbers "of interest" to see if they are active. However, these bugs and taps pale into insignificance next to the national and international state-run interceptions networks.

7.4 NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTIONS NETWORKS

The Interim Report set out in detail, the global surveillance systems which facilitate the mass supervision of all telecommunications including telephone, e-mail and fax transmissions of private citizens, politicians, trade unionists and companies alike. There has been a political shift in targeting in recent years. Instead of investigating crime (which is reactive) law enforcement agencies are increasingly tracking certain social classes and races of people living in red-lined areas before crime is committed--a form of pre-emptive policing deemed data-veillance which is based on military models of gathering huge quantities of low grade intelligence.

Without encryption, modern communications systems are virtually transparent to the advanced interceptions equipment which can be used to listen in. The Interim Report also explained how mobile phones have inbuilt monitoring and tagging dimensions which can be accessed by police and intelligence agencies. For example the digital technology required to pinpoint mobile phone users for incoming calls, means that all mobile phone users in a country, when activated, are mini-tracking devices, giving their owners whereabouts at any time and stored in the company's computer. For example Swiss Police have secretly tracked the whereabouts of mobile phone users from the computer of the service provider Swisscom, which according to SonntagsZeitung had stored movements of more than a million subscribers down to a few hundred metres, and going back at least half a year. (31)

However, of all the developments covered in the Interim Report, the section covering some of the constitutional and legal issues raised by the USA's National Security Agency's access and facility to intercept all European telecommunications caused the most concern. Whilst no-one denied the role of such networks in anti-terrorist operations and countering illegal drug, money laundering and illicit arms deals, alarm was expressed about the scale of the foreign interceptions network identified in the report and whether existing legislation, data protection and privacy safeguards in the Member States were sufficient to protect the confidentiality between EU citizens, corporations and those with third countries.

Since there has been a certain degree of confusion in subsequent press reports, it is worth clarifying some of the issues surrounding transatlantic electronic surveillance and providing a short history and update on developments since the Interim Report was published in January 1998. There are essentially two separate systems, namely:

(i) The UK/USA system comprising the activities of military intelligence agencies such as NSA-CIA in the USA subsuming GCHQ & MI-6 in the UK operating a system known as ECHELON.

(ii) The EU-FBI system which is linking up various law enforcement agencies such as the FBI, police, customs, immigration and internal security.

Although the confusion has been further compounded by the title of item 44 on the agenda for the Plenary session of the European Parliament on September 16, 1998,(32) in intelligence terms, these are two distinct "communities". It is worth looking briefly at the activities of both systems in turn, encompassing, Echelon, encryption; EU-FBI surveillance and new interfaces with for example to access to Internet providers and to databanks of other agencies.

7.4.1 NSA INTERCEPTION OF ALL EU TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Interim report said that within Europe, all e-mail, telephone and fax communications are routinely intercepted by the United States National Security Agency, transferring all target information from the European mainland via the strategic hub of London then by Satellite to Fort Meade in Maryland via the crucial hub at Menwith Hill in the North York Moors of the UK.

The system was first uncovered in the 1970s by a group of researchers in the UK (Campbell, 1981). A recent work by Nicky Hager, *Secret Power*, (Hager, 1996) provides the most comprehensive details to date of a project known as ECHELON. Hager interviewed more than 50 people concerned with intelligence to document a global surveillance system that stretches around the world to form a targeting system on all of the key Intelsat satellites used to convey most of the world's satellite phone calls, Internet, e-mail, faxes and telexes. These sites are based at Sugar Grove and Yakima, in the USA, at Waihopai in New Zealand, at Geraldton in Australia, Hong Kong, and Morwenstow in the UK.

The ECHELON system forms part of the UKUSA system but unlike many of the electronic spy systems developed during the Cold War, ECHELON is designed for primarily non-military targets: governments, organisations and businesses in virtually every country. The ECHELON system works by indiscriminately intercepting very large quantities of communications and then siphoning out what is valuable using artificial intelligence aids like

Memex to find key words. Five nations share the results with the US as the senior partner under the UKUSA agreement of 1948, Britain, Canada, New Zealand and Australia are very much acting as subordinate information servicers.

Each of the five centres supply "dictionaries" to the other four of keywords, phrases, people and places to "tag" and the tagged intercept is forwarded straight to the requesting country. Whilst there is much information gathered about potential terrorists, there is a lot of economic intelligence, notably intensive monitoring of all the countries participating in the GATT negotiations. But Hager found that by far the main priorities of this system continued to be military and political intelligence applicable to their wider interests.

Hager quotes from "highly placed intelligence operatives" who spoke to the Observer in London. "We feel we can no longer remain silent regarding that which we regard to be gross malpractice and negligence within the establishment in which we operate." They gave as examples, GCHQ interception of three charities, including Amnesty International and Christian Aid. "At any time GCHQ is able to home in on their communications for a routine target request," the GCHQ source said. In the case of phone taps the procedure is known as Mantis. With telexes it's called Mayfly. By keying in a code relating to Third World aid, the source was able to demonstrate telex "fixes" on the three organisations. With no system of accountability, it is difficult to discover what criteria determine who is not a target.

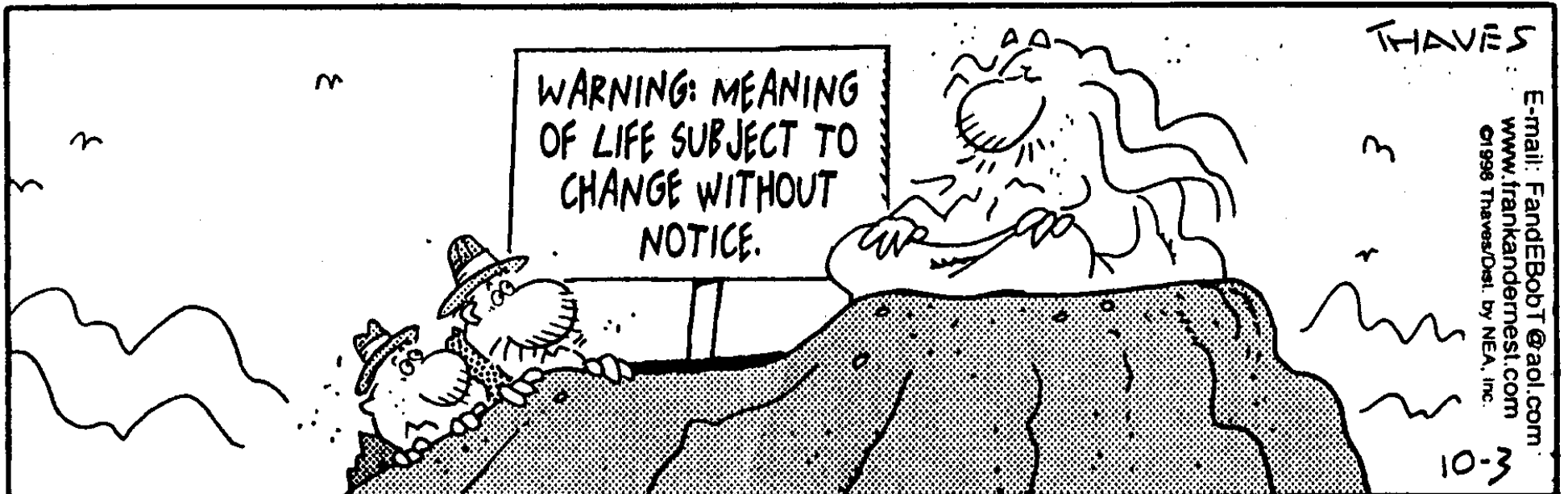
Indeed since the Interim Report was published, journalists have alleged that ECHELON has benefited US companies involved in arms deals, strengthened Washington's position in crucial World Trade Organisation talks with Europe during a 1995 dispute with Japan over car part exports. According to the *Financial Mail* On Sunday, "key words identified by US experts include the names of inter-governmental trade organisations and business consortia bidding against US companies. The word 'block' is on the list to identify communications about offshore oil in area where the seabed has yet to be divided up into exploration blocks ..." It has also been suggested that in 1990 the US broke into secret negotiations and persuaded Indonesia that US

giant AT&T be included in a multi-billion-dollar telecoms deal that at one point was going entirely to Japan's NEC.(33)

The *Sunday Times* (11 May, 1998) reported that early on the radomes at Menwith Hill (NSA station F83) in North Yorkshire UK, were given the task of intercepting international leased carrier (ILC) traffic--essentially, ordinary commercial communications. Its staff have grown from 400 in the 1980s to more than 1400 now with a further 370 staff from the MoD. The *Sunday Times* also reported allegations that conversations between the German company Volkswagen and General Motors were intercepted and the French have complained that Thompson-CSF, the French electronics company, lost a \$1.4 billion deal to supply Brazil with a radar system because the Americans intercepted details of the negotiations and passed them on to US company Raytheon, which subsequently won the contract. Another claim is that Airbus Industrie lost a contract worth \$1 billion to Boeing and McDonnell Douglas because information was intercepted by American spying. Other newspapers such as *Liberation* (21 April 1998) and *Il Mondo* (20 March 1998), identify the network as an Anglo-Saxon Spy network because of the UK-USA axis. Privacy International goes further. Whilst recognising that "strictly speaking, neither the Commission nor the European Parliament have a mandate to regulate or intervene in security matters ... they do have a responsibility to ensure that security is harmonised throughout the Union."

According to Privacy International, the UK is likely to find its "Special relationship" ties fall foul of its Maastricht obligations since Title V of Maastricht requires that "Member States shall inform and consult one another within the Council on any matter of foreign and security policy of general interest in order to ensure that their combined influence is exerted as effectively as possible by means of concerted and convergent action." Yet under the terms of the Special relationship, Britain cannot engage in open consultation with its other European partners.(34) The situation is further complicated by counter allegations in the French magazine *Le Point*, that the French are systematically spying on American and other allied countries telephone and cable traffic via the Helios 1A Spy satellite. (*Times*, June 17 1998)

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If even half of these allegations are true then the European Parliament must act to ensure that such powerful surveillance systems operate to a more democratic consensus now that the Cold War has ended. Clearly, the Overseas policies of European Union Member States are not always congruent with those of the USA and in commercial terms, espionage is espionage. No proper Authority in the USA would allow a similar EU spy network to operate from American soil without strict limitations, if at all. Following full discussion on the implications of the operations of these networks, the European Parliament is advised to set up appropriate independent audit and oversight procedures and that any effort to outlaw encryption by EU citizens should be denied until and unless such democratic and accountable systems are in place, if at all.

7.4.2 EU-FBI GLOBAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

Much of the documentation and research necessary to put into the public domain, the history, structure, role and function of the EU-FBI convention to legitimise global electronic surveillance, has been secured by *Statewatch*, the widely respected UK-based civil liberties monitoring and research organisation.(35)

Statewatch has described at length the signing of the Transatlantic Agenda in Madrid at the EU-US summit of 3 December 1995--part of which was the "Joint EU-US Action Plan" and has subsequently analysed these efforts as an ongoing attempt to redefine the Atlantic Alliance in the post-Cold War era, a stance increasingly used to justify the efforts of internal security agencies taking on enhanced policing roles in Europe.(36) *Statewatch* notes that the first Joint Action 'out of the area' surveillance plan was not discussed at the Justice and Home Affairs meeting but adopted on the nod, as an A point (without debate) by, of all places, the Fisheries Council on 20 December 1996.(37)

In February 1997, *Statewatch* reported that the EU had secretly agreed to set up an international telephone-tapping network via a secret network of committees established under the "third pillar" of the Maastricht Treaty covering co-operation on law and order. Key points of the plan are outlined in a memorandum of understanding, signed by EU states in 1995 (ENFOPOL 112 10037/95 25.10.95) which remains classified. According to a *Guardian* report (25.2.97) it reflects concern among European Intelligence agencies that modern technology will prevent them from tapping private communications. EU countries, it says, should agree on "international interception standards set at a level that would ensure encoding or scrambled words can be broken down by government agencies." Official reports say that the EU governments agreed to co-operate closely with the FBI in Washington. Yet earlier minutes of these meetings suggest that the original initiative came from Washington. According to *Statewatch*, network and service providers in the EU will be obliged to install "tappable" systems and to place under surveillance any person or group when served with an interception order.

These plans have never been referred to any

European government for scrutiny, nor to the Civil Liberties Committee of the European Parliament, despite the clear civil liberties issues raised by such an unaccountable system. The decision to go ahead was simply agreed in secret by "written procedure" through an exchange of telexes between the 15 EU governments. We are told by *Statewatch* the EU-FBI Global surveillance plan was now being developed "outside the third pillar". In practical terms this means that the plan is being developed by a group of twenty countries--the then 15 EU member countries plus the USA, Australia, Canada, Norway and New Zealand. This group of 20 is not accountable through the Council of Justice and Home Affairs Ministers or to the European Parliament or national parliaments.(38) Nothing is said about finance of this system but a report produced by the German government estimates that the mobile phone part of the package alone will cost 4 billion D-marks.

Statewatch concludes that "It is the interface of the ECHELON system and its potential development on phone calls combined with the standardisation of "tappable communications centres and equipment being sponsored by the EU and the USA which presents a truly global threat over which there are no legal or democratic controls." (Press release 25.2.97) In many respects what we are witnessing here are meetings of operatives of a new global military-intelligence state. It is very difficult for anyone to get a full picture of what is being decided at the executive meetings setting this Transatlantic agenda. Whilst *Statewatch* won a ruling from the Ombudsman for access on the grounds that the Council of Ministers misapplied the code of access, for the time being such access to the agendas have been denied. Without such access, we are left with "black box decision making". The eloquence of the unprecedented Commission statement on Echelon and Transatlantic relations scheduled for the 16th of September, is likely to be as much about what is left out as it is about what is said for public consumption. Members of the European Parliament may wish to consider the following policy options:

7.5 POLICY OPTIONS

(i) That a more detailed series of studies should be commissioned on the social, political commercial and constitutional implications of the global electronic surveillance networks outlined in this report, with a view to holding a series of expert hearings to inform future EU civil liberties policy. These studies might cover:

(a) The constitutional issues raised by the facility of the US National Security Agency (NSA) to intercept all European telecommunications, particularly those legal commitments made by member States in regard to the Maastricht Treaty and the whole question of the use of this network for automated political and commercial espionage.

(b) The social and political implications of the FBI-EU global surveillance system, its growing access to new telecommunications mediums including e-mail and its ongoing expansion into new countries together with any related financial and constitutional issues.

(c) The structure, role and remit of an EU-wide oversight body, independent from the

European Parliament, which might be set up to oversee and audit the activities of all bodies engaged in intercepting telecommunications made within Europe.

(i) The European Parliament should reject proposals from the United States for making private messages via the global communications network (Internet) accessible to US Intelligence Agencies. Nor should the Parliament agree to new expensive encryption controls without a wide ranging debate within the EU on the implications of such measures. These encompass the civil and human rights of European citizens and the commercial rights of companies to operate within the law, without unwarranted surveillance by intelligence agencies operating in conjunction with multinational competitors.

(ii) That the European Parliament convene a series of expert hearings covering all the technical, political and commercial activities of bodies engaged in electronic surveillance and to further elaborate possible options to bring such activities back within the realm of democratic accountability and transparency. These proposed hearings might also examine the issue of proper codes of practice to ensure redress if malpractice or abuse takes place. Explicit criteria should be agreed for deciding who should be targeted for surveillance and who should not, how such data is stored, processed and shared and whether such criteria and associated codes of practice could be made publicly available.

(iii) To amend the terms of reference of the Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs Committee to include powers and responsibilities for all matters relating to the civil liberties issues raised by electronic surveillance devices and networks and to call for a series of reports during its next work programme, including:

(a) How legally binding codes of practice could ensure that new surveillance technologies are brought within the appropriate data protection legislation.

(b) The production of guidance for both the public and private sectors on the use of data matching, and in particular the linking of surveillance systems with other databases; and addressing the issue of giving Member State Data Protection Registrars appropriate powers to audit the operation of data matching systems.

(c) How the provision of electronic bugging and tapping devices to private citizens and companies, might be further regulated, so that their sale is governed by legal permission rather than self regulation.

(d) How the use of telephone interception by Member states could be subject to procedures of public accountability referred to in (a) above? E.g. before any telephone interception takes place a warrant should be obtained in a manner prescribed by the relevant parliament. In most cases, law enforcement agencies will not be permitted to self-authorise interception except in the most unusual of circumstances which should be reported back to the authorising authority at the earliest opportunity.

(e) How technologies facilitating the automatic profiling and pattern analysis of telephone calls to establish friendship and contact networks might be subject to the same legal requirements as those for telephone interception and reported to the relevant Member State parliament.

(f) The commission of a study examining what constitutes best practice and control of CCTV throughout the member States with a view to establishing what elements of the various codes of practice could be adopted for a unified code and a legal framework covering enforcement and civil liberties protection and redress.

(iv) Setting up procedural mechanisms whereby relevant committees of the European Parliament considering proposals for technologies which have civil liberties implications (e.g. the Telecommunications Committee) in regard to surveillance, should be required to forward all relevant policy proposals and reports to the Civil Liberties Committee for their observations in advance of any political or financial decisions on deployment being taken.

(v) Setting up Agreements between Member States Agreement whereby annual statistics on interception should be reported to each member states' parliament in a standard and consistent format. These statistics should provide comprehensive details of the actual number of communication devices intercepted and data should be not be aggregated. (To avoid the statistics only identifying the number of warrants, issued whereas organisations under surveillance may have hundreds of members, all of whose phones may be intercepted.)

8. REGULATION OF HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION

The Interim Report warned of the potential of some of these weapons, technologies and systems to undermine international human rights legislation--a consideration particularly poignant in this the 50th anniversary year of the signing of the UN Declaration on Human Rights. Many of the major arms companies have a paramilitary/internal security operation and diversification into manufacturing or marketing this technology, is increasingly taking place.

NGOs like Amnesty International, have begun to catalogue the trade in specialised military, security and police technologies, to measure its impact on industrialising repression, globalising conflict, undermining democracy and strengthening the security forces of torturing states to create a new generation of political prisoners, extra-judicial killings and "disappearances". (Amnesty International, 1996). The key issue for Members of the European Parliament is how they will deal with the human and political fall-out of what is a systemic process of exporting repression: either importing a tidal wave of dispossessed refugees, or keeping them in desperation at the borders of Europe. There is an urgent need for greater transparency and democratic control of such exports and a clearer recognition of their frequent linkage with gross human rights violations in their recipient states.

The Interim Report catalogued in some detail examples of how this technology, including electroshock systems, was being supplied by European countries to assist in acts of human rights violation abroad, despite the fact that a substantial body of international human rights obligations should theoretically prevent such transfers.(39) The European Parliament made a resolution, on 19 January 1995, which called on the Commission to bring forward proposals to incorporate these

technologies within the scope of the arms export controls and ensure greater transparency in the export of all military, security and police technologies to prevent the hypocrisy of governments who themselves breach their own export bans.(40) Members of the European Parliament may wish to consider the following policy options:

8.1 POLICY OPTIONS

(i) That new research should be commissioned by the European Parliament to explore the extent to which European companies are complicity supplying repressive technologies used to commit human rights violations and the prospects of instituting independent measures of monitoring the level and extent of such sales whilst tracking their subsequent human rights impacts and consequences;

(ii) Consider if there is a need to amend the terms of reference of the Committee for Foreign Affairs and Security to include powers and responsibilities for liaising with Member States to:

(a) Enable the European Parliament to explore the possibilities of using the Joint Action procedures used to establish the EU regulations on the export of Dual Use equipment to draw up common lists of proscribed military, security, police (MSP) technology and training, the sole or primary use of which is to contribute to human rights violations; sensitive MSP technologies which have been shown in the past to be used to commit human rights violations; and military, security and police units and forces which have been sufficiently responsible for human rights violations and to whom sensitive goods and services should not be supplied.

(b) Enable Member States to monitor and regulate all exhibitions promoting the sale of security equipment and technology to ensure that any proposed transfers such as electroshock weapons, will not contribute to unlawful killings, or to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

(c) Explore mechanisms to ensure that all military, police and security exhibitions are required to publish guest lists, names of exhibitors, products and services on display and no visas or invitations should be issued to governments or representatives of security forces, known to carry out human rights violations.

(d) Find more effective means for ensuring that the sender should take legal responsibility for the stated use of military, security and police transfers in practice, for example making future contracts dependent on adherence to human rights criteria and that such criteria are central to the regulatory process.

(iii) That the Commission should be requested to achieve agreement between Member States to undertake changes to their respective strategic export controls so that:

(a) All proposed transfers of security or police equipment are publicly disclosed in advance, especially electroshock weapons, (including those arranged on European territory where the equipment concerned remains outside Member States' borders) so that the human rights situation in the intended receiving country can be taken into consideration before any such transfers are allowed, and that reports are issued

on the human rights situation in the receiving countries.

(b) Member States Parliaments are notified of all information necessary to enable them to exercise proper control over the implementation of their legal obligations and commitments to international human rights agreements, including receiving information on human rights violations from non-governmental organisations.

9. CONCLUSIONS

With proper accountability and regulation, some of the technologies discussed above do have a legitimate law enforcement function; without such democratic control, they can provide powerful tools of oppression. The real threat to civil liberties and human rights in the future is more likely to arise from an incremental erosion of civil liberties, than it is from some conscious plan. As the globalisation of political control technologies increases, Members of the European Parliament have a right and a responsibility to challenge the costs, as well as the alleged benefits of many so-called advances in law enforcement. This report has sought to highlight some of the areas which are leading to the most undesirable social and political consequences.

Members of the Parliament are requested to consider the policy options provided in the report as just a first step to help bring the technology of political control, back within systems of democratic accountability.

NOTES

1. The Interim Report on "An Appraisal of Technologies of Political Control" (PE 166.499), is available free on request from the STOA secretariat in Luxembourg. Where appropriate, readers of this summary report seeking further detail are referred to the relevant pages of the interim study.

2. Ackroyd, C, Margolis, K., Rosenhead, J., Shallice, T., (1977)

The Technology of Political Control, Penguin Books, Middlesex, UK.

3. *Statewatch*, October 1996, pp 6-7. A more recent related example concerns the proposed WEU creation of an 800-strong armed paramilitary police force drawn from existing specialist squads at the national level, for intervention in Central and Eastern Europe, to deal with public order, riot control and terrorism. (*Statewatch*, Vol 8, No.3-4, August 1998)

4. The Interim Report discusses in further detail specific innovations in area-denial technology; surveillance technology including biometric systems such as face recognition; data-veillance; discrete order vehicles; less-lethal weapons; lethal weapons; and execution technologies (Interim Report, Sections 3.1-3.6, pp 8-15).

5. Interim Report, pp 22-39

6. "Critics Question Use of Pepper Spray", *Rutland Herald* and *Barre Times-Argus*, 22.2.98, Vermont, USA.

7. Amnesty International Press Release, AI: "USA: Police use of pepper spray is tantamount to torture", 7 November 1997.

8. No one from the police or home office has subsequently visited this inspector who remains partially sighted--See *The Guardian*, 29

January 1998.

9. Interim Report, p 39.

10. *Pugwash Newsletter*, November 1997, p. 276.

11. Bill Arkin writing in *Journal of Medicine, Conflict and Survival*, quoted in *The Guardian*, 9 December 1997.

12. *Pugwash*, Ibid.

13. Principle 3 states that "the development and deployment of non-lethal incapacitating weapons should be carefully evaluated in order to minimise the risk of endangering uninvolved persons, and the use of such weapons should be carefully controlled"; principle 4 requires governments to take steps to ensure that arbitrary or abusive use of force is not used by law enforcement officers, and that force is used "only if other means remain ineffective".

14. Interim Report, pp. 40-43.

15. Jessica Mitford's, *The American Prison Business*, Penguin 1977, provided a good discussion of early behaviour-modification techniques tested in US gaols.

16. For example in 1996, the UK treasury announced enforced cutbacks of some 3,000 prison jobs. With the UK prison population expected to grow by 20,000 over the next 10 years due to the sentencing changes introduced by Home Secretary Michael Howard, staffing levels are sliding back to those prevailing at the time of the prison riots in the late 1980s. In these circumstances, the shortsighted prospect is one of expensive wardens being replaced with cheaper and more malleable technology, both passive and punitive.

17. Warren P, "Prisons go shopping in face of staff cuts", *Computing*, 25 January 1996

18. Restricted Contract Procedure (CC3160) for Her Majesty's Prison Service, Supply and Transport Services, *Tenders Electronic Daily*, Luxembourg.

19. Quoted in Amnesty International, United States of America--Use of electro-shock belts, June 1996.

20. Interim Report, pp 44-52; 54-57.

21. In its report "Arming the Torturers" (Amnesty International, 1997) Amnesty named the fifty countries where electroshock torture and ill treatment had been carried out in prisons, police stations and detention centres. They are:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chad, Chile, China, Cyprus, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Indonesia/East Timor, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco/Western Sahara, Nepal, Netherlands Antilles, Nigeria, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Russian federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Togo, Turkey, USA, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Kosovo province, Zaire.

Amnesty recognises that the real figure is probably higher, "as the use of these weapons in torture can be very difficult to detect."

22. Quoted in *Sunday Business*, 30.9.98, London.

23. Speech by Hansjourn Geiger, German Federal Commission for the Stasi Files, April 14, 1993.

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AN APPRAISAL OF THE TECHNOLOGIES OF POLITICAL CONTROL AN OMEGA FOUNDATION SUMMARY & OPTIONS REPORT

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Killing Cancer Cells With Magnetic Energy

2/27/99 DR. AL OVERHOLT

Cancer cells can be precisely targeted and destroyed by physicians using an energy beam at this innovative cancer center in the Dominican Republic.

Quoting from *Alternative Medicine Digest*, Issue 20:

Every day a few cancer cells are formed in the human body. If the immune system is working efficiently, these cancer cells are of no consequence or threat to one's health. It's a transient event in life-as-usual inside the healthy human body with its approximately one trillion cells.

The immune system's specialized defense cells such as lymphocytes and natural killer cells will destroy the aberrant cells, and no cancerous tumor will ever grow. But if the immune system is compromised through faulty diet, inadequate nutrition, too many toxins, harmful energies—at least 33 potential carcinogenic factors have been identified—then it is possible for these few naturally-occurring cancer cells to remain and form a cluster, and from this, to multiply into a tumor.

Conventional equipment for detecting cancers in the body is only able to identify them when they are relatively large and already dangerous. But what if there were a scanning device that could pinpoint the tiniest amounts of newly-generated cancer cells anywhere in the body marking their precise location like blips on a radar screen? And what if there were another non-invasive device that was able to target minute cancer clusters (or tumors if necessary) and kill them quickly with a beam of energy?

It sounds fantastic, the kind of notion that science fiction writers might envision for the medicine of a far-off future. Yet, according to John Armstrong and Michael Reynolds, directors of the Center for Cell Specific Cancer Therapy in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic, that is precisely what their year-old treatment center is offering cancer patients.

Armstrong, originally from Orem, Utah, and now based in Santo Domingo, is a former cancer

patient successfully treated by this therapy, while Reynolds is a businessman who commutes regularly from his home in San Francisco, California, to the Caribbean center. Their cancer treatment approach is simple yet radical: kill the cancer cells with magnetic energy from the CCSCT-200.

According to Armstrong and Reynolds, since opening their Center doors on August 13, 1996, the technique has successfully reversed cancers in more than 50% of their 150 clients by targeting only cancer cells and destroying them with a pulsed electromagnetic field. Not only were these cancers reversed, there was no detectable cancer remaining in the body.

While the Center does not claim to "cure" cancer, Reynolds says the therapy "is designed to reliably kill active cancerous cells in a patient's body, even after metastasis has occurred and even in Stage IV cancers, without causing any damage to healthy cells. There are no side effects and no aftereffects." Armstrong and Reynolds are so confident that their technology can kill cancer cells and reverse tumors that they refund the entire fee to any patient who doesn't respond to the initial treatment within the first few days.

Exploiting Cancer's Uniqueness

The Center's device is able to detect and specifically target cancer cells by taking advantage of a unique condition of cancer cells. They have an atypical metabolism says Richard Liang, Ph.D., the Center's resident physicist, director of research and development, and the expert responsible for fine-tuning the equipment. Dr. Liang holds a doctorate in nuclear engineering from Columbia University in New York.

All cells, including cancerous ones, constantly undergo metabolism, which is the processing of foods and nutrients to release energy and water. In this process, there are electrical activities, in which positive and negative ions flow in and out of cells across the cell membrane in a state of equilibrium. This flow is called the ionic channel; the ability of a healthy cell to keep things in balance is called membrane potential.

While normal, healthy cells require approximately 30 steps to complete their metabolic processes, cancer cells take many short cuts, and complete theirs in about four. Normal cells, (which are aerobic, using oxygen) make use of at least 90% of their nutrients, but cancer

cells (which are anaerobic, operating without oxygen) are highly wasteful, crude, and inefficient metabolizers, leaving behind about 80% of the raw materials.

Perhaps as a result of this, they give off an excessive amount of ions, far more than normal cells. It is this excessive ionization that the Center's device is able to pinpoint, explains Dr. Liang. The excess ionic products of the cancer cells are positively charged. Positive ions produce the stultifying, energy-dampening feeling, in the atmosphere just before a thunderstorm or in a stuffy, poorly ventilated office.

The following analogy may make this clearer. Consider that you are observing, through an infrared tracking device, a person calmly eating lunch. Through the infrared lens, you see a steady orange nimbus six inches thick around the person: this is a picture of heat emanations from the person's body. Analogically, this represents the picture of a healthy cell.

Now let's observe a second person eating lunch, except this one is highly agitated, anxious, and full of temper. The infrared image shows a much bigger heat aura around the person. It is pulsating brighter red and rays dart out sporadically. This represents the image of a cancer cell, and it is detectable by the special electromagnetic sensing device used at the Center for Cell Specific Cancer Therapy.

"The atypical metabolic system used by cancer cells is like a beacon that enables us to target them," Reynolds explains. "Nothing else in the human body produces that energy signature." As Dr. Liang explains, the cancer's distinctive way of processing nutrients produces excessive amounts of ionic product and these collectively emit detectable energy which the Center's scanning device picks up as a signal that cancer cells exist.

Targeting Cancer Cells Only

The scanning procedure is simple and relatively quick, says Reynolds. The patient wears a surgical robe and lies on table; the doctor positions the Cell Specific Cancer

Therapy (CSCT) scanning device over different parts of the body, moving from head to foot, scanning the body in lateral segments. Usually, the body is scanned in zones about twelve inches wide.

Over the months, Reynolds' team has been building up an inventory of cancer signals and scanning frequencies, a bit like coming to know the names and locations of individual radio stations on an AM/FM radio dial. A lymphoma cell (cancer of the lymph system) will have a slightly different beacon signal from a melanoma (skin cancer). This inventory enables the CSCT operator to fine-tune the scanning beam according to body location or type of cancer.

Patients feel nothing nor are they confined in a potentially claustrophobic scanning chamber as with magnetic resonance imaging (MRIs). The CSCT device, which resembles an elevated donut-shaped ring (five inches thick) set on moveable tracks, is slowly moved over and down a patient's body. "With the CSCT device, the patient will not have any sense of being enclosed or surrounded," says Reynolds.

The physician marks the cancerous sites—the device does not quantify how many cancer cells, so it could be 40 or 40,000 in a given location—on a generic body chart and by magic marker pinpoints on the patient's skin. When cancer cells are pinpointed, the device makes a beep; when the cancer cells have been killed, there is no beep.

The CSCT device not only scans the body for cancer cells, it delivers the killing blow that destroys them. Physicists (and mystics) know that all matter is energy at varying rates of vibration or frequency. A healthy liver cell vibrates at a specific, distinctive frequency, just as a cancerous liver cell vibrates at its own measurable frequency. The CSCT device identifies the sound (or frequency) of the cancer cells, matches it precisely and sends it back to the cells.

As Dr. Liang explains, this introduces chaos into the cancer cells; they become unstable, begin to vibrate at irregular rates, rupture, and fall apart, dead. The process is poetically similar to the famous biblical image of tumbling the walls of Jericho by precisely targeted sound. But the destructive process is completely *specific* to the targeted cancer cells; healthy cells are unaffected by the killing beams of CSCT electromagnetic energy, says Dr. Liang.

"The strength of the CSCT device lies in its ability to give the operator *instantaneous* feedback: it tells us when we're on target and being effective—when we've killed cancer cells." Treatments last about 30 minutes, and are usually given twice daily with a five-hour rest interval. Patients typically spend up to three weeks receiving treatments, staying at nearby hotels as the Center is set up only for outpatients, Reynolds explains.

When the full-body CSCT scan reveals no more signs of active cancer in a single scanning session (and further testing, including independent blood work, has confirmed these results), the treatment is deemed complete and patients are sent home. It may take the body some time to process and eliminate the now dead cancer mass, so the patient has to deal, temporarily, with the paradoxical situation of still having a sometimes palpable tumor mass yet being free of active, life-threatening cancer.

"We've observed that different patients heal

at different rates, so the after-treatment state can vary considerably among patients," Reynolds explains. "Some people with a large tumor will not show any signs of tumor reduction at the Center, yet their cancer markers (according to laboratory blood tests) will decrease and their CSCT scans will come clear. It can take several months for the tumor to be dissolved by the body."

While CSCT can usefully treat patients who have had chemotherapy and radiation, the technique cannot "see" and therefore cannot treat those cancer cells which have received sublethal doses of chemotherapy or radiation, says Reynolds. These toxic procedures do not kill all cancer cells but rather slow down their metabolism so much as to render the cancer cells metabolically inactive and functionally invisible to the CSCT scan.

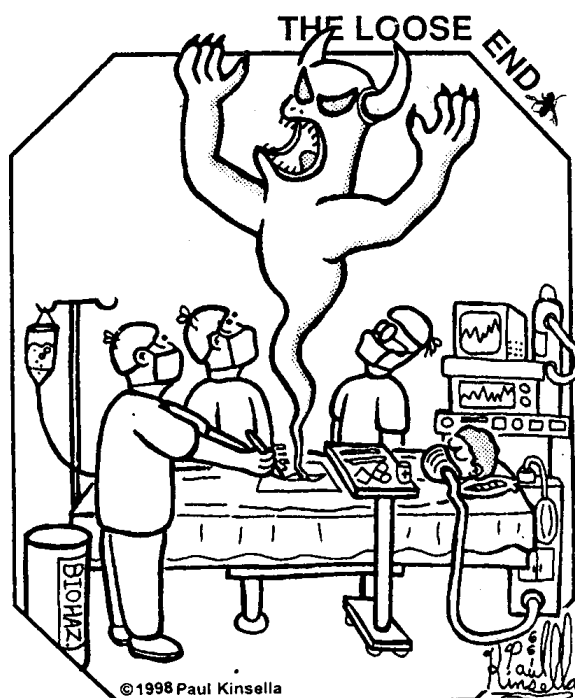
"It's almost as if the cancer cells are put into a state of suspended animation," Reynolds comments. Put in another way, chemotherapy and radiation certainly kill some cancer cells, but not all of them. Many are simply "wounded". "If a cancer cell receives a sub-lethal dose of chemotherapy or radiation, like a felled boxer, it's down for the count—but not necessarily out." If all chemotherapy does is slow down a cancer cell's metabolism, this casts serious doubt on the validity of chemotherapy-induced remissions. "Remission means we can't find anything right now; the cancer is either dead or sleeping, but we don't know which."

Seemingly, by definition, a remission obtained this way is sure to be short-lived, Reynolds speculates. "This means that chemotherapy and radiation treatments are going to leave a time bomb behind in the patient's body, and nobody knows how long the fuse is or when the cancer will come back."

But in many cases the cancers do grow back, as evidenced by chemotherapy's abysmally poor five-year average success rate of about 7%. CSCT physicians have to wait until the chemotherapy or radiation effects wear off and the cancer cells become metabolically active again before they can decisively kill them with CSCT energy. In effect, chemotherapy and radiation treatments get in the way of killing cancer with CSCT. However, often a patient has some "dormant" cancer and some active cancer that chemotherapy has missed, or that grew after treatment. Having had chemotherapy does not block the effect of CSCT on the active cancer cells.

The type or severity of the cancer does not determine if CSCT can be used, says Reynolds. Patients with seriously metastasized Stage IV cancers can be successfully treated. The type of patient that the Center, reluctantly, must turn away, is the one requiring sophisticated or emergency medical care, such as blood transfusions, or patients with internal bleeding, grossly enlarged internal organs, or other conditions requiring around-the-clock medical care, says Reynolds. "We can deal with the cancer, but we are not equipped to treat all the other collateral damage a patient may present," Reynolds confides.

Even for the cancer patient who has already received all conventional treatments without benefit, whose cancer has progressed to Stage IV, and who is facing imminent death, "CSCT can grab hold of them and pull them back from the edge," Reynolds states.



"That pretty much kills my
appendicitis diagnosis."

Reynolds estimates that 80% of patient applications are accepted for CSCT treatment, and of these, 20% drop out of the program because the approach does not work for their cancer. "If the treatment is going to work for a patient, it will stop the growth cancer usually with the first treatment, and then it's only a matter of regressing it."

The Center's medical director, Ariel Antonio Perez Ubiera, M.D., concurs. "We kill cancer in place. We are not cutting it away. We are only changing its growing characteristics. Usually it takes a while to see a reduction in tumor mass. But it very often happens that when you take an MRI before and after treatment you see one of two things. Either the tumor stops growing or it actually decreases in size. Either is a positive sign that the therapy is working."

Reversing Stage-III Ovarian Cancer

One of the Center's first patients was Mara, age 40, who flew from New York to Santo Domingo for treatment of her Stage-III ovarian cancer.

Mara had entered surgery in Mount Sinai Hospital in New York in early July of 1996 for treatment of what doctors believed to be a large ovarian cyst; it was only during surgery that they discovered it was a tumor instead. There was also a tumor growing on the pelvic wall. The

surgeons performed a radical hysterectomy, removing all of Mara's uterus and both ovaries, and put her on large doses of antibiotics.

The cancer discovery was a shock because, other than having a self-described "massive appetite" and looking somewhat drawn and tired and sometimes feeling unusually exhausted, Mara had no cancer-identifying symptoms. On the other hand, cancer was in her family, as her mother had died in her forties of breast cancer.

Mara had regular mammograms for the previous five years and had been seeing a gynecologist twice yearly for checkups since the age of 15 and recently to monitor the status of fibroids in her uterus. "I don't think anyone could have looked after themselves more than I did, yet the doctors still missed my cancer. I felt very let down by the medical establishment."

Seven days after her surgery, Mara submitted to a round of chemotherapy with taxol and caboplatin, "but it didn't feel right," she says. "I couldn't believe in poisoning my body to effect a cure. It didn't make any sense." Her doctors gave her about a 20% chance of survival with the chemotherapy. Mara cancelled the chemotherapy after one day of experiencing its poisonous effects.

Mara was already acquainted with alternative cancer therapies, and for a short while took Haelan 851 (a liquid fermented soybean concentrate) and hydrazine sulfate (a synthesized

substance). These are two alternative anticancer agents that are often effective strengthening the immune system (Haelan) or halting weight loss from cancer (hydrazine sulfate). In Mara's opinion, these substances "bolstered my body".

About seven weeks after her surgery, Mara learned about the Center for Cell Specific Cancer Therapy and boarded a plane for Santo Domingo to begin treatment. "I felt very strongly about this approach because it is completely noninvasive. I think it's the cancer technology of the future."

After Dr. Ubiera performed the first whole-body scan on her, using a purple felt-tipped pen to mark on her skin the site of cancer cells in her body, "I looked like I had measles," Mara recalls. "It was discouraging. The surgeons thought they had removed all the cancer, yet here was all this additional cancer in my body."

The scan indicated Mara's cancer had spread to her lymphatic system; the next day, Dr. Ubiera began Mara's first treatment. "I didn't feel anything, no side effects whatsoever, and I was not tired afterwards, either," says Mara. She had 14 treatments over the course of ten days, after which she scanned clear. This meant Mara's cancer was not only reversed, but dead. Dr. Ubiera crosschecked Mara's progress with frequent blood and urine tests, which gradually cleared of any signs of cancer as well.

In November of that year, Mara returned to her gynecological oncologist and reported her results. He was entirely noncommittal and asked her nothing about the CSCT procedure, says Mara. "It was amazing. I guess he couldn't jeopardize his position by expressing interest in the technique."

But the doctor couldn't deny the evidence of a sonogram that day that showed Mara completely free of cancer. Every month since her CSCT, Mara has had a CA125 blood test, which is a standard cancer marker analysis for ovarian cancer. Each time it has tested clear of any signs (or markers) of cancer.

"If I'd known about CSCT before my surgery, I never would have gone through with the operation," she states. "That's how much I believe in it. This could make everything else in the world of cancer treatments obsolete." In mid-April 1997, physicians at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City declared Mara "disease free".

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sarcoma non-ossous". The tumor was growing on the inside of her peritoneum, which is the membrane lining separating the internal organs from the ribs and muscles. At the time of her first ultrasound, April had an abdominal tumor that was visibly bulging; her parents had hoped it was only a large ovarian cyst, but it was cancer.

The symptoms of cancer had been appearing one by one over the previous nine months, according to April's mother, Mary Ann. April couldn't get a tan in the summer months, she lost weight, dropping down to 80 pounds, had fevers twice a month, suffered back pains, and felt tired all the time.

The day after receiving the diagnosis, April underwent surgery at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital in Connecticut, during which a grapefruit-sized tumor was removed from her pelvic area, where it had attached itself to her pubic bone and bladder. April was left with an eight-inch scar. The surgeons said they had excised about 98% of the tumor, but that they were unable to remove the remaining 2%. They labeled it a "contained tumor", with cancer showing up nowhere else in the body.

April's oncologist started putting pressure on the family to agree to chemotherapy, but Mary Ann wanted more time to seek second opinions and think about her options. The oncologists gave Mary Ann two weeks to consider her alternatives before turning up the heat on her to begin April's chemotherapy and radiation. In fact, Mary Ann says the medical authorities "harassed" the family to start the chemotherapy, even threatening to file a negligence complaint with the state of Connecticut. Mary Ann left it to her husband to fend off the oncologists (these matters were eventually straightened out) while she took April to Santo Domingo for CSCT treatment.

According to Dr. Ubiera, April underwent 18 CSCT treatments over a 17-day period in January 1997. The initial scans showed that April had cancer cells all over her pelvic area, on her left leg, her back, and her hand. "If left untreated, I'm sure April's cancer would have grown back," says Mary Ann.

The family's religious beliefs precluded blood transfusions and therefore chemotherapy because it often requires transfusions, so learning about CSCT and getting quickly scheduled for treatment was a stroke of good fortune. "The important issue is that the medical field could not offer us the best possible care to meet with our daughter's strong religious convictions, so it was necessary for us to search for an alternative treatment which would allow for them."

Three months later, in April, 1997, an MRI and CT bone scan at Rhode Island Hospital Department of Diagnostic Imaging in Providence showed "no evidence of bony metastatic disease", no sign of cancer in the chest, abdomen, or pelvis, and "normal activity throughout the skeleton". While at the hospital, April and her mother found themselves in the midst of 14 children milling about. Each had a bald head and a very pale, whitish complexion—two of the standard side effects of chemotherapy.

Mary Ann comments on that visit: "I kept saying to myself, why can't they just get a CSCT machine in here and help these kids? Why put them through all this. It was very sad. I felt almost guilty sitting there with a nicely tanned, healthy teenager who was spared all of this."

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—HATONN

the original tumor, April was "free from any new disease in her pelvis". On July 19, 1997, Mary Ann stated that "almost eight months from the surgery, there has been no recurring growth of cancer. April has no symptoms at all, no pain, nothing, her energy level is excellent, and she has regained 17 pounds."

Beating the Survival Odds

When Maggie, age 53, was diagnosed with colon cancer that had spread to her liver, her oncologist told her there was no treatment available and he gave her 12 to 18 months to live. In fact, three different surgeons at two hospitals gave her the same dismal prognosis.

The previous year (1995), she had undergone surgery to remove a tumor the size of an orange from her abdomen. Maggie's doctor said the cancer was "localized, non-invasive", and not likely to spread; as such, it did not require chemotherapy, her oncologist said. Once every three months, Maggie underwent follow-up blood tests to monitor cancer markers; she had a CT scan, followed by an ultrasound. It was in one of these follow-ups that the doctor discovered the cancer had in fact spread to her liver. He told her: "There's nothing we can do."

Maggie felt constant pressure around her midriff from her swollen liver and colon; when she inhaled there was pain and pressure—"like a stitch". Although she was tired all the time and went to bed at seven in the evening, Maggie never gave up hope for a successful treatment.

She got on a plane and flew from Ontario, Canada, to the Bahamas, where she checked in at the Immuno-Augmentative Therapy Center (IATC) in Freeport. IATC was founded in 1977 by alternative cancer treatment pioneer Lawrence Burton, Ph.D.

Today, IATC's medical director, John Clement, M.D., works closely with the Center for Cell Specific Cancer Therapy in Santo Domingo, both taking and sending referrals. "We can control the growth of cancer at IATC, but we can't seem to get rid of the basic, underlying cancer itself in a number of cases," says Dr. Clement. After gaining improvements at IATC, Maggie went to Santo Domingo to complete her cancer reversal.

"The two therapies together are a must," says

Maggie. The CSCT Center can effectively destroy the tumors while IATC "shows people how to keep their immune system in top shape". From her first day at the Center onwards, the air was full of positive talk about cancer reversal, Maggie noted. "In conventional cancer treatment hospitals, they only talk about how long you have to live; here they talk about how long until you get better. They can't save everybody's life, but they can save lots of people's lives."

During Maggie's initial CSCT scan, Dr. Ubiera identified eight sites of cancer cells. The next day, Dr. Ubiera began twice-daily treatments on Maggie; after one week, only one cancer spot remained, and after the second week, that spot disappeared and Maggie was judged to be free of cancer. All subsequent blood tests, taken monthly, have come back normal. When she came home, Maggie felt "tremendous energy". She returned to work full time, without pain, midriff pressure, or tiredness. "I just felt good."

However, Maggie knows that the struggle to rid her body of cancer is not fully finished. "CSCT kills cancer—there is no question about it. But you are still *predisposed*. There is a reason you got cancer in the first place. When you come home the cancer can come back very quickly, so you have to do everything you possibly can to build up your immune system so that it can cope with new cancer cells."

Converting the Conventional

It is still too early in the history of the CSCT Center for its long-term success rate to be known. "But the short-term results seem excellent," offers Dr. Clement. "Their device seems to be working. I've been there and seen the patients. Their operation is extremely ethical. If they can't help you, they don't accept you."

One of the additional advantages of CSCT may be found in its ability to treat brain cancers, Dr. Clement says. Brain cancers are highly resistant to chemotherapy drugs; a drug must cross the usually impermeable blood/brain barrier to get into cancerous brain tissue.

"That's why conventional treatment of brain cancer is very, very poor," comments Dr. Clement. "CSCT is not given via the blood but rather through magnetic waves, which can directly influence brain tumors. The fact that CSCT has any control or effect at all on brain tumors is remarkable and an important aspect of the Center's work. Another important feature is that the treatment is not invasive, harmful, or repressive of the patient's immune system."

The Center has an unusual pricing policy for treatment. They charge a flat fee of \$20,000 (U.S.) regardless of how many treatment sessions are required. There are no additional charges, other than room and board, which Center patients secure in Santo Domingo. Those who are judged (through a strict means test) as unable to meet the treatment fee are eligible for treatment at a lower rate or at no charge at all,

says Reynolds. "We have a flexible policy on fees. We never turn anybody away because they don't have enough money," Reynolds adds.

To put this in context, a typical conventional cancer treatment, from diagnosis to death, can often cost an insurance company \$350,000. Once insurers start reimbursing for CSCT, the cost-savings should be unassailable, Reynolds states.

The Center's physicians are upbeat about the prospects for long-term success with CSCT. Grisel Canahuate Rodriguez, M.D., comments: "I have seen patients who have been treated with chemotherapy and radiation. The difference here is we are trying to find a more positive way to treat people without having all the side effects and destroying their immune system. Although it is still in its experimental stages, CSCT could make a difference in cancer treatment and should be considered by conventional doctors."

—RICHARD LEVITON

Metabolism is the biological process by which energy is extracted from the foods consumed, producing carbon dioxide and water as by-products for elimination. Biochemically, metabolism involves hundreds of different chemical reactions, necessitating the involvement of hundreds of different enzymes, each of which handles a specific reaction. There are two kinds of metabolism constantly underway in the cells: anabolic and catabolic. In anabolic metabolism, the upbuilding phase, larger molecules are constructed by joining smaller ones together; in catabolic metabolism, the deconstructing phase, larger molecules are broken down into smaller ones. The anabolic function produces substances for cell growth and repair, while the



catabolic function controls digestion (called hydrolysis), disassembling food into forms the body can use for energy.

Membrane potential refers to differing electrical charges, measured in millivolts, inside and outside of a cell. This, in turn, influences how easily (or not) substances (nutrients or toxins) can pass into and out of a cell. Potassium ions are pumped out of the cell (at a resting potential of -80 mV), increasing the membrane potential (to +40 mV), then sodium ions are pumped in, restoring its normal value (-80 mV). The process, variously called ion pumping, ionic transport, or the ion channel, resembles the ebb and flow of tidal water, with nutrients "washing" in, and toxins washing out with each pulse of the electrical current every 2 to 5 milliseconds.

THE MECHANICS OF A REVOLUTIONARY CANCER TREATMENT

Put most simply, the CSCT-200 destroys cancer cells by targeting them with manipulable magnetic energy, says Reynolds. The product of eight years of concentrated research and development by its inventors, Bob Scarbrough and Jim Claxton, both from Tennessee, the CSCT-200 consists of a donut-shaped ring or collar containing two types of magnets.

First, there is an array of low-strength permanent magnets, creating a steady magnetic field. Second, there is an electromagnetic coil passing through this array. This can be crudely pictured as an egg-shaped energy aura. As an electric current passes through the coil, it creates



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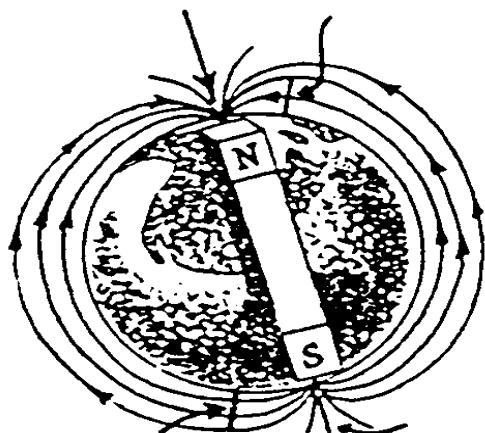
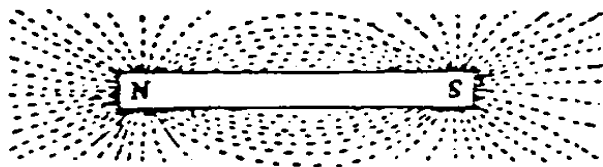
a dynamic, varying electromagnetic field around the coil, and this dynamic field (also egg-shaped) interacts with the static field emanating from the permanent magnets.

The result is a complex interacting electromagnetic field, says Reynolds. The CSCT-200 is designed to enable the operator to adjust or manipulate this field, somewhat like fine-tuning a radio. You can use electricity to change the shape of the complex electromagnetic field simply by changing the dial setting. This fact explains why the device's core technology in scientific jargon is called a frequency-modulated, pulsed electromagnetic field, says Reynolds.

The pulsing comes from the 60-Hertz electric current that enters the electromagnet in regular bursts at the rate of 60 times per second. Frequency modulation is an electronics term that means the sound vibration (or wave) can be adjusted.

Additionally, by altering the electric current, you can reverse the polarity of the permanent magnets, from north to south and back again, as needed. This polarity reversal of the electromagnetic field can be done in regular cycles (i.e., north, south, north, south, etc.), says Reynolds.

The "killing agent" in the CSCT-200 is the precisely-focused complex electromagnetic field. "Frequency, magnitude [size], and time are the three intervals that you coordinate in the matrix to achieve the maximum effect," says Richard Liang, Ph.D., the resident physicist at the Center for Cell Specific Cancer Therapy.



Examples of magnetic fields

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WILL THE CSCT-200 AVOID THE FATE OF THE RIFE FREQUENCY GENERATOR?

The CSCT-200 is not the first revolutionary cancer device based on energy, frequency, and electromagnetic waves, but it may be the first to survive the ravages of the FDA, American Medical Association, American Cancer Society, and other enemies of effective alternative cancer cures.


Back in the 1920s, American inventor Raymond Royal Rife of San Diego, California, developed a sophisticated microscope capable of examining live specimens, a technical feat still beyond the reach of today's electron microscopes. Rife's microscope enabled him to study a realm of biology never before seen close up—the world of viruses and living cancer cells.

Rife also figured out a way to kill cancer cells using electronic frequencies, using a device he called the Frequency Generator. After three months of daily treatment with the Rife device, 14 out of 16 "incurable" terminal cancer patients were declared clinically cured and in good health by a staff of five M.D.s.

When word of Rife's breakthrough got out, the conventional medical authorities closed ranks and began to discredit him. The American Cancer Society refused to acknowledge his clinical study, the American Medical Association (AMA) threatened to revoke the licenses of doctors using the device, and the FDA outlawed it.

The story has an even darker side. According to Barry Lynes and John Crane in *The Cancer Cure That Worked!* (Marcus Books, 1987), in the late 1930s, Morris Fishbein, M.D., then president of the AMA, first tried to buy into the Rife device by becoming an investor. When Rife refused, Dr. Fishbein used all his political power to persecute Rife and to organize a disastrous court case against Rife in 1939. The inventors of CSCT-200 were "inspired" by what Rife did with frequency and electricity, says Richard Liang, Ph.D., the physicist at the Center for Cell Specific Cancer Therapy. "Our machine is not an expansion or improvement of the Rife device, but his idea is the major motif in our process." The CSCT inventors "found a way of using much less power and in a less complicated but more efficient form than Rife did, and with instant feedback on results," adds Center co-director Michael Reynolds. It is hoped that CSCT-200 will escape the outrageous fate of Rife's frequency generator by its inventors having located it outside the jurisdiction of U.S. medical authorities.

While the *Digest* is pleased to report on this important development in alternative cancer treatment we do so with two reservations. First, physicians at the Center for Cell Specific Cancer Therapy do not yet know (nor could they) the long-term success rate and the degree (if any) of cancer recurrence or complications resulting from this approach. Second, the approach is not yet a holistic, comprehensive one. The evidence available suggests that to achieve lasting cancer reversal, a program must include nutritional, dietary, detoxification, dental, and counseling components. The Center plans to incorporate these elements in the next couple of years.

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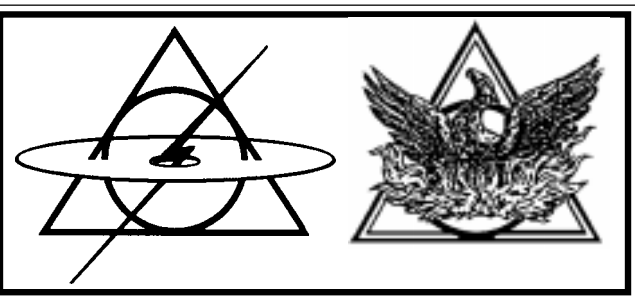
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