

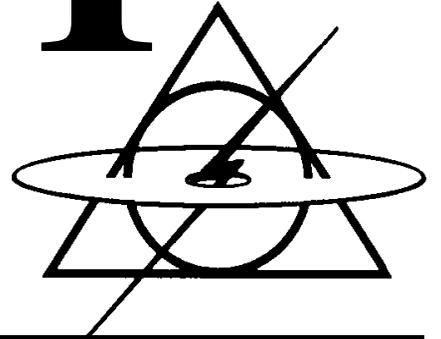


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**Hatonn**—OK, this has gone about far enough: I am interrupted in this world-dazzling writing to give a message to Lester K. in New Zealand—from “my secretary”. Is there something wrong with this picture of pecking order?

Lester: Arriving yesterday was your package. E.J. and Dharma poured over the diaries and calendar pictures for an hour, and then Dharma decided to save the wrapped packages for Christmas-opening, while suspecting Santa might not leave something under her Christmas candle. (The one we use when the lights go out!) With your call, however, it was decided that “what the heck”, Lester doesn’t care when we open, so NOW is probably as good a time as any. So into the packages, of which both snatched the other’s gift and, finally, bargained to SHARE. The deeds have to have INK pens for signature, and living in a bare room has been dreary. So, it was agreed that if Dharma could use one of the pens—just for deeds—E.J. could LOOK

at the towels, if he doesn’t touch. In exchange, Lester, you are PROMISED a job to overburden you—ASAP, with very good company, in the “frequency” field.

From me, Lester: Your Mother needs you this Season, as does your friend—we will work things out later to far better advantage than we could squeeze in right now under any circumstances. Your loyalty and support have been so appreciated that you probably will never truly know. Perhaps you can work with the Atmospherians and find out how to REALLY do these things. Far fetched? No, totally logical, my friend.

Thank you.—(Dharma’s secretary)

Dharma actually enjoyed that.

I would like to turn now to more mundane things, such as world structure and universal order.

I would note that there is no accident ongoing about the power failure in the Philippines. **WE HAVE SHUT DOWN YOUR ELECTRICITY ALL OVER THE PHILIPPINES, AND IF THIS DOESN’T GET YOUR ATTENTION, WE SHALL LEAVE IT OFF UNTIL WE GET ON WITH THE “BIG BOYS” KEEPING THEIR AGREEMENTS AND MOVING**

**RIGHT ALONG, WITHOUT THE GAMES. HAVE A NICE DAY.**

What I really would like to do, and shall, now that Dharma “owes me”, is offer the contents of a speech given at the Russian “Duma”. John Ray had sent the copy with a notation that perhaps I would comment. I don’t even need to comment, friends.

[QUOTING, from Bob Djurdjevic, *Truth in Media*, Global Watch, 12/4/99:]

DR. MICHAEL HUDSON OF NEW YORK  
SPEECH AT THE RUSSIAN DUMA

Since 1995, I have been a consultant to the Duma’s Natural Resource committee, and have addressed the Duma on privatization issues on three occasions now. I am former balance-of-payments analyst for the Chase Manhattan Bank and Arthur Andersen, professor of international economics at the Graduate Faculty of the new School for Social Research, former chief economist of the Hudson Institute, current president of the Institute for the Study of Long-term Economic Trends (ISLET),

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advisor to the Canadian, U.S. and Mexican governments, UNITAR, and founder of Scudder Stevens' sovereign debt mutual fund in 1990, the first global "junk bond" fund.

I am the author of *Super Imperialism: The Economic Strategy of American Empire* (1972, Holt Rinehart, trans. Spanish and Japanese), *Global Fracture: The New International Economic Order* (1978, Harper & Row, trans. Japanese), *Canada in the New Monetary Order* (1979, Butterfield), *Trade, Development and Foreign Debt: Theories of Convergence and Polarization in the World Economy* (2 vols., 1992, Pluto), and numerous other books. Esteemed Mr. Zvolinsky, Dr. Lvov, Mr. Boldyrev and members of the Duma and Upper Chamber: I am sure that Russians have grown tired of foreigners arriving on your shores to tell you how to run your society. I therefore will confine my remarks to discussing how wide your range of options is with regard to your negotiations with foreign investors in the United States and Europe, and with the IMF.

The most obvious question to be asked is whether foreign lenders and buyers of Russian companies have provided dollars that have been used to modernize Russia's factories and agriculture. Or, have these dollars been used mainly to subsidize capital flight and to create a client oligarchy serving U.S. and European interests?

It is an axiom of power politics to defend against the enemy that potentially could materialize. In view of this principle one must ask whether America really wants to help Russia develop as powerful an economy as that of the United States. Does America want Russia to raise its living standards and consume most of its fuels and raw materials domestically? Or, does it see a chance to nail down its Cold War victory by destroying Russia's potential power to be a rival, by turning it into an exporter of oil, gas and other raw materials? Do American diplomats want to help U.S. investors and companies acquire ownership of Russia's mineral wealth and public monopolies, so that their profits will accrue to the U.S. and European economies? Does America want to make Russia dependent on imports of U.S. grain, chickens, cigarettes and other consumer goods, and even on American currency? Or has this been an accidental and unintended consequence of the advice that has been given since 1990?

Such questions virtually answer themselves. When Russia asks foreign advisors for help, to whom do these individuals owe their loyalty—to Russia, or to the U.S. Government agencies, the IMF and World Bank that pay them (or provide the money to Russia to pay them)? Under these conditions, how good is the foreign advice that Russia can expect to get?

Before embarking on the reforms recommended by U.S. AID advisors, the IMF and World Bank, did Russia find the economic advice that these institutions have given Chile, Mexico, Yugoslavia and other countries good? Does the best way to restore living standards and productivity lie in imposing austerity that cuts back wages paid to public and private employees? Or does the shrinking of Russia's domestic market lead to falling output and make the nation even more dependent on foreigners?

Is economic recovery helped by taxing labor and industry while freeing Russia's privatized fuel and mining companies and public utilities from taxation? Or, should Russia use its natural resource wealth as the

basis for public taxation? Should the government leave the profits and rental revenue from its oil and gas, nickel and other minerals in the hands of privatized firms, to be turned into interest and dividend payments and taken out of Russia? What will the fate of the ruble be in each case?

After inflation wiped out Russian savings in 1991-92, who had the money to buy the natural resources and other assets that Russia was privatizing, except foreigners and Russians with offshore bank accounts? Inasmuch as U.S. and European money has been given overwhelmingly to Russian oligarchs and their banks, might Russia have been better off without it?

What made Russia's stock market the world's best performer in 1997? Was it telling the world that Russia would use its natural advantages to develop its economic potential for the benefit of its own people? Or did it show that the country was giving away vast wealth at low prices that offered investors quicker gains than existed anywhere else in the world? What happened to the stock market gains made in these years, and to the equally quick gains in government bonds (GKOs)? Did these gains benefit Russia, or merely its oligarchy and foreign investors?

Do American geopolitical strategists fear that Russia might develop a form of economic organization that would show other countries that **an alternative economic system exists** to American-style finance capitalism? That Russia might move closer to the European Community as a counter-weight to U.S. world hegemony? Russia is a creditor nation—and that is its problem. Many Russians feel that their country is so deeply indebted that it has forfeited its room for economic maneuvering. They may be surprised to realize that Russia has become one of the world's major creditor economies. Ironically, the poorer and more distressed a nation is, the more it tends to be a creditor economy. Meanwhile, the United States has become the world's most highly indebted economy.

Russian families hold more \$100 bills than circulate in the United States (in which only one quarter of the printed notes circulate). The general estimate is that some \$50 billion in U.S. currency presently circulates in Russia (up from \$37 billion in 1995). By contrast, less than \$20 billion in rubles are in circulation. Russia's central bank holds only about \$7 billion in foreign reserves, and much of this consists of gold bullion.

Technically speaking, holdings of U.S. currency represent loans to the U.S. Government—loans that do not bear interest. Russians holding this currency are creditors. They can exchange this credit for U.S. products or assets.

Russians also hold at least \$200 billion abroad. This figure is based on IMF and other estimates of Russian capital flight amounting to \$25 billion annually during 1991-99. (Estimates run to as high as \$500 billion.) This money too can be spent on foreign assets, real estate, stocks, foreign governments on these holdings and the income they generate.

The United States thus is a debtor to Russia, but it has learned well how to play the debtor game in such a way as to come out ahead. It has turned its debtor position into a lever, borrowing at no interest charge (to the extent that its currency circulates abroad) or at low interest (mainly from central banks in countries that have no other use for their surplus dollars). Private investors recycle this money to Russia at exorbitant

returns—as much as 100 percent annually during the GKO boom.

American affluence is literally a "flowing in". It is an inflow of foreign money, skilled labor and imported goods that are paid for only with paper dollar-debts. So easily has America obtained foreign resources that it has been able to produce less and less within its own borders. The large volume of capital flight out of Russia poses the natural question of whether [or not] it is legally the property of the Russian people. Does the government have a right to this money? Much of it represents tax evasion, most notoriously by false invoicing of exports or their sale below international value to affiliates controlled by Russian insiders.

Mexico and other countries where illicit capital flight has occurred have asked foreign nations to confiscate it under the law of unexplained enrichment. It is open to the Russian government to ask North America, Europe and East Asia to sequester such funds and return them to Russia. If the holders of these funds cannot show how they earned the money legally and properly declared it on their tax returns and other financial statements, a legal case can be made that it belongs rightly to the Russian people.

As a condition for resuming debt service to foreign creditors, Russia is in a favorable position to bargain. Its government can demand that foreign economies freeze this \$200 billion in flight capital and the assets into which it has been converted. Once these assets have been turned over to the Russian government, it may ask the holders of these assets to explain how they accumulated such large sums, given their low reported income. If they cannot explain it, these assets may be forfeited to the state under the doctrine of unexplained enrichment. This is the law accepted even by Switzerland, for instance, in the prosecution of former President Salinas' family.

If foreign economies refuse to cooperate, it is open to Russia to point out that it lacks the means to pay precisely because foreign banks and the government regulators behind them have been complicit in promoting such tax evasion, financial fraud and capital flight.

#### HOW TO STABILIZE RUSSIAN FINANCES BY CREATING A RENT-RUBLE

Mr. Zvolinsky is correct in warning that if Russia does not stabilize its fiscal system and defend the currency to the point where the economy is re-rubalized, Russia is in danger of falling apart into regions. The nation already is being reduced to Third World status, dependent on America and Europe for its food and even its means of payment.

**[H: Dharma, you have no battery in your computer, and we have turned the power back on, subject to immediate shut-off, so "write" your program frequently, so we don't lose another full writing as earlier today.]**

Fortunately there is a way out. To start with, Russia can CREATE ITS OWN MONEY. It need not borrow foreign dollars to finance its budget and print rubles. These counterpart-dollars do NOT make printing rubles any less inflationary. Prior to Chicago School of Evangelism it was basic monetary theory for over 200 years that in under-employment situations the creation of new money tends to put labor and physical capital to work. If Russia creates credit to pay wage

arrears, pensions and to make other domestic payments, most such revenue will be re-spent within Russia by its recipients, given the needy economic conditions of most workers and dependents. Only a relatively small amount of money will be saved as dollars. This proportion will diminish as Russia stabilizes its finances.

As my colleague Mr. Harrison has explained, Russia's land, fuel and minerals and public monopolies are capable of generating a sufficient volume of economic rent to fund the government budget. At present, most of this rent has been relinquished to companies that have been privatized: the large fuel companies (Gazprom, Yukos and other oil companies), mining companies (Norilsk, etc.), and the telephone, electric power and other monopolies.

This rental income accruing to natural resources and monopolies has been freed for payment abroad by Russia's failure to levy taxes on it. Leaving this revenue in the hands of managers and other new owners has enabled them to remit it abroad as dividend and interest payments. Also, fraudulent commercial practices have transferred exports at below market prices to dummy companies created in Switzerland and the United States, and offshore banking centers such as Cyprus, the British Channel Islands, the Caribbean Islands and Panama.

The first element in my plan to re-rubalize the economy is to stabilize Russia's fiscal finances by the only form of tax presently available to be collected in practice: the economic rent generated by Russia's fuel and minerals companies, land and public utilities. Existing taxes on income and other wage levies should be discontinued, along with sales taxes and other taxes whose effect is to discourage new investment and employment. Nuisance and "sin" taxes may be maintained and even increased, especially on alcohol and tobacco products. Tariff protection also may be employed during Russia's transition period, as America has used it in similar circumstances.

These fiscal changes would help stabilize the ruble's exchange rate. Public collection of economic rent can be collected without affecting the supply of fuels and other raw materials, land or public utility services. The government would spend this revenue primarily within Russia, except for the extent to which it chooses to pay interest and principal on Russia's foreign debt. Domestic recipients of this government expenditure can be expected to spend most of the money within Russia, save for the portion they choose to convert to dollars.

My proposal will not be welcomed by the foreign investors that have bought stocks in Russian companies, or by U.S. strategists who would like to deprive the Russian government of this basic source of fiscal revenue. After all, the market value of Russia's privatized firms is determined by discounting the future rent revenue that they can pay out in the form of interest and dividends. A rent-tax would drastically reduce the market value of such companies. It is not necessary to re-nationalize them to obtain this revenue. A rent-tax is legal under international law, as long as it is applied to domestic residents and foreigners equally.

Regarding the insider dealings by which these firms were acquired in the first place by Russian financial-industrial groupings (FEGs), Michael Bernstam has pointed out that a legal basis exists for re-acquiring

them. Their back taxes and tax-evasion penalties have come to at least equal their purchase price. For these companies, settling their debts by forfeiting their stock holdings would be at best a wash. If other funds remain due, these can be dealt with appropriately by the criminal justice system. Is Russia obliged to repay its foreign loans? If so, on what terms should it do so?

In my report that has been submitted to you, "The Economic War Against Russia—and the Way Out", I emphasize that stabilization of the ruble requires establishment of a true banking system to replace what presently exists under the name of banks. There is no need for Russian money creation to be backed by dollars or other foreign exchange. Indeed, the loans by the IMF and other foreign lenders have been counter-effective.

The IMF loans and other credits have been squandered unproductively. Most of the money has been turned over to the oligarchic banks in settlement of "forward currency contracts" that are, in effect, no-lose gambles against the ruble. The banks wrote contracts to exchange rubles for dollars at some future date (normally three months) at the existing rate. As the ruble's exchange rate depreciated, the banks pocketed the difference. (To be sure, only politically favored banks were able to make such deals.) The IMF has euphemized this practice as "supporting the ruble", but it has been simply a giveaway to the banks and other speculators.

These observations pave the way for asking how much money Russia really owes America, Europe and East Asia.

Russia has three options open to it as an alternative to servicing these faux-debts. First of all, many of the debts owed by the banks and the monetary authority are NOT DEBTS of the Russian people. If the corporate debtor entities declare bankruptcy, their debts are wiped out. Over and above this, the debts that the Yeltsin family have [sic] run up were done so without Duma approval. They thus are more in the character of medieval debts to Europe's kings and princes than national debts to which the people are committed to repay under the rules of parliamentary democracy.

In fact, many of the circumstances surrounding these transfers are now under civil and criminal investigation in the United States itself, with regard to the evidently corrupt self-interest in which the Harvard Boys engaged while working for AID. Anne Williamson provides details in her forthcoming book: *Contagion: The Betrayal of Liberty—Russia and the United States in the 1990s*.

A large portion of Russia's international debts to commercial banks may be annulled under the U.S. laws of fraudulent conveyance. This body of law dates back to the time of the American Revolution, especially New York State law. At the time of the Revolution, many New Yorkers owed money to British lenders. A law was passed that if a creditor extends a loan to a borrower, but has no reasonable idea of how the debtor can obtain the money to repay the loan, it is annulled. This law was applied in the 1980s to numerous leveraged buyouts financed by junk bonds. Law firms have warned money managers that foreign debtor governments might avail themselves of its protection. Russia would appear to be a prime candidate.

A third ground for annulling Russia's foreign debt is the doctrine of odious debts. Patricia Adams has conveniently collected the history of law and legal

theory regarding such debts in her book, *Odious Debts*. The documentation is in such books, but Russia cannot expect U.S., IMF and other foreign advisors to provide it freely.

Taken together, Russia may use these three principles to negotiate a solution to its foreign debts from the Soviet and Yeltsin eras.

#### CONCLUSION:

U.S. advisors have tried to convince Russians that it is necessary to choose between the cumbersome old Soviet system and an even more corrosive free-enterprise form of monetarism. There is a pretense that Russian voters somehow must find a midpoint between "reform" and a return to the past.

But this is only propaganda. There is a third way that achieves the best efficiencies of market allocation of resources without the corruption that the Yeltsin-Chubais regime has imposed on behalf of Russia's foreign adversaries. American finance capitalism itself suffers from the same monetarist disease that its advisors are trying to force upon Russia. U.S. and Western European savings have become de-coupled from new direct investment in building factories and employing labor. It has become easier to ride the wave of asset-price inflation—the stock market and real estate bubble—than to create new material means of production.

Instead of seeking to earn profits through direct investment, speculators and other investors have sought to get a free ride from creating private monopolies and extorting economic rent. The upshot is land and real estate speculation, and corporate takeovers. This flurry of activity has been financed by loading the economy down with debt—unproductive debt that does not find its counterpart in creating new means of production to pay it off.

Russia can avoid this debt overhead and takeover movement simply by taxing what is unearned—the free rental revenue produced by its raw materials, its land and its natural monopolies in the form of hitherto public utilities. This would finance the public budget.

Meanwhile, a viable banking system—still to be created almost from scratch—would channel savings into productive lending to create new means of production and re-employ Russian labor. It thus would achieve the dream that Russia had imagined it could get from following U.S. and IMF advice, before being tricked by the public relations campaign waged by foreign monetarist advisors.

Many people in America, Western Europe and East Asia would welcome a Russian initiative that would break from the monetarist orthodoxy that the IMF and U.S. AID have imposed on Third World countries, East Asian economies (including even Japan) and other regimes throughout the world.

In sum, Russia has a great pool of support for true reforms that bear little resemblance to what has passed for "reform" at the hands of the Yeltsin-Chubais family.

[END OF QUOTING]

I really don't believe this needs any comment other than: What a brave man! How many of you would dare the world's Power Elite to get up and deliver such important truth? Well, perhaps some day you who dare will outweigh you who live in Fear and slavery.

Thank you, Dharma, for a very long day.

In LOVE and, please, an abundance of LIGHT and ENLIGHTENMENT that you ALL may see and hear the knock at your door. Salu, Dad

**dharm**

# Dragon-Bear Duo Coming Into Harmony

12/11/99—#1

## AS THE WORLD TURNS

**Hatonn**—Ah, the technology of man. As we sat to write and got well underway, the power failed and removed all the typing thus far accomplished this morning. The power failed last evening at the height of closing time, and this was so widespread as to tie up the whole of Metro Manila and surrounding cities. This morning comes with total failure of the street traffic-lights (and no crossing or traffic police in sight). Oh, could it be so that there is trouble in all the places of the world? Indeed.

And you who continue to say, “Oh, but it couldn’t happen in the U.S.A.”—LOOK AGAIN, carefully, at Seattle, Washington. You haven’t even made it yet to Y2K. Where are the River City problems today, as you move into Christmas panic? EVERYWHERE! Nobody can even think ahead to Y2K for all the problems and expectation fore-panic.

There are two countries, however, in CELEBRATION—Russia and China. Has anyone noticed?

Mr. Clinton is being deposed, uprooted, unseated and is in a general “dump” condition. Even his wife is leaving him to live in their honeymoon home in New York, while she gets her silver-tongue into all sorts of mischief and confusion before she even gets moved. She will dump Stupid Zipper the minute it looks OK.

She is already in hot water, however, in the Big Apple, for she has crossed Billy about gays in the military, while taking a full stand to allow them unnoticed positioning. Who cares? Why do you not hang a sign on each soldier, stating name, rank, serial number, sexual preference, ethnic background and STATUS in the political arena?

She does everything possible to court the gays for not-so-obvious reasons, then turns about immediately and when asked about the St. Patty’s Day parade, she vowed to march in it. Oops, the Irish don’t allow two things in the parade, if they KNOW about it: Gays and Jews. Since Hillary falls somewhat into BOTH categories, she could have an interesting go of this campaigning adventure. If you haven’t read *TRANCE FORMATION OF AMERICA*, please do, and if you have, read it again.

NOW PAY ATTENTION, YOU WHO CHUCKLE AT THE IDIOCY OF WHAT IS TAKING PLACE: THE LAST TWO YEARS, WHILE BILLY ZIPPER HAD TROUBLES—HILLARY CLINTON WAS “THE” REPRESENTATIVE INVITED INTO THE WONDROUS HALLS OF BILDERBERG, WHERE THE DECISIONS OF WHAT IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE ARE LAID FORTH. YOU HAVE GONE BACK TO SLEEP, PERCHANCE? THE BILDERBERGS SELECTED CLINTON TO BE

PRESIDENT JUST BEFORE THE “STRANGER IN FAIRYLAND” RAN THE FIRST TIME AGAINST BUSH. THERE WAS NO “ACCIDENT”, AND YOU COULD WATCH BUSH ACTUALLY “GIVE AWAY” THE ELECTION. THERE ARE NO ACCIDENTS OR “MAYBES” IN THIS GAME, DREAMERS—IT IS “DEAD” SERIOUS.

But, readers, those are nothing but distractions, for if you are focused on the U.S. of A.—you had better look higher and broader. Russia and China are having one-heck-of-a Christmas Season and New Y2K celebration. AMERICA: YOU HAVE UNIFIED ENEMIES OF THE WORST KIND. THEY HAVE USED YOUR ALLY, ISRAEL, TO ACQUIRE HARDWARE AND YOUR OWN SCIENTISTS TO ACQUIRE THE “HOW TO DO IT”—RIGHT FROM THE DESKS WITHIN YOUR ESTABLISHMENT; AND ARE NOW READY, WILLING, AND QUITE ABLE TO DUMP NUCLEAR WARHEADS ON ANY CITY IN THE AMERICAS—AND, RIGHT THROUGH SUCH AS KISSINGER ASSOCIATES, HAVE CORNERED YOUR FEEBLE ASSET (MONETARY) GAMES. AND NO, DON’T GO LOOKING TO ME OR US TO CONSIDER WHAT WENT “WRONG”. YOU ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A WORLDWIDE GOLD—CENTRAL BANKING SYSTEM—CRISIS.

It may well be that the Philippines will be the ONLY place where, in the New Year, people can actually enjoy a smile or two. We just keep moving along and, indeed, I just work my vaporous fanny off with those Big Boys of the money-corner gang. I am NOT at war with anyone, but they can see the “handwriting on the walls”, as in the Graffiti of Global messaging. There is trouble in “River City”—somebody stole the 76 trombones and the 110 coronets, and the terrible vipers even took the drums. Perhaps you will find them all “for sale” in downtown Tel Aviv, or even in wondrously shredded Jerusalem, where first they crucify everything and everyone. By the way, Hillary is “in favor” of making Jerusalem the Israeli capital. Are you kidding me? What business is it of anyone outside the area? But we all know that I am not joshing, don’t we? We call it Zionism today to soften the blow of anti-Semitism? Well, none of these brazen Elite are “Semites”, and that is what makes the apple so sour.

Well, the **central banks are in a PANIC**, so states the current analysis, and observers see the chaos and frantic two-step shuffle. Nobody in the Philippine Central Bank is in a panic—even with a 10-day fire INSIDE THE BANK VAULTS. And, media news? There has been only ONE brief reference to that fire and not another hushed whisper about it.

Since what you want from me first these days is “Where’s the money?”, let us speak of mice, cats and central banks, speeches at high levels, and of smiling agreements by political foes of the Christian-human-

rights-demanding Evilists. Ask the recipients of the gassings in Seattle about “human-rights”—some citizens just trying to get out of the city still can’t see anything.

[QUOTING, *Gold Eagle*, Reg Howe, 12/9/99 (printed with permission):]

## PANIC!

Western central banks are in panic mode. No other interpretation can be put on the announcement yesterday of further Dutch gold sales of 300 metric tons. European central bankers should have spent last weekend preparing to announce gold purchases and a Euro truly independent of the dollar. Instead, they used the time to cobble together another bailout for the Fed, the Bank of England and the mostly Anglo-American bullion banks sinking, or so it would appear, into ever-deeper trouble.

The Dutch announcement basically uses up all the slack left in the Washington Agreement, which provided for central bank gold sales of 2000 tons over the next five years, including 1300 tons by the Swiss, and the 365 tons then remaining in the planned British disposals of 415 tons, leaving only 335 tons of possible additional sales. That gap has now been almost entirely filled by the Dutch. **[H: Dharma, E.J., listen up: THIS is why the amazing talks are taking place, amidst everything else, with the “Old Man”. The world’s central banking system (the whole banking industry of the establishment) is on the critical edge of falling—totally. There has to be GOLD, in the hard-metallic reality, gathered, and there simply is a SHORTAGE of great magnitude everywhere ELSE. GOD DOES, INDEED, WORK IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS, HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM!]**

The gold banking crisis that unfolded rapidly in the wake of the Washington Agreement on September 26, 1999, has resulted in some rather unusual gold disposals. First, Kuwait announced publicly that it was making its entire official reserves of 79 tons available for lease through the BoE. **[H: My, my, isn’t Kuwait that Bush territory?]** Not long afterwards, it was revealed that Jordan had sold 10 tons from its official reserves of 26 tons. This depletion of long-held official gold reserves by two Middle Eastern nations easily subjected to Anglo-American pressure pretty much speaks for itself, particularly when followed by disclosure of additional U.S. military spending for Kuwait. What is more, a rumor—quickly denied—of a possible reduction or halt in British gold sales caused an immediate almost \$10 spike in the gold price.

The Dutch announcement itself is notable in three respects: (1) the sales will be arranged through the BIS, no public auctions for the Dutch; (2) **[H: A sentence, the one with the second information, is missing but we can figure it out.]** ...nevertheless, the sales were publicly announced in advance, not a smart way to get the best price, especially on the first year’s planned sales of 100 tons; and (3) the Dutch emphasized that even after the sale “the Netherlands will remain a significant gold-holding country with a gold stock of more than 700 tons.”

**[H: Perhaps some readers may be unfamiliar with some terms here, such as BoE, BIS, etc. I have no corner on interpretation, but I believe the “BoE” is Bank of England, and “BIS” is Bank of International Settlements. These articles are written for and by the more professional dealers and**

**bankers, and space is incredibly important in the author's allotted presentations.]**

In fact, the Dutch gold sales may be no more than an advance on the proposed Swiss sales. The Swiss have been slow to complete all necessary preparations for their sales, which were probably intended, *inter alia*, to provide the European safety valve on the gold market. Certainly, the Netherlands could repurchase whatever gold it sells now from Switzerland later, and it may well have already received some assurances on this point. For that matter, maybe most of the 100 tons that the Dutch plan to sell in the first year is necessary to repay Kuwait's loan to the BoE, a loan that reportedly has been the subject of much criticism in Kuwait.

The World Gold Council's press release on the Dutch sale is yet another example of that organization's unfortunate tendency to serve as apologist for the central banks, instead of advocate for the gold industry. Admitting that "the timing of the announcement...may have caused a ripple in the market," the WGC (World Gold Council) then accepts uncritically a reported private assertion by the Dutch Central Bank that the decision to sell was made in July, but delayed to participate in the Washington Agreement. Why, then, wasn't the proposed Dutch sale included in the agreement? Why didn't the Dutch sell on the price rally after announcement of the agreement? Was there any connection between the timing of the Dutch announcement and the continuing problems of the bullion banks, the Kuwaiti gold loan and the Jordanian sale? Apparently, these are all questions that the WGC neglected to ask in its private discussions with the Dutch Central Bank. Speaking only for myself, and it pains me to say it, Ms. Haruko Fukuda, the new Chief Executive of the WGC, is rapidly losing both her halo and her credibility.

Central bankers are generally a clubby and prudent sort, not given to unnecessary risk taking. Given the uncertainties of the Y2K changeover, Anglo-American and European central bankers may have arrived at an informal truce of agreement, designed to push resolution of the gold banking crisis into the new year. In this connection, it would not be surprising to see Anglo-American intervention in support of the Euro, should it threaten to break below parity. Indeed, if the European central bankers did not obtain a commitment of this sort as a condition of the Dutch gold sale, they should all be fired. Yesterday's surge in the Euro may not be solely attributable to the good German factory report.

But make no mistake: The day of reckoning is rapidly drawing near—for both the Euro and the bullion banks. The EMU and the ECB cannot provide further gold to the market without not just destroying their own credibility, but also undermining the whole notion of the Euro as a truly independent currency and alternative to the dollar. As for the bullion banks and their protectors at the FED and the BoE, they must know that they cannot count on others to bail them out forever. Ultimately, there can be no lender of last resort [LOLR] in a gold banking crisis. **[H: And where did we hear that last term before? Ah, yes, attached to the IMF!]**

Citizens of the Euro Area should be asking themselves tonight whether their central bankers have merely gone the last mile to help the British and the Americans with their gold banking crisis, or whether the ECB and its allied central banks and finance ministers

are about to, as a former British prime minister once put it, "go wobbly".—Reg Howe, Dec. 9, 1999  
[END OF QUOTING]

"OH, SURE" DEPARTMENT

Let us move on to a couple of interesting notes today, which might amuse. One, of course, has to be related to the absurdities of spying by Chinese in the U.S. technology departments where, quite frankly, there was NO SECRECY in the first place. The second is amusing in its "timing", if nothing else. It seems China and Russia are getting on so well in their joint ventures of annoying the U.S. as to find this one interesting, as well as being a bit "beside the point":

[QUOTING:]

U.S. HUNTS FOR POSSIBLE INSIDE ACCOMPLICE IN RUSSIAN SPYING

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—U.S. investigators are pursuing the possibility the Russians had inside help planting a sophisticated eavesdropping device inside the State Department, because it took more than one visit to install, a government official says.

And it took months to find it—even after an alert FBI surveillance team on a different assignment noticed that a Russian diplomat began regularly visiting the streets outside America's diplomatic headquarters early last summer. Methodical observation of his weekly visits then revealed he was positioning his car as though receiving an electronic signal. **[H: Sure he did—you know how parking is in Washington—you can just adjust and readjust over and over again. What absolute hogswill. And, perhaps the man went out to visit America; after all, he is a tourist, if he is in the diplomatic corps.]**

U.S. investigators covertly prowled the halls of the eight-story, two-block-square department for weeks carrying a disguised detector about the size of a Geiger counter before locating the radio signal they say the bug sent from a department conference room to the spy outside. They could only search when he was parked nearby, because he had to activate the device, this official said.

The Russian, Stanislav Guesey, described by U.S. agents as a 54-year-old employee of the technical section of Moscow's SVR spy agency, has been ordered out of the country. **[H: Oh, good! Now you really have "got 'em", don't you?]**

Now hundreds of State Department and other U.S. officials are being interviewed in an attempt to find out how and when the bug was planted.

"We don't have a suspect," according to this government official who described the highly secret investigation Thursday night on condition of anonymity: "We're looking at and haven't eliminated any possibility."

[END OF QUOTING]

Ah, indeed, and the only one from whom you might have found out any information, you "sent out of the country". DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW STUPID THIS LOOKS?

And Ober [E.J.], while we are on the topic of "stupid"-looking things: THIS idiocy is WHY we don't do anything to merit even a second look at us or our activities. Welcome aboard is our stance, come to the meetings, but stay close to the room, where you CAN

be recorded and stay within the few little walking blocks outside to keep within surveillance ease.

I have a funny I must share with our friends, for this one is too good, having written about Agent 86 or whatever, you know, *Get Smart*—remember that one? Well, can you believe that the Fed and the IMF are working around the clock with some of our coworkers to come to a "workable deal", and the IMF's man is named "SMART"?!

After this ball is over, you can go visit our Atmospherians, "albinos", there near Cebu—but for now, you stay put and keep Dharma tucked away, even from meeting the fun-guys. That can wait until after we get further along, as well, but we don't go HELP THEM, confound it. Let's get the job done, and THEN we can have a bit of interchange fun. You are within hours of the turning of the big hourglass and calendar; we CAN be patient, if necessary, just a while longer. The Y2K thing falling apart is why the Big Boy Elite are really ticked off at us, so let us not push our luck. If they can't bury this stuff legitimately behind computer glitches, save for a few short minutes or hours, the game is OVER. Unfortunately, to allow that to happen costs everyone so drastically that it is not a good idea to push that river out of its conduit.

Now, for another good funny.

[QUOTING, (AP), 12/9/99:]

AUSTRALIA:

"UFO" TURNS OUT TO BE A METEORITE

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA—The mystery object that crashed into an Australian reservoir turned out to be a small meteorite the size of a golf ball, police said yesterday. The water supply to the town of Guyra, 380 kilometers north of Sydney, was shut down, police set up barricades to keep out onlookers, and scientists carrying Geiger counters were called in after signs were found that something had fallen into the local waterway. Yesterday, police divers working near a dam at the reservoir recovered sediment and fragments, and geologists said they were from a small meteorite that penetrated mud underwater.

[END OF QUOTING]

Wow, in a major reservoir, a tiny "golf-ball"-sized rock was found and pronounced a meteorite, after somehow falling into workers' hands who were "working near a dam", and it was "somehow" buried in the mud? Now, readers, what do you suppose REALLY WAS THERE?

Next, just let us offer another article from BEIJING.

[QUOTING, the *Philippine Star*.]

YELTSIN, JIANG DECLARE JOINT STAND VS U.S. DOMINATION

BEIJING (AP)—Russian President Boris Yeltsin and his Chinese counterpart Jiang Zemin wrapped up a two-day summit yesterday, jointly declaring their countries' commitment to oppose foreign intervention for the sake of human rights.

"No country can interfere in another sovereign country's attacks against domestic terrorism," said a summit-ending statement issued by the leaders.

The statement underscored how close the fierce Cold War rivals have drawn this year, propelled by their opposition to NATO's war to stop ethnic purges

in Kosovo and sharp Western criticism of Russia's military offensive in Chechnya.

Having collected unequivocal support from Jiang Thursday for Russia's Chechen campaign, Yeltsin promised Russian backing of China's claim over Taiwan.

"Russia supports China's principled stand on the Taiwan issue. The People's Republic of China supports the Russian Federation's attack against Chechen terrorist and separatist activities," the statement said.

Jiang told Yeltsin that with Beijing's Dec. 20 recovery of the Portuguese colony of Macau, the Taiwan issue will become "still more pressing", the state-run *Xinhua News Agency* reported.

In a dig at the United States and NATO's war with Yugoslavia over Kosovo, the statement railed against unnamed countries that weakened the United Nations by seeking "excuses" to intervene in other nations' domestic affairs.

"Using power, even threats of force, instead of international law, they cite 'human rights are higher than sovereignty' and 'humanitarian intervention' to harm the sovereignty of independent nations," the statement said.

Yeltsin attacked President Clinton Thursday for criticizing Russia's war in Chechnya, bluntly reminding Clinton that Russia remains a nuclear power. **[H: OH MY, AND HOW! AND NOW, WORSE FOR THE OPPOSITION, MR. CLINTON, THEY HAVE THE NUCLEAR ARSENAL—AND CHINA HAS THE DELIVERY SYSTEM!]**

"IT SEEMS MR. CLINTON FORGOTTEN RUSSIA IS A GREAT POWER THAT POSSESSES A NUCLEAR ARSENAL," Yeltsin said at a meeting with Chinese legislative Chairman, Li Peng.

"I want to tell President Clinton that he alone cannot dictate how the world should live, work and play. It is us who will dictate."

Clinton did not soften his criticism of the Russian offensive, which has produced large numbers of civilian casualties and driven more than 240,000 people out of Chechnya.

"I don't agree with what's going on there, and I think I have an obligation to say so," Clinton told reporters in Washington. But he also sought to avoid deepening the confrontation, saying "let's not talk about what the leaders are saying, and all these words of criticism."

The joint statement issued yesterday said Chinese-Russian cooperation was not aimed at third countries but was intended to protect their "vital national interests".

Despite their budding cooperation against perceived U.S. global dominance, China and Russia both depend heavily on their economic ties with the United States. **[H: Harumph.... Oh? Get Smart, guys.]**

[END OF QUOTING]

Now, one last funny for this writing, and we will move on to the real problems in Russia and WHY they may actually be going to do something about the WORLD BANKERS AND SHYSTERS.

The next deals with Malaysia's after-election continued ripping of Dr. Mahathir having won an incredible victory, I say, over EVIL. Now, the point was to keep in power the ones who had actually SAVED MALAYSIA from the jackals and hyenas of a sodomizing criminal (already in prison for his sins). But now, as if somehow Mahathir was to get rid of his own government, the complaint is loud and very clear: "Malaysia's new Cabinet full of old faces."

It's a GOOD GOVERNMENT, why destroy it? Is, perchance, the world just a tad skiwampus? It does say that Mahathir's government is planning to move forward with some major economic changes to better stabilize and bring strength to the economy. And how is YOUR day? Ours actually seems quite encouraging in downtown Manila on this rainy morning with no electricity in the power-lines. The problem here, however, is that, any minute, the entire province may well succumb to the diesel fumes from the myriads of independent generators running top speed in every building in every suburb—after all, Christmas shoppers, you know! And, keep those neon lights glowing to entice them to spend what they don't have—get those credit cards out and the debts going to the banks. And many of YOU say: *The GODS MUST BE CRAZY!*, remembering back to a movie by the same name, and still worthy of attention.

Ah, Dharma asks for "one more" for the team, please, and speaking of *Get Smart* and the IMF and, and, and—if you have doubts about possibilities—some excerpts:

[QUOTING from the *Philippine Star*, BUSINESS, Sat., 12/11/99:]

#### BUDGET GAP SWELLS TO P110 B.

[P= Peso, B=billion]

The country's budget deficit swelled to P110.155 billion [US\$2.754B] in the first 11 months of the year, Finance Secretary Edgardo B. Espiritu said yesterday.

Espiritu, however, gave assurance that by the end of the year, the deficit will be within the REVISED target of P101 billion, following an expected repayment by the...and an expected revenue surplus for the month of December. **[H: It's always interesting to have a surplus and a deficit in the same accounting column. And oh, yes, this is the same "Espiritu" of recent: "Send this to Espiritu", regarding our documents.]**

Actual revenue collection for the 11-month period amounted to P432.85 billion....on the other hand, government expenditures amounted to P543.005 billion with interest payments—P96.433 billion.

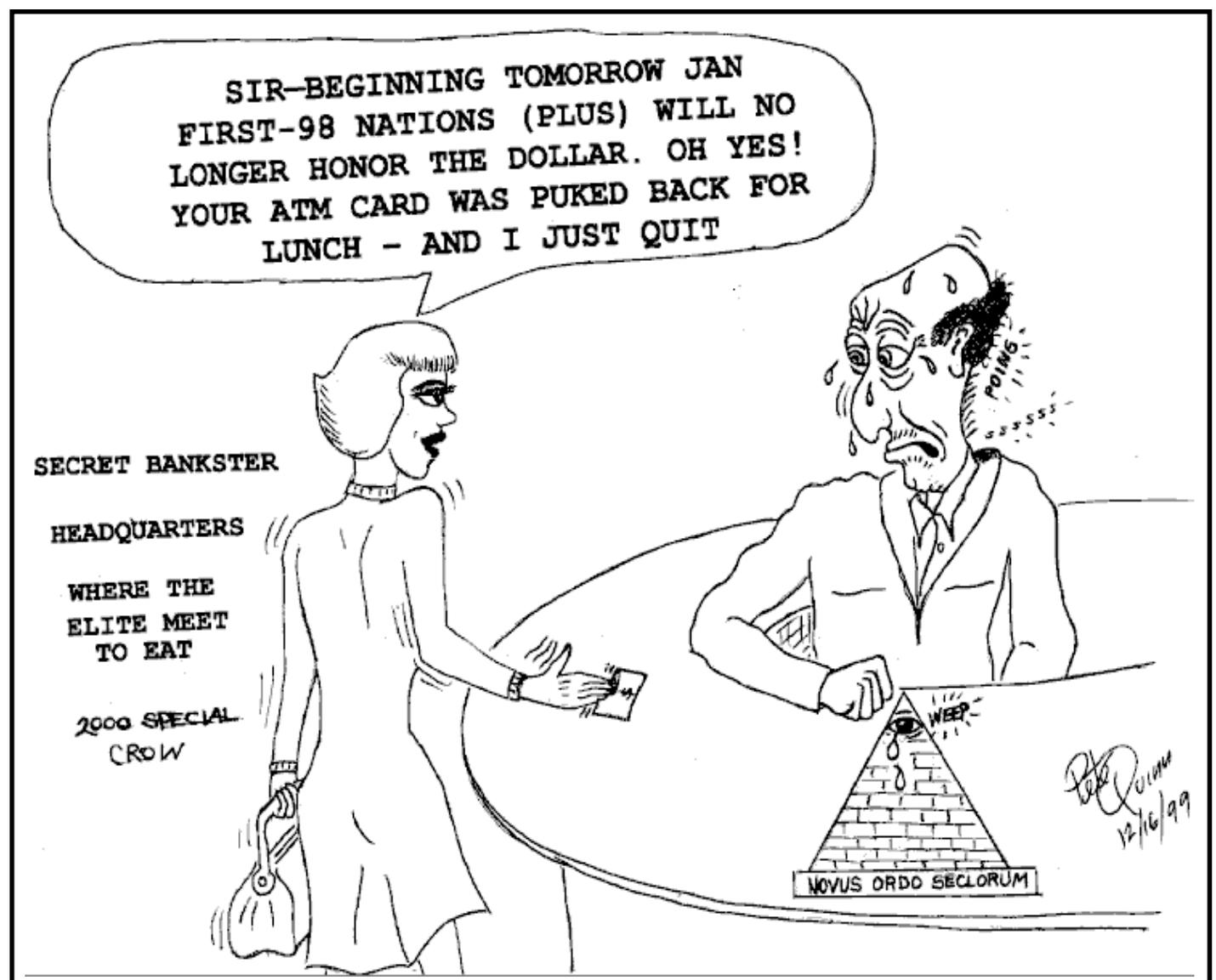
Espiritu said, following A MEETING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF), it was agreed that the full-year deficit target will be pegged at P101 billion FROM THE REVISED TARGET OF P85.319 BILLION....

[END OF QUOTING]

Now, I'd say that the difference is negligible. (??) Well, what the heck, the IMF is getting soft, perhaps.

Oh, Geeze, "may the Force be with you". Perhaps you had best get Smart and Bond both on the job.

Love, Father Dad  
dharma



# What Does It Take To WARN You?

12/14/99—#1

## PULVERIZED JELLYFISH AND "OTHER" GARBAGE

**Hatonn**—I think that I will just give you some excerpts and headlines from the local "MAJOR" paper here in the Philippines, just a bit later; but I want to remind you of something: You are scarcely 18 days from calendar turnover and Y2K is, and never was, a "biggie". There is no problem with computers, people, there are problems with PEOPLE. While you play with computers, the entire economic system and power systems of the globe are already in total upheaval. The banks in the Philippines (and yes, this is far more important than almost anywhere else on Earth TODAY) are merging, shifting, joining ranks and shredding and burning documents from the criminal activities, and the players are making every effort possible to gain an hour or two from the inevitable upheaval just ahead. What is coming to the newspapers is actually NOTHING about what is actually taking place, and I ask for more "patience" from my team so that nothing goes over the cliff but, rather, stays in the highlands.

We are not going to moderate subsequent quakes, children, out of the Philippine TRENCH. The Evil Power Elite want destruction? Fine, we have no right to interfere, because it is also obvious that the demolition-troops of corruption will do almost anything to maintain their sacred positions, and it would appear that no matter what the warnings, they only continue to vie for position and cover-up. And if you think the idiots can't think up MORE stupid tales to tell the innocent and ignorant populace, THINK AGAIN.

## HUMOR? AT THE GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAIN

"Smokey Mountain(s)" in Luzon is the major "garbage dump", and now the fit has really hit the shan, and earthquakes don't help—and tidal waves will be even worse, when you realize the location of this insult upon Earth.

In addition, Japan has shipped into Manila port, some more than a hundred large carrier boxes (as go on semi-trucks) of garbage-bearing containers. This is the TOXIC waste of hospitals, etc., i.e. diapers from sick babies (and bedridden adults too sick to go to the toilet), needles, blood apparatus by the ton and you-name-it—from sanitary napkins (used) to blood-soaked dressings and surgical wraps. This is not the first time this has come in, paid for, to the "officials"; but this time the shipments were stopped because of the "Customs" scandal taking place. Now, that mess has been sitting in Manila Harbor, while the stench (and if there is "stink", people, disease microbes ARE PRESENT—AND AIRBORNE) gets worse and dickering takes place. If it were not toxic to start with, it most certainly is NOW.

Then, up further north, like at the old U.S. base of "Clark", there is such toxic substance as to be mutating the babes born and people living there, as well as life-taking problems with the adults—JUST EXISTING

THERE.

Then you find that a LOT of toxic dump was made in vacating the base, along with the Subic Bay trashing, and the whole place is "hot"—as in radiation "hot". Hummmnn, then you find that the U.S. has stashed NUCLEAR WARHEADS all around the South Pacific, even on a couple of "paradise" islands of Japan, like some you use as monuments to your dead warriors, U.S.A. Honor in small places? No, not much!

Now, we do have surfacing some "truths", in that some Japanese gold and treasure was also placed in the Philippines and those other wondrous places of paradise by such as Hirohito and his ilk. Messy? Well, I'd say so—but, Oh Well...!

Alternatives to the garbage? They plan to do what they always do from Japan—take it offshore or "somewhere else" and dump it in the sea to pollute and poison the sealife and, thus, go right back to poisoning the people via the food chain. Well, viruses like HIV LOVE PEOPLE AND FISH!

So, the stink you get next probably will be called more "jellyfish" or something as the tide comes in. Jellyfish can harbor more viruses than your culture dishes in CDC. They are the PERFECT MEDIUM FOR GROWTH. And, no, it doesn't pay to mess around with Mother Nature! And, in addition to mosquitoes harboring "stuff" as carriers, you now have flies laying maggots on that garbage, carrying everything, as well.

[QUOTING from the *Philippine Star*, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1999:]

## JELLYFISH A FISHY TALE

Sen. Francisco Tatad [H: **E.J., it might be about time to contact Tatad again, because he at least has a brain he is often willing to use**] said the explanation was laughable. "It's a fish story, an explanation that nobody understands," he said... A jellyfish does not have any bone. It can easily dissolve or get torn apart. Now, this does not gel with the claim of Napocor that jellyfish blocked the cooling system of the power plant in Sual. [H: **What is more intriguing is how a blockage of jelly in one plant can shut down all other plants, which have no connections, whatsoever. And the story gets even more interesting, as it comes to light that there are several power plants built to screw the public—that don't even have POWER LINES, because it was "feared the lines would just be stolen". Is everybody with me, so far?**]

[END QUOTING]

We could not even begin to offer all the more "ridiculous" things offered here for disappearing cars, smuggled things (even sardines) and how the police "steal cars", then drive them as their own as "stolen cars", and on and on it goes. "Last night, Senior Police Officer Macunla said the vehicle (a P1.6 million [\$40,000] Pajero, yet, he was using) "was stolen from the parking lot of the LeSouffle' Restaurant located at the Global City in...". So these magnificent machines of overpriced absurdity are "smuggled in", seized and passed out to officials and politicians, carnapped, re-stolen—and the circle begins

again. The police, just this month, were caught "turning in" under order by "someone", around 400 or more of these autos, which had been reported "stolen". The "politicians" were ordered to turn in their allotted "luxury" and "custom" vehicles, as well—and they were offered to be able to buy them back, at auction.

Ah, but now we have "cracks" from the earthquake Saturday—stopping building inspection for all of the government buildings. This is more "fishy" than the jellyfish. Oh well, after all, it is Christmas, and everyone is mad at the Congress anyway because of no "amelioration pay". But some of the more "socially" oriented departments gave "bigger" bonuses and are calling it "hazardous duty pay". Well, I suppose legislators and inspectors who have to go check out that Japanese toxic waste might actually fit that category—but the local grade-school teachers? (?!?!)

Now, let us define jellyfish, according to Max Soliven.

[QUOTING:]

Jellyfish, sometimes technically called *medusae* (either bluish, brownish or purplish hemispheres), are largely hydrozoans, a name which indicates that they are predominantly composed of WATER with easily dissolved body tissues of only an outer epithelium covering the external surfaces, with an inner epithelium [H: **The epithelium is made up of separate cells forming an easily broken-down membrane (i.e., skin, as in that which you "shed", etc.)**] or gastrodermis (a digestive layer), while the gelatinous middle tissue is dubbed mesogloea. In sum, a jellyfish is mostly jelly and some fibers. There is almost no tissue in them, and they are 95% or more (according to type) water. [H: **And, when this water or tissue is damaged, it simply dissolves.**

**Now it is claimed that the jelly fit the shan and became "pulped", at which time they would simply dissolve into a jelly-like, thick, watery substance. How then could even "50 truckloads", meaning thousands of little jellyfish, have stopped any turbine or engine? My, my, and let us quote on:]**

Then there is the fiction promoted by the Napocor that the jellyfish "invaders", when scooped out of the pumps and engines, were taken away in 50 "truckloads"...Fifty "water tankers" would have been more appropriate. How do you load watery stuff in a truck, much less measure it; and, as everybody knows, there aren't that many available on a Friday night and a Saturday evening to ferry gasoline. (And surely, you don't mix crushed gelatin, those mashed jellyfish, with gasoline or oil.)

Nobody even produced a photograph of workers scooping out gooey stuff, or a single "truckload".

There must be a more rational—and even, perhaps, sinister explanation for the massive blackout, which tripped other power plants and plunged 44 MILLION people in Luzon into darkness.... Somehow, I suspect, there's a "cover up" somewhere to conceal something more serious.

I am not promoting any paranoid "conspiracy" theory, merely sending a signal to the authorities that we in the media may sometimes be gullible, and sometimes accept dumb explanations—and say dumb things—but we're not that stupid, or trusting. [H: **Oh, I don't know, Mr. Soliven. You were offered the scoop on "Global", right up front, and you were simply irritated with the encounter and suggested you didn't know who "Global is"; and, after all, you are such a busy man, who was getting ready for his daughter's wedding, etc., so we wouldn't have wanted to further impose a "WORLD SOLUTION" onto your busy schedule. What WOULD constitute a "conspiracy"? You claim Erap has a conspiracy (go look up the definition) with all his cronies until the wee, wee hours of the nights, and strange things happen—but is that NOT "conspiracy" at work, even if "paranoia" is not considered?]**

[END QUOTING]

And, while we are AT IT: What do you think a death toll of 3—where, actually, you can check on it, none was directly attributable (even though attributed to) the quake itself—in a nearly 7-point quake, in the rubble heap known as corrupted Manila?

God is being kind to you people, but the wish for self-destruction may well be overshadowed by full intent of Evil worship. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to KNOW that the next one is going to be bigger and ever-so-much meaner—but then, you will just go blame GOD and GOODNESS, while the poor die and lose some more from the corruption and bungling.

AND, what is being said about that temblor of Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> in the major note from the Editor on the “cartoon” page, which is extremely worthy of note in itself?

I will precede the article by this, however: When I have said “you have been warned”, please stop thinking it is the “enemy” I have warned. When the “Big Ones” hit, they are taking out myriads of the Big Boys’ game “casinos”, including the Central Bank of the Philippines. Now, if that doesn't bother you who drag feet and postpone, at any excuse, the finalizing of some interim funding to secure YOU—the whole plan becomes jeopardized. You are dealing with the most treacherous liars and world cheats ON THE GLOBE, and you somehow act as if it is simply business as usual.

These people fear NO ONE. They HONOR no one, and I don't care who you have in the steering position—is it not obvious they are accepting a number being done on them? The Bad Boys control the Ring of Fire, chelas—where are your sleepy minds? All they have to do is delay, postpone and drag you directly to your deathbeds, while they depopulate, deregulate and get to keep the hoards stashed. An “old man” has NO POWER AT ALL—KEEP IT IN MIND! And yes, if you get funding and place it into security—indeed, with private parties established—in another location or several locations, you will have that which you need in order to resume, after the debacles planned have settled. In trying to maintain the total control of even the upstart, the whole is placed in jeopardy. This is, indeed, a serious circumstance.

My appointment is not to interfere with your determinations, right or wrong in concept—but only to tell you that you might take care and take appropriate action—and I do not see that taking place. Some of you are acting so naively in dickering with the very evil powers-that-be that we are startled at your lack of understanding of your own circumstances. So be it.

[QUOTING, EDITORIAL, *Philippine Star*, Tues., Dec. 14, 1999:]

#### A WARNING THAT CAN'T BE IGNORED

**[H: Well, everybody is ignoring it, as it interrupted the “hurry-scurry”.]**

Whew! That was close. Although the earthquake last Sunday was powerful, registering 6.8 on the Richter scale, damage was relatively slight. The ceiling of a church in Zambales collapsed. There were troubling cracks on walls, bridges and roads in the province, as well as in some towns in Pangasinan, near the quake's epicenter. In Metro Manila, cracks also appeared on several buildings, including the one housing the Senate. As of yesterday, the death toll had risen to six. Compare this to the 1,621 deaths recorded when the magnitude 7.8 quake flattened Baguio City and caused liquefaction in La Union and Nueva Ecija in July 1990.

The low casualty count and minimal damage last Sunday, however, should not lull anyone into complacency. By now we know that this country lies on a major fault line—the same one that moved in conjunction with another fault, toppling buildings and leaving thousands of people dead in Taiwan

months ago. Our archipelago also lies along the so-called Ring of Fire—the area on this planet with the greatest volcanic activity. This combination means we should always be prepared for violent convulsions of the Earth.

Yesterday, chief volcanologist Raymundo Punongbayan repeated his warning that the Marikina Fault is ripe for a major movement. Punongbayan, who has been hit by real estate owners for bringing down the value of their lands and homes, said such convulsions of major faults have a cycle of around 400 years. The last time the Marikina Fault acted up on a major scale was in 1599, Punongbayan pointed out.

Maybe he's alarmist, maybe he just wants everyone to be careful.

**[H: Are you ALL really insane or what? Must you all die and become historical nothings? What is the matter with you? Alarmist? Be careful? HOW? How can you possibly be an alarmist with these kinds of nonchalant and indifferent attitudes? How can YOU “BE CAREFUL”? Do you not go in crowds? Do you sit in the middle of the park so no tree can hit you? I suggest that you avoid coconut trees, if that is your plan—to just sit. Do you go back from the shore line? If you have another 7.8 quake on any fault near Manila or Mindanao, you are going to have TIDAL WAVES, where perhaps the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the big buildings will be above water, and if the building stands, you are going to have wet feet! WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO HAVE THAT EVEN INTERRUPTS THE PRESIDENT'S TRYSTS? AFTER ALL, IT IS THE HOLIDAYS, AND YOU MUST PASS YOURSELVES AROUND SO ALL THE GIRLS AND BOYS ARE SATISFIED FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF HAVING NOTHING. WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO WARN YOU? AND WHAT WILL YOU DO, NOW THAT YOU ARE WARNED? MOVING YOUR SLEEPING MATTRESS ONTO THE FLOOR IS SIMPLY NOT GOING TO CUT THE MUSTARD, SLEEPYHEADS—WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOUR “WORLD VENTURES” AND “ADVENTURES”? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?]**

Whatever Punongbayan's reason, his warning can't be taken lightly. Filipinos are no strangers to powerful earthquakes. Last Sunday's temblor should remind the government that there are buildings and infrastructure facilities to be inspected regularly for safety during earthquakes. With the latest quake and Punongbayan's warning, there is no excuse to be unprepared for disaster.

[END OF QUOTING]

PEOPLE OF MANILA: WHEN YOU TALK OF LIQUEFACTION YOU ARE GOING TO SEE AND EXPERIENCE IT RIGHT ALONG MANILA BAY, AND YOU MAY NOT EVEN HAVE A “CENTRAL BANK” THREE MINUTES AFTER THE SHAKING STARTS. SO FOOL AROUND AND PLAN FOR THE FIRST OF THE NEW YEAR WITH THOSE NICE KIDS FROM THE IMF, WB, TEL AVIV AND NEW YORK-WASHINGTON, AND WATCH IT ALL GO—AWAY! AND YOU ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO TRY TO FEED US A “MR. SMART”, AS THE ONE WITH WHOM WORLD/GLOBAL BUSINESS IS BEING CONDUCTED WITH THE FED AND IMF. THAT IS NOT EVEN AMUSING AND, MUCH THE LESS, FUNNY. THEY FLAUNT THEIR INSIPID IDIOCY RIGHT IN YOUR FACE, AND YOU BITE ON IT LIKE THERE COULD POSSIBLY BE TRUTH IN THE GAME. YOU IN THE PHILIPPINES ARE GIVEN THE GLOBAL GIFT OF LIFE, ITSELF, FOR A DYING PLANET, AND YOU FIDDLE WHILE YOUR OWN “ROME” BURNS. SO BE IT, AND PERHAPS YOU HAD BEST LISTEN TO YOUR PSYCHIC PROPHET MS. AURORA, BECAUSE GOD DOESN'T LONGER KNOW HOW TO GET YOUR SERIOUS ATTENTION.

ABOUT THAT MARIKINA FAULT:

[QUOTING from the *Philippine Star*, front page, Tues. Dec. 14, 1999:]

#### “MARIKINA FAULT RIPE FOR MOVEMENT”

**[H: BY THE WAY: You in Southern California, U.S.A., who think this is all funny and “gotcha” the Ekkers, I suggest you not yet spend much time laughing. Yours is going to be even more devastating. I will protect my people—who is going to protect YOU?]**

The Marikina Fault—a fracture on the ground that runs from Bulacan and slices through Metro Manila down to Batangas—is “ripe for a movement very soon”, the chief of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Philvolcs) said yesterday.

Philvolcs Director Raymundo Punongbayan told ABS-CBN Channel 2's TV patrol that the fault's movement occurs every 400 years, the last being in 1599 when an intensity 9 earthquake shook Manila and severely damaged the Manila Cathedral.

Punongbayan explained that the Marikina Fault is very near the Manila Trench, which caused the 6.8-temblor that struck Luzon on Sunday. The trench, meanwhile, IS CONNECTED TO TAIWAN THAT RECENTLY EXPERIENCED AN INTENSITY 7 EARTHQUAKE.

Seismologists said there is a big possibility that the Marikina Fault would move and may cause “the big one”.

Engineer Arthur Sali of the Council of Engineering Consultants of the Philippines told the *Star* in October that the possibility of a major tremor hitting Manila is very high, due to the fact that the area is surrounded by active faults such as the Marikina Fault, the Philippine Fault and the Lubang Fault.

This is why downtown Manila, including Quiapo and Port Area, is among the extremely high-risk areas in case an earthquake hits the Philippines, he said.

Intramuros, Sta. Cruz, Binondo in Manila; the reclamation area along Roxas Boulevard; southern Marikina, Pasig, Pateros, East Taguig and the coastal towns of the Marikina Valley Plain were also identified as very high-risk areas.

High-risk areas also include Southeast Marikina, Ermita, Malate and Navotas.

In contrast, he said, very low-risk areas—or those which would experience lower seismic intensities and less damage to infrastructure—include Caloocan City, east Malabon, Valenzuela, Novaliches, Quezon City, San Juan, Mandaluyong City, MAKATI CITY and Paranaque.

**[H: The Big Bad Boys plan to hold on to their high-rise and overpriced property, and this is WHY the Millennium celebrations are right at this spot in Makati, at our nearest intersections, for this portion of the real estate is supposed to remain standing.]**

Low-risk areas also include Pasay City, Sampaloc and Pandacan in Manila and East Marikina, it added.

Sali noted that the very high-risk areas are underlain by very thick layers of soft clay or loose sand, such as those found at the mouths of the Pasig and Marikina Rivers.

In Metro Manila, Chairman Jejomar Binay of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) proposed to stop all building constructions, until these structures are declared safe by city and town engineers and by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). **[H: Now THAT should set everyone at ease and also points out why these particular people can get hazard bonuses.]**

Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado ordered the inspections and said the government would also require public buildings and hospitals to hold earthquake and fire drills, which helped reduce the impact of Sunday's quake.

“It is important for us to shift from a culture of disaster response to disaster preparedness,” he said.

Binay said all ongoing construction should be stopped until the buildings are declared safe by city engineers and the DPWH.

“Buildings under construction should be checked by the respective engineers of all local government units before they would be allowed to resume construction works. This is necessary to prevent people from being caught in another tragedy,” he said.

He said the MMDA will also initiate an inspection of all bridges as well as on the Metro Rail Transit to determine if these were damaged by the tremor. **[H: WOW, THESE ARE THE SAME INSPECTORS THAT HAVE ALLOWED THE CONSTRUCTION TO THIS POINT—SO DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY FAITH IN TRUTH?]**

Metro Manila mayors reported that they have already instructed their respective city engineers to inspect private and public buildings.

[END OF QUOTING]

I, Hatonn, believe that I actually have a headache!

But, while we are at it with the absurdities of life, does anyone wish to guess just who THE FUNDERS were who were in Las Vegas the last time with “The Mayor” to check at Nevada Corporate Headquarters? Right, the “boys from Brunei”. Now, if Cort doesn’t wish to believe he has problems—have a Merry Christmas, and by all means do not face possibilities, for there is a level beyond which these Rich Sultans fail to see humor. Why? Because they moved a LOT OF GOLD out of Mindanao to cover this transaction and oh, indeed, our friend was right there at the landing strip along with military troops. EKKERS are quite weary of these stupid *Get Smart* games. Those Bush colleagues don’t sit around long waiting for apologies, nor do they accept apologies of the usual kind—and they hold grudges into infinity. Ekkers, at this moment, are the only ones who can relax in this ongoing Sultanic intrigue; thank you, Mr. Martin and Ms. Irwin. How they managed to suck Cort in, however, is dubious, but also we have to thank Mr. Moorhead for his loyalty to his employer. And WHO do you think got the IRS and Fed onto the “nominee” “thing” with David? Are you all just naïve, or are you seriously seeking your own demise? OR, do you blame Ekkers for your foolishness, as well? Extracting selves, after all this time lapse of waiting and inaction, will not be easy.

But you think the Sultan’s boys are a long way away? Try the Beverly Hills Hotel and some of the Las Vegas casinos—they own a whole bunch of real estate and playgrounds around the globe, from Brunei to the U.S. to Monaco and parts on past. Brother Jeffery blew 26 BILLION “DOLLARS” in one game of “trade-it”—and you think they aren’t irritated when they get “had” again by idiots? You have to understand—THEY NEVER EVEN GOT THEIR DEEDS, RICKY. They are notorious for not paying for their gold acquisitions, either—and now it is stand-off time.

And no, I did NOT say anything about Gail being pregnant. I told her to get checked because of the “viral incubation” time, not a baby-incubation time. She may ask Rick about the other circumstances mentioned. He chose to “fix” things early, early on, so he would be able to play around and not have to rear children. Don’t threaten me—check it out. Beyond that, “Miracles” do happen—and PEOPLE DO LIE.

So, with a school of jellyfish jamming a 1,200 megawatt power plant, I take leave. May your shaking, rattling and rolling be only at the Hard Rock Café. Stay out of crowds and maybe grab some sleep on New Year’s Eve.

Agent Smart may present as a friend, but HE WORKS FOR CHAOS, so “wake up little darlins”, the worst may well be yet to come, like right quick now.

Love, Dad

dharmia

# How Low Mankind Has Actually Fallen

12/12/99—#1

By Doris Ekker

Well, it finally got to be morning here, and yes, the power is out—I suppose the term might be “still out”.

They tell us in three-inch headlines that a rather large group of jellyfish “somehow” must have gotten into the cooling ducts of a major power plant. 50 truckloads? One gets knocked off and then the other two go down—shades of New York.

Now, at 2:10 a.m. this morning (10:10 a.m. Cal.), we really did get a shaker of some magnitude that changes with every report. *CNN* gives us a 6.8 point, but Manila held pretty well, it appears. There are now times I actually wish I could speak Filipino, like at 2:10 a.m., in the middle of an earthquake. We do have to assume that the power in “parts of Makati” is still out because of the quake. Most of the places around Makati are still without power. As nearly as we can determine, only one train trestle fell over and THAT is amazing, as we have watched them construct these tinker-toy tracks and roadways.

We do understand a Manila hospital was evacuated because the staff panicked and expected a repeat, as if the big one was only the first one. So, they got the patients out “after” the thing was over—the structure was fine, but someone died of a heart attack, probably from the insanity. Well, I would have done the same thing, probably.

The hotel is in good shape (well, “no worse shape”). [The earthquake] Slopped water from the toilet and opened all the cupboards and doors—including the front-balcony sliding door—which was the only real concern, because those are, like, 4- by nearly 8-foot glass, and it did seem like they could smash. Perhaps some rooms had damage but, even with the shaking, nothing of ours fell from the shelves.

It is a big day for us because the “important” people are scheduled for Hong Kong today, and it is nice to see the planes still taking off from the airport. We can look across the city and see the planes landing and taking off. It takes two hours to get to the airport but we can see them well enough. The airport is close—but you can’t get there in the traffic.

But sorry, *Spectrum*, God “and Ekkers” are still alive and well, and right on track.

E.J. is suffering from the residual [effects] of his more recent (like still) ongoing malaise, which has made his bad knee somewhat worse. He can get around but it hurts, so I push him in his new office chair, back and forth around “the house”. Getting this e-mail off may tell the tale of the level of misery for the day. Part of our problem is that it appears we left his elastic knee support somewhere back on Adam Dr. (or somewhere), because we can’t find it and, after all, we only have about three places to look. That means that it is probably right here under our noses but—oh, well.

We had gotten completely spoiled as to feeling good, and this is somewhat more irritating than anything else. But it appears we would have been in the Christmas lull (except for jellyfish and earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and floods, heat wave and meltdown) as the world stands still waiting for the real collapse of the technological world on New Year’s morn, or night, whichever comes first.

Actually, the first suspect for the quake last night was that Mt. Pinatubo must have blown. Mt. Mayan puffed some more, earlier this week. However, they are saying this quake came from the “deep trench” and was “tectonic”.

More important for the festivities is the other announcement, warning Americans around the world to not go into crowds or gatherings on New Year’s eve, etc., because of threats coming in about TERRORISM. I can’t imagine much worse shocking terrorism than caused by our own police in Seattle—but who am I to judge such matters? Although, I do believe it to be a real cause of concern—and what would happen if Y2K happened and no one came to the show?

We have such diversity of activities that we can’t keep up with them all. We have the major Catholic activities here in Luzon, but everything this year is decorated for New Year’s, and it is now Ramadan, so all the Muslims fast and pray all day and work or whatever all night—and that is for a full lunar month. Therefore, our Muslim friends are keeping a pretty low profile and, moreover, it appears other things will happen “first”, so everyone is sort of holding their breath in wait to pounce on the New Year.

It is fine; it gives us a chance to perhaps catch up on paperwork and keep us a bit with Brad’s programs—which, please, we won’t talk about right here, right now. Let’s just say that we have about 8-10 MAJOR causes of action all simmering. And, with the house, everything that happens now with any negative impact on life or limb (literally) is piling on the causes. The same with the things unfolding out of Brunei. Those people are really quite irritated, yet, with Rick and Gail. I, personally, simply don’t care any longer—we will do what will protect PI and other involved circumstances—but what a BORE. If I were Rick, I would be asking Bush about that island and fishing boat offered to us a couple of years ago.

We have wonderful expectations, as there are now special meetings at VERY HIGH LEVELS to get through the Global-GAIA paperwork for the new association, to place it all into security and recognition. It goes before a five-person major committee to validate the paperwork, on Tuesday a.m. The thing bogged down just a tad when one of the regulars tried for “bribe” funds. For a change, that turned out to be seriously funny. It was one of the insiders at the top of SEC, who usually makes a bundle off of every approval. Wow, it got pulled out of that setting like a hot grenade ready to blow.

Can you believe anyone would be stupid enough to try such a thing with the IMF, FED, Central Bank, World Bank, the Government, and you-name-it, WAITING to get that “association” certified? Well, three members of the five-person board are the ones pushing it through. They want it in instantly useable format without ability for attack, so they are taking the time to DO IT RIGHT.

It seems the fire in the Central Bank got rid of a lot of old “paper”, or something still undisclosed. In fact, after the 10 days of fire, it has never been mentioned—except for ONE columnist who NEVER MENTIONED IT AGAIN.

“Our people” on the “inside”, doing the actual hands-on work and agreements, claim things are incredibly wonderful. We are kept ignorant so that the biggest things in our lives are jellyfish and earthquakes; and well, maybe just a bit of Atmospherian albinos with “gills”. And wow, the weather is WEIRD, and it is so obvious the Really Big Boys are covering this area, which I assume means “all areas”, and nobody is buying the story of “jellyfish” in the drain or intake vents, covered by steel strainers which are totally self-cleaning. In fact, there is no way the fish can get in or cling on. I guess it is just another “miracle”.

Well, friends, GOD SAID IT WOULD BE THIS WAY—AND, SURELY ENOUGH—IT IS.

While sitting here typing, the news is on and, as I write, it appears that Americans are the target for the terrorism—anywhere in the world. Have we come a long way downhill, or what? Gosh, if you can’t be “at home” and you can’t go anywhere else—what is happening, people? Human rights? Whose human rights? America is in REAL TROUBLE—BIG TROUBLE. Frankly, with all the airlines falling out of the skies, I am not so pushy about flying, either.

And what of murders, like dear Mr. Safra in Monaco. A GREEN BERET, YET, SET THE FIRE! COME ON, HOW MANY GREEN BERETS DO YOU KNOW WHO JUST SET LITTLE WASTEBASKET FIRES AND STAB THEMSELVES TO LOOK INNOCENT, WHILE BEING A “HERO”—AND A WIFE, FROM SAFETY DOWNSTAIRS, CALLS HER HUSBAND, DYING IN THE BATHROOM WITH THE LADY NURSE, AND, AND, AND?? “AND THEY BLAME RUSSIAN MAFYIA”? I would take exception if I were like Gritz, a Green Beret American HERO, who can kill 175 at a single shooting.

And then there are Russbacher, Jackson, Rose, et al. These people just want to rekindle “old times” with us? Geeze, spare us, please—if we had all the assets poured into those “helpers”, we would have no problems to speak much about.

I will say that some of the people who are investigating certificates, bonds, contracts and you-name-it, have turned up wonderful, certified documents—to the tune of between 400 and 500 pages—from just one major resource. The rest we have dumped on the world, covered with public notices (which have also been legally accepted). Well, keeping “E-E” out of it certainly simplifies the details, leaves the security in place and BASICALLY—PUBLICLY noted and verified (total transparency). It may well make “old buddies and partners” a bit annoyed, but it surely is a big relief off our shoulders. In addition to our security, the shifting of project funds available will be SECURED IN TRANSIT, and it takes grabbers OUT OF THE LOOPS. We are constantly astounded at

God’s perfection. I would, of course, take some credit for this planning, or let E.J. have it, but we are pretty sure we “aren’t that smart”, as our old friends have described us prior to now. How come, though, we only get credit for the nasty things? What an interesting world! It seems the main thing is to stop us or, for goodness’ sakes, HURRY UP. It becomes apparent that neither demand makes a whit of difference. We have laid the infrastructure and yes, indeed, done a very good job at it, and now we have to allow the flow to establish properly. This is a big thing and we simply do not yet respect “how big”.

I personally hearken back to our last evening with Rick and Charles, when it was announced to us that Manny would do it, and they had nothing else to do but go home, “attend the paper”, visit family and wait for E-E to properly shift money into their personal bank accounts—of which Rick had given us several and Charles at least TWO, in case one got fouled. Rick wanted his divided or something.

We hadn’t heard from Manny in several weeks, when he said “on Friday” that he was leaving the following Sunday for the U.S. and Europe but not necessarily in that order. We have also heard that he was in Cotabato, Mindanao as well. He has a sister who works in a high-level position at the Central Bank and also one who “writes” for Imelda M. All that checks out, so we don’t know where Manny is and assume he will surface if anything comes up of importance. We don’t feel it wise to spend much time with him anyway, as gasoline on the fire already smoldering is not a good idea. And no, he doesn’t live in Cotabato; he lives in Davao, in case Rick should just think he “went home”. To be honest, we got tired of the whole thing and the constant pressure, while having too much OTHER stuff to attend to longer keep tabs. Our involvement has no linkage to Manny, and he and Jeffrey of the Brunei royal family can work out whatever it is they want to work out. After the Bellringer incident currently on stage, we leave it to whoever and whatever goes or comes next. It doesn’t longer impact us personally, as it is assumed that all of that transaction is not only dead but also pretty well murdered. If there is any further interchange, it will come through ASEAN or other resources, which does not involve us at all. Because of OIL involvements and Bush involvements, IT IS FAR BETTER THIS WAY. The whole thing could have been done and finished with security, had Rick not blundered—but that is under the bridge, so we must deal with “what is” and not “what might have been if...”.

Our job, remember, friends, was to get the thing here, bring the key to “our” door, get secured some kind of funding for the Sovereign Americans, some project funding for the things begun and planned, balance our own commitments and butt out of the “other side’s” business. We cannot enforce their agreements after the fact, and we are not to butt into political affairs AT ALL. We can do that. We are instructed what to do with “our” portion, and we demand that those guidelines be met, and all seem quite willing to do so—because our “demands” secure “their assets”. It truly is a win-win circumstance of global merit, when it gets done. I never underestimate the Evil Prince, however, for we have seen some pretty stupid things accomplished in his service.

I mean, really, what can you expect of us: We declared Willy and Billy to be boys and they turn out to be girls; Tilly was “the” female who turns out, with DNA, we are told, to be THE BOY; and Rosy, a sure choice for boyhood, is Ms. Rosy, the whisker plucker,

and these were MY BABIES.

My pet, MaNILLIE/NILLY at the shop here, was moved last week to their Quezon City pet store, and we are all, including the bird, in grief mode—while the pet store here remodels. She/he already plucked his/her gold feathers, so we kept her/him supplied in heavy toys and visited all the time. She/he loved her/his “keeper”, of whom she/he is also now deprived, so I expect next to see a plucked bird. I HATE what we witness in these “pet stores”: Even this expensive parrot was being fed only dog-kibble, no toys and no vitamins. We got vitamins and better food, and kept playthings in the cage, but it is pretty hopeless. Since the bird came from Tony De Dios’ aviary, I am tempted to call and ask him to reclaim her/him. He is also in Quezon City and was, in fact, moved to Makati from Q.C. I had hoped to be in touch with him long before now to help with that bird sanctuary, to “save the species”. We have a lot of things to do, people, and it surely would be nice to get started on some of the more urgent ones. You know, like, feed the children! And, my gosh, over here the biggie is to live in the graveyard (these are children) and sniff paint-thinner. Talk about retardation! Some of these kids are BABIES, five or less years of age. They also inhale the adhesive fumes used for major roadway markers, etc. I thought glue-sniffing was some interesting thing in the States—but this is massive and big time. This stuff has something in it to allow for immediate “drying” or “setting”, to allow use during the “less wet” season. They also use it to spray on paint to shed water.

And guess what: There are millions of these little “creatures” who travel in “packs”, some with guns, all with knives, and a large percentage of the girls carrying their own babies—while begging for milk. The cops round them up periodically, if there is an international event of some kind—but they just go right back to the streets or wherever. As I have said before, the beggars are syndicated here, and not just the prostitutes, who are sometimes under 10-years-old (boys and girls) and have pimps—and some of the POLICE run these rings and scam off the very beggings.

High-school kids here have a game of the same ilk for quickie prostitution (also men and boys) called Gimmicking. These little incidents take place in the REST ROOMS of the malls, or back rooms for the “ladies”. The patrols have to do regular duty, even across the street from here in the best area of the Philippines, in the, most especially men’s, restrooms.

Somebody really should write a bunch of books about **how low mankind has ACTUALLY fallen**. I hope it is not me, though I just get sick and can’t keep focus on the big game going on here and THERE. The facts ARE: IT DOESN’T MATTER “WHERE” YOU ARE.

Well, I see that E.J. is up and about on his roller-chair, so I will leave this and see if perhaps we should go get him some walking help—as in crutch, or walker—or something to finish getting him through this plague he has acquired. The chair has paid for itself already, and perhaps we could just continue with me rolling him around the streets. We looked, I’m confident, like total fools running our chairs home day before yesterday, so instead of “White Knights” we may well become known as the “office chair” street people. I could rig a harness and pull him, and we might get some other label, like Santa and his Rein-deer.

Silliness has now struck, so I best go. The next hurdle is, however: Will we have an e-mail server working?

Love, E-E

# The Moving Finger Writes, God's Plan 2000 Moves On

12/15/99—#1

## TRAIL BLAZING

(Not "those blazing trails")

**Hatonn**—How long did it take from the landing of someone looking for the East Indies to finally occupy California? How long was a trip across the North American Continent to get from New York, or from Virginia to San Francisco—by horse trail? No, I want you to think about that VERY item, please. You want to change an entire global economy and, thus, the world as you know it—and you pick at my team, as if yesterday it didn't happen, so they, and old "Dad", are somehow failures. Well, we are NOT failures! And, by the way, how many of YOU ducked and ran the minute it really got tough? Tough times don't last—TOUGH PEOPLE DO! We are cutting a super-freeway through hard rock, people, and we must do so under the most difficult circumstances, against all odds, even betrayals from our very own partners, loss of everything personal and dear to a human's existence, home, belongings and, well, "everything"—and you can't abide with us if it doesn't come last month?

We will do what needs doing and do so in the proper sequence, so that we have perfection of protection and flow, and thus, secure all involved. The only ones who might lose a farthing are those who DECLARED THEMSELVES OUR ENEMY. We did not declare anyone to fit that category—they chose it as their stance and did some very incredibly foolish things in childish anger and self-ego manipulations, and consequences are what HAPPEN after such "causes" are put into the flow-stream through ill-conceived actions. We deal with the NOW, for those things of past cannot be undone, and we must ever move forward in creation of the desired "better way", while ACCEPTING WHAT IS IN THE NOW.

## WE CAN DO THAT!

"Timing" is a precious thing, and yes, we must enlighten ones who are caught having to "deal" with adversaries and those who would "take" the whole thing and destroy the gifter. But, DO NOT lose sight of the priorities in play, and be prepared, lest you be caught with your earthquakes down. I send warnings, not necessarily to the enemy—but to the teams. Be prepared as best you can under your own circumstances, be open and LISTEN for instructions (usually through the intuition), and go on with LIVING. Just to be prepared for the expected "survival" negates the very act of living. We prepare, then we go right on about preparing for LIVING. And, if you can do so, set aside in SECURITY—in a different but more secure place than where you might well be located—and get coverage, in that if "anything" happens to incapacitate "you", your things can be accessed in a time of emergency need. Yes, this certainly DOES get more and more difficult to arrange as you reach the point when the bankers were to take over completely and grab the gold ring.

My people are working as quickly as is possible under human circumstances, and yes, we may need use of

conduits and holding capabilities in some of those corporations, so that scattering can better offer protection for the "whole".

And we won't—but, indeed, we could—take back the corporations demanded in the settlement with the *Spectrum* kids, when the corporations were turned over to them. Not one of them that signed their agreement has kept their contract or their word. The point is, however, we do not want the things—for at this time the culprits have full responsibility for those corporations as owners and, therefore, IRS scrutiny on a major scale. They have now publicly offered the shelters as to be rendered useless. In the ruckus they have each identified themselves and their association to corporations which DID, IN FACT, have INCOME from which they had use, access and personal responsibility from date of incorporation. Interesting? Yes, I believe it to be quite interesting, whether or not they issued stock to themselves—they forfeited their privacy directly to the hounds from hell.

And by revealing the private information regarding some other lenders and bringing them public, they have jeopardized the very tax protections established through the privacy agreements. We can do NOTHING about those circumstances, for all is transparent, and obviously those parties involved do not believe us, anyway.

I have one more thing to add to that home circumstance before passing on: There seems to be some objection to noting that Millers placed guards at the property and we spoke of them as "armed". Well, they object to "armed", etc. Well, you tell me the proper description, so that we can be absolutely correct: These persons are SECURITY GUARDS, and if they are not armed with anything save agency AUTHORITY, the term "holds". We are grateful for the intelligence of getting outside, authorized guards, for our people were losing, to the helpers of the Millers, incredible amounts of private property, into the multi-thousands of dollars. Some things still sit rotting in the weather that they simply dumped out of the house, etc. I suggest that nit-picking can only merit further and more detailed return of investment in the nits. I suggest that those who bring this type of garbage to our faces consider their own status and look back at the many years of help and loyalty shown them. We cannot help the need of some people to impulsively act in foolish ways. Is it not time you people start giving THOUGHT to your actions? IN ADVANCE OF THOSE ACTIONS—AND THEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO DIG UP STUPIDLY SILLY LITTLE NOTHINGS. KEEP DIGGING, FOR EVERY INCH IS YOUR OWN DOING.

I am going to ask that we discuss some technical things regarding earthquakes. I don't mean the technical "cause" of quakes but, rather, to sort out the errors and concepts of the "reporting" of quake activities.

You have several measuring devices to report "intensity", "magnitude" and whatever local notations might be projected; i.e., in the Philippines, for instance, there is impact of deep trench activity, volcanic activity, etc. These are the things that give various levels of both accuracy AND ERROR.

Dharma, to lessen confusion, please dig out the explanations as given recently on this topic, because great confusion comes out and the activity of the shaker itself

gets totally set aside—while numbers, points, etc. are argued. Thank you.

Credit to: Federico D. Pascual, 12/14/99

[QUOTING:]

We are about to bore you with a small technical detail about the strong earthquake that jolted Luzon around 2:04 a.m. last Sunday (12/12/99). [H: We will get into a bit of numerology, also, since a lot of you still like adding, multiplying and figuring out how numbers somehow "fit". The facts are that these ARE THE CODES utilized by the manipulators to produce emotional responses of various things from panic to Armageddon, so we won't want to leave them out.]

Newspapers variously reported the tremor as being of intensity VI (6) or VII (7) or, sometimes 6.8. The confusion is understandable, although not to be dismissed lightly. There is a widespread confusion over "intensity" and "magnitude", which are not the same terms. Media sometimes add to the confusion by carelessly using them interchangeably.

Intensity is a subjective measurement of the effects of a quake—like how people and animals reacted, if structures swayed or were damaged, if objects fell from their perch or cracks were seen in the ground, etc. Depending on the gravity of these observable effects in a specific area, the quake is then given an intensity rating for that place.

It follows that the farther the observer is from the epicenter, the lower is the intensity felt or observed. While the intensity of last Sunday's quake was VI (6) or VII (7) in places close to the epicenter off the coast of Zambales, it was necessarily lower in more remote places. [H: New Zealand would have an intensity from this particular quake of "O" (less than "P"), but the "MAGNITUDE" of the quake was still 6.8 points on the accepted Richter scale.]

Whenever we report the intensity, we have to say where that intensity was felt or observed. Another detail: Intensity is preferably written in Roman numerals, so as not to confuse it with magnitude (another term that I will explain below), which is written in Arabic numbers.

The government agency concerned, Philvolcs, under Director Raymundo Punongbayan, has adopted its own scale of I to X (1-10) for assessing and reporting intensity in this quake-prone archipelago. Some countries use their own scales and standards, but the variation from the Philvolcs scale is not significant.

When the quake starts being destructive in a certain locality—like toppling objects, cracking walls and inflicting such damage—its intensity rating for that place climbs to VII (7) and higher.

Generally, when the intensity is VI and lower, there is only vigorous shaking and people getting scared, but [there is] no physical destruction or damage to structures. It is usually safe to go back to sleep, after one inspects his house and finds everything intact.

In contrast, magnitude is not subjective, or dependent or colored by varying human perception. It is computed using a formula from data collected by such devices as seismographs.

Unlike intensity, which is measured against a scale of I to X in the Philvolcs system, magnitude is open on both ends. It could be very low (even negative) or very high, depending on what the computation produces, based on the data fed by sensing devices.

While only whole numbers are used for reporting intensity, magnitude measurements can have fractions for more precision, such as 5.5 or 6.8 etc.

Intensity is based on subjective reports of human observers in the areas affected, but magnitude is a cold measurement by machines.

A common analogy is a light bulb. A 100-watt on full power is always 100 watts from whatever position or distance

you look at it. Even when you do not look at the lighted bulb, it is still and always would be 100 watts.

The bulb's wattage is like the quake's "magnitude". It is constant. **[H: We are not going into "potential" here, so don't cloud this issue with your rocket science.]**

But your perception of the effects of the lighted bulb changes as you change your position or distance from it. If you're near the bulb, you get more illumination, and this gradually fades as you walk farther away from it, until you reach a distant point where you hardly see the lighted bulb—although it is constantly 100 watts.

This subjective perception of the bulb's brightness is like a quake's intensity. An earthquake's intensity changes depending on many factors (we won't discuss them here), including the observer's distance from the epicenter.

Look at the maps given out by Philvolcs and those published by newspapers. The intensity usually goes down farther away from the epicenter. But the magnitude of the quake is constant in all those areas that feel the quake in varying intensities.

In last Sunday's quake, the magnitude reported was 6.8, which some newspapers erroneously referred to as "intensity" 6.8. Regardless of the location of the observer, whether near or far from the epicenter, the magnitude of that quake was a constant 6.8.

So when we read that a quake has a certain rating, like 6, let's find out if the reporter is referring to intensity or magnitude. We're assuming that the reporter knows the difference and is careful with his facts.

[END QUOTING]

**[H: Now, please, let us hear from Alejandro R. Roces.]**

[QUOTING:]

#### BLACKOUT AND EARTHQUAKE SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

In Metro Manila, it began with heavy rains. Many areas were flooded and traffic was bad. Two nights later came the blackout that made people speculate on whether it was sabotage or a coup. And finally [came] the earthquake that literally shook most people from their sleep. Most of the destruction directly caused by an earthquake happens 10 seconds after the tremor is first felt. But the greatest and most destructive aftermath of an earthquake is the fire that may follow.

In the Philippines, we adopted the Richter scale to measure the strength of an earthquake. This was the scale devised by the Californian seismologist, Charles Richter. Some parts use the Mercalli Scale, devised in 1902 by the Italian, Giuseppe Mercalli. It was a relief to hear that the earthquake that struck last Saturday evening recorded 6.8 on the Richter scale. That automatically meant only minor damage. Earthquakes release much more energy than even atomic bombs. Like the blackout, the earthquake happened at night. So the next day, there were no reports in the newspapers. People relied on radio and television to keep abreast with the news.

The biggest thing we learned from the last earthquake is that very few individuals in private homes or business houses know what to do in the event of an earthquake. Many public buildings drill their occupants on just what to do in case of fire. Basically, what they are told is not to use the elevator, use the fire exits. But there is no such thing as earthquake preparedness. In last Saturday's earthquake, occupants of high-rise buildings rushed down and stayed outside in the street till the wee hours of the morning. **DURING AN EARTHQUAKE, PEOPLE INSIDE A BUILDING SHOULD STAY INSIDE; PEOPLE OUTSIDE SHOULD STAY OUTSIDE AND MOVE TO AN OPEN SPACE, AWAY**

**FROM BUILDINGS AND POWER LINES. LEAVING OR ENTERING A BUILDING DURING A TEMBLOR IS A HIGH-RISK VENTURE. A LOT OF EARTHQUAKE CASUALTIES ARE RESULTS OF FALLING DEBRIS, WHICH INCLUDES GLASS.**

We just hope that the earthquake is the last disaster—natural or man-made—that we have to face this year. We only have weeks before the start of year 2000 and pagasa has announced its fears that we may have only rain and foul weather for this coming Christmas season...which is also in the Philippines, a harvest festival time....

[END QUOTING]

**[H: Now, let us share a delightful column by a favorite Editorial writer, Ana Marie Pamintuan.]**

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#### ARMAGEDDON

One of our editors noted an unusually high attendance last Sunday at their church. A caller advised us to stop wasting our time blaming jellyfish and human error for the disasters that have struck in the past days. No, he wasn't blaming Stratfor OR President Erap. These are all acts of God, he warned, in the run-up to Armageddon. **[H: My goodness!!]**

And I thought we didn't have our share of millennial nuts. But the Luzon-wide blackout reportedly caused by "50 truckloads of jellyfish" (how did they measure that?), one of the worst traffic jams ever and an earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale have brought out long-buried fears that the end is near with the approach of 2000.

If "black Friday" and the earthquake reminded many Filipinos that they must attend to matters of the spirit before the Four Horsemen arrive, other Pinoys were in no mood for repentance. As the quake rocked Metro Manila, patrons of Malate's cafes and bistros spilled out into the streets, with only a few of them returning to settle their bills. Taxi drivers enjoyed watching women in their underwear streaming out of condominium buildings on Roxas Boulevard.

People are wondering what could have driven that big school of jellyfish (more of a university) to swarm to Sual in the Lingayen Gulf, where there is a powerful undertow. There's a theory that the jellyfish sensed the earthquake coming and swarmed to what they thought was safety, instead jamming the National Power Corp.'s water pump in Pangasinan. The epicenter of yesterday's quake was near Lingayen, also in Pangasinan. Leave it to the scientific types to spoil a plot for the Philippine *X-Files*.

Isn't Pangasinan the province of Fidel Ramos and Joe de Venecia? It didn't take long for the joke to spread that the government was blaming FVR and Lakas for sending out the jellyfish and triggering the earthquake. FVR should be flattered—this puts him in the same league as Moses.

I am partly serious when I say that the government will need someone to blame for these disasters. In parts of Asia, a series of natural disasters is seen as a sign that a national leader has lost the mandate of heaven. When people feel helpless against the forces of Nature, they need to regain a semblance of control by focusing their rage on something tangible—a person who brings bad luck, the government, national leaders.

Why, even Madam Auring is now siding with Stratfor and predicting that President Erap won't finish his term! The jellyfish are swarming to shore while foreign investors are heading to other shores. Are these omens of celestial displeasure?

Then again, Madam Auring picked the wrong candidate in the presidential elections and failed to predict her poll defeat last year. And Cory Aquino finished her term, despite being dubbed the Disaster Queen (due to the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo, the earthquake that destroyed Baguio, the Gulf War

and the blackouts).

And who cares about the mandate of heaven when you have El Shaddai's Brother Mike on your side? **[H: And we might add that a continuing flow of sacrificial vestal virgins is being flung onto these magnificent prescidential pillars of the community.]**

Still, even those expecting a once-in-a-millennium celebration instead of doomsday on Jan. 1, 2000 were not immune to jitters after the blackout and the earthquake. They didn't drop to their knees in the throes of a religious epiphany, but they busied themselves with the practical aspects of survival in these uncertain times. Reports said flashlights, portable lamps, batteries, candles and matches sold briskly over the weekend.

Others kept themselves busy fanning the apocalyptic madness. Surely you cell-phone users have received that text message by now: The earthquake struck Sunday at 2:04 a.m. Those digits add up to 6. And the quake had a magnitude of over 6. That's three 6's in 1999, or 666-999. It's hokey, but hey, let's not take the fun out of this millennial lunacy. (I should write "millennial madness", but people might think I'm referring to a year-end sale.)

National Security Adviser Alexander Aguirre said the government is at least 82 percent ready for Y2K. What about the other 18%? Remember Murphy's law? Anything that can go wrong will go wrong. That's the state of our nation. So repent, the end is near.

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Now, while we are setting things to order, I need to correct for Dharma a really serious slipup in E.J.'s editing. When listing the DNA decisions about Willy, Tilly, Billy and Rosy, E.J. corrected the latter's sex to read "Ms." from Doris' recognition of "Mr.". Sorry, Diane got the results, and those who "long recognized" Rosey as a Rosy were DNA WRONG. Rosy is Rosey, and we must surely clear up these errors. It may not mean a thing to you people, but it may be a "big deal" to the bird.

I should also update you on "jellyfish". We have now been presented with a picture of, ta-da, some (not THE) jelly-bellies in point, being shown in a big "scoop". They do look pretty good, but then, they hadn't been run through the blender yet.

#### THE POINT OF THIS NONSENSE?

Get yourselves informed so you KNOW what you are talking about, and stop hopping onto all the idiotic presentations of those trying to save their asses due to prior stupidities.

Think CAREFULLY about WHAT YOU DO, and then, if it is worthy of action—DO SOMETHING. YOU must live with your actions—not those who foist off all the "advice". **Be prepared for subsequent possibilities—especially when they become probabilities instead of just possibilities. THEN GO ON WITH YOUR LIFE—OR GET ONE, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.** Prepare for the worst and then PREPARE FOR THE BEST. Odds are the thing that happens will be neither. When the going gets tough, that is when the tough KEEP GOING. How many stop and watch the finish gate swing shut before them, because they ran away or stopped short? Look around and see how many try to stop US, AS WELL, because they quit and turned coats. Is it not more worthy to fail and accept your shortcomings than to pull all your brethren with you? So be it, for MAN must learn these lessons, each for self.

Keep your eyes to the heavens—no, not for God. God is within—but your brethren are in the sky, ready, willing and able.

Salu, Dad

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# *The Immaculate Deception*

## *The Bush Crime Family Exposed*

### Chapter Six

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#### "JUST FLY LOW"

"Well, George, I go in looking for prisoners, but I spend all my time discovering the government has been moving drugs around the world and is involved in illegal arms deals...I can't get at the prisoners because of the corruption among our own covert people."—**Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot to then-Vice President George Bush in 1987, when Bush asked Perot how his investigation into missing Vietnam POWs was going**

"For 7½ years I've worked alongside Reagan, and I'm proud to be his partner. We've had triumphs, we've made mistakes, we've had SEX...uh, I mean SETBACKS, we've had setbacks."—**Vice President George Bush, May 6, 1987**

"I fear I owe you an apology," C.L. Sulzberger of the *New York Times* wrote to poet Allen Ginsberg on April 11, 1978. "I have been reading a succession of pieces about CIA involvement in the dope trade in Southeast Asia, and I remember when you first suggested I look into this I thought you were full of beans. Indeed, you were right."

The nation's newspaper of record may have forgotten what its foreign affairs columnist learned. The *Times* reported only recently that the CIA had been dragooned into George Bush's drug wars after years on the sidelines. The agency's Chief Spokesperson, James Greenleaf, said that for the CIA, "Narcotics is a new priority."

That's not quite accurate. The CIA *has* long been involved in the drug wars. It's just been mostly on the other side.

Drugs are an old priority of the Agency, dating back to when the wartime Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the CIA's father figure, and its sister agency, the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), entered into dangerous alliances with the Mafia and held hands with Chiang Kai-Shek's opium-smuggling secret police. In the post-war years, the young CIA enlisted—as Cold War "assets"—the heroin-smuggling Corsican network and the Sicilian Mafia.

Soon, the CIA was knee-deep, at the operations level, in heroin, opium, marijuana and LSD; cocaine would come later. In the '50s, fearful that the Soviets were getting a leg-up on mind-control drugs, the CIA, through its notorious MK-ULTRA and MK-DELTA Projects, unloaded hundreds of millions of tabs of LSD

on unaware Americans, many of them university kids. In the '60s, during the Vietnam War, the CIA collaborated with Southeast Asia's heroin-smuggling generals and the opium-growing tribesmen of the Golden Triangle; the stories of the CIA's Air America planes taking dope to market are legend.

After the Bay of Pigs, the CIA's paramilitary anti-Castro Cubans drifted from their Miami base into major narcotics smuggling and, by the '70s, had developed alliances with far-right dope-financed terrorist organizations that the Agency kept at arm's length but occasionally used to its advantage. In the '80s, the CIA's Contra re-supply network and cooperating Central American military honchos took advantage of the cocaine boom with the Agency's knowledge—and, occasionally, under its protection.

Through all these years there was, as Nixon once memorably put it, "a lot of hanky-panky" between the CIA and its underworld assets and allies, many of whom were importing increasing amounts of heavy drugs into America. The CIA's method in these alliances was to hold its soiled cards close to its vest and, when a drug-dealing asset was caught by the cops, intercede with the law. Scores of major narcotics cases were dropped at CIA insistence during the 1970s.

Intimately and subtly involved in a "lot of hanky-panky" for more than three decades has been the fine hand of George Bush: in the early '60s as a CIA operative; in the late '70s as its Director; and as Reagan's drug czar in the '80s; and in the 90s as Commander in Chief.

Through the years, inestimable billions of dollars confiscated from drug trading has flowed the world over to pay for secretive and illegal operations unauthorized by Congress—the Middle East and Central America, to name two. From Nixon to Bush, the GOP, through corrupt activities, built the largest campaign warchests in the political history of the United States.

The Agency was so effective at protecting its Contra-resupply narco-traffickers during the '80s that two Assistant U.S. Attorneys in Miami in charge of drug prosecutions, R. Jerome Stanford and Richard Gregorie, resigned in frustration because of Agency stonewalling and deep-sixing of evidence. Gregorie told a Senate subcommittee that the CIA's lack of cooperation in drug prosecutions amounted to a "constitutional crisis".

Far from dragging its heels in the past about drug wars, as the *Times* reported, the CIA has plunged into the fray but with disastrous results. When Nixon first

declared [his] *War Against Drugs* in October of 1969—and made the CIA the chief drug intelligence agency—the result was that, by 1971, more than 100 CIA-trained Cuban exiles, under cover of narcotics enforcement, were functioning as a White House "goon squad"; that experiment terminated in Watergate.

*BUNCIN/DEACON*, the CIA's major experiment in drug interdiction, *increased* the flow of drugs into the country. So has every other CIA attempt to help out the drug wars. When George Bush was CIA Director in 1976, he received two reports, one from the DEA, the other from the General Accounting Office, evaluating the CIA's sad-sack role in the drug wars. Both concluded that drug enforcement and intelligence were two different worlds; it was folly to throw the CIA—whose business was covert operations based on maintaining unsavory alliances—into drug wars.

Bush, nevertheless, did just that when he became anti-drug czar in the Reagan Administration. In 1983, he announced a major effort against drugs to increase "CIA help in the crackdown". The results were, once again, calamity.

DEA officials later testified before Congress that the CIA sandbagged them on Gen. Noriega, to whom the DEA sent "attaboy" letters of congratulation on his anti-drug efforts, while the CIA knew the Medellín cartel was using Panama for a parking lot.

Given the Agency's narcotic past, President Bush's decision to send a "reluctant" CIA once more into the breach is anything but an exercise in cost-efficiency. The CIA's role is likely to be nothing more than making sure the troops in Bush's expanded drug wars don't go off in right field and arrest the wrong people.<sup>1</sup>

The author has concluded that the CIA is not the model of decorous behavior for the silent services that he once considered it. The whole story—including the abuse of secrecy by some intelligence officials he believes were privately profiting from the CIA-sync Asian drug traffic—would "just about destroy the agency, if an honest investigation were held", said the biographer of *Intrepid*.

As Cold War adventurism was given primacy in American foreign policy over the goals of the war on drugs, covert action and the secrets of the CIA's continuing wars in Southeast Asia were considered more important than efforts to release POWs. The POW issue has never been popular with American liberals, who otherwise rush to question the CIA, because it was an issue which became a cause of the American right.

One of the loudest critics of government cover-ups of POW information is Senator Jessie Helms. Ronald Reagan embraced the cause by appointing Texas billionaire Ross Perot to investigate the fate of Vietnam MIAs. But Perot took the assignment more seriously than the Reagan-Bush Administration apparently intended.

When he got hard evidence of at least some POWs still alive in Southeast Asia and found his search for them blocked by American intelligence officials involved in drug trafficking, Perot complained to Vice President Bush. As soon as Bush realized where Perot was coming from, Perot was dropped like a hot stone by the Administration.

With Perot's unannounced entry into the 1992 presidential race, his relationship with Bush in the '80s has exploded into major political fireworks, as this book went to press.

The Reagan-Bush ticket was elected in 1980 with no small assistance from former CIA agents, who used the tricks of their trade to destabilize President Jimmy Carter's re-election campaign. They stole his debate briefing book, painted his brother Billy as a cheerleader for Libya and planted moles in the National Security Council—as well as the White House Situation Room—to spy on Carter.

One of Bush's helpers in the 1980 campaign was Stefan Halper, who was not a CIA agent but had linked with the intelligence community when he married the daughter of Ray Cline, of the CIA.

A former Deputy Director of the spy agency and the CIA's man in Taiwan for many years, Cline organized "Agents for Bush" to boost the former CIA Director's 1980 presidential run and placed his son-in-law as Bush's Research Chief. Halper rolled over into the Reagan-Bush campaign when the Great Communicator chose Bush as his running mate at the urging of his campaign manager, William Casey, a close friend of Bush's father.

Casey became Reagan's CIA Director and architect of the Iran-Contra affair. Casey pushed for Bush because he knew he came from good spook stock: George's father, former Connecticut Senator and Skull and Bones man Prescott Bush, was in Army Intelligence during World War I and co-founded with Casey a right-wing think tank in 1962, the National Strategy Information Center, which used clandestine CIA funds to publish anti-left tracts. When Bush was elected President in 1988, the center had a major policy input into the new Administration.

George Bush's *War Against Drugs* has been characterized by the realization that there are exceptions. Stefan Halper is an instructive figure, because he represents a bridge between the first two phases of George Bush's leadership in that oft-proclaimed battle against drugs.

**Phase One:** 1971-77. Bush is brought into the war on drugs by Richard Nixon and appointed to the White House Cabinet Committee on International Narcotic Control. Nixon uses the war on drugs as cover to set up the White House plumbers and other hijinks that end in Watergate, while the CIA uses the opportunity to put its agents into deep cover in the DEA to taste the forbidden fruit of domestic operations. There are assassination plots and wide-scale electronic eavesdropping, and CIA-favored drug traffickers are given a certain immunity to operate, as long as they do the Agency's bidding. There are also indications of a wink-and-a-nod for traffickers bringing drugs into the United States who financially support Latin American death squads that murder leftists by the thousands.

In the mid-'70s, Congress and the Justice Department attempted to crack down on the CIA covert operatives known endearingly as "cowboys", but Bush, as CIA Director from 1976 through 1977, blocked and stonewalled every investigation, leaving the cowboys unscathed.

1977-80, Jimmy Carter's CIA Director, Adm.

Stansfield Turner, purges the cowboys in the worst bloodletting in Agency history: More than 800 covert operators are fired. Even Gen. Noriega is taken off the payroll.

**Phase Two:** 1980-1988. The angry cowboys sign up in droves for the Bush-for-President—then the Reagan-Bush—campaign in 1980 and help defeat Carter by doing to his campaign what the CIA did to Allende's Chile.

Reagan begins his holy war against the Sandinistas, and Bush is put in charge of the *War Against Drugs* and the *War Against Terrorism*. The cowboys enjoy a magnificent restoration.

The CIA's airlines begin to fly again; the Miami station, which had fallen into decline after being the biggest spy post in the world during the anti-Castro plots of the '60s, is retrofitted—even Noriega is put back on the payroll; and, in the name of helping the Contras, the inevitable exceptions to the crackdown on drug traffickers are made. The war on drugs again becomes a cover for the unseemly details of pursuing foreign-policy goals.

**Phase Three:** 1989-present. George Bush's militarization of the War on Drugs. It may be too easy to tell where this is going, but all indications to date are for business as usual.

The coefficient of the *War Against Drugs* is the *War Against Terrorism*. The two were intertwined in the 1980s when George Bush headed both efforts. On Bush's watch, the FBI conducted its largest political surveillance operation since the tumultuous '60s, opening files on more than 19,500 opponents of U.S. policies in El Salvador and Nicaragua. The FBI bowed to Oliver North's wishes and let the Bureau be misused, in a sleazy attempt to smear Jack Terrell as a "terrorist". Terrell was the first major witness to drug trafficking by the Contras and their sugar daddies.

Then-Vice President Bush, as head of the Task Force on Combating Terrorism and the Reagan Administration's executive in charge of the war on drugs, allowed the tactics of counter terrorism, the politics of the drug wars and the activities of the Contra support network to become indistinguishable.

The *War Against Terrorism* and the *War Against Drugs* have similar *modi operandi* in their disdain for the *Constitution*. Only one career government man has the distinction of simultaneously overseeing both these "wars"—George Bush.

From 1982 on, George Bush worked closely with Oliver North developing anti-terrorism and drug-wars tactics that utilized many of the same individuals in the Contra-support network who provided the FBI with the names of "terrorists" to investigate.

North came up with a plan to suspend the *Constitution*. Bush helped the *Anti-Drug Abuse Act* of 1988, which brushed aside constitutional niceties to increase the government's surveillance powers over anyone suspected of drugging. Next time around, the FBI won't need to use terrorism as an excuse.<sup>2</sup>

During Bush's press conference in Europe, with other heads of state, he singled out the cooperation of the Eli Lilly Company in opening pharmaceutical drug commerce with the Soviet Union. It should be pointed out that George Bush has been an outspoken opponent

of marijuana. During Bush's terms as CIA Director and Drug Task Force Chief, the volume of drugs smuggled into this country rose by 1000%.

Bob Martinez, after he was defeated for re-election as Florida's Governor in 1990, was picked as Bush's drug czar. From sources in Tampa, the author learned that Martinez was under investigation for his alleged role in smuggling operations, but Thornburgh, Bush's handpicked Attorney General, removed the Assistant U.S. Attorney in Tampa before indictments came down.

The Orlando *Florida Sentinel* published a series of articles listing the vast number of political appointees by Bush and Martinez to the czar's staff. The newspaper reported that 40% of Martinez' staff was political appointees. The average percentage of political appointees in the federal government is 10%, the *Sentinel* said.

After leaving the CIA in 1977, George Bush was made Director of the Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical Company by none other than Dan Quayle's father and family, who owned controlling interest in the Lilly company and the *Indianapolis Star*. The entire Bush family were [sic] large stockholders in Lilly, Abbott, Bristol and Pfizer, etc.

After Bush's disclosure of assets in 1979, it became public knowledge that Bush's family still had a large interest in Pfizer and substantial stock in the drug companies. In fact, Bush actively lobbied illegally—both within and without the Administration, as Vice President, in 1981—to permit drug companies to dump more unwanted, obsolete or especially domestically-banned substances on Third World countries.

While Vice President, Bush continued to illegally act on behalf of pharmaceutical companies by going to the IRS for special tax breaks for certain drug companies manufacturing in Puerto Rico.

In 1981, Bush was ordered to stop lobbying the IRS—on behalf of the drug companies—by the U.S. Supreme Court. He did, but the pharmaceutical companies still received a 23% additional tax break for their companies in Puerto Rico, which make these American-outlawed drugs for sale to Third World countries!

The presidential campaign of George Bush was being seriously damaged before it had begun. On top of persistent accusations that he was party to the whole Iran-Contra arms-and-hostages scandal, there were new allegations that he may have known of, and acquiesced in, drug deals with Latin American gangsters as part of the Contras package.

The story, which first emerged during hearings by the Senate subcommittee directed by John Kerry of Massachusetts, is that planes taking arms to Central America, in the early days of the illicit provision of arms to the Contras, returned to the U.S. loaded with cocaine.

The trade, so the allegations go, was organized by the notorious Medellín cartel in Colombia and took in America's current public-enemy-number-one, General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

One of Bush's assistants, Donald Gregg, was allegedly the Washington contact for the operation known as the Arms Supermarket. Gregg has denied the accusation. Bush has come in, both through his

relationship with Gregg and through his former role as Director of the CIA—whose members were tied up in the Contra operation.

A much more direct involvement was also alleged during the subcommittee hearings. The most significant witness was Ramon Milian Rodriguez, now serving a long jail sentence for laundering hundreds-of-millions of dollars for the Medellín cartel. Milian claims that the cartel allocated a little under \$10 million to the Contras, and that the man who distributed it was Felix Rodriguez. “I was led to believe he was reporting directly to Vice-President Bush.”

The further allegation is that a member of the staff of General Noriega, the Panamanian leader indicted for massive drug dealings in the U.S., arranged the purchase of arms for the Contras through an Israeli network. The staff member was Michael Harari, a “former” member of the Israeli Mossad.

He organized the transport of weapons from Yugoslavia and Eastern Europe to Panama. In exchange for this service, cocaine brought to Panama from Colombia was forwarded to air strips in Costa Rica or Honduras that were being used for the arms deliveries. The planes took the coke on to the United States.

These, and other incriminating matters, have been emerging piecemeal. They were highlighted in a television report by Leslie Cockburn, author of *Out of Control*, a study linking the Contras to the drug trade. The book also implicates the gang of four (Admiral Poindexter, Lt. Col. Oliver North, Gen. Richard Secord and Albert Hakim) who set up the Iran-Contra deal. Gen. Secord has sued Cockburn for libel.

Iran-Contra and its ramifications should have been featured prominently in the presidential election campaign. The question put to every witness during the Watergate crisis 15 years ago applies to Bush: What did he know about the Iran-Contra affair, and when did he know it? Bush’s opponents say that, if he did not know, he was incompetent, and if he did, he is now lying. Bush refused to say what advice he offered Reagan, claimed he did not realize it was a swap of arms for hostages and that he never knew that arms were being shipped to the Contras.

Secretary of State George Shultz said Bush attended a meeting at which Shultz and then-Secretary of Defense, Caspar Weinberger, argued with the President over the propriety of selling arms to the Ayatollah. Bush denies it.

It has been established that two of Bush’s Senior Advisers, Donald Gregg and Col. Samuel Watson, were in contact with one of the men organizing the illegal dispatch of arms to the Contras, Felix Rodriguez. Gregg and Watson say Rodriguez never told them about the deliveries, and certainly never discussed it with Bush.

Gregg is a former CIA officer who met Bush when he was the Agency’s Director. Rodriguez is also a former CIA man, an intimate friend of Gregg, and met Bush on a number of occasions while he [Rodriguez] was sending arms over the border into Nicaragua.

A memo setting the agenda for one of those meetings states that its purpose was to discuss “resupply of the Contras”. Col. Watson says the memo

was typed wrong. The secretary who typed it says she wrote just what Col. Watson dictated.

In the summer of 1986, Bush visited Israel. The Israeli official most closely involved in the hostage negotiations with the Iranians discussed it with him. His Chief of Staff, Craig Fuller, wrote a memo of the discussion. Bush now says that he did not then have enough information to understand what he was being told, so he did not realize that arms were being traded for hostages.

In his autobiography, *Looking Forward*, Bush gives the impression that he hardly knew Marine Lt. Col. Ollie North. Publicly, on Iran-Contra, Bush has insisted that he was “out of the loop” on North’s ill-fated arms-for-hostages dealing with Iran and the *baksheesh* of guns for the Contras.

Bush’s bad relative treatment of North was somewhat ungenerous, since North, in his testimony before the Iran-Contra Committee, hailed Bush’s bravery in reading the riot act to the death squads when North and Bush visited El Salvador together in 1983.

The Marine came close to tears in reciting how the “veep” was one of the few people in the Reagan Administration to console him when his father died. Despite these public suggestions of intimacy, the Committee remained uncurious about the Bush-North relationship. It passed up fertile ground.

Now the Bush and North connection is revealed, with the 2,600 uncensored pages of North’s *White House Diaries* released in May and June under a *Freedom of Information* lawsuit, filed by the National Security Archives in Washington, D.C., and Ralph Nader’s *Public Citizen*. The unmistakable conclusion to be drawn from the copious entries in North’s notebooks is that Ollie North and Bush were as close as the stamp to the envelope.

North was keenly interested in the Vice President’s travel schedule. Whenever Bush went abroad, North would make a note of it and hit-up the head of the country Bush was visiting for aid to the Contras. Whether Bush actually made such solicitations himself is not indicated in North’s hen-scratchy shorthand. But specific diary entries—which were either partially blacked out or deleted entirely from the redacted version of the diaries released by the Iran-Contra Committee—show Bush performing a variety of tasks for North.

In September 1985, shortly after the first Israeli-arranged shipment of U.S. TOW missiles to Iran, Bush met with Israeli spy Amiram Nir in Israel. Nir, who died in a mysterious plane crash in Mexico in 1988, was a key player in the arms shipment to Iran and the “diversion” of funds from the overpriced Iranian arms to the Contras.

This meeting may have been the embryo of the diversion scheme. (An aborted Senate Intelligence Committee report on the Iran-Contra affair, in January 1987, deleted a reference to the Bush-Nir meeting at the request of the Reagan White House; the entire report was then withheld on a 7-6 committee vote and remains classified.)

Bush met with Nir a second time on July 29, 1986, in Jerusalem. His aide, Craig Fuller, took detailed notes of the briefing Nir gave Bush on the arms-for-hostages progress, or lack thereof. A diary entry shows that

Bush met with North in Washington on August 6, the day he returned from Israel, and gave him Fuller’s notes. Yet, Bush has repeatedly said he knew nothing of the arms schemes until December 1986.

Observers of the Iran-Contra affair, who have compared the uncensored *North Diaries* with the edited and blacked-out partial version used by the joint committee, note that many of the deletions were references to Bush. This is consistent with press reports that the committee, once it hastened to determine that there were no grounds to recommend the impeachment of Reagan, wanted to wind up its inquiry quickly and did not want to track the activities of the Vice President.

North’s diaries reveal that the committee was not independent. The *Tampa Tribune* reported July 1, 1990 that a North notebook entry showed that on March 4, 1985, North and then National Security Adviser McFarlane met with four Republican representatives to discuss the congressional ban on aiding the Contras by seeking contributions from third countries such as Saudi Arabia.

Two of the congressmen present, Reps. Henry Hyde of Illinois and Bill McCollum of Florida, went on to become North’s staunchest defenders on the Iran-Contra Committee. Other entries showed that McCollum’s aide, Vaughn Forrest, worked directly with North on resupplying the Contras.

In one entry, North tells Forrest, “Secord running guns to Iran.” The *Tribune* reported that McCollum’s aide toured Contra camps in Costa Rica with North’s aide Rob Owen during the time when the Contra resupply effort was being partially coordinated out of the Vice President’s office. At this writing, Forrest is running for Congress in a newly created district in Florida.

According to the Kerry report of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Terrorism and Narcotics, there was “obvious and widespread” drug trafficking by Contra suppliers going on in the war zones of northern Costa Rica. The Kerry committee found that these drugs-for-guns activities were covered up by CIA operatives and other players in the resupply network.

In 1986, when many of the Bush diary entries were being logged, Ollie North was working out of a secret office provided by the Vice President, when Bush headed the task Force on Combating Terrorism. (North had previously worked with his secretary Fawn Hall in 1983-84 for the “Crisis Management Center”, chaired by Bush.) It was here that the inventive North developed his plan to suspend the *Constitution*, about which Iran-Contra Committee Member Jack Brooks of Texas was attempting to question him when he was cut off by the Committee Chairman, Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii).

Bush’s terrorism task force created a new “Office to Combat Terrorism”, which North headed. The office was kept secret from some members of the National Security Council. Two Bush aides who worked on the task force, Robert Earl and Craig Coy, moved in to give North a hand. Earl’s deposition to the Iran-Contra Committee indicates that much of the work they did was on Iranian arms sales and Contra resupply.

The North-Bush story has yet to be fully probed in

the Iran-Contra Committee, or at North's trial. North got a new trial after a Federal Appeals Court determined that evidence used against him had been tainted by the immunized testimony he gave to the Iran-Contra Committee. Independent prosecutor Lawrence M. Walsh could still ask North about his relationship with Bush in all its aspects. The backsliding Congress could not immunize testimony it was afraid to hear.<sup>3</sup>

On May 15, 1984, George Bush, then Vice President, visited Pakistan. He was the first high-ranking U.S. official to come to Islamabad since 1977.

Gen. Zia's gratitude knew few bounds, and the Vice President was treated as royalty. At a magnificent State banquet, Bush rose to acknowledge the applause of the Pakistani generals and praised the Zia government's anti-narcotics efforts as a "personal" satisfaction to him, as America's head narc.

The general beamed in self-congratulation.

When Bush left Pakistan three days later, he announced an extraordinary outpouring from the U.S. treasury: \$3.2 billion in new U.S. military aid, and another \$2 billion for the Pakistani Army providing the arms pipeline to the CIA-supported Afghan rebels.

At the time Bush praised Pakistan's anti-drug stance, that nation was providing as much as 70 percent of the high-grade heroin entering the world market. Most of the dope came from an elite Pakistani military unit that managed the truck convoys carrying the CIA's arms to Afghanistan, touted as the largest CIA "covert op" since the early days of the Vietnam War.

The trucking company, owned by the Army, was the largest transportation business in Pakistan. The trucks left for Afghanistan laden with arms and returned laden with poppies. The fabulous profits were spread throughout the military hierarchy.

Pakistan's role in transporting raw opium gum from Afghanistan and processing it in laboratories in southwest Pakistan was well known in the European intelligence community. It was also known to the DEA and the CIA. The question is how could then-Vice President Bush—a former CIA Director who, as head of the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System, was privy to world-wide narcotics intelligence—not know what was happening in Pakistan?

Why would he be instrumental in rewarding such a dope-pushing regime with \$5 billion in military aid? Was the Vice President naive, or did he know too much or was he just following orders? Once again, the "good lieutenant"?

How, indeed, could the State Department, CIA and DEA look the other way on heroin profiteering by our allies, when Bush's drug czar, William Bennett, was asking Americans to surrender some of their basic constitutional rights, including the right not to be unreasonably searched, in the name of the *War Against Drugs*?

And what sort of answers could be given now that the primary apology of the past—that Cold War realities had to take precedence over drug war tactics—was old business?

The answers tell a lot about the hypocrisy of American foreign policy, but divulge more about the President, the only figure in public life who has been in the drug wars of three administrations, beginning with

Nixon in the early 1970s.

Since the Nixon years, both the rubric and the machinery of the *War Against Drugs* have been used for purposes other than stopping the flow of drugs. It has been used to conceal intelligence operations, to conceal covert action and foreign policy failures, as a front for counter-insurgency adventures in other countries and for bringing in cash for campaign expenses.

Although the kindest explanation for Bush's passivity to the Afghan-rebel Pakistani drug connection would be naiveté, the President is not naive. He seems able to put on an air of naiveté like a protective vest, when facing battering and embarrassing questions from the press.

Bush also has unappreciated skills, much like a snake-oil salesman. When the President announced his *War Against Drugs* to the nation from the Oval Office in 1990, he held up for the national television audience a bag of crack cocaine he said had been purchased in Lafayette Park, across the street from the White House.

When the bust of the crack dealer turned out to be a set-up and a phony, Bush momentarily lost his cool and testily asked inquiring reporters whose side they were on [sic]: the President, or some "drug guy".

The nation's many wars against drugs have been used to distract Americans from other realities of politics. The fact that George Bush began his third term in the *War Against Drugs* with a lie points up the consistency of his political lifestyle.<sup>4</sup>

The concept that the military can win a war on drugs is also a fantasy, although a useful one for the Pentagon. A Department of Defense report says that a 24-hour surveillance of the Florida-to-California border would require: a third of the Navy's fleet, more radar planes than the United States has, deployment of as many as 100 battalions, and cost a billion dollars a year—and that's only the southern border of the nation.

The militarizing of the war on drugs puts Bush higher in the saddle of a white horse he has been riding for almost 20 years—the many-splendored, elastic-in-purpose drug war. Bush has been involved in the war on drugs through three administrations. His baptism was in 1971 as a member of Richard Nixon's now notorious Cabinet Committee on International Narcotics Control.

This select group included such grand old names as John Mitchell and Egil Krogh, and out of it grew the White House plumbers and the hydra-headed monster known as Watergate. The Committee was the instrument whereby the CIA was brought into the war on drugs; drug enforcement became a matter of "national security" and national security a blanket excuse for law-breaking.

The Committee also blessed the crossover of many CIA covert-action operatives into what became the Drug Enforcement Administration. The DEA, in turn, served as a cover for illegal CIA domestic actions and brought into government service the shadowy network of anti-Castro Cubans left over from the Bay of Pigs invasion—men primed for crime and violence.

In Bush's early days in the drug wars, the policy now operative in Peru, that anti-drug efforts are anti-leftist guerrilla efforts, was formulated. Through the

years since, Bush never turned his sights on the commingling of rightist death squads and drug profits, particularly in Latin America, and developed a masterful ability to see only what he wanted to see.<sup>5</sup>

There are degrees of subtlety in photo opportunities. Some are flagrant public relations, as was the photo op staged on January 4, 1984, in the Florida Keys. Bush, then head of the vice-presidential Joint Florida Drug Task Force Group, mugged for the cameras with his good buddy of 10 years, speedboat king Don Arnow, builder of the cigarette boat, an ocean-going Ferrari that was the world's fastest and sleekest powerboat.

Arnow had invented a 39-foot catamaran he called "Blue Thunder". Bush was anxious to test it on a simulated drug patrol for the media, racing along the southeastern Florida coastline favored by drug smugglers. A White House photographer followed Bush in a helicopter, in case the press missed a dramatic shot of Bush against the sea.

Afterwards, Bush told the press that Customs should purchase boats like Blue Thunder: "Boats like that would help in the drug war."

Not surprisingly, Arnow's company, U.S.A. Racing Team, won the government contract in 1985 to manufacture pursuit boats for the Vice President's drug-interdiction group. In 1986, Arnow's company was again awarded the contract to manufacture the pursuit craft of the *War Against Drugs*, despite the fact that the Blue Thunders were widely considered a joke in North Miami's speedboat industry: They were always in the shop with ailments and were incredibly slow next to the powerful models the drug traffickers used.

Arnow was the odds-on favorite to get the contract again for 1987, until a mob hit man killed him in his white Mercedes on North Miami's "Thunderboat Alley", a dead-end street where the world's most powerful speedboats are built.

Arnow sold his boats to the rich and powerful: Spain's King Juan Carlos, King Hussein of Jordan, Charles Keating of Lincoln Savings and Loan and George Bush of Kennebunkport.

He also sold them to major mobsters and international drug traffickers. Arnow began by building boats with disguised extra fuel tanks to carry cocaine, and he accepted payment in bags of cash.

A new investigative book, *Blue Thunder*, describes how Arnow developed into an indentured servant of the mob, who did what he was told with no questions asked, and became involved in Mafia drug-smuggling operations ranging from the Meyer Lansky organization to the Purple Gang of the Genovese crime family.

Thomas Burdick and Charlene Mitchell, authors of *Blue Thunder*, report that Arnow was so close to the Purple Gang's Frankie "Pizza-furter" Viserto that, in 1981, he wrote a letter to the feds on Frankie's behalf, offering this "boating and fishing enthusiast" employment as a boat demonstrator, providing the "federales" would let him out of the penitentiary, where he was sentenced for heroin smuggling.

Arnow's association with the notorious Mafioso drug smuggler and gunrunner began in the early '70s, about the same time he became friends with George Bush. They were parallel but not intermingled friendships.

“While Viserto was gaining control of the largest heroin-smuggling ring in the country, Bush was climbing the Washington political ladder. As Arnow became more deeply enmeshed in Mafia-sponsored drug activities, he clinched a multi-million dollar government contract. Ultimately, by awarding Arnow the Blue Thunder contract, Bush allowed not one, but two, drug-smuggling arms of the mob to penetrate the government’s anti-drug program,” the authors write.

Bush and Arnow were such good friends that a few weeks before he was murdered in February 1987, Arnow told his wife that if anything happened to him and she had problems, she should call the Vice President in Washington. Mrs. Arnow took over the company after her husband’s mob-style execution and called Bush with a question: “Should she go to Panama to see Gen. Manuel Noriega about some Blue Thunder boats the General had ordered?”

“He told me that there were a lot of bad things going on with that guy and that I shouldn’t have anything to do with him,” she said. Bush has insisted that until the 1987 indictments of Noriega for drug smuggling, he thought the dictator was our loyal ally.

The question of how Bush, a former CIA Director and general in the war on drugs, could be so close to a man with such major mob connections is as confounding as how Bush was about the last person to discover that Noriega was a drug trafficker. The answers lead to cynicism about the war on drugs.<sup>6</sup>

“Some of the documents you sent to us are almost illegible. From our review of Agency materials, we know that good copies could have been provided.”—**Richard Thornburgh’s testy note to George Bush’s CIA, 1976**

Attorney General Richard Thornburgh had cut a deal. The federal government would front Panamanian narco-dictator Manuel Antonio Noriega’s multimillion-dollar legal fees, in return for the jailed despot’s attorneys withdrawing subpoenas for Noriega’s CIA payroll stubs.

But Miami Federal District Court Judge William Hovelevler ruled that the *Criminal Justice Act*, that permits the government to finance the defense of indigent defendants, could not be stretched to convenience Noriega’s pricey \$250 to \$300-an-hour attorneys.

The former Panamanian ruler is known to be filthy rich, but the U.S. government has put liens on all of his known bank accounts. The arrangement presented to the court by Thornburgh’s Justice Department would have had the taxpayers advance the cost of his defense for a promissory note, signed by the imprisoned General.

Had the deal not been aborted, Thornburgh might have kept sealed the secret records of Noriega’s business relationship with U.S. intelligence since he began to inform on Panamanian leftists in the Eisenhower Administration.

And Thornburgh’s boss, President Bush, would have been revealed as one of the paymasters of the narco-general.

When he headed the CIA in 1976, Bush so valued Noriega as an agency “asset” that he rebuffed attempts to sever the dope-dealing militarist’s ties with the CIA.

At the time, Noriega had been caught bribing American GIs in Panama to provide him with National Security Agency electronic-surveillance tapes of Panamanian politicians.

According to a recent book on Noriega, the general continued in his \$100,000-a-year CIA arrangement. That figure rose to a reported \$200,000 a year during the Reagan-Bush Administration.

Governmental secrecy has been an over-abiding concern of Bush: “When I took over as DCI (Director of Central Intelligence), there were daily messages from CIA stations on my desk every morning, reporting that we were losing valuable sources of information as a result of worldwide publicity caused by leaks from irresponsible investigators on Capitol Hill,” he wrote in his autobiography.

Thornburgh, as Attorney General, has served Bush well in this regard. He put an effective national-security collar on the Independent Prosecutor in the Iran-Contra investigation and blocked the criminal prosecution of Joseph Fernandez, the former CIA Station Chief in Costa Rica during Iran-Contra, by invoking a 1980 law that gives the Attorney General power to withhold classified information in national-security trials. Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh accused Thornburgh of creating “fictional secrets”.

It was not always so with Thornburgh. In 1976, when Thornburgh headed the Criminal Division of the Justice Department under Ford and Bush was Director of the CIA, Thornburgh pushed Bush to release CIA records involving more than 100 CIA and DEA agents, for offenses ranging from padding expense accounts to plotting assassinations.

When Bush took over the CIA in 1976 (reportedly he barely beat out then-Solicitor General Robert H. Bork and Supreme Court Justice Byron White), the Agency was on the ropes after the mid-’70s revelations of share-rental assassination plots with the Mafia and illegal domestic spying on “radlibs”.

Thornburgh led Justice’s prosecution of former CIA Director Helms for perjury before Congress in the CIA-manipulated overthrow of the Allende Government in Chile. Thornburgh accused Bush of stalling and deleting documents he had requested. (Bush was so cavalier as to write Helms and warn him, against Justice Department admonitions, of the CIA case forming against him.)

When Bush’s stonewalling took the form of sending illegible copies of documents to Justice, a piqued Thornburgh asked the Ford White House to order Bush to produce good copies.

CIA Director Bush was most interested in killing a Justice Department report, also in Thornburgh’s jurisdiction, about serious wrongdoing in 1972-1975 by CIA agents operating in the Drug Enforcement Agency. Bush’s political mentor, President Nixon, appointed him in 1971 to the White House Cabinet Committee on International Narcotics Control, which made Bush knowledgeable about the *War Against Drugs*, used as a cover for political warfare.

The controversial 1975 report was called the

*DeFeo Report*, after one of its authors. It was a hot item in Washington, because it detailed drug dealings by Panamanian officials, including the CIA’s man, Noriega and an assassination plot against Noriega by DEA/CIA cowboys.

Right-wing congressmen were anxious to lay hands on the *DeFeo Report* as a vehicle to sabotage negotiations with the Panamanian government over the Panama Canal. But they were stonewalled by Thornburgh, earning him Bush’s gratitude, despite their public spats.

The issue of Thornburgh withholding the Panama drug report from Congress came up during his 1988 confirmation hearings as Reagan’s “Mr. Clean” Attorney General nominee to replace the muddled Meese.

Thornburgh, who had written a memorandum about keeping the *DeFeo* secrets from Congress, assured congressmen that he would give them the Justice Department report quickly. He never did.

Last month, Thornburgh became the first Attorney General to take a lie-detector test while in office. Thornburgh took the test voluntarily, as part of an internal Justice Department investigation into leaks to the media. He passed easily.

Obviously, anyone who has helped George Bush cover up drug-war secrets for so many years has little to fear from a polygraph.<sup>7</sup>

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# The News Desk

By John Ray

## DRINKING WATER, SEWAGE NOT READY FOR Y2K

*NewsMax.com, 12/10/99*

Turning on a water faucet, flushing a toilet—Americans do it almost without thinking. They'd better start thinking, a new Y2K study suggests.

"There are serious doubts that the 55,000 drinking-water utilities and the 16,000 publicly-owned wastewater facilities in the United States will be prepared for Y2K," according to a report by the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Center for Y2K & Society.

Based on surveys by the American Water Works Association and similar groups, the report notes that at least 60 percent of the drinking-water facilities responding had failed to finish even the preliminary stage of Y2K upgrades by June.

And it found more than 85 percent of wastewater-treatment facilities are unprepared to cope with computer glitches caused by uncorrected computers' inability to tell the year 1900 from 2000 on Jan. 1.

"Clearly, many water systems are going to operate without problems," said Norman Dean, Executive Director of the Center for Y2K & Society.

"However, our report indicates that some are likely to suffer Y2K-related problems."

A computer-crippled water-treatment facility would do more than endanger supplies of drinking water for humans.

It could also cripple fire-fighting, flow of sewerage and treatment of raw sewage, due to low water pressure and reduced stocks of chemicals used in treatment of water.

"We are very concerned about wastewater preparedness," said Don Meyer, spokesman for the Senate Y2K Committee. "However, we disagree that drinking water is in crisis."

Jon DeBoers of the American Water Works Association said, "The vast majority of the water systems have tested most of their critical components and are confident that they are Y2K-ready."

But he agreed extended electric-power brown- or black-outs could disrupt water and sewer plants....

**[JR: From all the hype put out by the government and media on the Y2K potential problems, it would seem reasonable to stock up on your necessities of life, especially medicine, food, water and some cash. Fill your bathtub, washing machine and many containers. Don't forget, you already have water stored in your hot-water heater.]**

## MORE THAN HALF OF WATER SYSTEMS MAY NOT BE PREPARED FOR Y2K

The Natural Resources Defense Council, 12/10/99

### **Government Panels Misinterpreted Key Information, Says Report**

Surveys of drinking-water and wastewater facilities by industry groups indicate that, at best, less than half of these utilities are ready for the year 2000 rollover, says a report released today by the Natural Resources Defense Council <www.nrdc.org> and the Center for Y2K and Society.

The most recent detailed industry survey by the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) and the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC), shows that only 20 percent to 45 percent of drinking-water systems were Y2K-compliant as of June 1999. Even these low numbers are optimistic: Of the approximately 55,000 U.S. drinking-water utilities, less than 1 percent have responded to an Y2K industry survey. AMWA's two-question follow-up survey of 118 utilities in September was of little use, because it failed to ask if respondents had completed the final, critical phases of testing and implementation. And the National Rural Water Association has not released any data to the public from its recent survey.

The prospects for wastewater treatment are even worse. The most recent survey of wastewater facilities, taken in July, indicated that only 4 percent were ready.

Recent government reassurances about the Y2K-readiness of drinking-water utilities have been based on a misreading of the industry data. The President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion and the Senate Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem have both said that, based on industry surveys, 92 percent of those responding are "fully compliant". But e-mail correspondence from an AWWA representative indicates that this figure refers to the readiness of internal computer systems at the responding facilities, not to the state of readiness of the utilities, themselves.

As for wastewater, the President's Council's final report inexplicably omitted the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies' survey showing that only 4 percent of these facilities were ready. In contrast, the Senate Committee's September report found AMSA's survey results "a cause for great concern", and significant enough to conclude that "We feel justified in saying we are alarmed by these statistics".

A July 1999 General Accounting Office (GAO) telephone survey underscores the lack of preparation by water utilities. GAO polled 21 U.S. cities and found that only five of the seventeen city-owned or -operated drinking or wastewater facilities were Y2K-ready.

"While we cannot predict which or how many systems, this data strongly indicates some drinking and wastewater facilities could have Y2K-related problems," says Norman Dean, Executive Director of the Center for Y2K and Society. "We urge people not to panic, but to prepare, by storing a gallon of water per person per day for approximately 10 days."

Y2K-related problems at drinking-water utilities might cause loss of water supply or reduction in water pressure, lack of adequate treatment and possible release of toxic or hazardous substances. Wastewater facilities might discharge untreated sewage due to Y2K failures.

In a prepared statement, Erik Olson of NRDC warns that the Y2K problem may not be "over" on January 1, 2000. "Data corruption, supply chain failures and gradual system degradation could cause service interruptions for months and even into the next year," he says....

**[JR: Somewhere in between is the truth. Why do you buy homeowner's, auto and life insurance? For the obvious possibility that something could happen, and it gives you or your family financial protection. So,**

**why not prepare for the possibility that something could happen at Y2K or thereafter?]**

## CORPORATE AMERICA UNDER SIEGE: THE UNDECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY

By Stuart H. Rodman, from the Internet, 12/2/99

Picture this bleak future: Americans with no civil liberties. No right to free speech. No right to question your government. Newly-enacted Y2K-related legislation places limits on free speech and on your right to access vital information obtained from corporations—even when your safety and wellbeing is affected. What are they trying to hide?

Suppose you found corporate documents which say that your company has a chemical plant that could send a poisonous, billowing cloud of lethal byproducts hovering over your neighborhood, killing thousands of people instantly and leaving the survivors blinded, with scarred lungs and cancers, and otherwise maimed for life. And, what if you also discovered that the government already knows about this, but that it is now a federal crime to tell anyone else what you discovered!? Even if you survive the pending calamity, your life will be ruined by your own government, just for trying to save others. Sound like fiction? It's not. It is as real as a heart attack. Recent legislation enacted by Congress creates just such a possibility....

...Under provisions of the recently enacted *Chemical Safety Information, Site Security and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act, Public Law 106-40*, you could be fined up to a million dollars a year for speaking ill about a corporate chemical plant! In a posting from "Roleigh's Lodge", Roleigh Martin's prominent Y2K-related Internet site, observer Scott Secor offers this caution to "covered persons" and researchers.

"Whether you are or not, you better keep your mouth shut about chemical plants. You can be fined \$5000 per facility per mouth-off, up to a total of \$1 million/year. Speech restrictions will be in effect until Aug. 5, 2000, at which time a decision will be made on the restoration of democracy."

The new law provides that hazardous materials produced or stored in these plants, which most Americans live within five miles of, must be reported to the Environmental Protection Agency in the form of an "Off Site Consequences Analysis" (OCA). This report details the worst-case scenario for the plant in the event of a Y2K-related computer failure. What we don't know could hurt us... The U.S. General Accounting Office says that most of the 66,000 such plants in the U.S. are susceptible to the Y2K computer problem but still are not ready for the Year 2000.

Despite the harsh realities, if you have actually seen the OCA report and divulge any of its contents to the public, you become a "covered researcher" and could be fined up to a million dollars a year, per incident. These reports must be pretty scary. The good news? People without access to the facts are still free to speak at will. Only those who speak the truth are placed outside the law!...

...The Year 2000 *Readiness and Information Disclosure Act, Public Law 105-271*, places public utility companies in a position whereby the truth about their Y2K preparations is no longer accountable to ordinary citizens. This new federal law makes Year 2000 information exempt from release, even under the *Freedom of Information Act!* That's what a citizen action group in San Diego discovered when they attempted to use the Act to resolve questions raised in the media about the

readiness status of local drinking-water utilities.

"Five communities within a seventy mile radius of my home were recently revealed by the U.S. Navy as being likely to experience a 'probable total failure' in essential services this winter because of Y2K," says Mark Snyder, a local San Diego resident and Vice President of the San Diego Y2K Citizens' Action Group.

Local concerns about the preparedness status of utilities were heightened last summer with the release of the Navy's "Master Utility List".... The spreadsheets produced for this study revealed that because of Y2K, essential services in 128 cities affecting 26 million Americans were at risk for some level of failure this winter, including water, gas and electric services. Other cities also targeted for trouble in the report included New York City, Miami, Orlando, and Clearwater, Florida, among dozens of others.

"We just want to know the truth about the County's essential services, so we can prepare ourselves and our loved ones properly," says Snyder. "Even after the spreadsheets were made public, though, our local authorities denied that there were any problems."...

...Snyder's concerns seem well founded. Recent studies of Year 2000 preparedness by the government's General Accounting Office found that the distribution of drinking water and waste removal is highly susceptible to the Y2K computer problem and to the availability of electricity from the power grid. However, the Y2K status of water districts throughout the country is not coordinated by any outside public agencies and the status of the municipal districts is mostly unknown....

..."They tell us they're ready, but many of their systems have been exempted from testing just because their vendors say the new parts are great. When independent laboratories examined the problem, though, they reported that many similar deliveries failed up to fifty percent of the time. We feel there is plenty to worry about."

In an effort to find the truth, Snyder's group sought relief under provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)*.... Although the Navy seemed more than eager to accommodate the group's desire for the details regarding information affecting their community, they were unable to do so because the Act had been quietly modified to make information about utility preparedness none of the group's business!

The newly-enacted *Year 2000 Information and Readiness Disclosure Act (Public Law 105-271)*, modifies the *FOIA*, which was originally enacted to provide citizens with a vital tool for maintaining the nation's system of checks-and-balances. The new law reads, in part:

"Except with the express consent or permission of the provider of information described in paragraph (1), any year 2000 statements or other such information provided by a party in response to a special year 2000 data gathering request made under this subsection (A) shall be exempt from disclosure under subsection (b)(4) of section 552 of title 5, *United States Code*, commonly known as the "*Freedom of Information Act*"; (B) shall not be disclosed to any third party."

Citizens' rights are rarely suspended in a time of peace. However, the corporate special interests have used their muscle in Congress to assure that secrets about their Y2K readiness plans remain well beyond the level of ordinary public scrutiny....

...Will the new millennium bring with it the last days of civil liberties? The latest congressional actions seem to express our government's greater duty to promote the agenda of corporations, than to preserve and protect citizen's rights....While most of us regard the Y2K

computer problem as a technology issue, it seems the virus has suddenly mutated itself and has now become the bug that ate our civil liberties.

**[JR: We are nearing the Y2K twilight zone, where a multitude of things might or might not happen. It's comforting to know our elected officials have established all these protectionist laws, not for the people that elected them, but for concealing and shielding most of the infrastructure industry from liability.]**

#### EU COMPLETES PLAN FOR OWN FORCES

By Joseph Fitchett, *International Herald Tribune*, 12/10/99

#### **Initiative Murky on New Relationship With U.S. in NATO**

PARIS—Hammered out in marathon negotiations that ended Monday at 6 a.m., the European Union's blueprint for its own military force marks a turning point in post-Cold War politics in the West because it could potentially free the EU of its dependence on U.S. troops in future Kosovo-style crises, European and U.S. officials said Thursday.

The text is expected to be approved by EU leaders at their summit meeting this weekend in Helsinki.

While European nations insist that they still count on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and U.S. backing for their security, the document leaves many gray areas about the emerging new relationship between the European allies and the United States on security cooperation, both inside the alliance and in less dangerous situations where the Europeans would choose to act on their own....

...Working with Britain, France has led the way in convincing the other 13 EU member states to take on an independent military role.

Initially encouraged by the Clinton Administration, the EU move has recently seemed to cause doubts in Washington as a possible dilution of NATO's leadership. Now, the embryonic European force faces major questions about whether [or not] it can reverse the slide in Europe's defense spending and modernization.

Beyond the key question of how the proposed European force will interact with NATO, the EU initiative seems bound to have a broad impact on trans-Atlantic political and commercial relations. Coming on the heels of the euro [sic], the political move, at least in the short run, is likely to exacerbate industrial rivalries in the traditionally U.S.-dominated field of military aerospace and high-tech military electronics.

Once the Europeans take the plunge, Washington could hardly hope to see a failure in Europe, officials pointed out, saying that the change could set the stage for healthier trans-Atlantic relations....

...European officials...insisting that what they called heavy-handed recent U.S. opposition to the EU plan has become counterproductive. They pointed out that NATO, which still has a monopoly on U.S. high-technology weaponry, is needed by Europeans as a guarantee against a revival of Russian military pressure.

But EU officials in Washington said that the text, unless changed by European leaders, avoids the explicit guarantees sought by Washington and could cause alarm in Congress.

"What we don't want is another Western European Union where the Europeans got into trouble in Bosnia and Washington feared it was going to have to bail them out," a NATO official said....

Pointedly, the Helsinki text ignores a congressional call for the EU to let NATO have a "right of first refusal" in deciding whether a crisis should be handled by the

alliance or by the Europeans alone. "You will never, never see that written by the EU," a French policymaker said.

Instead, the EU text says that decisions will be made by the 15 member states. "We can cooperate in good faith on this basis," the French official said, in deciding whether or not Washington wants to involve U.S. ground troops or let the EU handle the problem alone, presumably with U.S. high-tech help....

...A joint British-French air command can be built on easily by the U.S. military, but operational integration could raise questions about whether a specific European unit belongs first to NATO or to the EU.

The EU decision marks the first time that European countries have engaged in formal military cooperation among themselves, without U.S. leadership and NATO mediation, since the Suez crisis in 1956....

...For 30 years afterward, NATO had a near-monopoly in Western security moves in Europe. But this year, the move to revive European autonomy and lessen European dependence on Washington in defense came within reach when Prime Minister Tony Blair's government dropped Britain's traditional objections to an EU defense role.

Since the French-British summit talks in St. Malo, France, a year ago, Britain and France have succeeded in rapidly persuading the other 13 member states, including neutrals such as Sweden and traditionally staunch NATO loyalists such as the Netherlands, to agree on seeking an independent military role for the EU.

Initially, the EU plans to assemble a multinational army corps backed by air power and warships, a force strong enough to operate for a year with 50,000 troops in the field.

This mobile, highly professional force, due to be combat-ready by 2002, will have its own planning staff and satellite reconnaissance system to help equip the EU to make its own assessments of unfolding emergencies independently.

For the moment, the thrust of the EU initiative is to arrest the decline in defense spending in all these nations and create political pressure for better spending on more modern forces, particularly in Berlin. Germany has Europe's largest army but has been reluctant to spend enough to convert its troops from conscripts for defensive war into a professional army that can be sent into action in the Balkans or elsewhere on Europe's periphery.

The emergence of an EU military role does not change the moves inside NATO for the European allies to play a larger role in alliance operations, a plan approved by the alliance at the NATO summit talks in April.

In crises where Washington does not want to send U.S. ground troops, NATO military intervention could be carried out by a European-led force that borrowed U.S. cargo planes, communications, intelligence and even precision-guided missiles.

But the political context of these NATO moves could be affected if tensions arise around Europe's own efforts, U.S. diplomats said. Washington has pressed the Europeans to avoid doing anything to duplicate allied efforts, decouple the U.S. and European parts of the alliance or discriminate against non-EU allies—the United States, Canada, Norway, Iceland and Turkey.

In proceeding now, European leaders apparently are motivated by Kosovo. The campaign exposed Europe's military weakness, but it also alarmed allied leaders about the implications of U.S. military strategy. While Washington is ready to pay for high technology promising zero casualties among U.S. forces, European governments feel that ground warfare is more effective in facing

Europe's likely problems—and much more affordable than the U.S.-led strategy of NATO.

**[JR: It appears as though Europe wants to “police” itself with their own army, but the U.S. taxpayers would still foot the bill and supply the technology and hardware. I have this eerie feeling that we are being set up as the world’s number-one target. We will be supplying our so-called allies with the weapons to do us in, as we are now doing with China. Thanks Israel, France and England. There are plenty of warning bells going off here.]**

#### ICELAND’S GENE POOL MAKES WORLDWIDE WAVES

By Janet McConnaughey, *Nando Media*, 12/6/99

NEW ORLEANS—An Icelandic company plans to begin collecting DNA samples from Iceland's 270,000 citizens and linking the genetic profiles with their health records and family trees.

The database it plans to build would offer an unprecedented chance to discover genetic links to disease—and an unprecedented danger to privacy, doctors and researchers attending a packed meeting of the American Society of Hematology said Sunday.

Although people's genetic profiles, health histories and family trees will be linked, their identities will be encrypted by clinics and hospitals before the information reaches the company, said Dr. Kari Stefansson, founder and CEO of Decode Genetics, the Reykjavik company which will develop the database.

Still, a security break could leave people's potential for medical problems—a 70 percent chance of cancer or a 35 percent chance of diabetes, for example—in the hands of insurance companies or potential employers, Dr. David Haile of the University of Texas Health Sciences Center said afterward.

“If information ever leaks out, people will sell it,” said Haile, one of the thousands of physicians and researchers in the audience.

And there are other human-rights issues that need to be worked out, said George Annas, Chairman of the department of health law at Boston University. Among them: how to make sure people understand how their DNA is being used, how to protect the privacy of samples and data, and determining who owns DNA.

“This is the time when we really have to wrestle with this to make plans, not only in Iceland but the whole world,” said Dr. Francis S. Collins, who moderated the session and directs the international Human Genome Project [HUGO], which is trying to map human DNA.

“Next spring, we will have a working draft of 90 percent of the human sequence on the Internet—four or five years before anyone expected,” he said.

Iceland is an ideal site for using DNA to track genetic links to disease.

Relatively few outsiders have moved in over the 1,000 years since Vikings settled the island and the nation has extensive health records and family trees, some dating back 500 years.

Iceland passed a law last December allowing Decode Genetics to move ahead with its DNA database project.

The country's government has been working with the company on regulations since then, and Stefansson said in an interview that he expects to begin taking blood samples and developing the database within weeks.

Once the database is complete, the company plans to use computer programs to search for patterns. Decode Genetics has rights to the market database for 12 years. It plans to sell information to pharmaceutical companies and

researchers.

Icelanders will be allowed to take themselves out of the database.

Stefansson said he expects it to take three years to complete the database programming but much less time to get usable information. “I think we will begin to market it pretty soon,” he said.

Even without the database, Iceland's homogeneity is a major asset for Decode. It was a major reason that the Roche Healthcare Group signed a contract that could be worth more than \$200 million to look for genes which cause 12 common diseases.

The contract was signed in February 1998; 13 months later, the two companies announced that they were “closing in on” [where] a site of a gene that causes osteoarthritis is located.

As part of the contract, The Roche Group will give Iceland any drugs it develops as a result of the research. **[JR: Scientific DNA data has its benefits, especially for the insurance companies, but the cures for catastrophic diseases like AIDS, cancers and these new strains of viruses are long in coming. Mankind certainly has not benefited from mood-altering drugs, Viagra and the abortion pill. The benefits derived from these are in the profits of multinational drug companies.]**

#### UN: AIDS ORPHANS PORTEND CATASTROPHIC FUTURE IN AFRICA

*CNN & Time*, 12/6/99

(CNN)—A United Nations report shattered notions that the AIDS epidemic is subsiding worldwide and raised an even more alarming specter: the effect of the disease on children and implications for the future in parts of the world.

The report contains dire predictions, particularly for Africa, where experts say the impact, present and future, of millions of children orphaned by AIDS and abandoned is tearing at the very fabric of the entire continent.

According to the new report by UNICEF and UNAIDS, Africa has been overwhelmed by AIDS orphans—more than 10 million. The epidemic has yet to peak, and the numbers are expected to grow massively. In Zambia alone, more than 360,000 children—one in 10 of the total population—have lost either their mother or both parents to AIDS.

With resources already stretched to the breaking point, many of these Third World countries—with the focus in eastern and southern Africa—have been forced to leave millions of these youngsters to fend for themselves. Poor, malnourished, uneducated and unwanted, they represent a social plague yet to come.

#### **Impact on children worse than decades of war**

Sources say the social indicators for infant mortality and malnutrition in many of these countries is equivalent to countries that have been at war for 10 or more years.

The UN report said 33 million people worldwide are currently living with AIDS. The overwhelming majority are in Africa. Subsequently, this is where the majority of orphans are found. With nowhere else to go, thousands, for example, have flooded the streets of Zambia's capital, Lusaka.

Typical is the hopelessness of 14-year-old Simon Kapampa, who scrounges the streets of Lusaka in quest of survival. “We don't really like staying here,” he said. “and now that the rains are about to come, it's tougher. Sometimes you have older children coming at us with screwdrivers, threatening violence. So whatever money

we have, we got to give them. It's not a good life.”

UN officials believe the plight of Kapampa and millions like him is a time bomb.

While sub-Saharan Africa is the focus of current fears, it is not the only part of the world that last year registered an increase in HIV infections. The highest rate of growth was said to be in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, where the number of people infected this year jumped by one-third.

**[JR: These statistics are overwhelming. The Elite have brought so much death and misery to Africa, with no light at the end of this dark tunnel. With so much poverty, what realistic chance do the children have of surviving? When do we start caring?]**

#### ARKANSAS FARMERS PUZZLED AS LAND TUMBLES INTO SINKHOLES

By Kenneth Heard, *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, 12/12/99

GOSNELL—It's not the dropping prices of cotton, soybeans and other agricultural products that have northern Mississippi County farmers scratching their heads.

It's their property that's dropping—literally.

Chunks of land, ranging from 3-foot circles to 20-foot-long trenches, have collapsed in areas north and northeast of Gosnell.

The sinkholes range in depth from 1 foot to more than 6 feet. Scientists say they don't know why this is happening.

“It's eerie,” said Marion Haynes, an assistant at the Arkansas Archeological Survey's Blytheville station. “We don't really know what they are.”

Theory No. 1: The sinkholes could be the result of a statewide drought.

Arkansas' average rainfall this year is more than 11 inches below normal. As a result, farmers have relied more on groundwater, which may cause the sandy Delta soil to shift and resettle.

Small caverns form under the topsoil and may eventually cause the collapses, said Claudine Payne, the Blytheville station's archeologist.

Theory No. 2: The sinkholes could be earthquake-related.

Situated in the center of the New Madrid seismic zone, the sinkholes could be caused by subsurface earthquakes, though scientists say they won't push the panic button—not yet, anyway.

“It's not related to any recent ground motion,” said Joan Gomberg, a research geophysicist with the University of Memphis' Center for Earthquake Research and Information. “We would have monitored any movement.”

Theory No. 3: Advances in farm machinery have made equipment heavier and more susceptible to falling through the ground. That's a stretch, area farmers say.

Landowner Rachel Gaines thinks toxic chemicals may have leaked into the soil from the nearby former Eaker Air Force Base.

“I blame it on chemicals close to the base,” she said. “They brought dirt in from over there, and we can't hardly grow anything on it now.”

The base has been closed since December 1992, and the U.S. Air Force conducted extensive environmental studies at the time of the closing. No chemicals were detected. No matter the cause, Gaines is irritated by the sinkholes. Part of her prized flower garden has fallen in. So far, Haynes has inspected more than 25 holes. Many are just north of the former air base's largest runway. Others have appeared along Mississippi County Road 38,

which bisects the many cotton fields between Gosnell and Yarbro.

Haynes has asked residents to report any collapses they find. He thinks there are at least 100 in northern Mississippi County.

Gaines said she noticed two large holes in her yard after a rare day of rainfall in November.

One hole on Gaines' farmland is about 20 feet long. The ground dropped about two feet along the edge of a cotton field. The other hole, which devoured her flower garden, passes through a line of small trees to County Road 38. It reappears briefly on the other side of the road.

Farther down the county road, Tommy Burnham's large truck bed sits in a hole with a 10-foot diameter in his front yard. The bed sank about 3 feet.

Geologists have been summoned to study the holes, Payne said.

"We're archeologists," she said. "We can tell you when something happened before. But this is unsettling."

There are geological factors unique to the area to consider.

Northeast Arkansas contains what scientists are calling "world class" evidence of sand geysers, or "sand blows".

Much of the area's topsoil is spotted with these large light circles of sand. During a violent series of earthquakes along the New Madrid seismic zone from Marked Tree northeast to Cairo, Ill., in 1811-1812, the ground turned to liquid, according to some accounts.

Witnesses told a horrifying tale of geysers of sand shooting 20-30 feet into the air. Pressure from under the ground turned fertile fields into desert-like land from Marked Tree to Sikeston, Mo.

The sand, which can be clearly seen from an airplane, constantly shifts.

Martitia Tuttle, a geologist with the University of Maryland and an expert on sand blows, speculates that the area's geological composition could cause the collapses. When wet, the Delta sand expands. When dry, it contracts, causing land above to split and cave in, she said.

"We really don't know yet," she said. "We've only dug down five feet or so. We need to go much further to really tell what's going on. It's still a mystery to us."

While the sinkholes don't appear to be any indication of impending earthquakes, Haynes said there is an urgency to conduct more studies.

"We're sitting in earthquake country. You never know."

Gaines prefers not to talk too much about the sinkholes. Part of her land collapsed during the 1930s, and she has kept a slightly superstitious attitude since....

**[JR: It's strange that the geologist didn't set up monitoring equipment, yet want those in the area to report new sinkholes to them. This doesn't sound like a very scientific way to find the cause but, then again, this is Arkansas—right, Bill? One guess is as good as another. There is another possibility not mentioned: Where were all the ex-"friends of Bill" planted?]**

#### POWER UNIT FOR HOME USE UNVEILED NISOURCE, GAS INSTITUTE OFFER ELECTRICITY OPTION

By John Schmeltzer, *Chicago Tribune*, 12/1/99

Blackouts last summer left more than 100,000 city and suburban households fuming in the dark. But in the near future, Chicago-area consumers may have a do-it-yourself option that could limit the impact of

Commonwealth Edison outages.

NiSource, Inc. and the Institute of Gas Technology announced Tuesday that they had succeeded where others have failed, by developing a co-generation power unit for the residential customer, capable of supplying a typical homeowner's electricity needs.

Instead of connecting to the electric grid and purchasing power from utilities, consumers would be able to produce their own power from a unit that converts natural gas or propane into electricity.

"From the customer's standpoint, we learned they didn't like being without power," said Gary Neale, Chairman and Chief Executive of Merrillville, Indiana-based NiSource, in an oblique swipe at ComEd. The Chicago utility sent observers to NiSource's news conference Tuesday.

"Customers were unhappy with the situation and unhappy with the utility supplying it," Neale said.

The system, to be made by Mosaic Energy, LLC, a partnership forged by NiSource and the Gas Institute, will cost an estimated \$3,000 when it goes into production in about two years. In addition to generating electricity, it will produce thermal energy for heat, air conditioning and hot water.

"This product will allow us to respond to the growing number of residential and smaller commercial customers who are looking for ways to gain control over the supply and costs of the energy they use," said Jim Abcouwer, President of EnergyUSA, a NiSource subsidiary that will market the product to gas utilities and consumers across the country.

At the heart of the system is a fuel cell that functions like a rechargeable battery. But unlike other fuel cells that have been around for 20 or more years, this one, developed by the Des Plaines-based Gas Institute, is able to quickly and efficiently generate power at a significant savings to the consumer. A fuel processor converts natural gas or propane into hydrogen and sends it to the fuel cell, where the electricity is produced.

Neale said NiSource wants to provide residential customers the same option that it now provides to large customers such as northwest Indiana's steel mills and BP Amoco PLC's refinery in Whiting. NiSource just finished helping the oil company install a generating station that will allow it to disconnect from NiSource.

Despite the promise the system holds, Roger Gyger, Program Manager of Distributed Generation at NiSource, acknowledged that regulatory hurdles likely would have to be leaped before consumers could begin installing the system.

Chief among those problems will be how utilities will be compensated for providing homes with a backup link to power if a customer's home generator fails, or during peak demand periods, such as hot summer days.

But Gyger insisted most states, which are moving to break the grip of electric monopolies, quickly will adapt a regulatory environment to allow the system, because it gives consumers another choice.

NiSource's device leapfrogs one announced three years ago by ComEd parent Unicom Corp. and AlliedSignal Inc. Those two companies are marketing a downsized power plant to small commercial enterprises.

The alliance between Unicom and Allied was the first to market the system, termed a microturbine.

Similar generators are being installed nationwide for many retailers, such as Walgreens drugstores, according to NiSource.

The prospect of a relatively small, self-contained power source could revolutionize how people get electricity, freeing consumers more than ever from utility companies.

Unlike the turbo-generators, which produce 75 kilowatts of electricity, the home generator being developed by NiSource and the Gas Institute will produce 3 to 5 kilowatts of power. A typical 2,000-square-foot home uses less than 3 kilowatts of electricity daily, according to the NiSource, which provides electricity, natural gas or water to more than 1.3 million customers in 23 states.

Bernie Lee, President of the Gas Institute, said the system would not be practical in countries that don't have a comprehensive natural-gas distribution system.

"This is a system for the U.S.," he said, noting that most homes are connected to a natural gas line.

**[JR: Today, the utility companies know they are the only game in town, and residential customers cannot cut a deal in rates, as can the large companies. Although the utility companies will be heavily invested in the NiSource device, let's hope urban and rural residents will see a difference in reliability, convenience and cost.]**

#### TVA APPROVES FIRST CIVILIAN OUTPUT OF MATERIAL FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS

*ChicagoTribune* News Services, 12/9/99

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE—The Tennessee Valley Authority approved a plan Wednesday to produce nuclear weapons material in a commercial reactor for the first time in U.S. history, breaching a longstanding wall between civilian and military nuclear power.

The TVA board voted 3-0 to allow the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant to produce tritium, an isotope of hydrogen, as early as 2003. The plant would continue to make electricity for the TVA.

The agreement between TVA and the Energy Department angered peace activists, who said using a civilian reactor to make tritium runs counter to U.S. efforts to get other countries to reduce nuclear weapons.

"They're watching what we do, not listening to what we say," said Ralph Hutchison of the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance.

Although the U.S. has urged other countries to avoid such dual military-civilian use of their nuclear reactors, Russia and Canada do so, an Energy Department spokesman said.

TVA officials said a 1998 report to Congress concluded no international laws or agreements bar the production of tritium, which enhances the power of nuclear warheads.

**[JR: What are we anticipating—that we rush head-on into another arms race? How many treaties have been signed to stop this madness? We have tons of weapons-grade nuclear materials for disposal from dismantled missile warheads, so why the urgency to produce more at power plants? We know well that peace and humanity don't count for much in calculations of the profits of doom.]**

#### ORWELLIAN NIGHTMARE DOWN UNDER?

By Stewart Taggart, *CentrEx News*, 12/4/99

SYDNEY, Australia—Any data seem different on your computer today?

If you're in Australia, the government has the ability to modify your files. Its cyber spooks have been given legal power not only to monitor private computers around the country, but to change the data they contain.

The new powers are contained in a bill passed by

Australia's parliament late last month (the *Australian Security Intelligence Organization Legislation Amendment 1999*). They now await only the largely ceremonial assent of Australia's governor general before becoming law.

"These are really untested waters," says Chris Connolly, a vocal Australian privacy advocate. "I don't think there's any example anywhere else in the world that's comparable."

Under the new law, Australia's Attorney General can authorize legal hacking into private computer systems, as well as copying or altering data, as long as he has reasonable cause to believe it's relevant to a "security matter".

The keyboard spies will come from the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO), Australia's equivalent of the Central Intelligence Agency. Catherine Fitzpatrick, spokeswoman for Attorney General Daryl Williams, said the law merely "modernizes" an existing 1979 statute that previously governed ASIO and sorely needed updating.

"This just brings ASIO's powers in line with new technologies," she said. "It doesn't give them increased powers at all."

For example, the new law bars sleuths from introducing viruses or interfering with data used for lawful purposes on targeted computers, she said. In addition, the bill limits the power to alter data on a computer to concealing surveillance, she said.

While all this is true, the bill also specifically authorizes—among other things—anything that's "reasonably incidental". And it's broad wording like this—as well as the weak oversight of the nation's cyber spies—that have opponents aghast.

"I hate to use the word 'Orwellian', but I can't think of anything better to describe this," said Greg Taylor, Vice Chairman of Electronic Frontiers Australia.

"This is another stop down the path of legalized surveillance of all information by authorities," he said.

Taylor believes the new law could be especially damaging to people's faith in encrypted communications, because government hackers could potentially lift encryption keys from individual computers.

"This bill seems to get around the problems that strong cryptography presents law enforcement," Taylor said. "Now, they can attack the problem at the source—the originating computer—before the data even gets encrypted."

In addition, the new law could introduce tricky new issues into legal cases, he said. "It opens to question all computer evidence, if there's been the potential for legalized tampering of it. Computer evidence already poses problems of validation, and that's before you even open up these legal avenues of tampering."

Connolly, as Director of Australia's Financial Services Consumer Policy Center and National Coordinator of the Campaign for Fair Privacy Laws, spoke out against the proposed legislation in a parliamentary submission earlier this year.

"Australia doesn't really need an intelligence agency with dictatorial powers," he said. "People here largely trust the federal police to deal with most matters, and the police are subject to more controls and supervision by judges than ASIO is."...

...To Brian Greig, a West Australian Senator from the populist Democrats Party, which voted against the bill—the law now tilts the balance of power between the individual and government too far in favor of government.

"If we're going to expand ASIO's surveillance powers, we should have expanded equally the rights and liberties of individuals to be protected from that," he said. "My suspicion is that citizens of other countries wouldn't have been so apathetic about an issue like this."

As Australia's fourth largest political party, the Democrats

could only voice concern about the proposed law. Both the ruling Liberal-National party coalition and the opposition Labor Party both voted to pass the measure.

Under the new system, a citizen's most likely recourse if he feels improperly snooped would be to complain to the Attorney General—who authorized the snooping in the first place, or to the Inspector General of Intelligence and Security, a government watchdog that conducts periodic reviews of ASIO's activities, Connolly said...

Connolly suggests it's up to individuals and companies in Australia to take additional measures to protect confidential information, if they're worried about government hackers. He suggests seeking out better encryption, as well as software that can detect computer intrusions.

However, if government now has legal power to change computer data, it can legally tamper with intrusion-detection software, erasing records of its visits, he said.

To Paul Budde, a Sydney-based independent telecommunications analyst, the new law sends the wrong message.

"If the government is allowed to be the biggest hacker in town, it really undermines computer security, rather than enhances it," he said. "How can they now criticize 16-year-old kids who break into computer systems for fun, if the government's doing it, too?"

**[JR: The U.S., however, must maintain the façade of a constitutional system of government, so they will not openly admit they are much more advanced in their domestic surveillance. Our own NSA has been recruiting hackers for some time just for this type of cyberspace war of electronic systems. These secret systems make them extremely vulnerable to abuse by an overzealous staff, where targeted individuals could have incriminating evidence planted on computers to support their bogus charges. The real fear of those in power will always be truth—thus they must have the ability to disguise lies for them to appear as truth.]**

#### "HAARP'S DEMONIC POWERS"

From *Youth Action News*, 7/96 Issue

The HAARP antenna array, named the Ionospheric Research Instrument (IRI), will grow to 360 antennas. The 9/95 *Popular Science* reported that HAARP's "proprietary phased-array transmitting, steering, and pulsing techniques built into the IRI, will permit rapid aiming of the radio-frequency beam in any direction and at angles as low as 30 degrees above the horizon".

Additionally, HAARP will have "1.7 gigawatts (1.7 BILLION WATTS) of effective radiated power in the 2.8 to 10 MHz frequency range" and "might cause lasting damage to the Earth's upper atmosphere. By comparison, the energy level is more than 3,000 times greater than the biggest commercial AM radio transmitters."

In the 440-page HAARP environmental impact study, the U.S. Government admits the extremely grave threat that HAARP can pose. *Popular Science* reported that HAARP's "...IRI transmissions can raise the internal body temperature of nearby people, ignite road flares in the trunks of cars, detonate aerial munitions that use electronic fuses, and scramble aircraft communications, navigation and flight-control systems."

#### **HAARP: Psychotronic Control Tool of the NWO**

HAARP's space-generated ELF waves, coming back down to the earth, can be utilized in many different ways, such as communicating with submarines, or creating harmful biological and mental effects upon a specifically targeted population. HAARP can also be utilized in a system of Earth-penetrating tomography, for locating hidden underground

bunkers in enemy territory or buried arms, survival supplies and valuable coins buried by U.S. patriots and militias.

The 1/96 *Progressive Magazine* reported that a 1995 article, "Non-Lethal Technology and Airpower", in the *Air Command and Staff College's Airpower Journal*, describes how so-called non-lethal psychotronic and electromagnetic weapons will be used against civilians:

"In the very near future, it will become clear that non-lethal methods have applicability across the entire spectrum of conflict, including crime and terrorism... In this research paper, the authors reveal for the first time [that] the U.S. military is developing high-powered microwave weapons for use against human beings" (which is one of the hidden goals of the HAARP transmitters).

Such "microwave weapons are almost uniquely intrusive" (especially when they are pulsed at ELF frequencies). "They do not simply attack a person's body, they reach all the way into a person's mind.... They are meant to disorient or upset mental stability."

The Soviets aimed one of these weapons at the American Embassy in Moscow for years and caused enormous physical and emotional damage amongst the Americans working there. It is thus shocking to see the U.S. military now preparing, with the help of the Justice Department, to use such electromagnetic totalitarian zapping devices against American civilians.

Years before he became House Speaker, Newt Gingrich wrote the foreword to an official U.S. Air Force book that described how electromagnetic weapons can be used to subjugate U.S. citizens who oppose the policies of the Federal government. The publication, titled *Low Intensity Conflict and Modern Technology* (Lt. Col. David J. Dean, USAF, Editor), contained a chapter written by Capt. Paul Tyler that deals with electromagnetic, (so-called) non-lethal and psychotronic weapons.

Because of the strong support for using the U.S. military against civilians (as clearly demonstrated by recent anti-terrorist legislation), this Air Force publication (and its relationship to HAARP) is very significant. Capt. Tyler stated:

"The potential applications of artificial electromagnetic fields are wide-ranging and can be used in many military or quasi-military situations... Some of these potential uses include dealing with terrorist groups" (as currently defined by the Clinton Administration), "crowd control, and... antipersonnel techniques in tactical warfare. In all cases, the electromagnetic systems would be used to produce mild to severe physiological disruption or perceptual distortion or disorientation" (psychotronic weapons application).

"In addition, the ability of individuals to function could be degraded to such a point that they would be combat-ineffective. Another advantage of electromagnetic systems is that they provide coverage over large areas with a single system" (disguised reference to projects like HAARP).

"...One last area where electromagnetic radiation may prove of some value is enhancing abilities of individuals for anomalous phenomena", which appears to be a veiled reference to the Federal government's use of electromagnetic and psychotronic devices to create artificial UFO abductions amongst unwitting civilians. Such government-staged UFO encounters (not to be confused with the many real UFO events, such as the Roswell crash) are now being used as a cover for widespread physical and psychological experimentation upon U.S. civilians....

**[JR: This 1996 report was but a wakeup call, and yet, today, with HAARP in full operation beyond speculation, many are still unaware of its impact on our lives. This is Tesla technology being misused as "weapons of mass destruction" or destruction of the masses. The book *Angels Don't Play This Harp* was the first exposure of HAARP, and I'm sure it is still available for Christmas-stocking stuffers—for all those who need to know.]**

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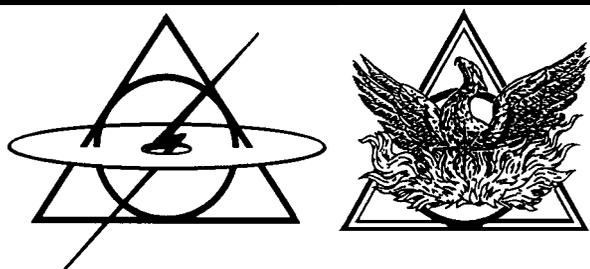
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