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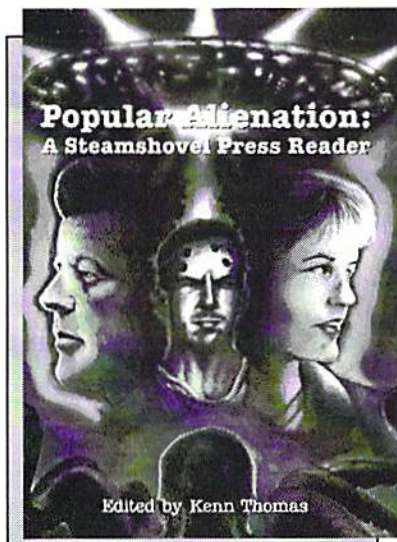
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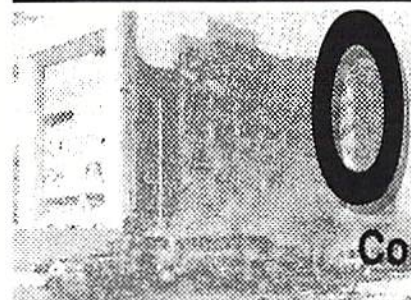
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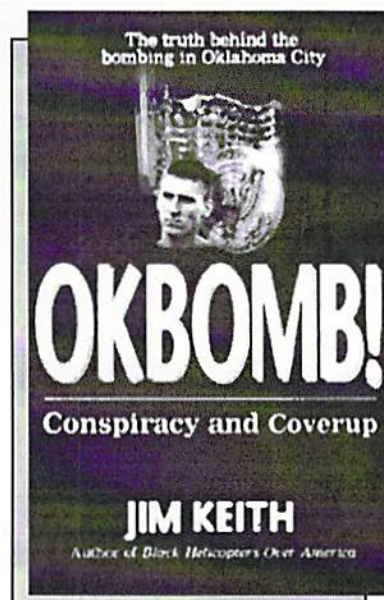
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You Name the Dwarfs

Sigmund Freud's work had a great impact on two artistic movements of the twentieth century: surrealism and advertising. Some might suggest advertising is not an art movement. However, any poet, novelist, or painter will admit that their greatest wish is to transform the way people view the world. Ultimately, this is also the wish of the advertiser, whose interest in Freud has mirrored that of the surrealist.

by Robert Guffey

As the twentieth century progressed, Freud's ideas began to take hold among the general populace. No longer were his interpretations of dreams the sole interest of his professional colleagues and a few strange visionaries like the founder of surrealism, André Breton. Suddenly, modern advertisers realized that the very techniques Breton glorified in his trio of manifestoes, the techniques with which he hoped to shock the bourgeoisie, could be utilized in order to place a tight reign on the culture at large. It doesn't matter whether Freud's theory of dream significance is true or not. The fact is that the major corporations believe it to be true, just as the Surrealists did, and exploit the symbolism in their ads. The obvious difference between the two movements is this: Breton and the Surrealists wished to incite riot and revolt with their art, whereas the advertisers hope to instill obedience and stupidity, and often do. I've decided to codify these two schools as "guerrilla surrealism" and "corporate surrealism."

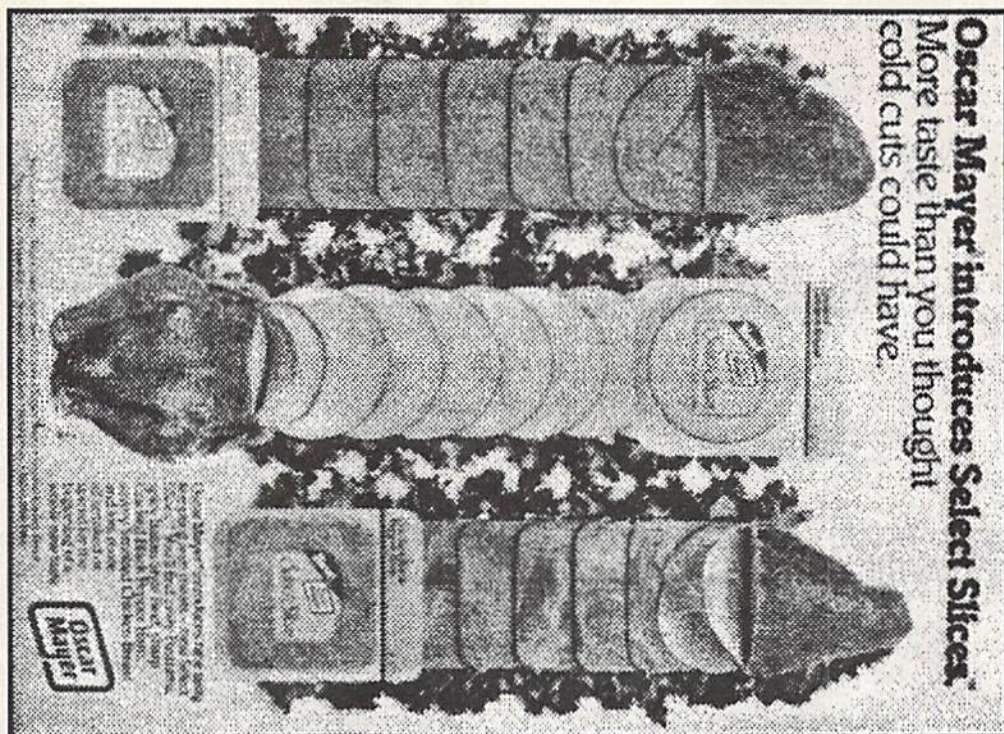
Advertisers (corporate surrealists), like Breton and his cohorts (guerrilla surrealists), are fascinated by the magical and utilitarian aspects of art. Some of the guerrilla surrealists saw themselves as following in the footsteps of the ancient cavemen who painted the animals they wished to kill prior to the hunt in the belief that this would ensure the animal's capture. Art as invocation, in other words. With this in mind, it's interesting that Marshall McLuhan once chose to define advertising in the following manner:

Ads are the cave art of the twentieth century. While the Twenties talked about the caveman, and people thrilled to the art of the Altamira caves, they ignored (as we do now) the hidden environment of magical forms which we call "ads." Like cave paintings, ads are not intended to be looked at or seen, but rather to exert influence at a distance, as though by ESP. Like cave paintings, they are not means of private but of corporate expression. They are vortices of collective power, masks of energy invented by new tribal man. (*Culture is Our Business* 7)

McLuhan's mention of ESP is interesting in light of the fact that Sir Hubert Read, one of the most renowned art critics of the twentieth century, once edited a book about surrealism in which he postulated that "thought-transference or telepathy" was wholly possible, and that painters like Salvador Dali were unconsciously picking up and transmitting "messages" through their art. (*Surrealism* 78, 79) Apparently Read was unaware of the fact that some artists consciously transmit hidden messages through their paintings. An abstract artist named John Hock once experimented with word embeds, particularly that favorite cultural taboo "fuck," hidden behind curved forms in the background of a painting. Strangely, he found that people who visited his house were "fascinated by the painting." Often, visitors could not seem to take their eyes off the canvas. The embedded word, he explained, "appeared to give a magic quality to the painting." (*Subliminal Seduction* 113-14)

The fact of the matter is that major corporations use the very same techniques in their advertisements, as in a New

**The Only Salami
With a Foreskin** This
suggestive Oscar
Meyer ad may make
you wonder what kind
of baloney Oscar's
really packing.



York Times Sunday Magazine ad for Horsman Dolls where the word "fuck" was planted on the sleeve of the doll's left arm. (*Subliminal Seduction* 115-17) Sometimes the visual embeds are subtle, sometimes not so subtle. Either way they usually revolve around sex, the most effective Pavlovian conditioner. Not many people are aware of the fact that when the behaviorist B.F. Skinner ran into some trouble from the psychological community over a silly thing like "ethics," he high-tailed it straight to Madison Avenue. His experiments in thought control found a welcome home among the advertising executives there. Ever wonder why the Coke bottle is shaped the way it is?

In his 1924 manifesto, Breton defined surrealism as:

Thought dictated in the absence of all control exerted by reason and outside all aesthetic or moral preoccupations It leads to the permanent destruction of all other psychic mechanisms and to its substitution for them in the solution of the principal problems of life. (Gaunt 8,9)

This definition could easily be applied to advertising.


The advertising man's dream is to wipe away all reason in the consumer, to force him or her to respond to the ad at a completely emotional level. Like Breton, the advertising man sees himself as occupying a space outside all aesthetic and moral considerations. Certainly, he does not create an ad with the thought that it might be hanging on the wall of a museum someday. The ad man is

interested in "art" only if he can manipulate it to sell a product. Indeed, the examples of classical art appearing in modern advertisements are too numerous to mention. As for the morality question, the ad man claims that he doesn't sell anything the public doesn't already want. Like a heroin pusher on a street corner he says, "I'm not making anyone do anything. It's the customer's choice, not mine." The only difference is that the ad man isn't risking twenty years in jail. Ultimately, the ad man hopes the consumer will

believe that the Product, whether it's a cigarette or a computer or a new brand of hemorrhoid cream, is truly a solution to "the principle problems of life."

Surrealism, Advertising, and Mass Mind Control

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Of course, Breton intended his manifesto to be a blueprint for liberation. If only people could tap into the hidden wellsprings of creativity deep within themselves by exploring the intangible realm of dreams, they could cast off the shackles of irrational rationalism placed upon them by society. Freud's theory of dream significance was to be one of the tools for this revolt of the mind. However, in the early 1970s, when "members of the Woodstock Generation . . . were dropping out of the consumer culture that Ad Alley had taken such pains to create," Madison Avenue desperately turned to Freudian theories in order to regain control of the people, not to liberate them. (Meyers 13)

Faced with a rebellious public, Ad Alley decided it needed an image overhaul. To do this, "Agency-employed psychologists and sociologists refined [an] art of emotional exploitation by using a variety of psychographic research systems." (Meyers 15) One of the most

widely used systems is called VALS, an acronym for "Values and Life-styles." Developed by the Stanford Research Institute in Northern California, it divides the people of America into five distinct categories: Belongers, Emulators, Emulator-Achievers, Societally Conscious Achievers, and Need-Directed. The Belonger is an Archie Bunker conservative whose purchasing behaviors are old-fashioned and predictable. An Emulator is a young person desperately searching for an identity. An Emulator-Achiever is the successful American who has already "made it" and needs to buy more and more objects to remind himself of this fact.

The Societally Conscious Achiever is the most important target of the VALS system. They're the main reason it was invented in the first place. They represent the experimental section of the populace who feel dissatisfied with materialism. Because their buying habits are constrained by their "ethics," they must be made to believe that their purchases are somehow diametrically opposed to those of the Belonger-types. For example, these kind of people will lumber into a Tower Records and buy a CD from the "alternative" section, never once stopping to consider that a category labeled "alternative" can't very well be alternative in the truest, indeed, the only, sense of that word. Alternative to what, itself? These kind of people are actually Belongers, but need to think that they're not. Finally, the Need-Directed are those Americans who live from paycheck to paycheck and can't afford leisure items. To the Stanford Research Institute these people are considered invisible and irrelevant. (Meyers 15-20) It should be noted that the preceding is not simply my own personal interpretation of the VALS system. This is exactly how the Stanford Research Institute describes the American population.

As stated earlier, the Institute first initiated this system in the early 1970s. Perhaps it's merely a coincidence, but on February 3, 1974, the novelist Philip K. Dick (author of such overtly surrealist books as *Ubik*, *Eye in the Sky*, and *Flow My Tears, the Policeman Said*) was infused by a mysterious pink beam of light that implanted the word "VALIS" into his brain. Is it just me or is that suspiciously similar to "VALS"? Dick took the word to mean "Vast Active Living Intelligence System," though that was only a guess on his part. This ostensibly mystical experience eventually led to a series of critically acclaimed novels including *VALIS* (the original version of which was called *Valisystem A*), *The Divine Invasion*, and *The Transmigration of Timothy Archer*. (Sutin 208-33) Something tells me Ad Alley was experimenting with a unique form of "product placement" on February 3, 1974. My advice: If you should suddenly wake up out of a deep sleep one night with a strange craving for Coca-Cola, ignore it. That was no dream, it was an advertisement.

Some people have dismissed Dick's 1974 experience as nothing but an episode of schizophrenia, which is strange since he was never diagnosed as schizophrenic. Schizophrenia is a state of mind that fascinates both the guerrilla and corporate surrealists. Among the former group, Salvador Dali developed a technique intended to present the state of schizophrenia for the all-too-sane bourgeoisie. These "paranoiac" double visions were a perfect melding of two distinct images, as in his 1929 painting *Invisible Man*. The corporate surrealists also utilize visual puns in order to subtly manipulate the consumer. Some "hidden" sexual images are quite obvious to anyone who cares to see them. A recent McDonald's coupon ad that ran in newspapers throughout the country was a wonderful example of this technique. On the surface it depicted a Chicken McNugget being dipped in sauce, and yet at the same time looked exactly like an ejaculating penis. The viewer need not squint his eyes or stand on his head to see this image. It's quite clear. In fact, upon an initial viewing I had to squint my eyes and stand on my head in order to see the nugget. It was so blatant that the *Village Voice* reprinted the ad beneath the headline, "Pecker Order" and asked "what part of the hen is this?" (*The Age of Manipulation* 47)

The corporate surrealists don't stop at borrowing artistic techniques from Dali. The guerrilla surrealist Pablo Picasso is equally ripe for plunder. In his painting *The Mirror* Picasso uses juxtaposition and contrast in order to demonstrate the unseen connections between two aspects of a woman's life. In an ad for Berkshire stockings, the corporate surrealists utilize the same technique in order to drive home a subtle message about female sexuality. An aloof, upper class woman stands demurely against a pillar while wearing her "breath-taking . . . sheer . . . sheer . . . Berkshire Nylon stockings," the color for which was "borrowed from the sun-soaked gold of a stallion's satin coat." In the background a palomino is rearing up on its hind legs, in the Freudian sense suggesting out-of-control sexuality. By subtle juxtaposition, the ad man implies the "breath-taking pure sensation" lying just beneath the woman's stately, modest exterior. (*The Mechanical Bride* 80, 81)

Whereas the guerrilla surrealists wish to use their art to transmit messages of freedom, the corporate surrealists wish to transmit messages of enslavement. Artists like Breton, Dali, and Picasso warp reality in order to see it more clearly. The anonymous ad men warp reality in order to obfuscate its true meaning. The former is a positive fantasy, the latter a negative one.

In Western culture "fantasy" is often used as a derogatory term. "You're living in a fantasy world!" people say, never realizing that certain fantasies might transcend truth. The scenes depicted in Hieronymus Bosch's *Garden of*

Earthly Delights ostensibly never occurred in real life, and yet its subject matter is somehow more "true" than a thousand Norman Rockwell paintings. The corporate surrealists also employ fantastic elements in their work, but their fantasy attempts to emulate reality in a dishonest manner. The ad men show us scenes we all recognize, suburban Los Angeles, the coast of Florida, the streets of Chicago, at the same time populating them with alien beings that have eight inch waists, hairless arm pits, and teeth as white as ivory. The Belongers and the Emulators and the Emulator Achievers and the Societally Conscious Achievers and even the Need-Directed all sleepwalk through life chasing rainbows and golden arches seen late at night on a flickering colorful box, unaware that the personable residents of the Ad World are less real than the squid-like humanoids in a Max Ernst collage. They are dazed by a fantasy disguised as reality.



What Part of the Hen is This? In this McDonald's coupon, the Chicken McNugget looks more like an ejaculating McPenis

André Breton's idea of fantasy was laced with a desire for rebellion and anarchism. His political views were made explicit in the following statement:

The only remedy . . . is to go back to the principles . . . of anarchism, not to the caricature that is made of it, nor the terror, but to . . . so-

cialism, no longer conceived of as the simple resolution of political and social problems, but as the expression of the exploited masses in their desire to create a classless society where all human values and aspirations can be realized. (Lewis 171)

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The corporate surrealists have no respect for human values. When they speak honestly, they reveal themselves as fascists. This shouldn't be a surprise. Mussolini himself once said that, "Fascism is corporatism." What are the ad men if not shills for the corporations that employ them? Their view of humanity is made clear enough in the following passage written by one of the most successful ad executives in America, Jerry Della Femina, who also happens to be a strident supporter of the Stanford Research Institute's special brand of psychoanalysis:

Advertising deals in open sores Fear. Greed. Anger. Hostility. You name the dwarfs and we play on every one. We play on all the emotions and on all the problems, from not getting ahead to the

desire to be one of the crowd. Everyone has a button. If enough people have the same button, you have a successful ad and a successful product. (Meyers 7)

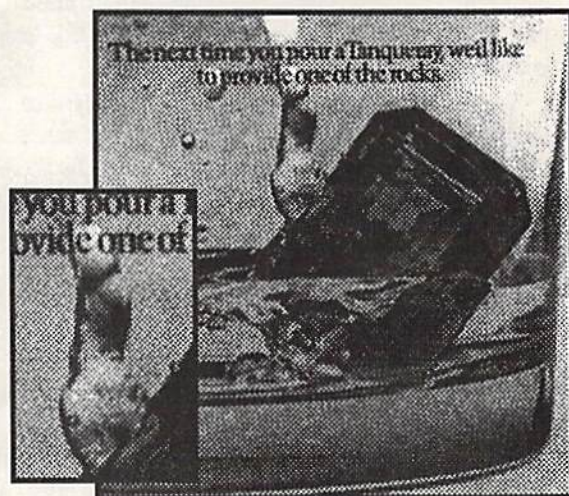
For some reason most people don't find it difficult to believe that advertising executives think this way, but claim it doesn't matter because "Aw, advertisements don't effect anyone!" Apparently they believe major corporations spend millions upon millions of dollars every year on complex ad campaigns that have absolutely no effect on anyone and bring in no revenue whatsoever. Perhaps they do it out of the kindness of their hearts in order to give otherwise useless advertising executives a much-needed source of income so they can buy Christmas presents for the kiddies. Perhaps.

However, a more rational explanation would be that corporations spend good money for these ads because they expect results. So much revenue is generated by the

advertisements, it's completely illogical to think that the artists involved simply slap the images together in a couple of days without any thought at all. They spend as much time putting them together as a Max Ernst does composing a painting, perhaps more so. The truth is that the visual embeds hidden in the ads are no "coincidence," or tricks of light and shadow. They've been placed there on purpose.

In Breton's novel *Nadja* the last line reads, "Beauty will be CONVULSIVE, or will not be at all." (160) The corporate surrealists might very well agree, though for different reasons than Breton intended. After all, every advertiser depends on the convulsive, involuntary reflex to buy buy buy, to buy the manufactured "beauty" that must be instantly possessed, whether it be a pair of Berkshire Nylon stockings, a Horsman doll, an IBM computer, or a Chicken McNugget that looks like a flacid cock dipped in honey sauce.

Beauty comes in many shapes and flavors, with attachable accessories. No batteries included. Dissatisfaction guaranteed. You name the dwarfs.



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OKLAHOMA CITY Italian Style

Episodes like the Oklahoma bombing – an apparently senseless massacre of innocent people, quickly attributed to “lunatic fringe fanatics” – are anything but new in Italy, which has long lived with two completely different kinds of political violence.

One was a three-way fight between the far left, the police and so-called neo-Fascists. This violence – which reached an acme between 1970 and 1980 – claimed several hundred victims with other thousands wounded or in jail. Its purposes were clear: The police opened fire on hostile demonstrators, the Red Brigades shot hostile magistrates, and the neo-Fascists shot political adversaries. At the same time there was another kind of violence, the so-called “stragi” (“massacres”) bombings, which killed several innocent bystanders. The worst was an explosion in the Bologna station in August 1980 which killed over 80 people.

While nearly all those guilty of the first type of political violence (except of course the police) have been identified, and no evidence has appeared of a motive other than private revenge or ideological fanaticism, the “massacre” bombings are still a mystery. Of course scapegoats have been found. The first bombings were blamed on the far left, then on the neo-fascists, and dozens of young people on both sides spent years in jail or died mysteriously.



by Miguel Martinez

In order to understand the picture better, a short background is needed. When Mussolini was overthrown in

1943 by the Fascist Party leadership and the King, the country fell into complete chaos. The important people immediately went over to the winning side, and their heirs are still running the country today. These bankers, power-brokers and big businessmen seem to sail through every storm. The power structure of the country, a compromise between vested interests of every sort, from the Catholic Church to its rival, the Masonic lodges, plus the Mafia, Rotary Clubs, business associations and the various police forces, changed little under Fascism and little after, when Italy passed from German to NATO protection.

Italians, who a few months before the overthrow had been almost totally pro-Fascist, were confronted with a decision: to fight for or against the government in exile Mussolini had set up. A minority took up arms against Mussolini, while a slightly smaller minority joined the new “Republican Fascist” army. These people had nothing to do with the preceding government (their average age in 1943 was 17) and their choice to fight for the losing side was purely emotional, often combined with a confused form of Socialist ideals. They found themselves in the midst of a war where no quarter was granted, and when the war finished these young fighters found themselves universally hated, as if they had been responsible for the whole war. Remembering their dead “martyrs” and handing down their frustration through the generations, nourished by the antifascist rhetoric of the State, these people gave birth to a small community of “neo-Fascists” with a surprising variety of political

opinions. Often adventurous and sometimes violent, full of hostility for the world around them, these individuals made an excellent scapegoat for the most terrible crimes.

The third political actor is Italy's Communist Party, which destroyed itself in 1991. Before that date, it involved in some way nearly one Italian out of three, and ran the whole central belt of the country (the best local government in Italy), as well as the national trade unions. Despite its revolutionary rhetoric and lip-service to Marx, it was careful to obey Stalin's decision to abandon any pretense of a Communist Western Europe. Its leading role in the Mussolini-era anti-fascist "resistance" gave the party a legitimacy which allowed it to become one of Italy's institutions. The other side of this was of course that the Party also became a supporting pillar of the political system.

The first "massacre" bombing took place in 1969, when an explosion killed 12 clients in a bank. An anarchist ballet dancer was arrested, and accused on obviously trumped-up charges. The bomb blew up during a period of violent worker demonstrations, which the Communist Party itself was finding hard to control, and the bomb may well have been planted by the State to frame the revolutionary leftists.

However the later "massacres" were far more mysterious. Everything was done to blame them on the neo-Fascists. After a 1974 bombing, police all over Italy were provided with a picture of a "man seen placing the bomb." Rather than John Doe, it was clearly that of the neo-Fascist extremist Giancarlo Esposti. A few days later, Esposti was found. However, unlike the picture, he had a beard that was at least several weeks old. Not surprisingly, he was shot dead in the back of the head "while resisting arrest."

After the 1980 bomb outrage in

the Bologna station, it was proven that members of the Italian secret police had planted evidence implicating the neo-Fascists. Recently, two neo-Fascists who had never denied killing a great number of their political adversaries were sentenced for the Bologna bomb. The charge would not have cost them any more prison than the life-sentences they were already serving, but they hotly denied it. The evidence was so flimsy that this time even many left-wing publications said they were innocent. Much evidence points to involvement by members of the State secret services, who appeared to have known beforehand of several bombings, to have suppressed vital evidence, to have created false evidence, and to have offered money to common criminals to implicate political extremists. Still other ties lead to the shadowy Masonic P2 lodge, and to NATO officers. However, except for the Bologna station outrage, no one has ever been convicted for any other "massacre" bombing.

Considering that these bombs were planted over a 15 year span, that they all worked, and that the bombers were never discovered, it's likely that the murderers were intelligent and highly organized, with a definite plan in mind. They obviously found that this strategy was successful and worth pursuing. In other words, they got the results they wanted from it. This does not sound like the work of a "lunatic fringe." The murderers may have used some "fringe" characters to carry out certain bombings, but why should they even have gone that far: a political fanatic is far less

reliable than a paid mercenary with no ideals.

What were the results of the bombings? The first bomb certainly helped weaken the great left-wing

The first "massacre" bombing took place in 1969, when an explosion killed 12 clients in a bank. An anarchist ballet dancer was arrested on obviously trumped-up charges.

movement of 1969, but it soon backfired when the left began to investigate how the anarchists had obviously been framed. What were the results of the later bombings? According to official rhetoric, their aim was to "frighten people"; according to the left, it was to frighten people away from the left and promote a right-wing coup d'état, with the complicity of certain "deviant elements" in the State. Actually, although many people got angry, no one was "frightened" by the bombs, which were too few and far between. No serious attempt was ever made in Italy to make a coup d'état, and it is hard to imagine that people would be frightened away from voting for a left-wing party because of an unsolved bombing, or because it suddenly became dangerous to take a

train. Nor can one imagine sympathy for a right-wing coup d'état after a bomb outrage attributed to the far right.

Were the bombers then framing the neo-Fascists to stop the right? This idea might have satisfied some

with the secret services, described an interesting scenario. Previously, he said, there had existed an anti-Communist alliance headed by the USA and based largely on military regimes. This alliance also involved a form of neutrality towards the Arab world, and found its last expression in the USA support for Pinochet's coup in Chile. However, around the time of the Arab oil boycott, a major strategic change was made, spear-headed by the Israeli Mossad. This change involved the liquidation of Nixon through Watergate, an end to the wasteful Vietnam war, full support for Israel, and a new strategy for weakening the Left around the world from the inside, basically by taking over the Socialist International (to which the ruling party in Israel then belonged) and letting the dictators fall.

Several events seem to indicate some truth behind this: In rapid succession, the dictators fell in Greece, Portugal, Spain and later in Latin America; Nixon did fall; and the Socialist International rapidly gained in power as it lost its radical leftism, especially in

Italy. Inside Italy, a mysterious war took place in 1974 within the secret services, leading to the elimination of most of their leading figures; especially both the more right-wing and the more pro-Arab ones. In this case, the role of the "massacres" might have been that of getting the Left to abandon its revolutionary perspective. To an extent, that's exactly what happened, as the Communists began calling for "law and order" and "defense of the State institutions" against the tiny neo-Fascist minority. A winning strategy, considering that today the former

Communist Party, now "Party of the Democratic Left," openly supports a Government which applies policies hard to distinguish from those of Reagan or Thatcher, while the former leader of the Party a few years back went to plant an olive tree in occupied Palestine, begging forgiveness for the Left's past "incomprehension" of Zionism.

A quite different hypothesis has come up concerning the Bologna bomb, which may mean that every "massacre" had its own special purpose. On July 28, 1980, a plane crashed off Ustica in Sicily, with 80 passengers. Despite 15 years of cover-ups, including several mysterious deaths, it is now certain that the plane was shot down by a missile, having probably been mistaken for a Libyan plane, or a French plane taking arms to Iraq. The only uncertainty is whether it was brought down by the Americans, the French or the Israelis.

The "neo-Fascists" immediately claimed to have blown up the plane. This telephone claim is now proven to have been made by the secret services. One month later, the massacre in the Bologna station took place. Much evidence leads to the view that the bomb was planted to be associated with the Ustica crash, both ready to be attributed either to "neo-Fascist" or to "Libyan" fanatics, and hence needing no further explanation or investigation.

The possibilities are of course many. Recently in Venezuela, a series of bombings were attributed to various political ideologies, until it was discovered that they were actually being committed to influence the currency exchange market. A ring of speculators were moving vast amounts of currencies, knowing exactly when their "big event" would affect the exchange rate.

So, we must ask ourselves who profited most, be it monetarily or ideologically, from the Oklahoma bombing?•

Evidence points to involvement by the State secret services, who appeared to have known beforehand of several bombings, suppressed vital evidence, and offered money to common criminals to implicate political extremists.

egos but is unlikely, considering that in those years there was no strong political right, nor was the tiny minority of disorganized neo-Fascists a threat to anyone. The Left did gain marginally from the bombings, since they made full use of neo-Fascist scapegoating. However, not one shred of evidence exists involving the Left, or any leftist, with the "massacres."

Two interesting hypotheses have been made. In 1974, when the Government first started attributing all "massacres" to the neo-Fascists, Guido Giannettini, a man involved

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Blaming The Victims: Kennedy Family Control Over The Bethesda Autopsy

by James Folliard

If the Kennedy family placed restrictions or limitations on the Bethesda postmortem, they would have involved themselves in a potential obstruction of justice. Robert F. Kennedy, as an attorney and as the chief law enforcement official of the Federal government, was certainly aware of this. His legislative and executive branch experience left him equally knowledgeable about the methods and procedures governing criminal proceedings, particularly the methods devised to insure the integrity of evidence. Such knowledge, of course, would not by itself stop him from interfering, or from agreeing to restrictions desired by Mrs. Kennedy; and RFK himself possessed ample motive for seeking a limited autopsy, as well as formidable resources for persuasion, pressure, and even intimidation.

Addison's Disease and Kennedy Image

Throughout his political career JFK fought off rumors that he suffered a serious adrenal deficiency, Addison's Disease. If the true nature of President Kennedy's ailment became known, as it would in a conventional autopsy, his own image would suffer some degree of damage. So too would the image and credibility of RFK, with negative ramifications for his own political future. That JFK suffered from Addison's Disease (or some similar condition like Pott's Disease) is by itself a minor matter, we are tempted to shrug and say, "So what?" As Harold Weisberg put it: "There is no stigma attached to Addison's disease and control over it can be maintained

more perfectly than, for example, over diabetes. It need never have interfered with his activity as President."

Family concern was not so much the illness, but that they had denied its existence so vehemently during the 1960 pre-convention campaign. Lyndon Johnson's forces, led by John Connally, raised the Addison's Disease issue in their bid to keep Kennedy from the Democratic nomination. The Kennedys managed to "stonewall" the subject, and the public accepted the image of a young, vigorous candidate in robust good health. [1]

The Kennedys have always been known for their acute sensitivity about matters of individual or family image, and for equating any form of illness somehow with "weakness." The family has also shown that they are willing (and able) to resort to elaborate measures to protect that image. Their attempt to block publication of William Manchester's *Death Of a President* in 1966 was but the first of many family efforts to "write their own history." Author Nigel Hamilton recently recounted numerous instances of Kennedy hardball and harassment over his bestseller *JFK: Reckless Youth*. He has postponed his plans for a complete three-volume biography.

Laurence Leamer, in *The Kennedy Women*, details dozens of episodes of Kennedy image-building (and "damage control"). For example, Senator Edward Kennedy, years ago, refused to allow Joan Kennedy to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings even when she begged to do so, fearing the effect on his political career. [2]

The President's Adrenal Glands Are Missing

The Kennedys had the motive as well as means and opportunity to exert pressure on the Navy pathologists. Whether they acted on that motive and thereby entangled themselves in an ongoing obstruction of justice is the crucial question. The issue was starkly framed in the following exchange between Dr. Pierre A. Finck, who assisted at the JFK autopsy, and a member of the HSCA Medical Panel, in March, 1978:

Dr. Weston: At the time this examination was done there was the possibility that there was going to be a criminal prosecution. [Is it] your practice as a forensic pathologist to stop short of doing a short [he meant "full"] medical legal autopsy in face of criminal prosecution notwithstanding the wishes of anybody else? Dr. Finck: What you are saying, we should not have listened to the recommendations... Dr. Weston: No, I am not saying anything. I am asking you if it is not accepted medical legal practice when you anticipate a criminal prosecution to do

a complete examination? Dr. Finck: Yes Dr. Weston: Okay. Then the reason you did not do a complete examination was that you were ordered not to, is that correct? Dr. Finck: Yes, restrictions from the family as the reason for limiting our actions. Dr. Weston: But, is this not evidence that be-

longs to the state notwithstanding the wishes of the family when there is a suspected criminal prosecution?

Dr. Finck: Of course, it is ideal. In those circumstances you are told to do certain things. There are people telling you to do certain things. It is unfortunate. [3]

The autopsy protocol's lack of any mention of adrenal glands led to a rush to judgment, as virtually all observers assumed that the family must have been behind the omission. The conventional meaning applied to this situation was that no word on adrenals infers family control of the autopsy. The same idea then subtly slides along to explain other deficiencies, not only in the procedure itself but also in the preservation of the evidence. It equates to the idea that: "It's a minor thing, really: the adrenals, after all, had nothing to do with the cause of death."

Gerald Posner, for example, remarks that other forensic pathologists "... do criticize the fact that Jacqueline and Robert Kennedy remained in the hospital during the proceeding and kept asking when it would finish, placing pressure on the physicians to hurry their work. The Kennedys were willing to let the doctors determine the cause of death, but not to let them conduct an extensive autopsy." [4]

Weisberg adds another possibility: "The silence of the autopsy on this point may be explained by the intrusion of relatives or federal officials. Regardless of inspiration, the answer belonged in the autopsy and it is not there." [5]

The Bethesda Witnesses

As we might expect, quite a crowd gathered in the Bethesda morgue that evening, including a glittering array of Navy brass. It's a confusing group, so the following list may help introduce the reader to some of the



key figures in attendance, and where they stood in the chain of command:

- Admiral Edward Kenney, Surgeon General, US Navy, superior to all Navy medical personnel.
- Admiral Calvin Galloway, Commanding Officer, National Naval Medical Center (embracing all components of the Bethesda complex, including the hospital and the medical school).
- Captain Robert Canada, Commanding Officer, Bethesda Naval Hospital, reporting to Galloway.
- Captain John H. ("Smokey") Stover, Jr, Commanding Officer, US Navy Medical School, Bethesda (Canada's counterpart, also reporting to Galloway).
- Commander James J. Humes, chief autopsy surgeon, head of the Medical School laboratory (Stover was his immediate superior).
- Lieutenant Commander J. Thornton ("Jay") Boswell, assisted at the autopsy as Humes' immediate subordinate.
- Lt. Colonel Pierre Finck, US Army Medical Corps, called in to assist.
- White House Physician Admiral Burkley, not part of the Bethesda hierarchy, subordinate to Kenney.
- Dr. Robert Karnei, assisting with the autopsy.

Lt. Colonel Pierre Finck served in the US Army Medical Corps, and at the time worked at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. He was called to assist at the autopsy after the procedure was under way, not arriving at Bethesda until 8:30 PM. Humes and Boswell had very little experience in forensic pathology, the assembling and analyzing of evidence in cases of violent death; hence they wanted the expertise of someone like Finck.

White House Physician Admiral Burkley was not part of the Bethesda hierarchy, and had no official role at the postmortem. By rank he was clearly subordinate to Admiral Kenney, but superior to everyone from Captain Canada on down. His personal and official relationship to Admiral Galloway is unclear, although FBI Agents Sibert and O'Neill, as we've seen, describe Galloway overruling Burkley and ordering a complete autopsy.

Several other officers, enlisted men and civilians were also in the morgue, either as observers or as assistants. There was Dr. Robert Karnei, morgue assistant Paul O'Connor, lab assistant James Curtis Jenkins, and FBI Agents James Sibert and Francis X. O'Neill. Secret Service Agents William Greer (who drove the presidential limousine in Dallas) and Roy Kellerman (who rode with Greer) witnessed the autopsy, while Agent Clint Hill remained with the Kennedy group on the 17th floor. Others played important parts as participants, witnesses, or both, and they will be brought into the story in later writings on this subject.

RFK and JBK at Bethesda

This chapter will show that too much has been taken for granted about why those adrenals were 'not there', and about the family's involvement with the investigation. We begin to see the true nature of that involvement, and what really motivated it. This sheds needed light on the murky, eerie atmosphere that shrouded the Bethesda morgue that Friday night. Robert Kennedy (RFK) met Air Force One as soon as it landed at Andrews Air Force Base, and then accompanied Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy (JBK) in the ambulance to Bethesda, where they spent a torturous nine hours, until about 4:00 AM on Saturday, in a VIP suite on the 17th floor. Few other points about the murder are buttressed with the abundance of eyewitness testimony as this one: that from their 17th floor rooms, RFK and JBK strenuously sought to limit and control the autopsy.

FBI Agents James Sibert and Francis X. O'Neill attended the autopsy. In a memo to their Baltimore Field Office on November 26, they noted that at the outset, "Admiral Berkley [sic], the President's personal physician, advised that Mrs. Kennedy had granted permission for a limited autopsy and he questioned any feasibility for a complete autopsy to obtain the bullet which had entered the President's back." [6] With the spelling of

Burkley's name corrected, they repeated this in their famous report to FBI Headquarters in Washington the same day. This is the same Admiral Burkley who, hours earlier, had told Mrs. Kennedy that they needed to find a bullet, and she assented. Now Sibert/O'Neill have him citing her as the reason for not obtaining a bullet!

The FBI team went on to note that Dr. Humes, the chief prosecutor, balked at Burkley's request, saying that a full autopsy would be needed to recover any bullet still in the body from the back wound. Secret Service Agents Roy Kellerman and William Greer joined Sibert and O'Neill in backing Humes: the bullet should be located. And so, according to Sibert/O'Neill, it fell to Admiral Galloway, Commanding Officer of the entire Bethesda complex, to overrule Burkley and order Humes to proceed with the full autopsy. Some interpreters finger Galloway as the chief obstructionist.

The Sibert/O'Neill memo and report are the only contemporaneous written accounts that suggest any Kennedy limitation on the autopsy. And of course their knowledge of it did not come first-hand, but was mediated through Burkley. What about later eyewitness testimony and interviews? In the main, it tells the same story of Kennedy control, although it's a much more prolonged and complicated process than Sibert/O'Neill recorded in their written report. A sampling:

- Sibert, in his HSCA interview, said that he had the impression that the Kennedy family was somehow transmitting step by step clearances to the pathologists. [7] Since he was a keen observer right in the morgue, one might think that Sibert would know exactly how such transmissions were made. Civilian medical photographer John Stringer had a similar impression. Burkley was a central figure in these discussions, and seemed to be acting on behalf of the Kennedy family. [8]

- Morgue assistant Paul O'Connor painted the scene in vivid colors for author Harrison Livingstone. Burkley, he said, gave the orders in the autopsy room:

- Admiral Burkley was a maniac. I'd never seen anybody like that in this life. Scared the hell out of me, I'll tell you. He was yelling and cussin' and carrying on all night. He kept saying, Don't do this because the Kennedy family won't want that done, and don't do this and don't do that. It's just unbelievable... Humes is real freaky. They were scared to death anyway when they got down there. And then Admiral Burkley started screaming at them. [9]

- In similar style, O'Connor told researcher Roger Feinman that Burkley: "...paced back and forth, paced back and forth, walked back and forth. He'd go over to the phone and call the tower." There's more in this exchange that is worth quoting:

Feinman: How do you know he was calling the tower? O'Connor: Well, later on we found out

he was calling Bobby. Y'know, word gets around the hospital. So, he'd make his phone call and get back and say: 'the Kennedy family wants you to do this, that, but don't do this, that and the other.' So he was talking to someone in the Kennedy family. We know that because that's what his words were... Feinman (exhibiting a rare and welcome persistence in "pinning down" a witness): Did you personally overhear any of what he was saying? O'Connor: Oh yeah, sure But, verbatim? I couldn't really... [10]

• Dr. J. Thornton Boswell told the HSCA interviewers that Dr. Burkley was basically supervising everything that went on in the autopsy room and that the commanding officer was also responding to Burkley's wishes. He indicated that Robert McNamara seemed to have acted as liaison between the family and Dr. Burkley and that McNamara kept his head throughout. He implied that McNamara was never actually in the autopsy room but was working out of the room where the family was staying. At the beginning Dr. Burkley gave instructions and said very early on that the police had "... captured the guy who did this, all we need is the bullet." Dr. Boswell said "we argued with him at that point, saying that the autopsy must be complete and thorough." [11]

• Defense secretary McNamara was in fact present on the 17th floor from about 7:30 until after midnight. He emerges here as another mediating layer between the Kennedys and the morgue. To assign him this role makes sense; his position gave him authority to issue orders to the military brass, an authority that, technically, neither RFK nor JBK enjoyed. But if he were acting from such authority, there would be little room for the disputes and delays which actually took place in the morgue.

• Humes, as we've seen, resisted Burkley's injunctions, which justifies our inferring that they were not expressed as direct military orders. The firmest statement on this point is probably that of Dr. Robert Karnei, who assisted at the autopsy, in an interview with Harrison Livingstone, August 27, 1991: "All I can say is that Jim [Humes] and Jay [Boswell] were really handicapped that night with regards to performing the autopsy. Livingstone: Was that Burkley? Karnei: No. Robert [Kennedy]." Dr. Karnei recalled that the Y-incision took place a long time, as much as two hours!, after the

autopsy began: "We had to get permission all the time from Mrs. Kennedy to proceed with the autopsy." [12]

• Lieutenant Colonel Pierre Finck was an Army pathologist called to assist at the JFK autopsy at about 8:00, after the procedure was underway. He plays a leading role in other parts of our story. In February, 1965, Finck wrote a report about his part in the autopsy for his commanding officer, General J.M. Blumberg, then Director of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP). Among other defects in the procedure, he recounted how "the organs of the neck were not removed. The President's family insisted to have only the head examined. Later, the permission was extended to the chest." This is quite a firm, definite statement, with

the ring of direct, first hand-knowledge of the restriction.

Who Restricted the Autopsy?

Thirteen years later, Dr. Finck repeated the same basic story in his HSCA testimony, but with a significant modifier: "There were restrictions coming from the family and we were told at the time of the autopsy that the autopsy should be limited to certain parts of the body." As we have seen, when pushed by Weston of the HSCA medical panel on the issue, he repeated the point: "Yes, restrictions from the

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Dr. Pierre A. Finck, who assisted at the JFK autopsy

family as the reason for limiting our actions."

Dr. Finck makes an ideal bureaucratic witness. His cloudy syntax, as in his answer, avoids both clear declarations of fact and outright falsehoods. He often reveals the truth while at the same time obscuring it. Here Finck omits a term before "limiting our actions", and we are left wondering: precisely who transmitted those restrictions from the family to limit the autopsists? Was it the Kennedys, or someone else? Finck has always implied it was "someone else", and he has always evaded naming who that someone else might be.

Dr. Weston, for example, helpfully put words in his witness' mouth, suggesting Admiral Galloway might have been the source for the restrictions, not Burkley. Finck gladly went along, but in his typically convoluted way, raising more questions than he answered:

Dr. Weston: Those restrictions you mentioned were as you remember now, Admiral Galloway?
Dr. Finck: Who passed them on to us as I remember he should be consulted and asked who asked to have those restrictions.

Finck here grabs an opportunity to get on record that he is actually not sure that the family was the real cause of the interference, and invites the panel to probe further. [13] There's confusion and inconsistency everywhere in that record. Recall that Sibert and O'Neill had Galloway overruling Burkley, ordering Humes to go ahead with a complete autopsy. Was a full autopsy done, or only a

seemed", or that "they were told", or even that "it was all over the hospital." In a courtroom all of this would be ruled inadmissible because it assumes facts not in evidence.

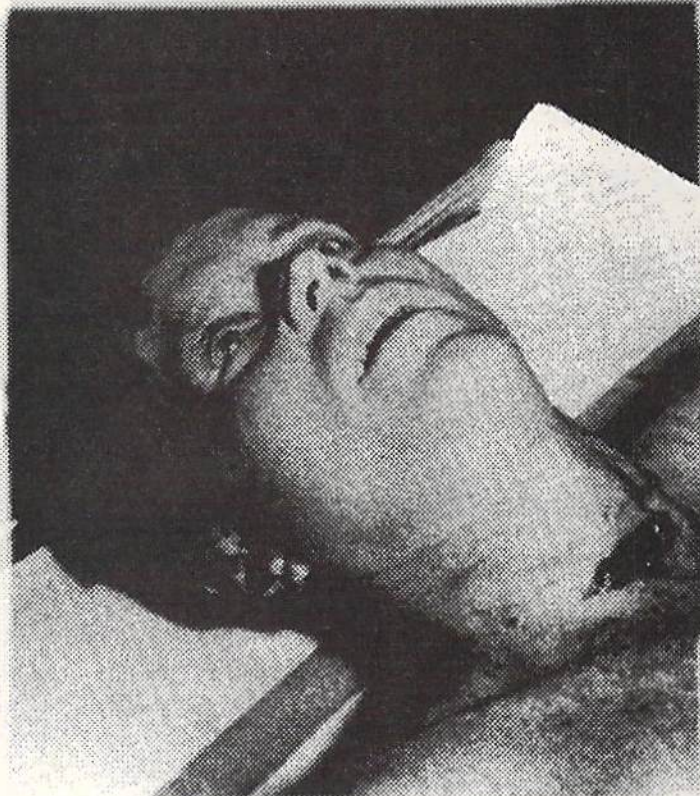
One glimmer of documented certainty appears in Finck's 1965 *Blumberg Report*. It may explain Finck's uncharacteristic certitude earlier in the Report about family insistence that only the head be examined. He states: "The prosecutors complied with the autopsy permit and its restrictions." At last we have some indication that the doctors acted in conformity to a standard, written autopsy authorization executed by the required family members. That should close the case, or so we think.

Were There Two Autopsy Permits?

The official "Authorization For Post Mortem Examination" form states that the U.S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, MD, is authorized "to perform a complete post mortem examination on the remains of John F. Kennedy [name typed in]. Authority is also granted for the preservation and study of any and all tissues which may be removed. This authority shall be limited only by the conditions expressly stated below: [Room for about four typed lines follows. The space is completely blank.] Mrs. Kennedys name is typed (not signed) on the line provided for the authorizing person's signature. (We will return to the possible significance of this later.) Robert F. Kennedy's handwritten signature appears on the line for a witness. [15] There are no restrictions listed.

How then was Pierre Finck able to cite "the autopsy permit and its restrictions"? He may have been simply lying. Finck's report to General Blumberg was confidential, and he may have assumed that it would never surface, and that Blumberg, who was not privy to unpublished materials about the case, would accept this explanation at face value. Was this a fabricated document, or were there two autopsy authorizations?

If there were two forms, the first may have constituted the "real" permit, containing the family restriction that only the head area be examined to recover bullets and determine the number and direction of the shots, and signed by Mrs. Kennedy. Later, a second, "amended" authorization would have been prepared for the record, indicating a complete postmortem. This would square with the final autopsy report, which states that a full postmortem had in fact been done. It would serve as "evidence" absolving the Kennedys from any future charges of interference. This deception could have been concealed from Mrs. Kennedy by RFK, accounting for the presence of his signature and the absence of hers, as



partial one? Similarly, we're faced with a classic shell game of 'who's in charge here?' Was it Burkley, Galloway, or some unknown Army general? Finck had testified to that effect at the New Orleans Clay Shaw trial in 1969. When Humes testified before the Warren Commission, he listed the brass present in the morgue and omitted Burkley's name altogether! [14]

We can become so thoroughly entangled in trying to sort all this out that we lose sight of the one feature common to all this testimony: it contains no direct, first-hand evidence that Jacqueline or Robert Kennedy, or McNamara as their agent, said anything at all about how the autopsy should proceed. People consistently report that they "had the impression", or that "it

well as for the fact that in the space for an approval signature, the name of the Hospital Commanding Officer, R.O. Canada, is typed, not signed.

Such a scenario may seem bizarre and far-fetched to people accustomed to relying on the legitimacy of official records, but 'bizarre and farfetched' serve as fitting adjectives for all aspects of the Kennedy case, and 'two of everything' looks like the rule and not the exception where evidence is concerned. As Livingstone notes, "In this case we are given many different and conflicting facts for each issue, and told to take our pick." For starters we are confronted with two (or more) Lee Harvey Oswalds; two (or more) descriptions of rifles found at the Book Depository; at least two Mannlicher Carcano rifles presented as evidence; two (or more) sets of autopsy photos and X-rays; and possibly two different versions of the final autopsy protocol itself. The consequence: unparalleled conflict and confusion about what we would expect to be one of a kind, easily identified items of physical evidence. [16]

To find causes, or motives, we look at consequences. When we "investigate the investigation", we cannot help but notice a consistent pattern of duplicate, discordant items of evidence, consistent disregard for basic methods of preserving the integrity of evidence, and consistent gaps in the all important chain of evidentiary possession. There is only one explanation adequate to embrace this entire pattern, in keeping with the principle of total evidence: that the conflict and confusion was deliberately contrived, thus keeping investigators, researchers and historians tied in knots for three decades trying to resolve them. The possibility of two discrepant autopsy permits doesn't look quite so bizarre and must be admitted for consideration. To do so demands that we confront an unavoidable corollary: by signing a bogus permit, RFK may have felt he was doing nothing more than protecting his brother's image, and his own. Nevertheless, it required that he knowingly perjure himself, and, wittingly or not, he would have become part of a cover-up.

Robert Kennedy was neither naive nor gullible; that he would sign such a document seems awfully dubious. But he was no neophyte at Machiavellian "hardball" either. So the possibility cannot be dismissed, as many would wish, simply because he was Robert Kennedy. I've indulged in this speculative discussion purposely, to show how easy it is to get tangled up in hypothetical

possibilities based on conflicts in the basic evidence. Let's analyze step by step how we fell into this quicksand:

- It begins with an assumption, rooted in extensive "eyewitness" testimony: JBK and RFK interfered with the autopsy.
- Dr. Finck cites a legal document ("hard evidence") to support the assumption.
- We find the document. It contradicts Finck and the other eyewitnesses.
- Subconsciously we have become wedded to that seductive thirty-year old with the maiden name Assumption. In marriage, its name changes to "Fact".
- So we attempt to explain our contradictory piece of evidence by adding fresh layers of intrigue and conspiracy, complicating what until now has been a simple,

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straightforward line of investigation.

- When in actuality the marriage was invalid from the start: "Mrs. Fact" is really still "Miss Assumption."

To repeat an earlier observation, none of that "eyewitness" testimony is firsthand; no one yet has come forward with direct knowledge that Jacqueline or Robert Kennedy directed or controlled the autopsy. There is no reason, therefore, to treat the autopsy permit as anything but authentic. That said, we are left with plenty of conflicts in the evidence, Finck's statement in his 1965 Blumberg Report, citing restrictions where there are none on the official permit, stands front and center. Our next step, then, is to look for ways to corroborate or refute the document.

Attempts To Resolve The Conflict

Who, then, was in charge of that autopsy? Admiral Galloway would later claim that Finck assumed direction of the autopsy, and FBI Agent Francis O'Neill agreed, saying he felt that "Finck seemed to take over the autopsy when he arrived." [17] Admiral Galloway, in his

1978 HSCA interview with committee staffer Mark Flanagan, insisted that no orders came from outside the morgue, either in person or by phone. This seems to rule out Kennedy interference from the 17th floor. But a week earlier Captain Stover told Flanagan that he recalled "Bobby Kennedy periodically visiting the autopsy room during the autopsy, and certainly after the body was prepared." [18] Both could be right: Galloway carefully limited his remark to orders from outside the room, while Stover has RFK actually coming down to the morgue. But Stover stands alone on this point; no one else has recalled any RFK visitation. Stover may have experienced "memory merge" here, as Robert Kennedy might have come down after the autopsy was over, while preparations were being made to move the body to the White House. By then many of the other witnesses had left.

After the official close of the autopsy, it took several more hours to obtain a new casket, and for employees of Gawlers funeral home to prepare the body for burial. The distinction between the autopsy and the burial preparations (or, to use approximate time frames, between pre-midnight and post-midnight activity) is an important one, and easily blurred by memory merge. Manchester, for example, wrote that Burkley and Air Force General Godfrey McHugh (JFK's military aide, who was in the morgue at least part of the time) were in constant touch with the 17th floor suite by phone. This statement is often cited as explaining how Burkley got his instructions about the autopsy. But the full context of Manchester's account, including the time and the subject matter, clearly indicates that he is writing about the early morning burial preparations, not the autopsy. There was much back and forth discussion at that time about the cosmetic work to be done, and whether JFK's body could be made presentable for open-casket viewing.

Whether during or after the autopsy (or both), is unclear, but Manchester also records that "from a telephone on the nurse's desk outside the suite Clint Hill periodically checked with Kellerman" in the morgue. No one has reported that Kellerman returned from the phone to huddle with Burkley or anyone else. Manchester says that Hill was simply trying to find out how long things would take. This conforms to a general picture of RFK, portrayed as always anxious for instant action and immediate results. [19] But none of these anecdotes supports any firm judgment; we must search further.

Lapse of Procedure

In the course of an interview with HSCA staff investigators, Dr. Boswell, who assisted Dr. Humes at the autopsy, recalled how he "had been concerned that they began the autopsy without any written authorization which is something they never do. Such authorization has to come from the next of kin. He said that JACKIE

[sic] finally signed the authorization which arrived in the morgue near the end of the autopsy." [20] This is a very significant statement. Unfortunately it can be interpreted in at least two ways. First, Boswell can be taken literally: JBK actually signed a permit. This would discredit the document we have, since her name appears there typed.

Alternatively, Boswell, after the passage of fourteen years, was assuming that the permit that finally got sent down to the morgue was signed. (Note that he does not say that he actually saw the document, only that it arrived.) Boswell's primary memory here was his concern over the violation of procedure. Our recall of actual detail (such as whether a name was signed or typed) can become dim and faulty with the passage of time. But our memory of feelings about an event remain much more vivid and firm, especially feelings of anger, fear or anxiety over unusual, unfamiliar situations. Boswell found himself commencing an autopsy on a President of the United States, no less, with an annoying procedural lapse right off the bat. As both doctor and a naval officer, he had good cause for worry. So his memory on this point looks highly trustworthy. (In later writings we will examine some Boswell testimony about JFK's brain under this same light.)

Jacqueline and Robert Kennedy arrived at Bethesda just before 7:00 PM. This left plenty of time for them to execute an autopsy permit, even one containing detailed restrictions, well before the procedure began. This happened no earlier than 7:30. We have seen how a disagreement broke out between Admiral Burkley and the pathologists over Burkley's demands for a limited autopsy. If a signed autopsy permit containing the restrictions Burkley was fighting for actually existed, he most certainly would have presented it or cited it, slamming the door on any further objections from Boswell and Humes. This is merely inference, to be sure. But good investigation demands sound deduction every bit as much as it requires diligent collection of evidence.

If this inference is not the safest one that can be drawn about the entire case, it clearly ranks near the top. Burkley argued strenuously for a limited autopsy, yet the only available documentary evidence is an authorization for a complete one. Although less safe than the previous one, another inference is clearly warranted: Jacqueline and Robert Kennedy authorized a complete autopsy. This authorization was withheld from the doctors so that Burkley, in front of some two dozen witnesses, could appeal to "family wishes" as the reason why only a partial post mortem should be done.

A CBS Confidential Memo

Dr. James J. Humes has been a paragon of reticence about this issue in his public testimony, and in discus-

sions with researchers and the media, with at least one exception. During the mid-sixties, Humes attended the same church as Jim Snyder, who was assigned to the Washington Bureau of CBS News. They became friends, and Humes began to speak to Snyder about the Kennedy autopsy. Snyder related some of these conversations to Robert Richter of CBS. Richter in turn summarized them in a confidential memorandum to Executive Producer Leslie Midgley on January 10, 1967. According to the memo, Snyder gleaned some remarkable revelations from Humes. Among other things, the veteran doctor confided that "...he had orders from someone he refused to disclose other than stating it was not Robert Kennedy, to not do a complete autopsy. Thus the autopsy did not go into JFK's kidney disease, etc." [21]

This memo, and the credence to be attached to several Humes statements it contains, is a story in itself. If the orders did not come from RFK, did they come from Mrs. Kennedy, or from someone else? It would be quite out of character for the gentlemanly Humes to describe Mrs. Kennedy as giving him "orders." When military personnel speak of orders, they are generally referring to directions from military superiors. This is an admittedly weak inference, compared to the others, and Humes' statement must be given a subordinate place. Nevertheless it does lend support to the view that the Kennedys placed no limits on the autopsy.

Total Atrophy of the Adrenal Glands

Was the postmortem on President Kennedy a complete or a partial one? That the record should be so inconsistent and murky on such a basic point indicates how difficult it is to unravel anything about the JFK investigation. On Sunday, November 24, Humes, Boswell and Finck assembled at Bethesda to complete the autopsy report. In his subsequent report to General Blumberg, Finck wrote: "In my discussion with Cdr. Humes, I stated that we should not check the block 'complete Autopsy' in the Autopsy Report Form." Once again he explained that "In compliance with the wishes of the Kennedy family, the prosecutors had confined their examination to the head and chest." Despite this admonition, "Humes declared that the block 'complete Autopsy' should be checked. [22]

The autopsy protocol was thus labeled. Predictably, it contained no mention whatsoever of JFK's adrenals. Logic seemed to demand one conclusion: The Kennedys had succeeded in pressuring the Navy to avoid an exploration or discussion of JFK's disease. But this only adds to our annoying confusion: The permit contained no restrictions! Galloway ordered Humes to do a complete postmortem! And now we can add the very firm recollection of lab assistant James Curtis Jenkins: "We did a full-scale autopsy on JFK. We tested for every-

thing. We examined the testes [they were sectioned], the adrenals, etc. There were sections of the heart and other organs taken." [23] In the light of everything else, this seems stunningly inconsistent, and we are tempted to place a heavy discount on Jenkins' credibility. He was, as some are quick to point out "only an enlisted man," and a student at that, hardly "qualified" to make such judgments. Here, as in many other areas, credentialism serves as a handy device for discrediting witness testimony. It is fitting, then, that an even more stunning revelation came from one of the qualified doctors assisting at Bethesda, Robert Karnei. While interviewing Karnei on August 27, 1991, Harrison E. Livingstone casually recalled how the autopsy report made no mention of adrenals:

Karnei: Mainly because they couldn't find them. Livingstone: (apparently startled): They couldn't find his adrenals? Karnei: Right, there was nothing there...Jim [Humes] and Jay [Boswell] worked long and hard on that fatty tissue in the renal adrenal area looking for them, and didn't find anything that looked like adrenals... There was total atrophy as far as we can see at the autopsy. I mean they cut that fat to a fare thee well trying to find anything that looked like adrenals, and there just wasn't. [24]

Unbelievable! Again we feel moved to discredit such a story. But after Dr. Karnei's account was published in *High Treason 2*, it was confirmed by none other than Boswell himself to Dr. George Lundberg of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). [25] Where was Admiral Burkley, defender of Kennedy family interests and advocate for their wishes, while all this was going on? Years earlier, Boswell pointed to the true state of affairs in his interview with HSCA investigators Purdy and Kelly. This was among the many interviews and staff reports that were suppressed until 1993:

Dr. Humes insisted there be a complete autopsy, saying, for example, the adrenals were extremely important. Dr. Burkley said it would be okay to examine the adrenals if they could reach them through the upper opening [incision in the chest]. Dr. Boswell reached down and tried to reach the adrenals but could not and Dr. Burkley agreed they could do a full autopsy.

The safe harbor of clarity at last! But we are at once thrown back into the chaotic ocean: the next sentences read that "Dr. Boswell indicated that they didn't do a 'Y' incision, rather they did an incision from the axilla down below the nipples and the area was opened up. The organs were removed from the chest."

If Burkley had relented and agreed to a full autopsy, why wouldn't the doctors make the normal Y-incision? I think the confusion here is simply syntactical; the clause "they didn't do a 'Y' incision" should have been written

"they had not yet done a 'Y' incision." At any rate, Dr. Burkley made clear that he didn't want a report on the adrenal glands, wanting instead that the information be reported informally. [26]

Summary and Questions

1. There is no probative evidence that either JBK, RFK, or both together sought to restrict or limit the autopsy. The witness testimony, even that of the doctors themselves, proves on examination to be indirect hearsay, reflecting what they heard, or what they were told, or their impressions. Feinman makes a telling point here concerning Finck's objection to marking the autopsy as "complete": "...if the Kennedys had really limited the autopsy, Galloway and Humes should have no objection... I conclude that the whole business of assigning responsibility to the family is a lie." [27]

2. The one document available that speaks directly to the point, the postmortem permit, flatly contradicts the thesis. There is no direct evidence available to challenge the authenticity of this document, although such a challenge is not implausible.

3. On the other hand, we have substantial first-hand evidence from those who were in the morgue with him that Admiral Burkley energetically sought to limit the autopsy, appealing to the wishes of the family. Among the few exceptions to this consensus are Finck, who is consistently vague on the point, and Humes, who is silent. Significantly, none of the other Navy "brass" present are reported as backing up Burkley in his efforts, with the possible exception of Galloway (and even he is reported on both sides of the issue). Whether he acted on his own initiative or at the direction of others is uncertain (for now), but it is compellingly clear that Admiral Burkley was not acting as the Kennedy family agent in this regard. Why then, would he engage in such a needless and risky endeavor? Why, especially, would he work so hard to keep JFK's adrenals hidden, and then relent, to stand by, abashed, watching the doctors work 'long and hard' to find them? Finally, why would he want the results of this search, reported informally, instead of seeking to have the information totally suppressed, as it was from the autopsy protocol?

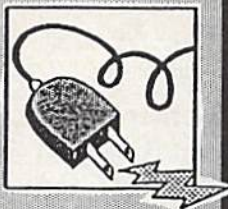
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Notes

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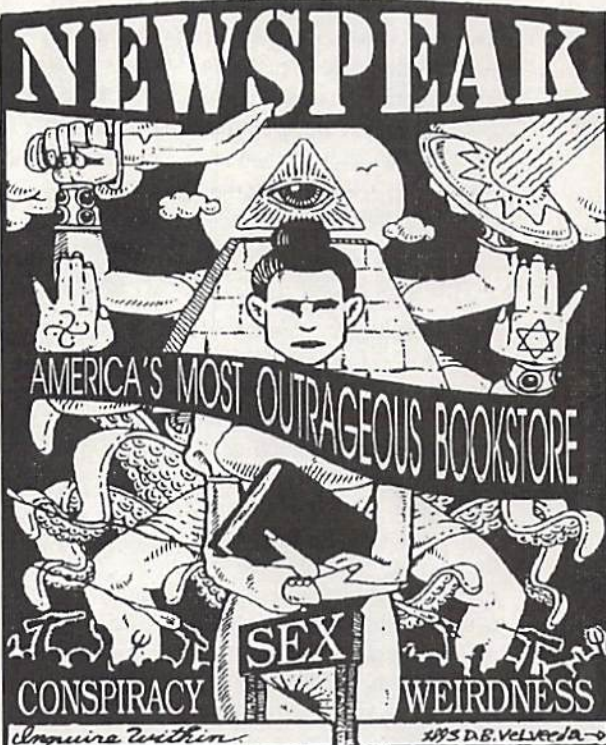
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Guy Debord (1931-1995)

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but only to look for new weapons"*

Gilles Deleuze (1925-1995)

I. Pray for the Dead

After two of the most important political thinkers and activists of the last 30 years(1) decide to potlatch themselves in the same year, it becomes necessary to leave the complacency of one's academic career and to start worrying about the systems of control which are grinding us down into bits and bytes. The ideas which institutions like Brown University [where the author currently studies—Ed.] have compartmentalized (and therefore neutralized) such as "deconstruction" or "postmodernism" were never intended merely to enter the lexicons of academic jargon so that "intellectuals" could play their language games of "Theory." The arguments forwarded by writers like Debord and Deleuze were intended to be political acts which, by tearing down the traditional structures of domination, would liberate the desires and dignity of individual subjectivity and collective consciousness. Mourning the dead, we must continue their struggle by re-appropriating and rethinking the work which they have left behind. Attending to their examples, we must learn how to fight like hell against the systems which control us today so that

we can hold on to the dregs of freedom and dignity which we still retain.

II. Digital Control

It takes neither a paranoid understanding of Revelations 13:16-17 ("And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads. And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or name of the beast, or the number of his name") nor a profound grasp of Foucault to understand the ominous implications

potentially harmful effects of this system, therefore, may have seemed innocuous: If he or she so desired, an administrator could perhaps discover that you had a strange predilection for the pizza bites at Josiah's, that you had visited Slater a few too many times, that you had checked out a suspicious number of books by Apollinaire, Rimbaud, and Bataille. Thankfully, it took only a month before we at Brown had the opportunity to experience the oppressive implications of this system of "convenience." Most graduate

students as well as a considerable proportion of the undergraduate community were refused access to the library because the red light blinked on the card access machine, indicating that they had not yet paid their bursar's bill(2).

Ever since these cards were forced upon the Brown community at the beginning of the semester, we have been recognizing more and more clearly how much they threaten our human freedom. Some members of the Brown community have perhaps felt irritated with their inability to buy a soda without their cards; others have perhaps felt degraded at having to crawl to the bursar to beg her to change their magnetic strips. However, what is most frightening about Brown's card access system is its implication for the world outside of our own Ivory Fortress. It is readily apparent that, just as the FBI and the CIA tested out psycho-

logical forms of control on college students (and prisoners) in the 50s and 60s, Brown and other colleges around the country are being used as testing grounds for the instruments of control which will soon become pervasive in society. The reason why administrators of all sorts like these identification cards, the reason why

Fight Like Hell

Battling the Systems of Control

by Mitchell Verter

of Brown's card-access system. At first, these cards may have seemed fairly innocuous. Indeed, they were presented to us as things which would make our lives more "convenient" by enabling us to buy food, books, and xeroxes, and to get into the library and our dorm rooms. The

they find them to be so "convenient," is that these simple and compact devices can be used to regulate a myriad of activities. Potentially every exchange and every action can be regulated electronically. Digital systems can be used both to erect special prohibitions, such as forbidding an individual to enter a certain building, and to regulate everyday activities by requiring individuals to use them for all of their transactions. As electronic domination and surveillance become more constant and invisible, administrators will make us increasingly dependent upon the systems which subjugate us. Given that digital media will be used to control us, we, as "intellectuals," and, more importantly, as people, must rethink what analytic resources we have to understand them and what political resources we have to resist them.

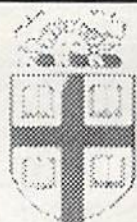
III. The Service Economy

In order to oppose these systems of digital control, we must recognize how their implementation is related to the imperatives of a new mode of capitalist exploitation which produces services rather than physical products. That is, we must be careful about applying arguments and utilizing tactics which may have worked against industrial capitalism, but may not work against "third wave" capitalism. I would therefore ask the readers of this essay to consider whether the following analyses are adequate for understanding today's service economy or whether they depend too much on arguments which have become obsolete. I would not claim that I am giving the right answers, but only that I am asking the right questions.

The industrial system was always bureaucratic and hierarchical. As Foucault amply demonstrated, institutional structures always depended upon instruments to monitor and dominate their subjects. Although these electronic media are an extension of this logic of domination, it seems that, with the quantitative multiplication of this surveillance and discipline, this logic has changed qualitatively: Foucault

explains that the disciplinary instruments increased productivity by individualizing bodies into subjects whose freedom and power could be manipulated. The consummation of this disciplinary system is also its transformation into a system of control. Capitalism no longer desires to dominate the powers of a free

impersonal world of bureaucratic control, one had some capacity to resist because one could negotiate with the human bureaucrat who was implementing power. For example, if a librarian did not allow you into the library, you could reason and/or argue with him or her. However, one can not argue with a card access



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subjectivity, but rather to mandate servile acquiescence to its control by its service workers. The service economy therefore requires instruments—electronic instruments—which function with unwavering regularity and consistency. In essence, a society of control maintains its power by drawing the grid of power so tightly that there is no longer any slack. This is precisely why the corporate world has dominated the notion of the slacker. Originally introduced by the anti-authoritarian SubGenius movement whose members included anarchist writers such as Bob Black and countercultural artists such as Paul Mavrides, the term "slack" is now utilized by corporate America to provide normative definitions of the "alternative" and therefore to regulate and limit the possibilities of revolutionary consciousness and action.

Digital instruments destroy slack by perfecting the bureaucratic dream of a world in which the administration of rules does not depend upon human administrators. Even in the

machine. It is unclear to me what will happen when behavior becomes completely restricted by these inhuman instruments. It seems to me that slack is what enables people to survive the senselessness of a bureaucratic system: The only thing that makes the system tolerable is that one can cheat the system. If one works at a lousy, minimum wage job in a bakery, one can assuage this misery by occasionally swiping five or ten bucks from the till. If one works as a temp in a sterile office, one can indulge in the satisfaction of an excessively long coffee break. Ultimately, the system of digital control makes it impossible for people to perform even these most minute acts of rebellion. In order to make individuals accept their servile role, control requires instruments which will numb them from feeling these everyday miseries. Currently, the psychiatric/pharmaceutical industry is essential for making workers feel content with their servility and with the senselessness of their labor through its eagerness to push antidepressants on anyone

who shows even the slightest shade of discontent.

IV. Corporatism

The new bureaucracy of digital control colludes with a new, "third wave" of global capitalist exploitation. The transformation from industrial production to service

corporate "culture" asserts its dominion even in every aspect of our actions and our thoughts. Just as the influence of tobacco companies has taken control over the way in which ABC and 60 Minutes disseminate information, corporate control is swiftly taking over our educational institutions. Just as children in

regime of power rises another system of domination which utilizes the downfall of the old regime to assert its own legitimacy. We must stop congratulating ourselves on our overcoming of analogical domination modern era and turn our attention to the digital domination of the post-modern era. Social institutions no longer need either the exactitude of norms or the rational determinism of behaviorism to dominate thought and action. The categorical logic of the disciplines has been replaced by the more insidious "fuzzy logic" of control. The explosion of determinism undermined the nineteenth century's faith that the world was grounded on an absolutely rational foundation, opening up the possibility that the world might be much more chaotic than was expected. In order to control this chaos, the regime of the statistical was inaugurated. Foucault asserts that disciplinary institutions asserted their domination by inventing more ranks into which individuals

could be slotted. Their rational and efficient logic established points upon a Cartesian space upon which subjectivities could be mapped. The fuzzy logic of statistics does not posit exact points upon a graph, but rather determines a range of probability in which the administrators of control can expect to find their data. Control's aim is not to establish norms, but rather to account for potential deviations and to determine marginality. Again, one can point to the explosion of so-called "alternative" rock as an example of the corporate control over revolutionary possibilities. Whereas punk bands such as the Minutemen and the Dead Kennedys once proposed radical critiques of capitalist exploitation and militarism,(3) today's "alternative" bands enable individuals to taste simulations of the freedom of chaos while allowing corporations to pre-determine this freedom.

VI. "Convenience"

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production correlates with the redefinition of the loci of social power. Disciplinary institutions such as factories no longer maintain dominate subjectivities. Instead, all power emanates from the omnipresence of corporate structures. In the corporation, the rulers who wield power are no longer kings nor capitalist bosses, but rather stockholders, administrators, and social and technical engineers. Corporate power constantly invades our consciousness and our behaviors by regulating the information which we receive and the actions we can perform. One can read the pervasive influence of corporations upon the back of our identification cards. We were informed that we had prior authorization to utilize our IDs as AT&T calling cards. Students already get junk mail from rapacious credit card companies through the mail, but, with the card system, we are forced to carry around these corporate solicitations with us wherever we go. We should recognize that this is part of a larger, more insidious movement through which

schools across the country are being forced to watch commercials for Doritos so that the school can rent a TV set, we at Brown are being forced to accept the yoke of AT&T in order to take out books from the library.

V. The Statistical

If we are to believe Foucault, disciplinary power has operated on an analog model: individuals were subjectified by imposing a grid of identity upon them. Society erected norms which it used to measure and control the behavior of its subjects. Institutions precisely determined a rational and efficient calculus of behavior which would maximize production. As many writers have pointed out, the era of the disciplinary society has ended. However, this does not mean that we are free from domination. The gradual acceptance of multiculturalism, for example, is indeed a sign of the implosion of the regimentation of normative thinking. However, we must follow Foucault in understanding that from the ashes of one

which will make them more "convenient." The usage of such terms indicates new principles for evaluating the worth of human life. The nineteenth and twentieth centuries have witnessed the growth of positivist and functionalist thought which has dedicated itself to eliminating outmoded metaphysical concepts such as God,⁽⁴⁾ subjectivity, and selfhood. The new principles of valuation correspond quite nicely with the imperatives of capitalist ideology which values absolutely nothing except for its own expansion, the maximization of its profits. By eradicating vague concepts such as "freedom," "dignity," and so forth, the institutions of control have replaced the metaphysical definition of these human qualities with a set of functional definitions. When one speaks of happiness, one must refer to the empirical demonstrable ways in which our lives are improved. One can easily prove that our identification cards make our lives more "convenient" because we can use them to carry out so many everyday tasks such as making xeroxes and getting into libraries. Given these utilitarian facts, it no longer becomes necessary to discuss sloppy, ideological notions such as human dignity and human degradation.

VII. Fight like Hell:

Although I might be considered to be clever for having written this article and you may be considered to be clever for having apprehended it, it is important that we move beyond mere cleverness. As "intellectuals," we at Brown tend to think that, once we have effectively analyzed a problem, we have dealt with it. However, any form of radical analysis, be it Marxist or feminist or anarchist, should always be understood as a prelude to or a result of action. Our duty is not merely to understand the systems which oppress us, but to actually oppose them. Because these instruments of domination are being tested out at Brown, it is our responsibility, as members of the human community, to demonstrate that this system will not work; that the more control is imposed upon us, the more we will

refute it.

Most importantly, what are the possible ways in which one can resist these systems. They are becoming so pervasive (because they are so convenient) that it has/will become impossible to avoid or refuse them. Although digital power leaves no space for evasion, it perhaps opens up some novel opportunities for sabotage. William Burroughs states, "The more completely hermetic and seemingly successful a control system is, the more vulnerable it becomes."⁽⁵⁾ As the net of control draws tighter and our environments grow more rigid, we can acquire a greater capacity to fuck with the system by becoming the noise in the data which monitors and subjugates us. I would like to ask everyone at Brown to do whatever they can to resist the digital instruments of control. If you are a hacker or know enough about the internet to become a hacker, I would ask you to try to enter into the central system and destroy all of their files. If you are not, there are still many opportunities for destruction. One option is to physically tear down the card access machines. Another option is to do the following: steal or borrow someone else's ID card, spend as much money on it as possible, and then send a letter to that person telling them that you have stolen their card, and that they should complain to the university. Include \$25 so that they will be able to cover their replacement fee. I present these opportunities for sabotage as mere suggestions: by having suggested them in a public forum, I have made the university more aware of them and therefore more able to implement safeguards against them. I would therefore urge the members of the Brown community to contemplate our digital subjugation and to invent their own forms of sabotage. Our human freedom depends on it.

VIII. Suggestions for Reading

To resist corporate consciousness, one must read the works of writers who have dared to refuse the imperatives of power. Please note that this list is severely limited by my

own lack of knowledge of fields such as history, sociology, computer science, linguistics, and so on. Cultural criticism can be and should be approached from a variety of perspectives, not merely the ones outlined here: Martin Heidegger's *The Question Concerning Technology*; John Zerzan's *Future Primitive*; Raoul Vaneigem's *The Revolution of Everyday Life*; Guy Debord's *Society of the Spectacle*; Emmanuel Levinas' *Humanism and An-Archy*, anything by Franz Kafka, by Michel Foucault, especially *Discipline and Punish*, by Paul Virilio, especially *The Lost Dimension*, by Jean Baudrillard, by William Burroughs, by Antonio Negri, by Thomas Szasz, by Felix Guattari, by Gilles Deleuze, especially *Postscript on the Societies of Control*, by Herbert Marcuse, especially *One Dimensional Man*, by Jacques Derrida, by Jean-Francois Lyotard, by Walter Benjamin, by Hannah Arendt, and so on. Please buy your books at independent bookstores such as Providence's *Newspeak* or *Books on the Square* rather than supporting the corporate domination of the Brown Bookstore.

Endnotes

1. The philosopher Sarah Kofman also committed suicide this year. Unfortunately, I am totally unfamiliar with her work, so I do not know yet how to mourn her death. I apologize to those who have been committed to her work for not discussing her along with Deleuze and Debord.

2. Because I am taking the semester off to research my thesis, I have been unable to enter the library except by pretending to be another student's guest.

3. Bands such as Huggy Bear still do disseminate genuinely radical, anarchist and communist, messages to their listeners, but they are, of course, completely ignored by the corporate "countercultural" press (e.g. Spin, MTV, WBRU, etc.)

4. In mentioning "God", I do not mean to give any credit to contemporary movements which promote "spirituality," a concept which, like antidepressants, is usually used to make individuals feel comfortable with the atrocious practices of global capitalism.

5. *Semiotexte* volume 3, number 1: *Schizo Culture* (1978), p. 39.

Subliminal Software

- A popular new computer game from Time Warner Interactive called "Endorfun" contains more than 100 subliminal messages, including: "I expect pleasure and satisfaction. It's okay for me to have everything I want, and I create miracles." The messages flash on the screen at 1/50 of a second. The game also contains subliminal audio messages. The name "endorfun" apparently is a play on the word "endorphin," a natural chemical in the brain that relieves pain and produces a natural high. Time Warner proudly reports that the game puts players into a "trance-like state." They insist, however, that "there's no scientific proof that subliminal affirmations work." (*Dr. Dobb's Journal*)

Spooks Spook Net Users

- A critical Internet function has been turned over from the National Science Foundation to a private company with known ties to the CIA and Defense establishments. In September, 1995, the NSF turned over control of Internet Domain Name registration to Network Solutions, Inc. (NSI) of Herndon, VA. NSI in turn is owned by Scientific Applications International Corporation (SAIC) of San Diego, CA. SAIC, previously indicted by the Justice Department on ten felony fraud counts relating to its management of a Superfund toxic cleanup sight, has several prominent board members: Admiral Bobby Inman, former NSA Director and Deputy Director of the CIA; Melvin Laird, Richard Nixon's Defense Secretary; and retired General Max Thurman, Commander of the Panama Invasion. Previous board members include: Robert Gates, former CIA Director; William Perry, current Secretary of Defense; and John Deutch, current CIA Director. "At the very time the Internet community is struggling with the issues of encryption and privacy, I'm more than a little uneasy to find this bunch of ex-spooks sitting at the very entry point of the Net," says Jim Warren, a leading Net activist. Internet Domain Name registration refers to the process of assigning and keeping track of all corporate and organization Internet addresses. (*Web Review*)

RFK Assassination Photos Disappear?

- As a 15 year old high school student on assignment for his school's newspaper, Scott Enyart was snapping photos during the 1968 assassination of Robert Kennedy. His three rolls of film were seized by police, and Enyart tried unsuccessfully to track the film down over the next 20 years. Finally, in 1988,

Enyart was told the film was gone, apparently burned along with other evidence relating to the police investigation. He subsequently sued the city of Los Angeles, the LA Police Department, and the State of California for \$2 million. City officials then reported, in August, 1995, that the material finally turned up: the 34 photos and 29 negatives had apparently been "misfiled" at the California State Archives. Enyart's odyssey took another suspicious turn when, in January, 1996, City officials reported that the material had been stolen from the rental car of a courier who was transporting the photos and negatives from Sacramento to Los Angeles. Enyart remains skeptical of the whole affair, stating that "They [didn't] have my film. They destroyed my film a long time ago because it showed things they didn't want the public to find out." City Attorney Skip Miller responded with the suggestion that Enyart has watched too many Oliver Stone movies. (*Los Angeles Daily News*)

The Real Motive for Watergate

- Speaking of Oliver Stone, the media spin on his film biography *Nixon* has been that he presented a mean-spirited and unfair portrait of the disgraced President. However, the words of two key Watergate figures (burglar Frank Sturgis and President Nixon himself) suggest that Stone went easy on the guy. On the June 23, 1972 Watergate tape, Nixon expressed his concern that the FBI's Watergate investigation would expose his connections to "the Bay of Pigs thing." Stone does use this dialogue in his film, but doesn't indicate a key fact: according to Nixon aide H.R. Haldeman's book *The Ends of Power*, Nixon would always use code words when discussing the 1963 assassination of John F. Kennedy. One of the code words, according to Haldeman, was "the Bay of Pigs." And in a May 7, 1977 *San Francisco Chronicle* interview with Frank Sturgis, he stated flat out that, "The reason we burglarized the Watergate was because Nixon was interested in stopping news leaking relating to the photos of our role in the assassination of President John Kennedy." ("JFK Redux" by Paul Kangas, reprinted in *Popular Alienation*, edited by Kenn Thomas)

Nuke Team on Alert

- A little-known team of 1,000 specialists are on 24-hour standby to disarm a nuclear terrorist bomb planted in the United States. The Nuclear Emergency Search Team (NEST) is prepared to respond to a nuclear threat anywhere in the U.S. within four hours. To date, they have been put on alert over 100 times, and were actually mobilized 30 times to respond to threats that were believed to be credible. Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, head of NEST, says she thinks "more in terms of when, not if." (*Intelligence Digest*)

Lame Anarchists

Kudos to your defence of Wendy Wallace in the latest issue. I hope you ordered her 100+ page text. Please ignore the lame review in *Alternative Press Review* [published by *Anarchy*] Vol. 2 #2 [PARANOIA is not hip reading for "intellectuals"]. Jason probably wouldn't even admit to watching the Simpsons. The main problem with anarchists is that the philosophy isn't tempered by any spiritual dimension, gaia worship notwithstanding. I don't imagine, however, that McQuinn et. al. will be asking for a copy of *Being and Nothingness* on their death beds (there are no atheists in foxholes).

Mark Owen, Toronto

Mark, you are right. There is a disturbing materialism in the anarchist movement, with some exceptions. I don't believe that anarchists need to be atheists, nor do they need to be intellectuals. I didn't think there were any hard and fast rules. I thought that was the idea! I see our work as a blend of anarchy and conspiracy with a little weirdness thrown in; we are helping to break down the walls by exposing ruling class and state-perpetrated conspiracies. A little camaraderie from the @s would be nice; but alas they just don't see the forest for the trees. I'm working on a piece called *Beings in Nothingdrive: A Treatise on the Problem of Existential Nausea Aboard UFOs*. Do you think Jason might change his mind about me?—Joan d'Arc

The Best Ever

Issue 10 was the best ever! Great! Some comments on the von Trapp article: Japan/US share at the top is not odd at all, look back at the old Times Washington briefs, the jokes about McFarlane becoming the Ambassador to Japan. This is old. H. Stimson (Trilateral Commission founder) was very close to Japan during the war (Quito won't be bombed). He told Hirohito that we

needed to make two cities to clarify our message to Uncle Joe. Henry Luce took the ball from H. Stimson even way back then to share "Trusts" at the top. All these companies that Ms. von Trapp jumps in and out of have identical parentage. She's right about in-fighting as both spheres want terror acts to control guns. I don't know whether to laugh or cry at Mr. Andrews' lizard lashings. One "V" series plot is that a reporter claims the world is run by a Lizard named JOHN; an attempt to expose JOHN [Lehman] on national TV? The reporter in the series had the same name as mine! Weird. About your expose of [JFK Jr.'s magazine] George, it is such an insult to the American people that when they do get it they will throw it out!

Michael Donovan, Hyannis, MA

I Was There!

I liked what Remy Chevalier wrote in issue ten ["Bye George" re: JFK, Jr.] and was very impressed by the intelligence of your position in "Reader Mail" in the fall 1995 issue [re: free press/free speech]. I admit I was OUTRAGED by the disinformation/outright lie of "Woodstock Never Happened!" by Josh Glenn and A.S. Hamrah. I was there! It did happen!

Barry L., Laguna Beach, CA

Barry, you're not the only reader who took the Woodstock Rant to heart. Several people up in Woodstock, NY, including our friend George C. Andrews, were very upset. We apologize for the misunderstanding, and we advise all readers that often writings situated in the "Rant" section are meant to be taken with a grain of salt and a sense of humor.

Family Matters

As of this writing, I have yet to see any evidence which points to neglect of their children on the part of the members of the organization called "The Family". Although many wimpishly point to The Family and its

teachings as the cause for the death of the beautiful actor River Phoenix (even your magazine has offered some of them a forum for their tirades), these individuals have yet, as judged by their writings, to face the reality that it was the "Hollywood System" and its degenerate nature which most likely contributed to his death. Many may hate the adult members of The Family, but their children seem to love them (and I do not mean in the Biblical sense), Alex Constantine, et al. notwithstanding. Someone once wrote that "love is all there is".

Jeremy B., via E-mail

OTO Isn't CIA

I wonder if Alex Constantine really expects his readers to believe that the "CIA and Pentagon have organized and influenced a long line of mind control cults, [including] the Riverside Lodge of the Ordo Templi Orientis." I can't speak for all the groups which Mr. Constantine mentions, but where the author came up with this twisted bit of information about the OTO is anyone's guess. He simply drops the above-mentioned bombshell as if it were fact, yet gives no evidence to support his allegations. We are neither a cult nor are we being controlled by anyone other than ourselves. As a member since the mid-1970s, I can flatly state that the comments made by Mr. Constantine regarding the OTO are complete balderdash. We have absolutely no government CIA ties. We are not government stooges. Aleister Crowley once wrote, "The world of Magic is a mirror, wherein who sees muck is muck." A lesson Mr. Constantine has yet to learn.

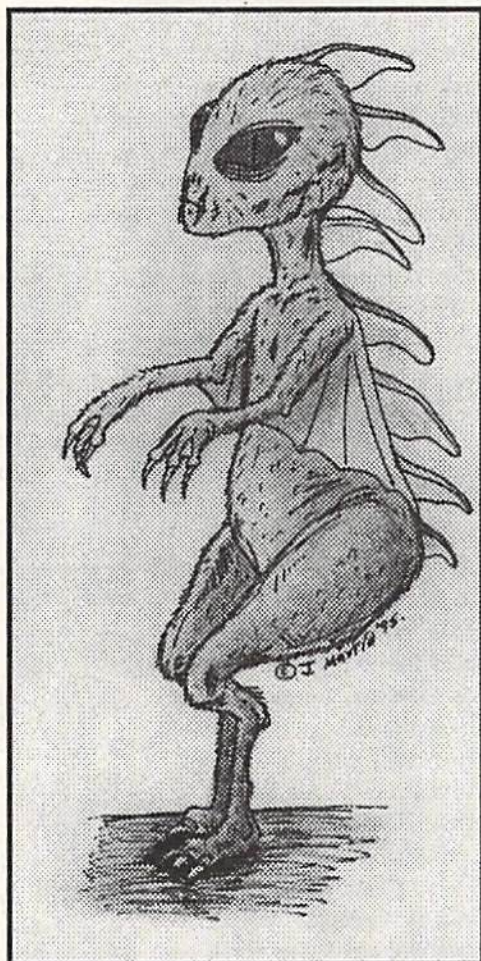
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Reader Mail

Animal Mutilations And Government Disinformation in Puerto Rico



"THE GOAT SUCKER"

Since December, 1994, the Caribbean Island of Puerto Rico has experienced a heavy wave of UFO sightings, as well as apparitions of a weird livestock-killing creature that has been dubbed the "Chupacabras" [the Goatsucker]. The reason for such a name? This creature apparently has killed animals ranging from cows, sheep, goats, rabbits, hens, ducks, dogs, and cats, and after killing them, has extracted the blood and other fluids. . .

By Jorge Martin

The creature has left a trail of thousands of dead animals throughout the island and the communities are afraid and alarmed. As all this transpires, the island authorities keep indicating that the strange killings are due to attacks from packs of stray dogs, baboons or exotic animals illegally introduced in the island's territory. The director of the Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture Veterinary Services Division, Mr. Hector Garcia, has stated that "it could be dogs, that the small puncture wounds observed in the victims' necks are similar to those inflicted by the fangs of canines." He has also

stated that no other unusual features have been observed in the dead animals examined by his division: no loss of blood, etcetera. Another veterinarian, Angel Luis Santana, of the private Gardenville Veterinary Clinic in San Juan, stated that "It could be a human being who belongs to a religious sect, even another animal. It could be someone who wants to make fun of the Puerto Rican people."

All of the above official "explanations" to the enigma, given by the authorities, have failed to explain away the deaths and the incidents in which the creatures have been observed by serious, reliable wit-

nesses all over Puerto Rico. These are the facts:

- The victims appear with many small perfect circular holes of about a 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch in diameter, arranged in pairs or in a triangular fashion, that penetrate deep into the neck or right lower jaw of the victims [see pictures]. These small wounds have been examined by qualified veterinarians, such as Doctor Carlos Soto, who explains that the holes penetrate, as a regular pattern in many of the cases, into the head of the animal. One of the holes goes all the way through the right jaw bone, muscle and tissues and up to the brain, more specifically to the

cerebellum, puncturing it and immediately killing the animal. This regularity or pattern in the type of wounds, and path followed by whatever intrudes into the body, indicates premeditation and intelligence. Also, this detail seems to imply a euthanasia technique which prevents the animal from suffering during the killing, also implying intelligence in the attacker. There's something else the official "explanations" do not explain: if a dog or any known predator animal bites to kill a victim, it has to exert pressure on both sides of the head, neck or body. In the cases blamed on the "Chupacabras", no traumas abrasions, scratches, bites or pressure have been observed by the examiners on the opposite side of the wounds. Because of this, it is obvious that we are not dealing with any ordinary predator / carnivore animal species known to science.

- The small wounds may be similar in appearance to bites inflicted by dogs or "baboons", due to their being round and small, but all similarity ends there. The government officers and veterinarians willing to follow official "explanations", do not give the real details pertaining to the wounds. They conveniently forget to inform that whatever enters the animal's body has a length of at least three to four inches, and in some cases seems to cauterize the walls of the wound, apparently to prevent excessive blood loss. No known animal species on Earth can do this. Some of the wounds of this type appear also on the sides and bellies of the victims, and they usually penetrate into the animal, cutting through the stomach, continuing down to the liver, affecting it and taking parts of it, as well as "absorbing" liquids from it. This requires a length of at least 3 to five inches, as has been verified during necropsies performed on the animals. The triangular pattern of wounds has also been observed going into the body and penetrating the liver of the victims.

- Even though "something" intrudes and penetrates into the animals, creating extensive trauma and injuries, and leaving strange materials in the tissues, no natural inflammatory processes have been observed in the dead animals tissues. This is totally unnatural.

- In most cases the victims lack rigor mortis, and remain flexible, even for days after their death. Also, incredibly, in several of these cases, the blood still remaining in the dead animals wouldn't clot or coagulate. This weird detail lasts for days.

- Several bigger holes or cuts are found on the victims body, ranging from an inch in diameter up to 12 inches. These openings are usually located in the neck, chest, belly and anal area of the animal, and look as if made with a surgeon's scalpel. Through these clean-cut openings certain organs are excised from the bodies. The organs tend to be the liver, the reproductive and sexual organs, the anus, eyes and other soft tissues.

As for the other official "explanation" which mentions the possibility of religious or satanic sects who may be doing the killings, the cases are too numerous for this explanation. These killings are happening every day, at all hours, all over the island, and no single sect has the resources needed to finance such an operation. There is only one sector in Puerto Rico that can afford this action, the Government, but what reasons would the Government have to do this,

The Creature Observed

Most of the killings are associated to strange creatures we have called Anomalous Biological Entities [ABEs]. It looks like a cross between a "grey" alien humanoid [because of the shape of its head and eyes] and what most witnesses describe

as "the body of a bipedal, erect dinosaur, but with no tail." Its head is oval in shape, with an elongated jaw. It has two big elongated red eyes, small holes for a nostril and a small slit-like mouth with fangs protruding upwards and downwards from it.

Some witnesses mention it has small pointy ears, but most have stated it has none. It has strong, coarse hair all over its body. This hair is black, but this creature has the ability to change colors at will, like a chameleon. If it is in the dark it changes to a dark color, black or dark brown, if in a sunlit area with vegetation, it changes to green, green-grey, light brown or beige.

The creature has two small arms with three fingered clawed hands and two strong hind legs with three claws, which enable it to run at fast speed and to leap over trees and over more than 20 ft. in a single bound. According to witnesses, the creature's legs look reptilian or goat-like [see drawing]. Also, it has quill-like appendages running down from the back of its head and down its back, with what seem to be fleshy membranes that change colors from blue to green, to red, to purple, etcetera. Some witnesses have claimed that the creature flaps these quill-like membranous appendages at incredible speed and this allows it to fly. Even though it

The goat was missing its left eye and showed a strange wound on its neck, through which all of its blood had been extracted.

has what seems to be a pair of membrane-like wings, these are used by the Anomalous Biological Entity to glide and guide itself while flying. The creature seldom flaps its "wings". First reported in the town of Orocovis, the ABEs have been sighted afterwards in the municipality of Canovanas and all over Puerto Rico. Its habits are both diurnal and nocturnal. As a matter of fact, it has been observed in broad daylight by several witnesses. One such observation was that of Mrs. Madeline Tolentino and several other neighbors in Campo Rico community, in the municipality of Canovanas, as they all saw one of these ABEs walking down the street at 3:00 P.M. in the afternoon. As the witnesses tried to capture the ABE, it ran at a fantastic speed and escaped.

The many killings of livestock, which have become great losses to farmers, have prompted the President of the Puerto Rico House of Representatives Agriculture Commission, Mr. Juan E. Lopez, to introduce a resolution asking for an official investigation by that commission to clarify the enigma of the strange creatures and the deaths of animals all over Puerto Rico. The following is the document's translation:

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico 12th. Legislative
Assembly HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES House
Resolution 5012 NOVEMBER 9, 1995

Presented by representative Jose A. Nunez Gonzalez
and Juan E. [Kike] Lopez Referred to Commission:

RESOLUTION:

To order the House of Representatives Agriculture Commission to do a profound and exhaustive investigation to clarify the unknown phenomenon and account the damages caused by the so named "Chupacabras" ["Goatsucker"] to the farmers of this country.

EXPOSITION OF MOTIVES

In the last months numerous deaths and attacks on animals have been reported in Puerto Rico, which remain without any explanation. These attacks have occurred in different parts of the island. The number of cases have increased recently and the Puerto Rican community demands action by the Government on the alarming situation. The deaths have been attributed to an animal that has been named "Chupacabras", after an incident in which the police was informed that a goat belonging to a farmer was found dead in a strip of land next to the road to Barrio La Torre, in Sabana Grande. The goat was missing its left eye and showed a strange wound on its neck, through which all of its blood had been extracted.

The first reports on suspicious deaths came from sectors in Orocovis and Corozal, in the center of the island, in the middle of the present year. Cases have been registered in Canovanas, in the north-east coast; in Fajardo, to the east, in Gurabo, in the center-east and in

Naranjito, in the center. In recent days neighbors from the communities of Lajas and Bellavista, in Ponce, found dead four cats and five dogs, which were attributed to the animal phenomenon popularly called "Chupacabras".

The people who have seen the animal describe to the police a three ft. tall creature [reports of this creature range from 3 ft. to 6 ft. tall], with arms and claws, a round head, big [red] eyes and a body completely covered by black hair. The creature has not been trapped up to now, and the number of cases keeps growing in different parts of the island; more than one animal [of this type] may be involved. Taking in account the damages caused to the farmers, who depend on their animals for their work, and due to the potential threat a phenomenon like this represents to the general community, the House of Representatives considers as imperative that an investigation is made on this subject.

MAY IT BE RESOLVED BY THE PUERTO RICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT:

Article 1.- It is hereby ordered to the Agriculture Commission of the House of Representatives to do a profound and exhaustive investigation to clarify this unknown phenomenon and account the damages caused by the so called "Chupacabras" to this country's farmers.

Article 2.- The Agriculture Commission of the House of Representatives must submit to this Legislative Corps a report on its investigation, with its conclusions and recommendations, within forty five (45) days after the approval of this resolution.

The Creature is Captured

At the time of this writing, we've come to the knowledge that at least two of these creatures have been captured by Government officers, both from the U. S. Federal Government and the Puerto Rican Government. Both were captured on November 6 and 7, one of them in the town of San Lorenzo, in the east-center of Puerto Rico, and the other one in the National Caribbean Rain Forest, in El Yunque, to the east. Both were alive and were allegedly taken to the U. S. by special personnel. All this happens as our Government keeps denying the obvious facts, and our people perceive they are being lied to. The killings, and encounters with the weird creatures associated with them, have coincided with UFO sightings. This aspect, relating to the UFO phenomenon, seems to be the main reason for the government's cover-up of the situation.

Luminous oval shaped and pyramidal shaped UFOs have been observed on sites where animals have been found mutilated and drained of blood. UFOs have been observed in towns so far apart as Cabo Rojo, to the west, Canovanas, in the east, Ponce, to the south, and Naranjito, in the center of the island. One such case was that of the sighting by the Rojas family of a pyramidal

UFO in Barrio Hato, of the San Lorenzo municipality. After the sighting, a horse and several goats were found mutilated in the same manner.

On Saturday night, November 18, 1995, a luminous disc of about 40 ft. in diameter, with a row of dark windows all around its central rim and with many multicolored lights, positioned itself on top of the antennae of Radio Procer, an A.M. radio station located in the town of Barranquitas, in the center of Puerto Rico. Simultaneously, the station's electronic equipment went crazy, their dials jumping wild. Also, incredibly, an obsolete electronics equipment from year 1957, stored in the station, turned on by itself, with its dials also jumping, even though it was not plugged to a power source!

This case was discussed in the media, as many residents in that area saw the UFO as it hovered on top of the station. But the TV, radio and press reports suppressed information about several encounters near the radio station which both adults and children had with ABEs minutes before and after the craft appeared over the radio station. Both channel 4 [WAPA TV] and channel 11 [Tele 11] covered the incident, but suppressed the reports concerning the presence of the creatures during the UFO sighting. This clearly implies a cover-up pattern by the media. A woman in the Canovanas municipality saw, in the first days of November, 1995, one of these anomalous creatures as it jumped, flew and entered a round luminous object over her car.

Genetic manipulations?

The cases above seem to link the ABEs with the UFO/ET/alien phenomenon, but we can't discard the possibility that the ABEs can also be the product of highly sophisticated genetic manipulations by human agencies. Already, a Chinese-Russian scientist, Dr. Tsian Kanchen, has produced genetic manipulations which have created new species of electronically-crossed plant and animal organisms. Dr. Hanchen developed an electronic system by which he can pick up the bioenergetic field of the DNA of living organisms and transfer it electronically to other living organisms. By this means he has created an incredible new breed of duck/chicken and goat/rabbit, with physical characteristics of both species, and new breeds of plants such as corn/wheat, peanut/sunflower seeds and cucumber/watermelon. These crossbreeding manipulations are produced by linking the genetic data of different living organisms contained in their bioenergetic fields by means of ultra high-frequency biological linking.

If the Russians have managed to create this technology, without a doubt the U. S. and other powers have developed it too. Therefore, the creation of such creatures as the "Chupacabras" or ABEs by means of this method is a very real possibility. Puerto Rico has been

the site of heavy experimentation by the U. S. on the island's population and territory for decades. Examples of this are the experimentation of Talidomida and anticonceptive drugs on women, which caused the birth of many malformed children in the fifties. Also the lethal agent orange and other dioxin-based chemical agents were tested in several places in the island, as well as gamma radiation tests in our forests, among many other tests. Because of this, we can't exclude the possibility that "someone" may have been experimenting with new



Picture of triangular or "diamond" shaped UFO observed over Yacuo, Puerto Rico. Several goats, hens, and other animals were found mutilated in the area the morning after the sightings.

and advanced genetic manipulation technology in our territory. The ABEs could very well be the product of a genetic experiment gone awry; maybe these creatures escaped to the Puerto Rican environment and "someone" has lost control over the situation.

Analysis of Blood Samples

We took samples of alleged blood from one of these creatures, which it had left on a cyclone fence and a plantain tree as it jumped over it and tripped at 9 00 p.m. on October 3, 1995, in Campo Rico community, in Canovanas. Two days before that, a policeman had shot one of the creatures in Campo Rico, which fled from the site. The blood could very well have been from it. We took the blood to a medical lab to be analyzed and, if possible for DNA analysis. The analyses are being made in the U.S.; so far these are the preliminary results:

Sample No. 1: The original blood sample seemed to indicate similar characteristics to that of human A type blood, with Rh factor. Further analysis was not conclusive on this.

Sample No. 2: Other analysis of the blood and matter associated to it in the sample showed a material content comparable to feces with detritus, E. Coli bacteria y worms and other parasites. Vegetal cellular material was also found. This content was compatible with what you

would find if an animal or human being was injured, with an open wound in the intestines, through which a blood hemorrhage was issuing out. Sample No. 3: The genetic analysis so far has revealed that the blood is in no way compatible with human blood nor with any other blood type belonging to any known animal species known to science. The trace ratios of magnesium, phosphorus, calcium and potassium are not compatible with those of normal human blood, they are much too high. The albumen / globulin [RG ratio] was not compatible with normal human blood, as it was also much too high. The ratios found do not allow the results of the analysis on the sample to be compatible in any way with those of any known animal species.

As the results of the analysis do not allow us to place the characteristics found in the sample with those of any known earthly organism, the organism from which it originated can very well be the product of a highly sophisticated genetic manipulation, an organism alien to our environment [extraterrestrial in origin?] or may belong to an animal species totally unknown to science up to now. Other preliminary tests on sub-types and genetic analysis are not conclusive yet, but the results obtained so far imply that the sample originates from an organism unknown to science.

A Strong Cover Up And Disinformation Program

Obviously, both the alien/ ET possibilities would be hard to explain by both the U. S. and Puerto Rican authorities. This has created the need for a heavy disinformation program by the government's agencies, through which the agencies disseminate the already discredited official "explanations" of feral dogs, baboons, apes and exotic animals or satanic sects as culprits of these actions. This disinformation program is strengthened by certain media jokers on the island who have sensationalized and made light of the ABEs attacks and the encounters our citizens continue to have with these creatures on an almost daily occurrence. In many occasions, ridicule has been the weapon used against reliable and serious witnesses.

Another disinformation and debunking campaign comes from the creation of several bogus UFO research groups organized by U. S. Intelligence to infiltrate the areas of high UFO / alien / ABEs activity in Puerto Rico with the mission of compiling data as well as to disseminate disinformation and create situations in the sectors to negatively affect the credibility of those of us who are seriously investigating these incidents. At least two groups, who dress in black, are disseminating disinformation through the media, spreading panic among our population. One of these has stated to the press that the "Chupacabras" are aliens who "created the AIDS virus to destroy the human race and conquer

planet Earth effortlessly", while another group based in the San Juan metropolitan area says that the "Chupacabras" belong to a race of voracious reptilian creatures of alien origin who are about to start devouring the human race. Intelligence agents are also disseminating this type of false information, but we have denounced their intent.

What is clear is that "someone" apparently related to the Intelligence community intends to create a panic situation in Puerto Rico with the "Chupacabras/UFO situation for reasons unknown while, at the same time, "someone" for reasons unknown, is trying to prevent this alarming situation from getting to the U. S. media. Several strategies have been started to create an aura of ridicule around the situation.

Tabloid Ridicule and Inside Edition

On one side, bogus UFO "investigation" groups have been created by U.S. Intelligence in Puerto Rico to misinform and intoxicate the media with ridiculous stories. In addition, a crew from the U.S. TV show Inside Edition visited Puerto Rico to do a report on the animal mutilations, but it was obvious to everyone that they were trying to ridicule the witnesses. Mr. Jose Soto, Mayor of Canovanas, had a serious argument with the producers of Inside Edition as they tried to ridicule him. We were also subjected to stupid questions while being interviewed by the crew from Inside Edition. Apparently, they intend to air a report on the situation in which they will discredit and ridicule the whole thing internationally and in the U.S., an obvious disinformation ploy. This is not the first time this tabloid show has helped intoxicate and misinform on the credibility of important UFO-related cases. Many of us in the UFO community still remember the important UFO wave that Fyffe County, in Alabama, experienced in 1990, and how the story and the witnesses were ridiculed grossly by this tabloid program. This pattern of behavior should alert and stimulate UFO investigators in the U. S. to investigate whether the producers of this show have any ties with the Intelligence community and whether it is being used to "debunk" and silence major UFO/alien situations which may encourage discussion on the reality that we are not alone in the Universe.

The UFO/animal mutilation situation in Puerto Rico may induce such a discussion, and for this reason we cannot allow it to be silenced. We need your help to get the word out on what is happening in Puerto Rico. We must not allow the silencers to win in their intent to keep the U.S. citizens from knowing the truth. Please make copies of this article and send it to the media and inform your friends and fellow UFO investigators.

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HUMAN MUTILATIONS IN THE AMERICAS

by Scott Corrales

The coroner's office dismissed it as a simple, albeit grisly, case of predator damage. The hideously mutilated corpse found near a dam in the locality of Guarapiranga, Brazil (not far from Sao Paulo) had been slain by lightning and then ripped apart by fierce "urubús", large vulture-like carrion birds native to the area. How birds of prey could have produced the nearly surgical removal of lips, eyes, tongue, anus and genitals (along with pubic hair) was not considered by their august verdict. Yet the case was closed, the corpse unceremoniously consigned to a potter's field, and the coroner's office went on with business as usual.

That is, until researcher and translator Encarnacion Zapata was given information by a friend in the medical profession about the exceedingly strange Guarapiranga corpse and provided her with the horrific photographic proof that remained of the sinister event. (1) Zapata went over the photographs with a magnifying lens, trying to find any evidence that would lead her to accept the forensic verdict, but it was all unacceptable: "As I analyzed each of the seven dramatically real color photos," says Zapata "images with which we are all familiar came to my mind: animals mutilated in the USA and in other parts of the world."

Getting in touch with Dr. Jos, Roberto Cuenca, responsible for the criminal proceedings in this "homicide", she found him quite willing to assist her into an investigation of the case as a possible human mutilation

by non-human entities. (2) At this point, an exhumation of the corpse was considered a possibility, but this hope vanished when it was learned that the victim's family had gotten in touch with the authorities to order the body's removal to their own cemetery. Nonetheless, the doctor managed to place the police files at her disposal, from which the following information was learned: "...it was brought to my attention that on the 29th of September, 1988, at an unknown time, near the town of (omitted), the body of a person unknown was discovered. A white male, some 40 years of age, presenting deformations throughout the body and face due to "urubús". I have determined that the court clerk, at my direction, assign this and other documents and initiates the proper judicial inquiry for a better understanding of the facts." (3)

Neither police nor criminal ex-

perts had been able to find signs of violence on the corpse, and had not found any clues to point toward what had taken place near Guarapiranga Dam. Removing the corpse from the site, Zapata learned, had been so difficult that the assistance of the local fire department had been requested, improvising a makeshift hammock.

In her article for the *Journal of the Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas de Discos Voadores* (Brazilian Center for Flying Saucer Research), Zapata makes the following notes about the incisions made on the body of the possible mutilation victim:

Extensive areas of tissue were removed from the upper and lower jaws, along with the eyes and ocular cavities, tongue and other muscles; Surgical extirpation of certain muscles and viscerae subcutaneously; Extirpation of the umbilical scar, and a circular perforation approximately

3 cm. wide, through which the abdominal organs had been removed; Removal of scrotal sac and testicles; Excision of the victim's anus through a surgically opened orifice.

Perhaps the most chilling detail in Zapata's investigation is the fact that the victim was probably alive at the moment the incident took place. As of this writing, Zapata is struggling to obtain access to twelve similar cases locked away in the Sao Paulo's coroner's office archives and to convince forensic authorities of the grim reality of human mutilations by non-human forces.

As amazing as this case may seem to the reader, numerous reports of human mutilations have emerged from other parts of Latin America. Author Salvador Freixedo describes a particularly ghastly case which attained worldwide notoriety in the pages of his *La Granja Humana* (*The Human Farm*): on the night of January 9, 1978, the upper half of a human torso crashed through the windshield of an AMC Gremlin driven by a

group of workers from the PEMEX oil refinery in the Mexican state of Tabasco, who happened to be on their way to a party. (4) The terrified driver of the vehicle did not stop the vehicle until almost a mile past the impact point, while the three passengers in the back seat screamed that something had fallen on their laps: the torso of a man who had been cleanly sliced in half at the waist.

Not knowing what to do, the badly frightened workers abandoned the torso on the roadside near the village of Loma de Caballo and return home. The driver was later accused of

vehicular homicide and sent to jail. Oddly enough, the dead man's lower half was found not on the road's shoulder, as would have been logical, but in a nearby field, not too far from the highway. When the authorities realized that there was no way that the vehicle could

have sliced anyone in half, much less deposit their legs at a distance, the driver was exonerated and released. (5)

When interviewed, the dead man's son stated his belief that his father's death had not been brought about by any kind of vehicle. His father, he stated, was a quiet family man who would never walk around such desolate countryside at night, and that his body did not present any of the signs expected in someone run over by a car. "My father was sawed at the waist. I don't know by whom, but he wasn't hit by any car."

The details of the forensic examination were equally bizarre. There had been no tearing or rending of any kind on the flesh or garments, in spite of the fact that the cut had taken place in an area where there would perforce be dangling tissue, whether from the stomach or the intestines. Clothing and flesh had been cleanly sliced as if by a colossal guillotine, and there was a marked absence of blood. Nor had any bones been shattered: the dead peasant's spinal column had been sliced off without fracturing a single vertebra. (6) Freixedo concluded, after analyzing the case, that the forces behind this evil event deliberately dropped the torso from above onto the windshield of a moving car in order to shatter it and frighten the vehicle's occupants.

Dr. Jacques Vallee mentions an odd human mutilation, although not one of such grand proportions, in connection to the strange UMMO documents, which were the rage of French and Spanish ufology in the 1960's and were later to acquire puzzling international dimensions. One of these purportedly alien documents, dating to 1969, mentions how the UMMO entities conducted "psycho-physiological" experiments in the 1950's on a number of animals owned by Spanish baroness in the city of Alicante. Gruesome animal dissections took place in a dungeon beneath the noblewoman's mansion, and in 1954, the eyes, tongue and hand were removed from the body of the baroness' recently deceased daughter by persons unknown before her burial. The mutilation was conducted with surgical precision. (7)

A number of "vampiric" mutilations, so-called due to the total absence of blood from the victims' bodies, should perhaps also be taken into consideration, as they have occurred such dissimilar locales as Canada, Yugoslavia and Mexico. Four bloodless, mutilated corpses were found in Yugoslavia in the 1950s. (8) A number of Canadian hunters were found slain and bloodless on a wooded island on Lake Winnipeg after a night of heavy UFO activity over said body of water. Bloodless babies were discovered in the Mexican state of Quertaro in the late 1970s following a spate of UFO sightings usually associated with "witches" by the local population.

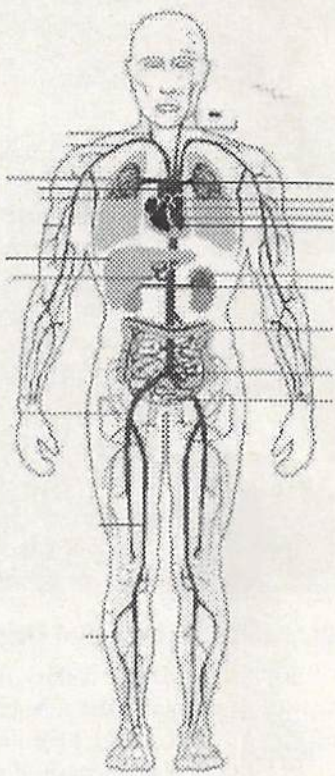
The mutilations of unsuspecting human beings have not confined themselves to overseas locations. Researcher/

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investigator Don Ecker looked into a 1979 case involving two hunters in Jerome County, Idaho, who stumbled upon the mutilated corpse of a man in the middle of nowhere. Naked but for a pair of briefs, the victim betrayed the same signs as those on the body to be found in Guarapiranga almost 15 years later: genitals, lips and other pieces of flesh were missing. Many miles away from the inhospitable, rugged site where the hunters had made their discovery, authorities recovered the dead man's belongings. There was no way the victim could have walked the distance in bare feet. (9)

More controversial cases have been documented by other researchers. In April 1972, a group of Army Black Berets on a secret mission in Cambodia allegedly became involved in a mind-bending firefight with a non-human entities who were allegedly dividing up pieces of human bodies among themselves, placing them into large containers. The mutilated corpses had Caucasian rather than Asiatic features. This ghoulish narrative was included in Researcher Len Stringfield's *Status Report VI*, who made it clear that he would have given it no credence whatsoever were it not for his personal knowledge of the former military man involved in the event. It is hard to attempt a summation of such a terrible body of forbidden knowledge, possibly because all the cases are examples of human powerlessness in the face of the unknown. Are these human mutilations, as many have feared over the years, the logical progression from the ubiquitous cattle mutilations?

The authorities continue to hide behind the excuses of "predator damage", "ritual murder" and other headlines which simply do not apply in these cases, perhaps not because there is a cover up, but because the human mind refuses to make the jump to the



next possibility in queue: that these events are indeed the work of an intelligent, non-human (physical or parapsychical) force that is at best amoral and at worst unspeakably evil. As an early mutilations investigator stated in the late 1970's: "If

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we could solve the mutilations enigma, we could explain ninety percent of all paranormal phenomena." (10) •

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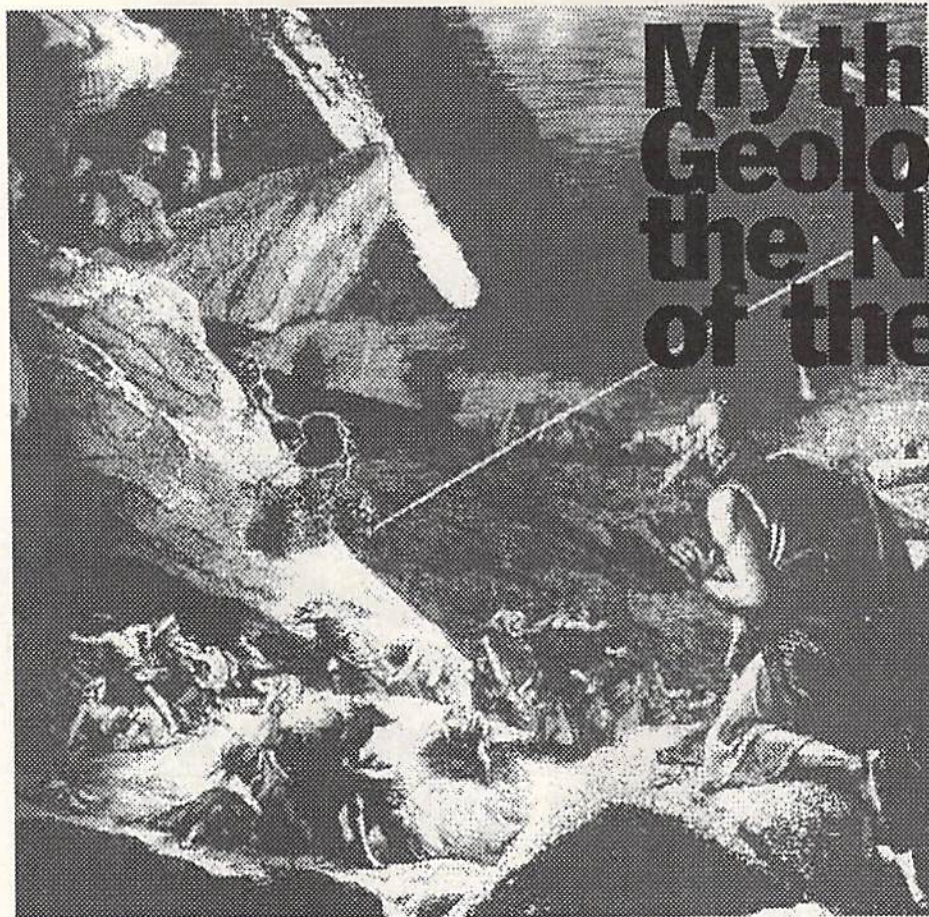
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Mythology, Geology and the Number of the Beast

Freeing Science in Time for Calamity

by Ian Campbell

Many readers of this magazine probably read it as a means of living with their own phobia. After all, it is much more comforting to regard one's own paranoia as being normal, especially when contrasted with the abnormal population who readily believe in God, religion and/or the little grey men. How many of us are aware though that we ourselves are the product of a paranoid society? This same society which has nurtured us from cradle to grave is paranoid par excellence!

Society has achieved its state of paranoid nirvana through dogma. The dogma of the Church, government and the world's leading religions that refuse to treat their followers as adult, free-thinking human beings. Now, even worse, it seems that science, across a very broad spectrum, has also become dogmatic and has become, in itself, a new religion. Taken together, the dogmatism of religion and science spells the end of hope for Mankind. During the time that science remained free thinking and forward looking, it acted as a counter balance to the bigotry of religion, but now science has grown too comfortable. Too many people are chasing too few grants.

Science and Dogma

This is nothing new. The marketplace for scientific research has long been open to abuse. Even Galileo had to bend the knee to obey the religious dogma of the day. Remember, it was he who dared suggest but not publish his proof that the Earth revolved about the sun. It seems such a mild thought now, but in his day it was enough to condemn him to the stake had he not agreed to keep quiet and live out his years under house arrest. Even in this century, we have to look no further than the British mathematician Paul Dirac who, after winning the Nobel laureate for his Dirac Sea research, was branded a heretic by his peers for daring to interest himself in his large number theory.

Others have also suffered. Professor Eric Laithwaite who gave the magnetic linear motor to the world has been castigated for his research into anti-gravity and Dr. Buenaviste of the Parisian SERM Medical Research Institute has been pilloried and accused by the magazine *Nature* of having falsified part of his research into homeopathy. It is not so much a question of being right, or making a breakthrough in any of the sciences, but only doing so when the consensus of opinion in that discipline is ready to accept the breakthrough. Science, which has carried the torch of discovery and

hope in a forward direction for the last two centuries, is in danger of atrophying because it is more comfortable for the many to sit on the laurels of the status quo. It is subject nonetheless to earthly phenomena, namely that which ceases to progress forward ends up sliding backward very quickly. Money has become the motivating force of science, and wealth is the weapon of control of the utility companies.

The power to set up research scientists and laboratories is also the very same power of control. Should a scientist step out of line or want to get involved in new research, his or her progress is stifled and controlled unless, of course, it happens to coincide with the chosen path of the company concerned. This has surely been the reason why, this century, we are still driving gas-guzzling cars and polluting the atmosphere of the planet with the waste products of the petrol and diesel engines. Engines certainly exist which utilise water as a fuel, splitting the water molecule into oxygen and hydrogen, both of which are pristine fuels when compared to the carburant fuels. The problem exists within the petroleum companies which remain paranoid about losing their monopoly over the transport industry. The world continues to suffocate itself because the oil industry needs yet more dollars.

Three Most Popular Scare Stories

At the same time that we are suffering the vicissitudes of various industries, we are constantly being fed a diet of misinformation both by government and New Age gurus. We are told we should worry about global warming and the hole in the ozone layer. We are encouraged to worry about things over which we have little or no control, and at the same time we are kept ignorant of the dumping of nuclear reactors and fuel into the world's oceans. We are also kept ignorant of the yearly threat to Earth from asteroid or comet impact, which could easily wipe Mankind and most other kinds of life from the face of the planet. But blinkered academe marches on, blissfully unaware that we are on borrowed time, and, through the protracted amount of time it takes for any scientific breakthrough to really register through the literature and courses of the universities, it is questionable as to why they should endeavour to exist. In fact, the hallowed halls of learning can now supply a constant output of degree candidates who in many of the sciences will have been superseded by that science by the time they start their courses, let alone graduate.

The Myth of Global Warming

As communications quicken, the chance of being outmoded increases. Our computer industries scramble with each other in a ceaseless fight to transfer more and more giga-bytes of information, ever more quickly. It is

impossible to keep up. And yet the myths continue. Global warming seems to be one such myth. Accurate records have been kept for a century or more now, at least for the land masses, but it is only in the last few years that the gathering of detailed information has been possible around the world, including all the world's oceans, by satellite. This information is fascinating, for it reveals that the world's oceans have only warmed by a fraction of a degree over the past century. Even these figures do not necessarily include any adjustment for the 11 year sun spot cycle. So what are we worrying about?

Rainforests: The Lungs of the Planet?

Let's move on to the second horror with which we are constantly being assailed - the cutting down of the worlds rain forests and the implication that without the lungs of the planet we may suffer from lack of oxygen. Nobody explains to us that there is, in fact, more oxygen in the world's

respiratory system than can possibly be accounted for by the amount of vegetation that exists in the world. Where does it come from and why aren't we already gasping through shortage of breath? We are never told of the immense quantity of oxygen which is released every day from the world's oceans,

through the disruption of the water molecule and the liberation of oxygen by the action of ultra-violet radiation, (generated by the sun) on the world's oceans. This is not to say that the rape of the planet is something with which we should not concern ourselves, but let's not confuse this with cause and effect. The cutting down of vegetation permits soil erosion and without fertile topsoil the food chain is severely depleted, thus many third world countries are prevented from feeding themselves.

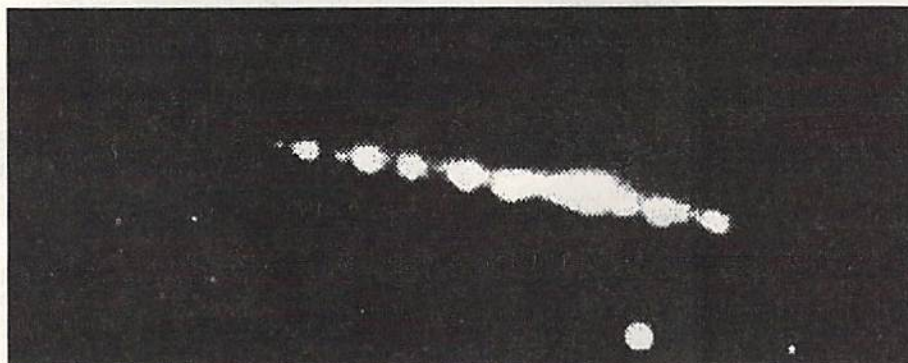
The Hole in the Ozone

The third most popular modern day myth is the hole in the ozone layer. This, we are informed by the experts, is being caused by the overuse, by the general population, of CFC gasses which are released into the atmosphere by refrigerators, deep freezers and aerosol cans. Ozone (O₃) actually is an unstable form of oxygen

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which is created when a particular wavelength of ultra-violet light (sunlight) disrupts oxygen in its stable form, oxygen as O₂ into two unstable parts, O and O.

The two parts seek other partners to reform into O₂ at the earliest opportunity and only if they fail to find another single Oxygen unit (O), do they combine with a stable Oxygen molecule (O₂) to form unstable Ozone (O₃). The same ultra-violet radiation then breaks the O₃ bond, recreating further O₂ and an O component, the single Oxygen molecule then seeking another to continue the process. It can thus be seen that Ozone is both constantly being created and destroyed in the upper atmosphere by the action of sunlight on Oxygen molecules. Without Oxygen, the Ozone cannot be created.



More than Dirty Snowballs The Shoemaker-Levy comet

Without sunlight, the Ozone cannot be created. Therefore the idea of a hole in the Ozone layer is false and as long as we have Oxygen in the upper atmosphere and ultra-violet radiation from the sun acting upon it, we will always have Ozone. This is not to say that the oxygen molecule cannot be so split by the action of Chlorofluorocarbons but, being heavier than air and being released at ground level, they have difficulty struggling up to the high atmosphere many miles above sea level. It is rumoured though, that every time the American space shuttle is launched, it releases 15 tons of CFC gasses into Earth's high atmosphere. The reality is that the stronger or greater quantity of sunlight that reaches Earth's upper atmosphere, the more disruption occurs to the Oxygen layer and the more Ozone is created and destroyed. It is an ongoing event.

As to the monitoring of the Ozone layer, the problem of a hole was first mentioned just prior to the Falklands' war in 1982, when the British Antarctic Survey Team had just had their funding cut by the British government. The survey ship "HMS Endeavour" was to be decommissioned and the project curtailed. Suddenly, the team reported the discovery of the hole in the Ozone layer. Now forgive me for being cynical, but the amount of sun light which penetrates Earth's atmosphere depends on the proximity of the Earth to the sun. The sun's

sunspot activity, which has a cycle of 11 years, is also relevant and if accurate records of this activity have been kept then this 11 year cycle would show the waxing and waning of the strength of the sun's magnetosphere reaching Earth. The amount of chemical changes to the upper atmosphere might therefore be contingent upon the amount of sunspot activity occurring at any given time. It would probably be necessary to monitor several complete 11 year cycles before any conclusions could be drawn about the effects that these cycles have had on Earth, and yet even now in 1995, there has been scarcely time for one cycle to have occurred since that dramatic claim in 1982. Let us just conclude that the scare-mongering over the hole in the Ozone layer might be just a little premature.

The Myth of Dirty Snowballs

We have covered three of the most popular scare stories being promulgated by world government at the present time. The purpose of such disinformation we can only guess at, but we can be sure that someone, somewhere stands to make a fortune by selling non-CFC refrigerators, freezers and aerosol cans. There is, however, one category of threat which is hardly

ever mentioned, but one which we must take seriously and that is the threat of Earth being impacted by a sizeable celestial missile such as an asteroid or comet.

The impact of the 21 parts of the Shoemaker-Levy comet in July, 1994 should serve as a salutary lesson for Mankind and gives us notice of what lies in store for Earth. We are at the end of a celestial bowling alley, and every year several missiles try to impact Earth. It is only a question of time before Earth is hit by a sizeable missile. Until 1994 there were opinions held by different astronomers that comets were just large dirty snowballs and would do little damage. Those same astronomers are just realising how wrong they were; the Jupiter impacts of the Shoemaker-Levy comet changed that when 21 pieces of comet impacted the gas giant at speeds greater than 134,000 mph. Some of the smaller impacts made holes in the upper atmosphere the size of the Earth, a fact which has truly staggered some hardened observers. One day it will be Earth's turn to be the centre of such a fireworks display. It's just a question of time.

Extinction of the Dinosaurs

Prior to 1994, cometary impacts have periodically been suggested as the mechanism for the destruction of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago. Physicists have calculated that such a comet or asteroid would have needed to be 10 miles in diameter to have caused such

an extinction. They calculated also that such a missile would have left its signature as a 130 mile-wide crater somewhere on earth's surface, a fact which the detractors of the theory seized on, asking where such a crater could be found. As long as no-one could point to such a landscape, they were able to continue their disbelief. But in 1994, things changed. A 103 mile-diameter crater was found north of the Yucatan peninsula in the Gulf of Mexico. Professor Alvarez, a noted geologist, had already discovered traces of the rare (non-Earth) metal Iridium at several locations around the world, an indication of celestial impact. This rare metal was often to be found sandwiched between the rock strata of the Cretaceous and Tertiary periods and those geological periods were already established as dating to approximately 65,000,000 BC. Quite separately, various paleo-anthropologists had discovered dinosaur remains in the fossil, and these had also been dated to 65,000,000 BC. It was natural to consider, therefore, that the geological event might have caused the extinction.

When the scientists wanted to study the newly discovered crater off the Yucatan peninsula they were lucky, for the Mexican oil company Pemex had already carried out extensive surveys throughout the area. When the core samples were checked, they revealed the same traces of Iridium, the signature of a cosmic impact. In addition, tektites were also found in the core samples. Tektites are small solidified globules of rock which only occur when intense heat and pressure have been involved to melt rock. This is another signature of cosmic impact. Suddenly, the skeptics were faced with undeniable proof that the extinction of all higher life forms circa 65,000,000 years ago almost certainly occurred because of the impact of a 10 mile-diameter asteroid, comet or planetoid on the Earth's crust.

Other scientists took this catastrophe on board and calculated the chances of Earth being hit again. The odds were not good. A 10 mile-diameter planetoid is due every 15,000,000 years with lesser sizes more frequent and as Earth has not suffered such a catastrophe for the last 65,000,000 it means that we are long overdue. Meanwhile, the American Spacewatch and Spaceguard systems, specifically set up to detect, monitor and plot the positions of all potential Earth-threatening objects, have already identified three deep-space planetoids heading straight for us in the next 130 years. The trajectories have been plotted and the dangers to Earth determined. We, the public, are not being told. And yet, the warnings are there.

Earth History and the Number of the Beast

The sacred writings of many religions repeatedly tell of the destruction of life on Earth by fire and flood, but we are encouraged to think of these stories as fairy tales. The fact that almost identical stories appear in all the

major mythologies around the world should tell us something and yet we choose to ignore them. But recently, a warning has been found and deciphered; a large-scale warning etched into the landscape of the French Languedoc. This warning tells of the destruction of life on earth by a comet named the Typhon, Set. The story is the one told by the ancient Egyptians, the Sumerians and Babylonians. A similar story exists in the mythologies of the Aztecs and Mayan Indians. In each case it is the story of destruction by the Beast, known as Set, Satan or the Typhon according to which mythology/language you study. The *Book of Revelations* summarizes the destruction of man and attributes his downfall to the Beast, Satan or Set, attributing the number 666 to the beast and adding that Mankind somehow carries the Mark of the Beast.

In an article recently published in *Paranoia* entitled The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, Wendy Wallace wrote that "the Greek word for 666, is chi xi stigma". Stigma of course means a mark incised or punched into something, and "chi xi" for "three sixes". Also, in a recent edition of the

London Times, an article appeared concerning a new scientific expedition to the Yucatan crater. The expedition is heading for a village which is situated near the edge of the crater and the name of the village is Chic-xu-lub. Perhaps this really is a coincidence, but the Egyptian story of Set or Satan being cast down to Earth and causing untold devastation, coupled with the fact that Set was referred to as the Typhon or beast who left his mark on the world, seems a little too close for comfort! Or am I being just a little too paranoid?

In order to avoid the paranoia label, I thought it would be best to check Wendy Wallace's facts for myself. I spoke to a philologist and asked him if, in his opinion, it were at all possible to move from the Greek

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words chi xi stigma to the Yucatan village named Chi-xu-lub. When he stopped laughing he explained that the first two words were indeed Greek letters which also signified numbers but that there was no such letter in Greek as stigma. He also explained that the Yucatan was part of Mexico, and that there were no connections that he knew of between the ancient Greek language and that of Spain. He added that perhaps Wendy Wallace had misread the letter stigma for sigma.

In ancient times, before the invention of numerals, ancient societies used individual letters to represent specific numbers. When my philologist friend checked the

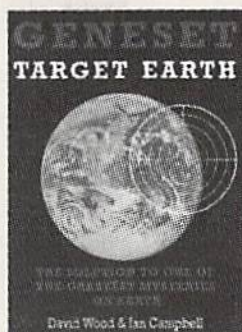
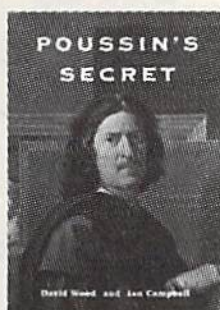
numerical value of the Greek letters in a Greek/English dictionary, he discovered that chi equaled 600, xi was 60 and sigma stood for 20 or 200. Unfortunately, there was no apparent way in which the three letter-numbers could combine to add up to the dreaded number of the beast: 666. Something was wrong. Surely the translators of the passage in *Revelations* couldn't have been wrong, by translating the number of the beast as 666 instead of 680 or 880?

I tried to tackle the problem another way by researching the Yucatan village name of Chi-xu-lub. Neither Spanish or Spanish/Mexican dictionaries were of any help for more information and I discovered that the Yucatan peninsula alone boasts of 100 different language/dialect combinations, the principle one being Yucata; not exactly something one can learn at the average Adult

Education centre! In desperation, I resorted to the *Times Atlas of the World* to check that the village itself existed and was further frustrated when I could find no trace of it.

A few days later, I re-visited the bookshop and was greeted with a positive response. My friend had checked an old Greek lexicon from the nineteenth century and had discovered that the Greeks used to have a letter stigma and that it had a numerical value of 6. Furthermore, the only difference between the letters stigma and sigma was the length of the tail of the letter. A blind man would indeed be glad to spot the difference on the printed page! Nevertheless, if a connection could be made between Wendy Wallace's chi-xi-stigma and the *Times* Chi-xu-lub, then we will have indeed proved a fascinating point. Meanwhile, we should bear in mind that the whole region of the Yucatan had its history systematically destroyed in 1594, when, according to the French author Maurice Chatelain, Archbishop Diego de Landa burned all the ancient Mayan documents, believing them to be the works of Satan. Now Satan can easily be equated to the Set of the Egyptians and the Typhon of the Greeks. Satan/Set Typhon has also been described as the fiery serpent of the skies, God of the deep and the God of Time. Could Archbishop Landa, having discovered, an ocean away from the safety of his own land, that the ancient Mayas had recorded the Mark of the Beast by naming the nearest village Chi-xu-lub accordingly? Perhaps the answer lies somewhere in the secret library of the Vatican. Unfortunately the last pope who threatened to open those records to the public, lasted only 30 days. But that is another story.

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Popular Alienation: A Steamshovel Press Reader

Edited by Kenn Thomas (IllumiNet, \$19.95)

Extremism in America: A Reader
Edited by Lyman Tower Sargent
(New York University Press, \$17.95)

Extremism in America and *Popular Alienation* are two very different collections, but their editors share a desire to present non-mainstream writings and ideas to a wider audience. Lyman Tower Sargent is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Missouri / St. Louis, and his book is generally more accessible to the mainstream reader. It's also better organized, albeit more limited in its focus. Kenn Thomas' *Popular Alienation*, on the other hand, is likely to alarm and confuse your average Barnes and Noble patron. In other words, *Popular Alienation* is likely to appeal more to the readers of *PARANOIA*.

Given the news media's focus on so-called right-wing extremists, it's refreshing that Sargent chose to include material from both the Right and the Left in his *Extremism* reader. His Right/Left dichotomy, however, is of limited value in understanding these writings. For example, White separatists and Black separatists share the same goal (strict racial segregation), yet Sargent places the White organizations on the "Right" and the Black organizations on the "Left." As Sargent himself correctly points out, far-Left and far-Right ideologies often overlap, and the definition of "extremism" has changed over time. Extremism, he says, is ultimately about discontent with the world, and a desire to make it right. Again, this is all very refreshing.

Unfortunately, Sargent's view of conspiracy theories is more indicative of his mainstream credentials. He notes that "many extremists believe in the existence of a conspiracy," which suggests that (1) conspiracy theories are extremist, and (2) conspiracy theorists tend to believe in one simplistic Conspiracy. There is among all brands of extremism,

he claims, always an "Enemy." And conspiracy theories are often the way extremists identify the "Enemy."

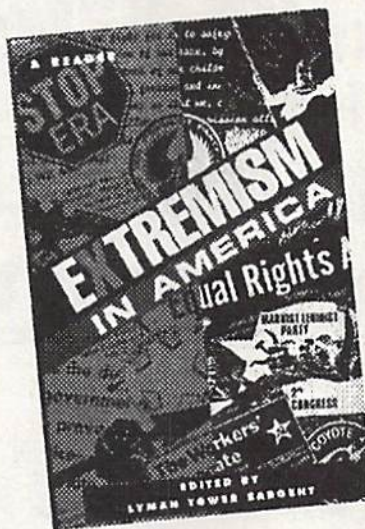
Nevertheless, Sargent has compiled fascinating material that you're not likely to find anywhere else, including David Duke's 1984 Presidential Platform, the American Nazi Party's Official Stormtrooper's Manual, and the Principles of the Left Green Network. The fact that it contains primary historical documents, along with its extensive bibliography, make *Extremism in America* a valuable reference book for anyone interested in non-mainstream politics and ideologies. (I just wish someone would tell these extremists that they don't have to use ALL CAPS to emphasize points in their manifestos. This is perhaps the major link between far-Left and far-Right ideologies.)

In *Popular Alienation*, Kenn

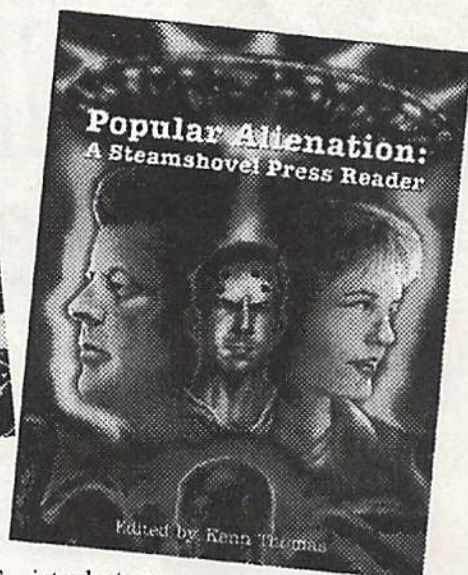
spiracy theories aren't the only explanation. (Indeed, he starts the volume with an interview with Abbie Hoffman's brother, who clearly doesn't see a "conspiracy" behind his brother's death.)

Popular Alienation is an anthology of the latest nine issues of Thomas' *Steamshovel Press*, one of the first conspiracy-oriented magazines. So if you're a long-term reader of *Steamshovel*, you've already seen most — though not all — of this material. But for those unfamiliar with *Steamshovel Press*, this anthology makes a good introduction.

Frankly, not all the material held my interest, and it would've been nice to have brief



Thomas takes a different approach to his non-mainstream material. First, his choice of title suggests that "fringe" thinking is both more pervasive and less threatening than Sargent might have us believe. Second, he avoids trying to pigeonhole the material into a Left-Right framework. Thomas is clearly more knowledgeable of and more sympathetic to conspiratorial thinking than Sargent, but he's not afraid to admit that con-



introductory statements to provide contextual and background information for the articles. However, most readers of *PARANOIA* will find a lot to like, and think about, here. Even if they buy it in Barnes and Noble.

Al Hidell

Where do dictators go after they've been given the boot? Many ex-dictators end up on the French Riviera, enjoying their ill-gotten booty in the warm Continental sun. Mikhail Gorbachev, however, is no ordinary ex-dictator. He still fancies himself a mover and shaker, and so he went where nobody would expect him to go: the former U.S. Army base called the Presidio in San Francisco. He got the best place he could find, a cute two-story former officer's residence overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge, with a great view of the San Francisco Bay. Now, complete with white picket-fence, it's the unlikely home of the Gorbachev Foundation USA.

And what has the Gorbachev Foundation USA been doing these days? Most recently it sponsored the State of the World Forum, held in the elegant Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, a case study of power elite pretending to build a consensus on a global scale.

According to the Gorbachev Foundation, the purpose of the Forum is to "articulate a clearer vision of new international priorities" and "to bring together in working dialogue some of the most thoughtful individuals in the world...senior statespeople, current political leaders, business executives, scientists, artists, intellectuals, spiritual leaders and youth."

Hey, I'm in at least four of those categories, but I didn't get a single invitation. Am I surprised? Not at all. You see, the plutocracy doesn't want the appearance of top-down

Gorby



and the Illuminati Wannabes

by Uri Dowbenko

global economic planning in the old monopoly capitalist or communist mold. No, the kinder gentler New World Order wants the semblance of "roundtable discussions" by panels of brand-name celebrities. The State of the World Forum was attended by people, hand-picked by Gorby, who consider themselves visionaries (and paid \$5000 each to prove it.) It was a closed-door event, but if you can think of Gorby as a visionary, you'd fit right in. Then you could mingle with retired bureaucrats like former Secretary of State George Schultz

(Chairman of the Gorbachev Foundation Advisory Board) and former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski. Or you could share

celebrity chef-prepared dinners with New Age author Deepak Chopra, scientists like Nobel Prize winner Arno Penzias, "Cosmos" stand-up guy Carl Sagan, primatologist Jane Goodall, media mogul Ted Turner, and actress Shirley MacLaine. This, then, is the "global brain trust" empowered to "analyze the current state of the world and articulate the fundamental priorities and values necessary to constructively shape the early 21st century."

Since I consider myself at least a visionary, I called up Gorby's PR contingent and asked about press credentials. Oh no, she said, we're sorry but all the press

passes have been taken. So, in the spirit of visionary investigative journalism I decided to go incognito. Would I run into Ted Turner? I could ask him if he was really serious when he said that "Christianity was a religion for losers"

and that "If you want to fish, put down a million dollars and buy your own damn stream." (Or did he say those things on a day when he forgot to take his Lithium?) You see, I've always been curious about rich socialist types. But I didn't run into Citizen Turner. The first roundtable forum I attended was called "Social Values and Economic Renewal". There was Jeremy Rifkin, author of *Beyond Beef* and *The End of Work*, talking about the world according to Jeremy Rifkin. He actually said that "The industrial age brought the elimination of slave labor, and the

information age brought about the end of wage labor." Huh? I wanted to invite him to McDonald's and have him ask the wage slaves working there what they thought about his theories, but he was rushing off to the airport. Obviously a very busy visionary.

So I stood in the hallways of the majestic Fairmont Hotel and, soon enough, an entire procession of State of the World Forum people were walking down the hall. I joined in and soon found myself on the outdoor terrace of the hotel. I noticed that the procession was being videotaped and, since I was incognito, I stepped out of line and watched. They all moved in slow-motion, as in a trance, slow deliberate steps, on and on in a circle around the terrace. I watched for a while and then asked a media-type what was going on. I gazed at Shirley MacLaine, Dennis Weaver and a monk in saffron robes going around and around. "What's that?" I asked, "The zombie march of the New World Order?" The guy looked at me like I was from another planet and shook his head. "No, that's a meditation."

"Oh," I said and stayed quiet after that.

I tried to get into the roundtable called "Towards an Earth Charter in the 21st Century" which featured Gorbachev himself. He was going to discuss such important issues as "Should there be a bill of rights for the earth similar to the UN Declaration of Human Rights?" Apparently, "The framework of a new Earth Charter would provide a moral and legal basis to evolve a new relationship between people and their planet. The question is how such a charter is to be implemented and with what kind of sanctions for global violations. Would this require a global ombudsman or a global court which can give final verdicts on violations of the Earth Charter and the time frame within which such a Charter should be evolved and gradually

introduced."

Now I don't know about you, but I find the idea of Mikhail Gorbachev pontificating on the environment is the ultimate in Cosmic Irony. It's an irony that transcends ordinary everyday kind of irony. It's like Hitler appointing an all-Nazi committee to look into the Holocaust. It takes a certain ballsiness, if you know what I mean. Today Gorbachev heads an environmentalist group called Green Cross International, but while he was dictator supreme of the Soviet Union, there was more environmental pollution "back in the USSR" than any other time in recent history.

Let me refresh your memory. According to the *Weekly Telegraph* (UK) 30 November-6 December 1994, "Moscow has confirmed that it spent 30 years of disposing of atomic waste by pumping it directly into the Earth. Worse still, the pumping is still going on. Already it is suspected to have leaked into rivers leading into the Caspian Sea and the Arctic Ocean and has been blamed for the rise in cancer deaths in several locations where the waste has started returning to the surface."

"The dumped atomic material is reported to measure up to 3 billion curies of radiation. This compares to about 50 million curies released in the Chernobyl accident and 50 curies released at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania. Even a small amount of this waste could totally sterilize vast areas of the northern oceans, destroying and contaminating the

food chain for the entire northern hemisphere and rendering vast areas uninhabitable for centuries."

Surprised? You shouldn't be. That's always been the modus operandi of the Illuminati. Do as I say, not as I do. The Illuminati wannabes in attendance at the Forum obviously concurred, because I neither saw nor heard anyone expressing outrage that the man responsible for such monumental environmental havoc had the nerve to talk about an "Earth Charter" with a straight face. But you have to hand it to him. The guy is a master of

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Hegelian dialectic. To review, first, you set up the thesis (or create the problem), i.e. environmental disaster. Then you set up the anti-thesis (or create a phoney solution), i.e. environmental regulations. The synthesis is a UN Global Court which can "give final verdicts on violations of the Earth Charter." And what do you get? A further centralization of global economic and political power under the guise of UN "equanimity".

After a while, I went off to make a phone call. I had the phone booth

open, my legs sticking out into the hallway. I was looking straight ahead, and out of nowhere, he appeared: Gorby himself, flanked by two ear-jacked security guys with shades. Somehow our eyes met and he gave me a small nod, his Mark of the Beast birthmark on his forehead, just like the pictures. Momentarily, I thought Gee you'd think the guy could afford a laser tattoo-removal process or something. And then he

ment, namely production, sale and transfer of military technology. To start this process of global restraint in arms procurement, the scope of the existing UN arms registry should be expanded to cover... information on production and national holdings of weapons... The coverage of conventional arms in the registry should be expanded to the small arms that play so large a role in local and regional conflicts. Later reporting on all items

in the registry should become mandatory and implementation should be verified by an international authority..."

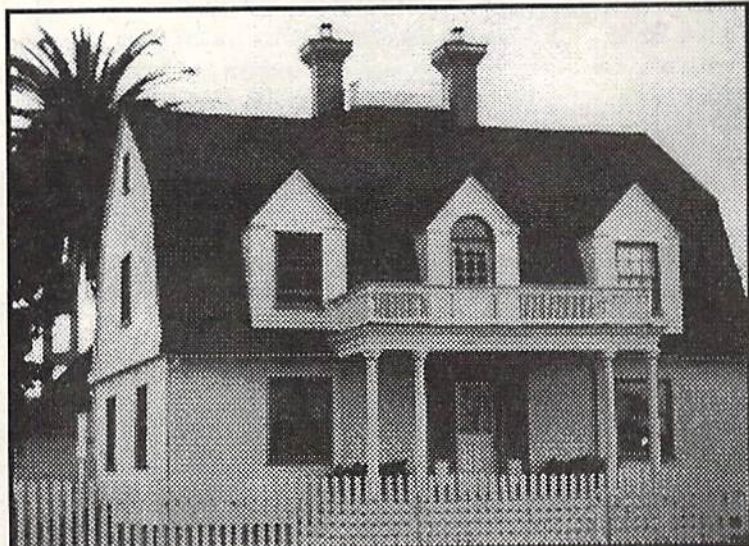
"The costs of maintaining an expanded UN registry and its verification should be raised from

Magazine, ADM's in-house philosophy is "The customer is our enemy. The competition is our friend." Huh?

Smaller contributors included \$100,000 from something called the Red Rose Collection, \$50,000 each from UPS, HarperCollins Publishers and seven others, \$25,000 each from Carnegie Corporation of New York, Capital International Inc., David Packard, Prodigy, United Airlines, The Well and two others and a measly \$10,000 each from British Airways, The Economist, Johnson & Johnson, Montgomery's Securities, SunAmerica Inc. and of course Armand Hammer's Occidental Petroleum.

The grand finale of the State of the World Forum was a debate between Mikhail Gorbachev, Margaret Thatcher and George Bush on the role of the United Nations. Carried live on CNN, it was held in the Masonic Auditorium on Nob Hill, but I watched it from the comfort of my living room chair. I had done enough incognito work for one weekend. Mostly, Gorby was on the defensive against his former Cold War so-called foes Bush and Thatcher. He even laid off his constant message of environmental alarmism and pushed his other message. "The United Nations alone is able to deal with conflicts," he said. "You can't persuade me the United Nations is not necessary. This is the time for the United Nations." He went on and on that the UN should be given more power, rather than have the U.S. be the "global policeman". But Gorby knows damn well he can have it both ways. As soon as US servicemen fight under UN colors in Macedonia, you'll know he's much more than just an Illuminati wanna-be. Gorby's the real thing.

You can e-mail the Gorbachev Foundation USA at FORUMHQ@WORLDFORUM.ORG, or visit the inevitable Web Site at [HTTP://WWW.WORLDFORUM.ORG](http://WWW.WORLDFORUM.ORG).



Home Sweet Home The Presidio, home of the Gorbachev Foundation. (photo © 1995, Uri Dowbenko)

was gone, moving on to his Gorbachevian destiny in the Grand Ballroom.

You'll also be interested to find out about the "Global Security Programme" of the Gorbachev Foundation. When you get past the Recommendations for Nuclear Weapons Disarmament, Neutralizing Nuclear Weapons, Making START Reductions Irreversible and Moving to the Final State of Nuclear Arms Control, you find that Gorby's Boys are really doing some creative thinking. It's called "Controlling Conventional War Weapons". You see, according to the Gorbachevian think-tankers, "We live in a world awash with an unnecessarily high level of armaments." And what do they propose? "A programme of step-by-step restraints on procure-

the proceeds of a UN excise tax on arms procurement, whose level might be increased to meet expenditures for these purposes and also used to finance peace-keeping." What does this all mean exactly? First, you register your guns with the appropriate United Nations agency, then pay a tax on it. Sounds simple, doesn't it? No messy Bill of Rights or Constitutional arguments here.

By this time you're probably wondering who helped pay for the State of the World Forum. Archer Daniels Midland, whose advertising tagline is "Supermarket to the World", gave the largest single amount: \$250,000. This food monopoly corporate giant, one of the global oligopoly, is currently under investigation by the US Justice Department for price-fixing. According to *Forbes*

A Preview of The PARANOIA 1996 Annual Paranoid Women Collect Their Thoughts

The injectible microchip may eventually be used for life-long identification against people's will. Cruel tests on animals prove what is safe and effective for humans. Some weapons are considered "less than lethal." Some nuclear waste is considered "Below Regulatory Concern." Whether they're talking about nuclear waste, vivisection or microchip technology, this unique gathering of eighteen women authors on the fringe is bound to get under your skin.

"People with too much unaccountable power, indulging in whimsical cruelty... assuaging annoyances with Nazi-like perverted amusement, doing it because they can get away with it... Who are these thugs?" asks Regina Cullen, a British woman experiencing severe microwave harassment.

Backing up the reality of Regina's first-person account, Judy Wall states "It is necessary to provide objective proof of mind control experimentation to third parties in order to elicit help, awareness of the problem and legislative action against it."

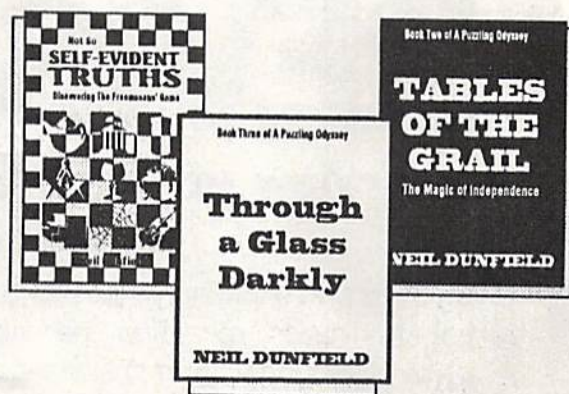
Do UFOs come from another world or are "extraterrestrial" encounters a sophisticated mind control hoax utilizing covert psychotronic technology? According to British conspiracy researcher Mary Seal, the UFO experience may be a sophisticated social engineering device designed to subvert and control our belief systems.

Leah Haley has been abducted by alien entities. The author of several books on UFO abductions states: "The Grays pull me out of bed using a force that feels like a powerful magnet or giant vacuum cleaner." The alien entities have informed Leah that they have bases on Earth.

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WHO IS A REVISIONIST?

An overview of the Holocaust Revisionism debate

by Pat Hartman

This article is presented not to disturb, but to open the lines of communication regarding the most taboo topic in America. We understand the danger of opening this Pandora's Box, but hope that you will share our view that Mr. Hartman has written a balanced and rational overview of the topic. As always, we welcome your commentary.

It might be instructive to start by looking at who is not a revisionist.

In the immediate post-WWII period, 22 camps were claimed to contain gas chambers. Before long, sixteen of them had been cleared of the charge. Mainstream, orthodox historians made the determination that there were only six camps equipped with gas chambers: Auschwitz-Birkenau, Belzec, Chelmno (also known as Kulmhof), Sobibor, Treblinka, and Majdenek (also called Lublin). Yet no one calls that change of official history by the name of "revisionism."

Right after the war, signs were put up at Dachau claiming that 238,000 people had been gassed and cremated there. Some time later the signs were removed, and today the official, mainstream version of history is that 32,000 died there over a 13-year span. Does that make the director of the Dachau camp museum a "revisionist?"

Is Dr. Franciszek Piper, Senior Curator and Director of Archives at

Auschwitz Museum, a revisionist? He must be, because in 1990 he released the results of a ten-year study which lowered the death toll there from four million to roughly one million. This announcement was not greeted with cries "revisionism." The Commandant of Mauthausen confessed (in suspicious circumstances) that his camp had housed a gas chamber, yet Yehuda Bauer has written that there was no gassing at Mauthausen. Does that make Bauer a revisionist? Far from it. He is instead recognized as the ultimate authority on Holocaust matters.

Deborah Lipstadt wrote a book debunking revisionism. Paradoxically, it was she who announced in the *LA Times* in 1981 that the human soap atrocity story was a myth. Yet no one calls her a revisionist. What rapidly becomes clear is that "revisionism" is in the eye of the beholder. When certain people do it, it's called "legitimate Holocaust reappraisal."

It's often hard to tell what are the criteria for labeling certain material as revisionist. A catalog called The

Scholar's Bookshelf seems at first glance to be firmly lodged in the mainstream. One of its offerings, *The Twisted Road to Auschwitz* by Karl A. Schleunes, gives the author's interpretation of the Holocaust "as a product of unplanned evolution rather than a premeditated 'grand design' " -- not exactly a mainstream position. *The Architect of Genocide* by Richard Breitman lays all the blame at Himmler's door. These are works you would sooner expect to find in the catalog of Noontide Press, the one-stop store for extreme right-wing philosophy. (Just reading the descriptions of Noontide's books is an education in itself.)

What Is A Revisionist?

Mainstream media give the impression that the vast field of Holocaust studies can be boiled down to one clear-cut issue: "It" happened or "It" didn't happen. The only possible positions are either total acceptance of the heterodoxy or "Holocaust denial." This is way too simplistic. While there are hard-core revisionists who say it didn't happen at all, the vast majority are detail-questioners of one sort or another who don't claim there was no Holocaust but do hold differing and individual opinions about specific incidents.

What Is An Exterminationist?

Exterminationists are what we've

all been brought up to be: believers in the proposition that the deaths of large numbers of European Jews came about in a purposeful way. As one writer said, "It is a strange term, but it seems to have caught on." The exterminationist camp is not monolithic in its beliefs either; the major division is between functionalists and intentionalists. Functionalists say it just sort of happened: the Final Solution was pieced together, like a patchwork quilt. Due to the internal structure of the Third Reich, which wasn't as rigid and orderly as popularly supposed, the Holocaust was a piece of improvisation. Policy evolved at lower levels in response to circumstances. Orders went out that no Jews should remain in German-held territory, and then orders went out that no further emigration would be allowed, so mass extermination just kind of happened by default.

When Germany was defeated, Allied troops liberated tens of thousands of "relatively healthy" internees from some of the camps. Functionalists offer this as proof that there was no intent to kill them. There were so many survivors because it was no great trick to survive, and the reason for that is because there was no deliberate program of mass murder.

Intentionalists say, on the contrary, that there was nothing random about the Holocaust. It was cut from whole cloth: the destruction of the Jews was an early and unwaveringly pursued goal of the Reich according to a premeditated plan long held by Hitler.

The Holocaust Lobby, or simply The Lobby, are other terms for the mass of citizens who are content to accept history as taught in school, and who may even have a vested

interest in maintaining the status quo.

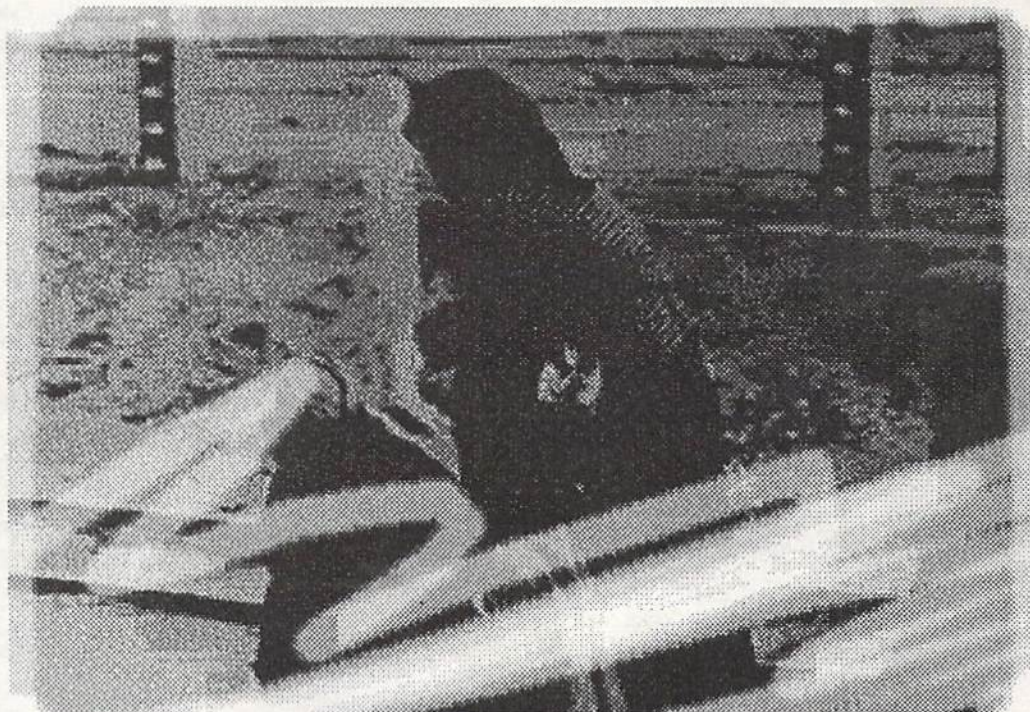
Plenty Of Material For Mutual Recriminations

One critic says that revisionists produce "a bevy of works with intersecting footnotes -- they quote each other and invoke the authority of each other's 'scholarship'." Well, exterminationists do the same. There is pretty good evidence that several of the standard works quoted as gospel by the Lobby were all plagiarized one from the other, all traceable back to a manuscript that is itself of very questionable provenance.

There's a lot of objectionable stuff on both sides. One of the

man says of revisionists, "People who subscribe to this view can only be combated with a bullet," and such defenders as Alan Dershowitz do more harm than good to the cause by refuting revisionists with flabby rhetoric and sloppy *ad hominem* attacks.

Then there's the snobbism angle, which can be annoying. According to the group consciousness of the exterminationist side, no one may be recognized as a real historian unless they are a university professor of history. Even if you hold an advanced degree in another field and write about the history of an era from the perspective of your particular academic discipline, you cannot



pieces of revisionist literature that came into my hands is a rather clever tale in comic-book format which offers such features as made-up dialog meant to be construed as meaningful evidence. On the other hand, exterminationists are not always scrupulous about the facts either. And no one can accuse the Lobby of being a bunch of wimpy pacifists. *Maus* author Art Spiegel-

be accepted as a real historian if you are a revisionist.

The revisionists bitch about the credentials of the other side's spokespersons, too. Remember the cartoons in *MAD* where the people did one thing while their shadows showed what they were really doing? If you could see the shadows of these two opposing groups of historians, they would be shooting spit-

balls at each other.

Proto-revisionist Mark Weber got a BA in history, served as an instructor and received an MA in European history, but even these credentials as a professional historian gain him no respect from the Holocaust lobby. They hold it against him that he sought work at a right-wing organization that didn't exist but was invented by the Simon Wiesenthal Center as a cover for one of its secret agents. Such deceptions are routine, and to avoid them the Institute for Historical Review

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performs background checks on its conference attendees. This attitude of caution is regarded by some as unreasonable paranoia, but is it any wonder that they prefer to keep the ADL and JDL spies out?

On the other hand, revisionism is a world-view to which some bring all the intrigue and passion of a spy movie. David Cole visited Auschwitz with his camcorder in the guise of a righteous Jew who only wanted to get the facts in order to debunk the revisionists back home.

An example of dangerous non-

sense is the claim by exterminationists that revisionists are not "serious historians." First off, they are very serious, and perhaps it's time we faced up to it. The revisionists aren't going to go away. They're not all going to wake up one morning and say, "Shit, everybody thinks I'm a crackpot, except for a few other crackpots. Maybe I'll just quit being a revisionist."

Intentionalist Argument

There is plenty of incriminating evidence to be found in the writings and speeches of prominent Nazis. Revisionists attempt to dismiss this material by saying the Nazis were just venting hot air, as any bellicose tyrants will tend to do. But it is difficult to explain away the very vehement utterances that have come down to us. Hitler, for instance, said, "The cause of countless ills is a bacillus: the Jew ... we will become healthy if we eliminate the Jew." When people use a bacteriological

metaphor, they aren't usually thinking about evicting germs to another locale. They are talking about people.

Himmler wasn't shy about his feeling, either. According to his masseur, a man named Kersten who knew him very well, Himmler revealed his intention to eradicate the Jews in November of 1941. A year later, in October of 1942, he outlined in a speech the plan to replace the Jewish labor force with Poles and "amalgamate the great majority of the Jewish concentration

camp enterprises with one or two large, not wholly Jewish concentration camp undertakings -- if possible in the eastern part of the Government General." The next sentence is the giveaway: "In due course these will also be cleared of Jews in accordance with the wishes of the Fuhrer."

In a 1943 speech at Posen, speaking to a group of generals, Himmler referred to the extermination plan - "We can talk about it openly here. We must never talk about it publicly." When chastising his fellow Germans for being too soft-hearted, he said, "...cleaning out the Jews, the extermination of the Jewish race is one of those things it's easy to talk about -- 'The Jewish race is being exterminated... it's our program, and we're doing it.'" His objection was that too many of his countrymen only gave lip service to this program and were not sufficiently determined in carrying it out.

Goebbels was also verbally up front about the activities of the Reich. In a September 1942 speech to newspaper editors he referred specifically to the annihilation of the Jews in Germany. "There are still 48,000 in Berlin. They know with deadly certainty that as the war progresses they will be packed off to the East and delivered up to a murderous fate. They already feel the inevitable harshness of physical extermination and therefore they harm the Reich whenever possible while they yet live." Exterminationists consider this speech as significant and final refutation of the notion that the Holocaust never happened.

In the middle of 1944, Eichmann was in charge of discussions with the Allies to trade the lives of a million Jews for ten thousand trucks that Germany would use against Russia. This bargaining process is regarded as an admission that the million people were slated for extinction.

Can We Talk?

One of the oft-repeated revisionist claims is that the exterminationists refuse to debate. It's a matter of policy. To George Will, revisionism stems from a "fuzzy notion of 'tolerance' that cannot distinguish between an open mind and an empty mind," and its proponents are not even worth talking to. For Noam Chomsky, one degrades oneself by even entering into debate over the matter. The attitude is summed up in the words of Pierre Vidal-Naquet: "One can and should enter into a discourse concerning the 'revisionists'; one can analyze their texts as one might the anatomy of a lie; one can and should analyze their specific place in the configuration of ideologies. But one should not enter into debate with the revisionists."

Bradley Smith tells of being invited to be on a Florida radio show debating Professor Michael Berenbaum, who is the author of *The World Must Know: The History of the Holocaust As Told in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum*. At the time Smith had not yet seen the Museum or the book, but gamely agreed to the show. When airtime came around, Berenbaum got on the line and started out by saying that he makes it a practice not to talk to deniers. Then why did he agree to the program in the first place? Isn't it kind of childish to commit to a debate simply in order to publicly say you're not speaking to someone?

This kind of thing happens to revisionists all the time. It gives them motivation to say that exterminationists are afraid, trying to hide something, and have no confidence in their ability to win a debate. The IHR challenges public figures such as Alan Dershowitz, who are usually ready to speak on any subject, but they won't play. (It can work both ways. There's a real interesting story on one of the computer bulletin boards about revisionist Mark Weber wiggling out of a debate.)

Ignore No More

People might think that the refusal to debate the revisionists means they have some valid points. And when on rare occasions some hapless rabbi or other interested party has become involved in a media debate, they have too often been unprepared, unaware of the specific claims and arguments the revisionist would advance, unable to rebut them. After an interview with a prominent revisionist, one writer said, "I feel sorry for any opponent who goes up against him unprepared."

"Somebody has to confront revisionist ideas," Mitchell Jones staunchly insists. "Someone must read their material, talk to them, become familiar with the intricacies of their positions and, finally, demolish those positions." He points out that, although necessary, studying up on revisionism is thankless. "It is a dirty job that entails unpleasantness and risk to one's personal reputation." Not only will revisionists pick on you, but your politically correct friends will frown and think you are straying from the path of righteousness.

When Bradley Smith and David Cole were guests on the *Donahue* show in February, 1995, the host wrapped things up by admonishing his viewers that the revisionists can no longer be ignored and their arguments must be addressed. If somebody doesn't jump in and turn this thing around, he fears that the revisionists will get enough of a foothold to influence electoral politics, and then the shit will hit the fan.

Mitchell Jones thinks some revisionists would not have gotten that way if the questions they asked in their younger days had been adequately addressed rather than shushed up. Now is the time to prevent a future generation of revisionists, by taking seriously the

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concerns of young questioners. It is too late to save the souls already lost, but as Jones says, "a vast literature refuting revisionist fallacies would make it very difficult for the present generation of anti-Semites to recruit their successors."*

We owe it to the survivors, and to ourselves, to conduct as objective and as thorough an inquiry as we can.

Michael R. Marrus

After nearly a two-year search, this reviewer has been able to find no Exterminationist study which gives an accurate and honest presentation of Revisionist arguments, and then refutes them. By contrast the Revisionist writings are filled with studies which, in a rational, logical, and scientific manner, confront and strive to refute the major contentions of Exterminationism.

Paul Grubach

Religious Persecution and The Family

A Rebuttal to a Rebuttal

by Claire Borowik

I cannot adequately express my indignation at the article published in the last issue of *PARANOIA*, written by Alex Constantine. I am quite disappointed that his ugly fascist-style accusations have been aired once again. We thank the editors of *PARANOIA* for their fairness in giving us this opportunity to respond and present our side of the story, as is documented by courts of law, academics and experts in the study of new religions, as well as professional journalists in several countries (documentation available upon request).

The Family's Ministry

For those of you unfamiliar with *The Family*, please allow us a brief introduction. *The Family* is a fellowship of independent Christian Missionary communities, active on six continents. We are dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, living and working together in cooperative communities, and giving our children the best upbringing and education possible. We engage in a wide range of missionary activities such as personal counseling, visiting the sick and aged, helping the disadvantaged and poor, and ministering to people from all walks of life. Our fellowship presently consists of approximately 3,000 full time adult members with their 6,000 children. Our members are of many races and over 100 nationalities, living in cooperative communities in over 50 countries. In addition to our goal of preaching the Gospel to the world, a major focus of our present-day communal life is to properly care for our families and our precious children.

Certainly one of the most controversial tenets of *The Family* is our belief that heterosexual relationships between consenting adult members, whether they be married or single, are perfectly acceptable in the eyes of God as long as no third parties are harmed or offended as

a result. There is, however, an unbridgeable gap between this tenet and the heinous allegations leveled by Constantine in his infamous article.

Despite the more controversial aspects of our movement, our basic beliefs and doctrines are the same as those of millions of Christians the world over. Our beliefs on salvation are a cornerstone of our movement and can be found in the words of Jesus in the book of John, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Persecution in Argentina

As one of the 21 adults who were imprisoned unjustly in Argentina for 104 days, while my son was taken into state custody, I feel particularly constrained to set the record straight on the persecution we suffered in Argentina. Rather than refute Mr. Constantine's absurd and lurid tabloid tales, I prefer to recount a short history of the unprecedented religious persecution we suffered in Argentina, as well as quoting from the Federal Appeal's Court of San Martin's lengthy resolution, which in June of 1995 was reaffirmed by the Argentina Supreme Court, the highest court in the land. This resolution fully vindicated our members, as well as decrying the anti-constitutional premises of our imprisonment, making it very clear that we had been persecuted for our beliefs and had not been found guilty of any illegal actions. This resolution not only vindicated our movement, but was a monumental affirmation of freedom of religion and expression, which the Argentine people fought and sacrificed so long to obtain.

On September 1, 1993, I and the members of our small community in Buenos Aires were awakened at 2:00 a.m., as we and our children slept after a long day of missionary work. Awakened by the sounds of the police banging and yelling, demanding that we open the door immediately, we were informed that if we didn't raise our hands in the air we would be shot. Similar raids were conducted in four other communities in Buenos Aires. In three of those communities, officers accompanied by the

press, barged into bedrooms where young children slept and woke them up with machine guns pointing at their chests. Social workers were on the scene with buses, ready to load all the children up before any charges had been formulated or any basis for charges established. Adult members were taken into prison "incommunicado", although after two days most were released, in a random process of designating who would be charged and who would be released.

After a week, we were informed of the charges, which ranged from slavery to child abuse. After ten days in jail, the federal Judge heading the case, armed with sweeping powers to arrest and imprison, determined that he had enough "evidence" to imprison 21 of us on a pre-trial basis.

The political climate played an important role in our plight. A new religious law was up for approval that portended to further control and curb minority religions. With exceptional timing, the press began to attack *The Family* and other small groups, warning the public of the "danger" of such non-traditional groups. Shortly thereafter, our children were brutally taken away from their homes and their parents, and every earthly possession was stolen by the police and court officials. This situation served as a powerful springboard to further the agenda of curbing religious liberty in this country.

After spending 104 days in prison, I personally was more convinced than ever of my faith, and of the value of living my life for Christ. We were able to bring the Word of God to several prisoners, one of which was converted and immediately began trying to help other inmates, as well as forsaking her drug habit. However, we faced many perils in prison, having been demonized by the media, and we were concerned for the welfare of our little ones. We took comfort in the words of Paul, "All that will live in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution". (2 Timothy 3:12)

State-Sponsored Child Abuse

"The children of the community known as The Family witnessed the raids of their houses and the arrest of their parents. They also had to go through repeated medical exams of their intimate parts and their studies were interrupted for more than 100 days while they remained confined in institutions. They were 'under state protection' if you will pardon the expression."

"The Abused Children, Hector Ruiz Nunez, Bs.As. Revista Humor

Of course, the greatest injustice in this whole situation is what our little children suffered while at the hands of the State in Argentina, who were supposedly concerned for their welfare and had intervened to "protect" them. Dehumanizing and painful internal physical examinations were performed repeatedly on children in a desper-

ate attempt to justify the colossal raids undertaken by Judge Marquovich, which had drawn world attention. In the final reports by the forensic doctors, it was confirmed that there was no evidence of any form of abuse of any of the children. The Argentine professional community was horrified at the brutality of these tests, and affirmed that they constituted a terrible form of child abuse for which there can be no justification. The children were also subjected to inquisition-style questioning, and psychological examinations; they were placed in institutions with mentally retarded children and adults, separated in many cases from their parents and siblings, and deprived of school, or any other kind of education for the entire four months of their confinement.

If law enforcement and court officials in Argentina had researched the court-appointed examinations that have been conducted on children of *The Family*, they would have discovered that 700 children have been examined in different countries around the world (over 10% of the total population to date) by a wide range of medical, psychological, educational and legal professionals, and not a single child has been found to show any evidence of any kind of abuse whatsoever. Judges, educators and psychologists have repeatedly gone on

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public record stating that our children are above average in intellect, behavior and socialization.

"In summary, our study suggests that the critics of The Family and their approach to child rearing and education are misguided. We found no evidence for child abuse or neglect. Rather, the evidence for a healthy environment for children was overwhelming..."

Dr. Lawrence Lilliston, clinical child psychologist and

professor, Dept. of Psychology,
Oakland University

I find it highly distressing that individuals such as Constantine, far from being horrified at the cruel treatment the children received and the obvious state of trauma this event incurred, should speak callously of the children and their experience, as if the children have no feelings or rights, or do not suffer simply because their parents are members of a non-traditional faith. Sentiments similar to these have led to the organization of an interna-

1993. (Information available upon request.)

Court of Appeals Conclusions

"... it is evident that an illegal investigation violating the clear rules of public order has been initiated, which itself has influenced the legal structure of The Family outside of jurisdictional authority. As this constitutes a very serious breach of procedure, violating the principle of legality all the proceedings will be declared officially null and void..."

"...It is also disturbing to note the absolute lack of discretion employed during the police operation, as it was carried out without the indispensable reserve which should govern the entrance into private property where there is a large number of children... Also disturbing is the distortion of information detected in the comments of undeniable ideological content, or pre-judgments regarding the procedural destiny of the prosecuted attributed to the Judge and the District Attorney of the case."

"This manner of proceeding represents an arbitrary use of penal power..."

"This panorama ... puts in evidence an anachronistic continuation of the most severe inquisitive system, one in which people were summoned only to confess their sins, being considered 'witches' or 'heretics'..."

Federal Appeals Court of San Martin, Dec. 13, 1993, Case No. 81/89

While our legal troubles in Argentina have ended, they are increasing for Judge Marquevich, the federal judge who ordered the initial raids and subsequent jailings. Marquevich is the subject of impeachment proceedings in the Argentine Congress, accused among other things of many irregularities in his handling of the case. The hearings have received considerable attention, as this is only the third case in ten

years of an impeachment of a federal judge to go as far as congressional hearings, even though over 2,000 impeachment petitions have been filed. Legal cases are also pending against several government psychologists, social workers and "anti-cult" activists who allegedly made erroneous statements and falsified evidence in the case.

In the words of Argentine author Juan Carlos Muniz:

"... we are talking about people who have been mistreated, humiliated and persecuted. Their most fundamental rights have been violated. They have not been allowed to choose the way in which they wish to raise and educate their children... It is our wish that the present situation of The Family be as highly publicized as it was during the time of the arbitrary decision to imprison them. We would like to see the newspapers and magazines investigate and publish how much these people's lives have been damaged... We would also like to see the very same teams of professionals who took so much time to study the psychological profiles of the supposedly abused children to now do an equally intense study to prove the damages which resulted from being separated from their parents for such a long period of time. Nonetheless, you and I know this will not happen..." (January 5, 1994)

It is our hope that this experience can serve in some way to demonstrate the danger of promoting religious intolerance and the innocent lives that can suffer as a result. So we appeal to you, whether your personal beliefs are the same as ours or not, to not allow such intolerance and to speak out against such flagrant religious persecution to which *The Family* has been subjected. Our prayers are with you.

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Painful internal physical examinations were performed repeatedly on children in a desperate attempt to justify the colossal raids.

tional anti-religious movement, commonly referred to as the "anti-cult" movement, which has been instrumental in promoting such unconstitutional bigotry and intolerance, as well as harassing several churches and minority religions. The Argentine chapters of this movement, SPES and FAPES, were instrumental in inciting the local law enforcement and court authorities to taking action against local communities of *The Family*.

The Cult Awareness Network, the American chapter of the anti-cult movement, along with three of its leading members, was recently ordered by a federal jury in Washington state to pay \$4,875,000 in damages to a member of the Pentecostal church who was the victim of a failed violent deprogramming in

Video Games and Neuro Assassination

By Mark Antony Rossi

The future belongs to Youth" is an old adage proven beneficial to fascist regimes aiming to convert the most impressionable of a population to their sinister agenda. Centuries ago evil Japanese Ninja clans raised their young in training schools to become professional assassins. Ninja training, the art of stealth and murder, is a lengthy, rigorous regimen requiring almost fifteen years of daily instruction before complete initiation. The result was scores of hardened, deadly warriors able to defeat even master samurai.

In the 20th century two of the world's most monstrous political systems take hold of the adage with terrifying results. Lenin and Stalin of the Communist system restructured an entire continent with a program of ethnic and political cleansing and the formation of an educational apparatus designed to instill in the best and brightest the ideals of the State. Russian children became the communist system's best agents from the first day of turning in parents to firing squads to graduating and infiltrating other countries. As the Soviet killing machine crushed Eastern Europe it kidnapped children and sent them back to mother Russia for re-education. Ironically, some of the fallen countries worst enemies were their own kind indoctrinated in the ways of communist domination.

Arguably, Hitler's Nazi regime took child reeducation to the workings of a science. German children rounded up to form Hitler Youth camps became the backbone of the Nazi regime just ten years later. The fanaticism instilled in the students and culminating with the oath "blood and honor," served as a perfect recruiting basis for the Nazi SS and Gestapo units: organizations responsible for espionage, torture and later the construction

and implementation of concentration camps where millions died.

Basic social science has documented volumes proving a significant portion of adult abnormal and/or criminal behavior is acquired during youth. Tomorrow's dictators will have most assuredly studied this science and history in order to orchestrate their own youth behavioral modifications.

Since the introduction of video games in the early 1980's there's been parental and some scientific debate speculating whether such games have a negative impact on children's social skills. One theory suggesting that video games are merely industrial toys built to prepare our children for future sophisticated wars was laughed at just ten years ago. Since the Persian Gulf War, where pilots reported smart missiles and displays reacting similarly to their childhood video games, the theory has been given more credence. Whether these developments are unconscious extensions of parallel technology remains to be seen.

Moving to a related topic, nearly five decades of television have caused social scientists to believe that it is a form of virtual reality. And not very kind to the human mind. Television's seemingly hypnotic effects combined with a slew of violent programming have even brought politicians into the scene, casually scapegoating preliminary evidence of possible negative behavioral side effects with whatever agenda in need of prime time publicity. On television, of course.

The debate rages regarding whether television is truly a harbinger of bad tidings responsible for the "dumbing" down of society, or if other factors weigh in, such as the commercialization of anything noble and sacred or the lousy shape of the public school system. Those concerned must pause to reflect upon technology as a whole. Can it be evil in itself? Or, as other inanimate objects like money, can it merely be used in evil fashion by unethical operators? Within reason, a statement declaring evil certain machines such as gas chambers or machine guns is a fair assessment. For these devices were designed with only evil ends in mind. But other technologies depend upon the motives of men to gauge their useful or destructive outcomes. The application of science absent ethical responsibility shall always be a threat to public safety and the democratic way of life.

Virtual reality technology is in its infant stages. The earliest prototypes are expensive headsets used mostly by giant government agencies for military pilot training

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sessions. Science fiction speculates it will one day be used regularly for game entertainment and even sexual encounters. Medical establishments hope to see virtual reality developed as a sophisticated substitute for cadavers so as to train future doctors and surgeons. Police departments want programs built into robot bomb detectors to dismantle explosive devices through virtual reality remote control. These are but a few productive uses of another advanced piece of technological hardware arriving in our near future. But what are the evil consequences of virtual reality in hands of outlaw governments and criminal enterprises?

We know much from Pavlov's dog experiments of torture and persuasion; the ability to instill new behavior patterns in pain-inflicted creatures about to collapse from psychological exhaustion. The practice of marrying old-fashioned torture with virtual reality manipulation shall be easy for the warped minds of evil madmen. Subjects can be programmed with scenes from their childhood, respected authority figures or deeply-held phobias to respond to illicit requests or orders. A new class of assassins may be born waiting in the wings to execute horrid commands. If a man's character changes with primitive flogging, then virtual reality is perfect for neutralizing the rights of liberty-loving citizens. •

France Mystery Babylon

by Tony Pivetta

The history of the world is the history of warfare between secret societies. So posited Malaclypse the Elder long ago, and his dark, venerable premise endures even while the pundits, perennial lackeys to the power elite, pooh-poooh any notion of so paranoid and "simplistic" a bent. (In the "complex" analyses of punditry, of course, all cause resides in random and impersonal forces alone.) Yet the conspiracist's premise is remarkable only in its plausibility; the world would be an astonishing place if power were not inclined to hidden agendas and clandestine cooperation.

No less a statesman than Benjamin Disraeli alluded—ominously and without apology—to the machi-

nations of the mystery mongers. The "personages" to whom he referred inhabit a seamy netherworld—Freemasonry, Trilateralism, the CFR, the Illuminati—that continues to play a leading role in shaping events today.

Which brings us to the core mystery of the 20th century: Why do cartoons invariably depict human (and, for that matter, non-human) characters with only four fingers per hand? Even so daringly original an animation as *The Simpsons* fails to account for that fifth and final phalange.

Oops, sorry about that. Gamma-wave interference from the dog-star Sirius addles my brain. No, something of far weightier import lurks in the dark, rain-slicked streets of my unconscious: Why did France get a sector of Germany after World War II?

Really. I want to know.

Of course, every schoolboy knows the "right" answer. The Allies, led by the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union, declare war on and defeat Hitler's Germany. At war's end, the Big Three proceed to lay claim to enemy real estate. The land grab accords with a key ground rule to the war game: To the winner go the spoils. No crass suzerainty motivates the U.S. and Britain, however. Their troops will occupy Germany only to protect a world twice menaced by this innately bellicose, jingoistic people.

So far so good—ignoring, if you can, the racism (inveterate Aryan militarism) that informs the Allies' mission. (This coming from the side that claims to have waged its war, in some measure, to rid the world of Nazi racism!) The core question, already posed, bears amplification:

In what sense did France win World War II? What precisely did she accomplish—morally or militarily—to justify her claim to the spoils? Who deemed France worthy of her post-War role? Why did the Americans and British, perennial objects of French disdain, agree to this arrangement? Who's writing this script?

Back to the schoolboy. While he'd surely concede France's swift and ignominious defeat on the battlefield, he might discern some Sector-worthiness in her subsequent Resistance. The schoolboy's parry does not compel. It ignores the Vichy government's collaboration with Nazi occupation forces. It further ignores the limited scope of the Resistance; while the guerrilla campaign arguably hastened the liberation of France, it did nothing for the rest of Europe.

And of what, really, did this "fierce" Resistance consist? The lack of civility extended by French waiters toward German diners? Weren't the Allied liberators subjected to this same lack of civility? For that matter, aren't all visitors to la belle France subject to her peo-

ple's infamous hauteur?

To be sure, these internationalist schemes rarely stand up to any critical scrutiny. Authority in foreign affairs rests with small, impenetrable circles of elites; hostage to the whims of a select few, policy is inevitably a pawn to vested interests. In the West, where the Big Stick plays second fiddle to the Big Lie, the elites will couch the terms of their power-brokering in some pabulum for mass consumption. No such pretext attended the French Sector setup, however. Nothing could distract from the baldness of it all. The elites ignored it. Incredibly, it went away.

They could just as easily have handed over a sector of Germany to the Netherlands or Belgium or Norway. Why don't these nations rate? Why do the French? Why hand over primo German real estate-and globocop prestige—to snooty, overrated ingrates? Is it because the French Establishment is more moral than its counterparts in the Netherlands, Belgium and Norway? More enlightened? More omniscient? What, then, of the legacy of French atrocities in North Africa, Indo-China, in Europe

itself? On what basis are these imperialistic excesses so cavalierly dismissed? Do they simply constitute the legitimate force exercised by certified world police? Legitimate and certified under what and whose criteria?

Those seeking incontrovertible evidence of Mystery Babylon can find it here. The French Sector phenomenon underscores the arbitrary wheeling-and-dealings of globalist micro-managers. It resonates with the smoke-filled rooms and behind-the-scenes machinations of Disraeli's personages. In those rooms lurk the fancy-pants thugs who are forever waging war, marginalizing dissent, fomenting discontent, disseminating untruth, manufacturing consent, arming allies, propping up enemies, raising and razing empire—and who pass off their sanitized, centralized mayhem as “order.”

The Establishment's silence with respect to France's role in world affairs should give us pause. We ignore it at our peril. What's puzzling is the silence of the conspiracy buffs on this matter. They should be having a field day with it. •

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The Last Testament of Rev. Jim Jones

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To me death is not a fearful thing, it's living that's fearful. I have never, never, never seen anything like this before in my life. I have never seen anything like this before in my life. I have

never seen people take the law... and do... and provoke us and try to purposely agitate mother of children. It is only... it's not, it's not worth living like this, worth living like this.

There is one man there who blames Michael Stone for the murder of his mother, and he will stop that plane by any means necessary. He'll do it. That plane will come out of the air. There's no way you can fly a plane without a pilot.

[Audience questions about Russia] I haven't seen anybody yet that didn't die, and I like to choose my own kind of death. I'm tired of being .. to hell, that's what I'm tired of... So many people's lives in my hands. I've been telling you to this day without me life has no meaning. I'm the best friend you'll ever have.

I have to pay. I'm standing with you people - you're part of me. I can detach myself ... I detach myself, no, no, no, no, no, I never detach myself from any of your troubles. I've always taken your troubles right on my shoulders... I'm not going to change that now. It's too late. I've been running too long. I'm not gonna change now.

The next time, you'll get to go to Russia. The next time round. This is... what I'm talking about now is the dispensation of judgement, this is a revolutionary suicide council. I'm not talking about self... self-destruction. I'm talking about what we have no other road. I will take your call. I will put it to the Russians, and I can tell you

the answer now because I'm a prophet. Call the Russians and tell them... see if they'll take us.

[Audience talks about peace]

I tried to give it to you. I laid down my life practically, I practically died every day to give you peace. And you've still not had any peace. You look better than I've seen you in a long while, but it's still not the kind of peace that I wanted to give you. A person's a fool who continues to say that you're winning when you're losing.

Win one, lose two, what?

He's taking off, the plane is taking off... Suicide, many have done it.. Stone has done it. If somebody ... can they talk... can they not talk to San Francisco, see that Stone is not here by ... the sins of men... He has done the thing he wanted to do. To have us destroyed.

We win, we win when we go down, they don't have nobody else to hate. They've got nobody else to hate. Many will destroy themselves. I'm speaking here not as the administrator but as a prophet today. I wouldn't talk so serious if I didn't know what I was talking about.

Has anybody called back the men... by now the damage will be done. But I cannot separate myself from the pain of my people. We

can't separate myself, if you think about it, we've walked together too long.

I saved them, I saved them, but I made my example. I made my expression. I made my manifestation and the world was ready.. not ready for me. Paul says I was a man born out of due season. I've been born out of due season just like all we are and the best testimony we can make is to leave this Goddamn world.

From a transcript of Rev. Jim Jones' last sermon in Jonestown, Guyana, 1978. Some believe the "mass suicide" of his followers was in fact a mass murder. For more information, see PARANOIA Issues 2, 3, & 4.

I've been
telling you
to this
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me life has
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I'm the
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FOR

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In January of 1983, Roger Peter Buehl was unjustly convicted of murder which he did not commit, and then sentenced to death.

Buehl was accused of a 1982 robbery-murder which occurred in Villanova, Pennsylvania. The case against Roger was based entirely upon circumstantial evidence and two prosecution witnesses testifying to buy their own release from prison. Although Roger consistently proclaimed his innocence, and despite the lack of any physical evidence, he was convicted and sentenced to be executed in the electric chair.

In 1992, evidence was uncovered proving how the prosecution had suborned perjury and concealed critical evidence, including the prosecution witnesses' failed polygraph exam and prior contrary statements supporting Roger's defense of innocence. One of these prosecution witnesses, when confronted with proof of his perjury, recanted his trial testimony and further revealed the prosecution's manipulations and witness-tampering. However, the prosecutors and the courts have refused to acknowledge that Roger is entitled to freedom from the fraudulent conviction and death sentence.

Roger continues his defense without any funding, and he urgently needs supporters and financial assistance. A defense fund has been set up for Roger at the Elverson National Bank.

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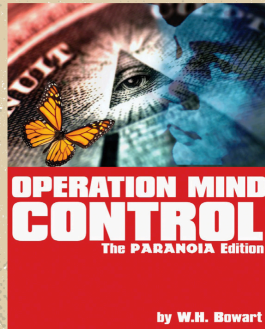
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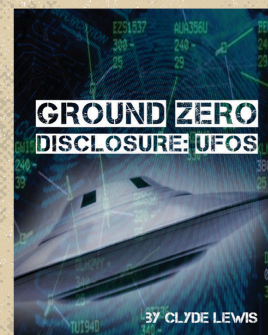
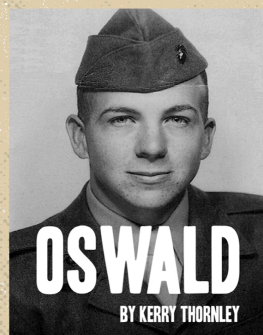
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