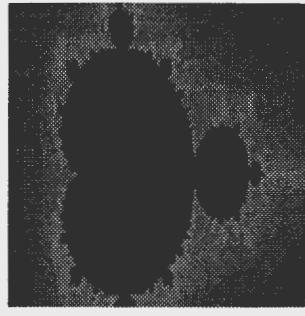


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"There is no excuse for lies,
lies are never white -
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the truth may hurt
sometimes - but lies will
always hurt more....."

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-EDITORIAL

Hello and welcome to another funny, gloomy and intriguing packed edition of Truthseekers Review. I say this because I meet so many people who just have to tell me how great the magazine is, as well as those who say it is very worrying to read such things. I have even been told that I should introduce more humour into the magazine - also it cannot be read because the print is too small. After mulling over these points I came to the following conclusions...

We are a serious magazine and humour is not really the intention, but I respect the opinion of those that made mention of this to me and have introduced a small humorous article into this month's edition; sadly though our comic strip Nightwatcher is missing this month due to deadline problems, so back to square one :-(

I do realise that the font is smaller than those used in other publications but *in fact* it is not a very small font. I looked around and found that exactly the same size as that used in the Guardian newspaper. I think it is just personal preference that the font be made bigger - but I still feel that it is of utmost importance to put as much into each edition as I can. A raise in font size will decrease the amount of articles.

You may have noticed that the magazine is slightly bigger this month. This is because of increased subscriptions, and this subsequently allowing us to get cheaper printing done. Hopefully we will be able to continue to increase the size as more people subscribe.

In keeping with our serious nature, I have reproduced an article by a friend called Jeremy Gluck. The article is very important, I feel, as well as being very concise. I hope this helps people to understand what they can do in light of the "*paranoia*" that our articles may produce, and how to deal with such "paranoia" from a logical and "spiritual" point of view.

I have been reflecting on the current state of affairs in the country and how espionage is a big part of the news at the moment, what with *new (?) MI5* style police forces just around the corner. Espionage is a problem for any group of people who get together to discuss the things we speak of in this magazine - be that UFO's, secrecy, new age thinking or paranormal. This has been addressed in "COINTEL Pro Today".

For all of you UFO and base watchers out there, I have updated and republished the Rudloe Manor Map. Feel free to copy this and send it to as many people as you like. We want everybody to know just how our tax payers money gets spent on secret bunkers for VIP's and Royalty and the map also presents a godoway for those who are interested in Rudloe Manors involvement in UFO investigation to have a look at the site. One of our subscribers has sent in an article entitled "The Barnoldswick Incident", showing activity over his home town - one of many towns experiencing UFO activity at the moment.

Due to deadline restrictions we will bring you part two of our Crop Circle report next month. This will be a view of crop circles from somebody who has *been in the field* for many years - Busty Taylor.

We have decided to offer a number of new services open to our readers. We are supplying text discs for your computer so you can have as much UFO and conspiracy information as you can handle. Truthseekers Magazine is now available on the Internet for all peoples of the world to download for free. Unfortunately they don't get the pictures that we all get to see but hopefully this will be a good incentive to subscribe to the magazine, as well using the texts as a reference tool.

Together I know we can make a difference, and I feel as long as we are truthful and not afraid to speak these truths then we can all progress. Keeping our mouths shut through fear, perhaps due to threats is not the way we will change things. If you believe in the subjects we speak of, then you need to be vocal on it. This is the way we can break down the barriers of oppression, secrecy and forced behavior. Thanks for supporting us and please feel free to write to us at any time on this or any other issue.

Brainwashing, hypnotic suggestion, implants and remote controlled humans - fact or fiction? We see that there is probably more to this than just rumour in an explosive article on radio wave mind and body manipulation in an article called "The Body Electric".

Argghhh, Susan Blackmore you are saying. Well for those of you who don't know, Dr Blackmore is part of the CSICOP group which has been known to debunk UFO and Paranormal claims, sometimes with very weak arguments and attacks. However, as you will learn in our interview, Dr Blackmore may have been slightly misrepresented in the media and does *in fact* hold very different views on the subjects she researches. I am sure, after you read this very honest and exposing article, you will agree that there is more to Sue's work and interests than there first appears.

In order to get the grass roots movement started I am compiling lists of UFO groups and interested parties around the UK. It will involve not just the hardcore research groups, but small meeting groups and individuals. The list is gaining size and we need your help in telling us about new groups to be added. Please write to us today with your groups information. Anybody who provides 5 local groups addresses for the list will receive a free copy of the list...

We want to hear YOUR stories too. Please write to us and keep us informed of the latest information too so that this can be passed on through the magazine to a wider audience. Thanks once again for helping the cause.

Matthew Williams



NEWSDESK UPDATE

ORTK Picket Parliament

Operation right to know continued their line of sucess in October with a demonstration outside the Houses of Parliament. The events have been gaining both people support and media attention but saw a small drop in interest last year. Thankfully this year, with much talk of aliens via the (bogus?) Roswell Footage, Operation Right To Know saw a much greater turn out. Unfortunately though some of the people who attended seemed quite happy to talk about their own interests and projects to newspaper men and this when printed took some of the credit for the days purpose away from O.R.T.K.

This aside we were glad that more interest had been taken in the day and we at Truthseekers will be supporting it again next year. Anybody interested in getting information about O.R.T.K. can ring John Holman on 01765 602898.



John Holman explains the issues to members of the media.

UFOS ON ARGENTINE TV

[by Roy S. Carson American Reporter Correspondent Caracas, Venezuela Oct 14-15/95]

BUENOS AIRES -- A huge saucer-shaped UFO, variously colored violet, red and green, has been filmed by a professional television cameraman at La Puerta in the central state of Cordova, according to reports by the Argentine state news agency Telam.

Filming minutes before midnight Thursday, October 5, local cable TV station cameraman Gerardo Ferrero shot 15 minutes of high-quality video footage before the UFO flew away. Ferrero had been alerted to the phenomenon by a neighbor who first observed the "saucer-like object" hovering in the sky.

The Argentine air force has spent the last week examining the footage after also finding "jelly-like substances" and scorched earth marks at the San Carlos de Bariloche airport, 1,260 miles southeast of Buenos Aires. Experts said the samples solidified to rock within hours and have since defied all attempts to cut or analyse them.

Their verdict on the video is that it cannot be explained, but it's being included in the investigation into another UFO sighting in the area last July. The Argentine government has tried to discourage news reporting of the sighting because of a routine Latin American summit conference to be held in Bariloche October 16-17, with Latin America's heads of state, King Juan Carlos of Spain and the president of Portugal expected to be in attendance. "The UFO pulses violet, green and red as it turned on an axis," Ferrero told the Telam state news agency. "Through my telephoto lens, I could see small windows in its circumference as it spun and moved up and down.

I had difficulty keeping it in focus until I ran out of tape about 15 minutes into recording." When I digitally enhanced the image in the technical studio, it was easy to see that it had the form of a plate or saucer and how it changed from place to place as though it was spinning." That July UFO experience was also witnessed by the passengers and crew of a commercial airliner, and a ground-crew had watched the UFO fly parallel to the aircraft as it aborted a landing to avoid a collision. In parallel with Argentina's "close encounter," neighboring Chile has been put on a UFO alert after a spate of sightings close to the capital, Santiago. Chile's armed forces (FACH), which issued the security alert, is apparently taking the UFO "invasion" seriously. "The most recent sightings were last Saturday in the vicinity of Rancagua, 70 miles south of Santiago. Thousands of people witnessed the unidentified flying objects in the night sky," otherwise

unnamed military investigation sources told the local daily newspaper, La Cuarta. The newspaper received an official notice of security alert from the FACH's 2nd Brigade Aerial Operations headquarters, and then interviewed witnesses who described the UFOs as "large shining objects, mostly red on top and perhaps 10 feet in diameter, with an elongated oval shape and tail from which multi-colored sparks flew as the objects moved away."

INVISIBLE UK BOMBER

[Source Daily Mail, Nov 13 1995]

The invisible bomber steals in from the shadows. Britain is developing an invisible stealth bomber at a secret site. It will answer a demand for warplanes to be invisible to enemy radar if they are to survive.

The jet - codenamed Halo, which stands for High Agility Low Observable plane - is expected to come into service by 2013. The ministry of defence refused to comment Halo's existence yesterday but development work is believed to be going on amid tight security in Hampshire.

Halo comes 20 years after Americas stealth bomber. According to defence sources, it will show major advances on the original. The key to its invisibility will be its shape. A triangle gives radar beams least chance of registering its presence. Rotating thrust nozzles will give it high agility. All links between pilot and plane will be controlled by computer, while a system is being developed to track what the pilot is looking at by detecting the movements of the eye muscles.

Reports that Britain was considering buying US F-22 stealth jets instead of European fighter aircraft were denied by a Defence Ministry spokesman yesterday. The EFA is a joint project between Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain. More than 40,000 British jobs would be threatened if it was cancelled, Labour defence spokesman David Clarke warned.



Artists impression of what jet may look like

CONSPIRACY THEORY

by
Jeremy Gluck

Also known as don't panic.

In a piece of fiction I once wrote that "nature is suspicious", but perhaps I should have written "human nature is suspicious".

Before I continue, allow me to state clearly that I believe in the existence of conspiracies, and that those of us with a genuine vocation for their exposure and excoriation should pursue it in good faith for all our sakes.

By the same token, and in all humility, it seems to me that by concentrating too much on conspiracy theory to the exclusion of a broader, richer and more spiritualised context we are in danger of denying ourselves the very empowerment we seek when we aim to expose them. Let me explain.

The propounding of conspiracy theory involves, by its very nature, the use and manipulation of "knowledge", most of it - no matter how authentic it's source - second hand. This "knowledge", sometimes imaginative and spurious, is very different from experience, and points to the essential gap that exists between experience and mere knowledge, theory and practice, and which is the chief feature of our rationalist mind and therefore our spirituality; Where we take on the beliefs and knowledge of others without due testing by experience. It, however, also applies to the conspiracy theorist, whose conviction, even when based on mere "knowledge", can exhibit the conviction of the religious fanatic. When we embrace conspiracy theory without sufficient discrimination we not only project an enormous amount of emotive second material, thereby stating our own hidden drives - not least our egoism, in the sense that we have entered our own realm of perceived secrecy - but also endorse and condone the fundamentally dualistic "them vs. us" consciousness that is the mainstay of our conditioning and at the heart of conspiracies themselves.

In other words, as is always the case when we imprison ourselves in duality, we only exist in reaction to something we see as outside ourselves but which is actually able to provoke such responses in ourselves. And this is how we unconsciously, unwittingly cheat ourselves: by projecting our own inner struggles and propensity to conspire against our own sacred, but seemingly inaccessible inner truth we relinquish our right to the self-realisation that can raise us beyond the opposites of conspiracy theory. As prisoners of ourselves we seek solace in exteriorising our givers; the inescapable fact is that we imprison ourselves first, and so become vulnerable to all manner of attack: psychic,

emotional, physical and spiritual.

Even if we are freed of existing conspiracies, until we find freedom within others will supplant them and we will be their prey. Of course there is an element of paradox in that certain conspiracies may entail the preclusion through insidious varieties of manipulation or very ability to free ourselves, but this does not in itself excuse us from the effort. If there are drugs in development and secret use that can alter even our most elevated spiritual states then, yes, God help us. But we are like prisoners of war: duty-bound to escape, no matter how severe our conditions or limitations.

In essence, we need an aspiration to freedom beyond conspiracies, not simply from them. And this aspiration can be costly in terms of the sacrifice required, necessitating first the deconstruction, then the discarding and finally the categorical negation of cherished egotistic mind-sets. To identify myself as a victim combating perceived evil with "my" knowledge may satisfy various ego drives, not least a persecution complex and desire for righteous vengeance, but it may do little to give me inner resources to stand against the assault of lies.

This publication called "Truthseekers Review", a proud appellation when taken literally. To seek the truth is the highest calling; It must not be devalued nor squandered on mere hypotheses. Ultimately if there are conspiracies, they are centrally about threats to our inner freedom, our spirituality. We are living through a revolution now, not only technologically, but politically, economically and spiritually, the positive outcome of which may finally depend on whether or not a decisive fraction of humanity can aspire, attain to and make a collective leap in consciousness that will shift the energetic body of this planet, of which we are a major component, into a new phase of all-sided growth, thus providing a worthy welcome to beings coming here in the near future - as they have in the past - to shift and accelerate our evolutionary pattern.

This is why, despite it's undoubtedly compulsions, conspiracies per se are not the crux of the matter. If all-powerful conspiracies exist, then they will likely perpetuate and, who knows, prevail? Our responsibility, and real recourse to a dignified response, is in our own individual and then collective development of our inner lives. Conspiracy theory is heady stuff, but fundamentally out-bound and, for many of it's advocates and adherents, simply a

self-important, self-indulgent form of escapism. To really deal with and raise the human condition it is necessary for us to have spiritualised aspiration, which gives us a strength and context beyond the reach of the most evil conspiracies.

There is good and evil, but there also is GOD. The denial of this fact, is what will expose us to harm, not to weakness. In our weakness we can and will be helped, but in our wilful ignorance no help will be forthcoming. We must declare to good and work for it's establishment on our planet. Then let the conspiracies do what they will. I leave you with the words of Mother Meera:

"The Divine is in control. The Divine knows how to use evil. The evil forces are very dangerous, but very stupid. Never be afraid of evil - even under the worst circumstances. The Divine is always there, always helping - this can be experiences. Evil is real, but not the final reality. The final reality is the light and love of God. Root yourself in the final reality always and at every moment, and evil will crumble around you."

[Jeremy is available to be contacted through the magazine. I was very glad somebody tackled the question of conspiracy in this manner - ED]



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COINTELPRO

CIVIL LIBERTIES UNDER THREAT

BY BRIAN GLICK

Subverting groups of a political or diverse nature has always been the job of the UK's Security Service, now we see how the system works in the U.S. in this explosive article.

INTRODUCTION

Activists across the country report increasing government harassment and disruption of their work:

-In the Southwest, paid informers infiltrate the church services, Bible classes and support networks of clergy and lay workers giving sanctuary to refugees from El Salvador and Guatemala.

-In Alabama, elderly Black people attempting for the first time to exercise their right to vote are interrogated by FBI agents and hauled before federal grand juries hundreds of miles from their homes.

-In New England, a former CIA case officer cites examples from his own past work to warn college students of efforts by undercover operatives to misdirect and discredit protests against South African and US racism.

-In the San Francisco Bay Area, activists planning anti-nuclear civil disobedience learn that their meetings have been infiltrated by the US Navy.

-In Detroit, Seattle, and Philadelphia, in Cambridge, MA, Berkeley, CA., Phoenix, AR., and Washington, DC., churches and organizations opposing US policies in Central America report obviously political break-ins in which important papers are stolen or damaged, while money and valuables are left untouched. License plates on a car spotted fleeing one such office have been traced to the US National Security Agency.

-In Puerto Rico, Texas and Massachusetts, labor leaders, community organizers, writers and editors who advocate Puerto Rican independence are branded by the FBI as "terrorists,"

brutally rounded-up in the middle of the night, held incomunicado for days and then jailed under new preventive detention laws.

-The FBI puts the same "terrorist" label on opponents of US intervention in El Salvador, but refuses to investigate the possibility of a political conspiracy behind nation-wide bombings of abortion clinics.

-Throughout the country, people attempting to see Nicaragua for themselves find their trips disrupted, their private papers

confiscated, and their homes and offices plagued by FBI agents who demand detailed personal and political information.

These kinds of government tactics violate our fundamental constitutional rights. They make it enormously difficult to sustain grass-roots organizing. They create an atmosphere of fear and distrust which undermines any effort to challenge official policy.

Similar measures were used in the 1960s as part of a secret FBI program known as "COINTELPRO." COINTELPRO was later exposed and officially ended. But the evidence shows that it actually persisted and that clandestine operations to discredit and disrupt opposition movements have become an institutional feature of national and local government in the US. This pamphlet is designed to help current and future activists learn from the history of COINTELPRO, so that our movements can better withstand such attack.

The first section gives a brief overview of what we know the FBI did in the 60s. It explains why we can expect similar government intervention in the 80s and beyond, and offers general guidelines for effective response.

The main body of the pamphlet describes the specific methods which have previously been used to undermine domestic dissent and suggests steps we can take to limit or deflect their impact.

A final chapter explores ways to mobilize broad public protest against this kind of repression.

It also draws on the post-60s confessions of disaffected government agents, and on the testimony of public officials before Congress and the courts. Though the information f



secret, we now know enough to draw useful lessons for future organizing.

The suggestions included in the pamphlet are based on the author's 20 years experience as an activist and lawyer, and on talks with long-time organizers in a broad range of movements. They are meant to provide starting points for discussion, so we can get ready before the pressure intensifies. Most are a matter of common sense once the methodology of covert action is understood. Please take these issues seriously. Discuss the recommendations with other activists. Adapt them to the conditions you face. Point out problems and suggest other approaches.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE BEGIN NOW TO PROTECT OUR MOVEMENTS AND OURSELVES.

A HISTORY TO LEARN FROM WHAT WAS COINTELPRO?

"COINTELPRO" was the FBI's secret program to undermine the popular upsurge which swept the country during the 1960s. Though the name stands for "Counterintelligence Program," the targets were not enemy spies. The FBI set out to eliminate "radical" political opposition inside the US. When traditional modes of repression (exposure, blatant harassment, and prosecution for political crimes) failed to counter the growing insurgency, and even helped to fuel it, the Bureau took the law into its own hands and secretly used fraud and force to sabotage constitutionally-protected political activity. Its methods ranged far beyond surveillance, and amounted to a domestic version of the covert action for which the CIA has become infamous throughout the world.

HOW DO WE KNOW ABOUT IT?

COINTELPRO was discovered in March, 1971, when some secret files were removed from an FBI office and released to news media. Freedom of Information requests, lawsuits, and former agents' public confessions deepened the exposure until a major scandal loomed. To control the damage and re-establish government legitimacy in the wake of Vietnam and Watergate, Congress and the courts compelled the FBI to reveal part of what it had done and to promise it would not do it again. Much of what has been learned, and copies of some of the actual documents, can be found in the readings listed at the back of this pamphlet.

HOW DID IT WORK?

The FBI secretly instructed its field offices to propose schemes to "misdirect, discredit, disrupt and otherwise neutralize" specific

individuals and groups. Close coordination with local police and prosecutors was encouraged. Final authority rested with top FBI officials in Washington, who demanded assurance that "there is no possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau." More than 2000 individual actions were officially approved. The documents reveal three types of methods:

1. Infiltration: Agents and informers did not merely spy on political activists. Their main function was to discredit and disrupt.

2. Other forms of deception: The FBI and police also waged psychological warfare from the outside-through bogus publications, forged correspondence, anonymous letters and telephone calls, and similar forms of deceit.

3. Harassment, intimidation and violence: Eviction, job loss, break-ins, vandalism, grand jury subpoenas, false arrests, frame-ups, and physical violence were threatened, instigated or directly employed, in an effort to frighten activists and disrupt their movements. Government agents either concealed their involvement or fabricated a legal pretext. In the case of the Black and Native American movements, these assaults—including outright political assassinations—were so extensive and vicious that they amounted to terrorism on the part of the government.

WHO WERE THE MAIN TARGETS?

The most intense operations were directed against the Black movement, particularly the Black Panther Party. This resulted from FBI and police racism, the Black community's lack of material resources for fighting back, and the tendency of the media—and whites in general—to ignore or tolerate attacks on Black groups. It also reflected government and corporate fear of the Black movement because of its militance, its broad domestic base and international support, and its historic role in galvanizing the entire Sixties' upsurge. Many other activists who organized against US intervention abroad or for racial, gender or class justice at home also came under covert attack. The targets were in no way limited to those who used physical force or took up arms. Martin Luther King, David Dellinger, Phillip Berrigan and other leading pacifists were high on the list, as were projects directly protected by the Bill of Rights, such as alternative newspapers.

The Black Panthers came under attack at a time when their work featured free food and health care and community control of schools and police, and when they carried guns only for deterrent and symbolic purposes. It was the terrorism of the FBI and police

that eventually provoked the Panthers to retaliate with the armed actions that later were cited to justify their repression.

Ultimately the FBI disclosed six official counterintelligence programs: Communist Party-USA (1956-71); "Groups Seeking Independence for Puerto Rico" (1960-71); Socialist Workers Party (1961-71); "White Hate Groups" (1964-71); "Black Nationalist Hate Groups" (1967-71); and "New Left" (1968-71). The latter operations hit anti-war, student, and feminist groups. The "Black Nationalist" caption actually encompassed Martin Luther King and most of the civil rights and Black Power movements. The "white hate" program functioned mainly as a cover for covert aid to the KKK and similar right-wing vigilantes, who were given funds and information, so long as they confined their attacks to COINTELPRO targets. FBI documents also reveal covert action against Native American, Chicano, Phillipine, Arab-American, and other activists, apparently without formal Counterintelligence programs.

WHAT EFFECT DID IT HAVE?

COINTELPRO's impact is difficult to fully assess since we do not know the entire scope of what was done (especially against such pivotal targets as Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, SNCC and SDS), and we have no generally accepted analysis of the Sixties. It is clear, however, that:

-COINTELPRO distorted the public's view of radical groups in a way that helped to isolate them and to legitimize open political repression.

-It reinforced and exacerbated the weaknesses of these groups, making it very difficult for the inexperienced activists of the Sixties to learn from their mistakes and build solid, durable organizations.

-Its violent assaults and covert manipulation eventually helped to push some of the most committed and experienced groups to withdraw from grass-roots organizing and to substitute armed actions which isolated them and deprived the movement of much of its leadership.

-COINTELPRO often convinced its victims to blame themselves and each other for the problems it created, leaving a legacy of cynicism and despair that persists today.

-By operating covertly, the FBI and police were able to severely weaken domestic political opposition without shaking the conviction of most US people that they live in a democracy, with free speech and the rule of law.

THE DANGER WE FACE

DID COINTELPRO EVER REALLY END?

Public exposure of COINTELPRO in the early 1970s elicited a flurry of reform. Congress, the courts and the mass media condemned government "intelligence abuses." Municipal police forces officially disbanded their red squads. A new Attorney General notified past victims of COINTELPRO and issued Guidelines to limit future operations. Top FBI officials were indicted (albeit for relatively minor offenses), two were convicted, and several others retired or resigned. J. Edgar Hoover--the egomaniacal, crudely racist and sexist founder of the FBI--died, and a well-known federal judge, William Webster, eventually was appointed to clean house and build a "new FBI."

Behind this public hoopla, however, was little real improvement in government treatment of radical activists. Domestic covert operations were briefly scaled down a bit, after the 60s' upsurge had largely subsided, due in part to the success of COINTELPRO. But they did not stop. In April, 1971, soon after files had been taken from one of its offices, the FBI instructed its agents that "future COINTELPRO actions will be considered on a highly selective, individual basis with tight procedures to insure absolute security." The results are apparent in the record of the subsequent years:

-A virtual war on the American Indian Movement, ranging from forgery of documents, infiltration of legal defense committees, diversion of funds, intimidation of witnesses and falsification of evidence, to the paramilitary invasion of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, and the murder of Anna Mae Aquash, Joe Stuntz and countless others;

-Sabotage of efforts to organize protest demonstrations at the 1972 Republican and Democratic Party conventions. The attempted assassination of San Diego Univ. Prof. Peter Bohmer, by a "Secret Army Organization" of ex-Minutemen formed, subsidized, armed, and protected by the FBI, was a part of these operations;

-Concealment of the fact that the witness whose testimony led to the 1972 robbery-murder conviction of Black Panther leader Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt was a paid informer who had worked in the BPP under the direction of the FBI and the Los Angeles Police Department;

-Infiltration and disruption of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and prosecution of its national leaders on false charges (Florida, 1971-74);

-Formation and operation of sham

political groups such as "Red Star Cadre," in Tampa, Fla., and the New Orleans "Red Collective" (1972-76);

-Mass interrogation of lesbian and feminist activists, threats of subpoenas, jailing of those who refused to cooperate, and disruption of women's health collectives and other projects (Lexington, KY., Hartford and New Haven, Conn., 1975);

-Harassment of the Hispanic Commission of the Episcopal Church and numerous other Puerto Rican and Chicano religious activists and community organizers (Chicago, New York City, Puerto Rico, Colorado and New Mexico, 1977);

-Entrapment and frame-up of militant union leaders (NASCO shipyards, San Diego, 1979); and

-Complicity in the murder of socialist labor and community organizers (Greensboro, N.C., 1980).

IS IT A THREAT TODAY?

All this, and maybe more, occurred in an era of reform. The use of similar measures in today's very different times cannot be itemized in such detail, since most are still secret. The gravity of the current danger is evident, however, from the major steps recently taken to legitimize and strengthen political repression, and from the many incidents which are coming to light despite stepped-up security.

The ground-work for public acceptance of repression has been laid by President Reagan's speeches reviving the old red-scare tale of worldwide "communist take-overs" and adding a new bogeyman in the form of domestic and international "terrorism." The President has taken advantage of the resulting political climate to denounce the Bill of Rights and to red-bait critics of US intervention in Central America. He has pardoned the FBI officials convicted of COINTELPRO crimes, praised their work, and spoken favorably of the political witchhunts he took part in during the 1950s.

For the first time in US history, government infiltration to "influence" domestic political activity has received official sanction. On the pretext of meeting the supposed terrorist threat, Presidential Executive Order 12333 (Dec. 4, 1981) extends such authority not only to the FBI, but also to the military and, in some cases, the CIA. History shows that these agencies treat legal restriction as a kind of speed limit which they feel free to exceed, but only by a certain margin. Thus, Reagan's Executive Order not only encourages reliance on methods once deemed abhorrent, it also implicitly licenses even greater, more damaging intrusion. Government capacity to make effective use of such measures has also been

substantially enhanced in recent years:

Judge Webster's highly-touted reforms have served mainly to modernize the FBI and make it more dangerous. Instead of the back-biting competition which impeded coordination of domestic counter-insurgency in the 60s, the Bureau now promotes inter-agency cooperation. As an equal opportunity employer, it can use Third World and female agents to penetrate political targets more thoroughly than before. By cultivating a low-visibility corporate image and discreetly avoiding public attack on prominent liberals, the FBI has regained respectability and won over a number of former critics.

Municipal police forces have similarly revamped their image while upgrading their repressive capabilities. The police "red squads" that infiltrated and harassed the 60s' movements have been revived under other names and augmented by para-military SWAT teams and tactical squads as well as highly-politicized community relations and "beat rep" programs, in which Black, Hispanic and female officers are often conspicuous. Local operations are linked by FBI-led regional anti-terrorist task forces and the national Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit (LEIU).

Increased military and CIA involvement has added political sophistication and advanced technology. Army Special Forces and other elite military units are now trained and equipped for counter-insurgency (known as "low-intensity warfare"). Their manuals teach the essential methodology of COINTELPRO, stressing earlier intervention to neutralize potential opposition before it can take hold.

The CIA's expanded role is especially ominous. In the 60s, while legally banned from "internal security functions," the CIA managed to infiltrate the Black, student and antiwar movements. It also made secret use of university professors, journalists, labor leaders, publishing houses, cultural organizations and philanthropic fronts to mold US public opinion. But it apparently felt compelled to hold back--within the country--from the kinds of systematic political destabilization, torture, and murder which have become the hallmark of its operations abroad. Now, the full force of the CIA has been unleashed at home.

All of the agencies involved in covert operations have had time to learn from the 60s and to institute the "tight procedures to insure absolute security" that FBI officials demanded after COINTELPRO was exposed in 1971. Restoration of secrecy has been made easier by the Administration's steps to shield covert operations from public scrutiny. Under Reagan, key FBI and CIA files have been re-classified

"top secret." The Freedom of Information Act has been quietly narrowed through administrative reinterpretation. Funds for covert operations are allocated behind closed doors and hidden in CIA and defense appropriations.

Government employees now face censorship even after they retire, and new laws make it a federal crime to publicize information which might tend to reveal an agent's identity. Despite this stepped-up security, incidents frighteningly reminiscent of 60s' COINTELPRO have begun to emerge.

The extent of the infiltration, burglary and other clandestine government intervention that has already come to light is alarming. Since the vast majority of such operations stay hidden until after the damage has been done, those we are now aware of undoubtedly represent only the tip of the iceberg. Far more is sure to lie beneath the surface.

Considering the current political climate, the legalization of COINTELPRO, the rehabilitation of the FBI and police, and the expanded role of the CIA and military, the recent revelations leave us only one safe assumption: that extensive government covert operations are already underway to neutralize today's opposition movements before they can reach the massive level of the 60s.

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

Domestic covert action has now persisted in some form through at least the last seven presidencies. It grew from one program to six under Kennedy and Johnson. It flourished when an outspoken liberal, Ramsey Clark, was Attorney General (1966-68). It is an integral part of the established mode of operation of powerful, entrenched agencies on every level of government. It enables policy-makers to maintain social control without detracting from their own public image or the perceived legitimacy of their method of government. It has become as institutional in the US as the race, gender, class and imperial domination it serves to uphold.

Under these circumstances, there is no reason to think we can eliminate COINTELPRO simply by electing better public officials. Only through sustained public education and mobilization, by a broad coalition of political, religious and civil libertarian activists, can we expect to limit it effectively.

In most parts of the country, however, and certainly on a national level, we lack the political power to end covert government intervention, or even to curb it substantially. We

therefore need to learn how to cope more effectively with this form of repression.

The next part of this pamphlet examines the methods that were used to discredit and disrupt the movements of the 60s and suggests steps we can take to deflect or reduce their impact in the 80s.

A CHECK-LIST OF ESSENTIAL PRECAUTIONS:

-Check out the authenticity of any disturbing letter, rumor, phone call or other communication before acting on it.

-Document incidents which appear to reflect covert intervention, and report them to the Movement Support Network Hotline: 212/477-5562.

-Deal openly and honestly with the differences within our movements (race, gender, class, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, personality, experience, physical and intellectual capacities, etc.) before the FBI and police exploit them to tear us apart.

-Don't rush to expose a suspected agent. Instead, directly criticize what the suspect says and does. Intra-movement witchhunts only help the government create distrust and paranoia.

-Support whoever comes under government attack. Don't be put off by political slander, such as recent attempts to smear radical activists as "terrorists." Organize public opposition to FBI investigations, grand juries, show trials and other forms of political harassment.

-Above all, do not let them divert us from our main work. Our most powerful weapon against political repression is effective organizing around the needs and issues which directly affect people's lives.

WHAT THEY DO & HOW WE CAN PROTECT OURSELVES

INFILTRATION BY AGENTS OR INFORMERS

Agents are law enforcement officers disguised as activists.

Informers are non-agents who provide information to a law enforcement or intelligence agency. They may be recruited from within a group or sent in by an agency, or they may be disaffected former members or supporters.

Infiltrators are agents or informers who work in a group or community under the direction of a law enforcement or intelligence agency. During the 60s the FBI had to rely on

informers (who are less well trained and harder to control) because it had very few black, Hispanic or female agents, and its strict dress and grooming code left white male agents unable to look like activists. As a modern equal opportunity employer, today's FBI has fewer such limitations.

What They Do: Some informers and infiltrators quietly provide information while keeping a low profile and doing whatever is expected of group members. Others attempt to discredit a target and disrupt its work. They may spread false rumors and make unfounded accusations to provoke or exacerbate tensions and splits. They may urge divisive proposals, sabotage important activities and resources, or operate as "provocateurs" who lead zealous activists into unnecessary danger. In a demonstration or other confrontation with police, such an agent may break discipline and call for actions which would undermine unity and detract from tactical focus.

Infiltration As a Source of Distrust and Paranoia: While individual agents and informers aid the government in a variety of specific ways, the general use of infiltrators serves a very special and powerful strategic function. The fear that a group may be infiltrated often intimidates people from getting more involved. It can give rise to a paranoia which makes it difficult to build the mutual trust which political groups depend on. This use of infiltrators, enhanced by covertly-initiated rumors that exaggerate the extent to which a particular movement or group has been penetrated, is recommended by the manuals used to teach counter-insurgency in the U.S. and Western Europe.

Covert Manipulation to Make A Legitimate Activist Appear to be an Agent: An actual agent will often point the finger at a genuine, non-collaborating and highly-valued group member, claiming that he or she is the infiltrator. The same effect, known as a "snitch jacket," has been achieved by planting forged documents which appear to be communications between an activist and the FBI, or by releasing for no other apparent reason one of a group of activists who were arrested together. Another method used under COINTELPRO was to arrange for some activists, arrested under one pretext or another, to hear over the police radio a phony broadcast which appeared to set up a secret meeting between the police and someone from their group.

GUIDELINES FOR COPING WITH INFILTRATION:

1. Establish a process through which anyone who suspects an informer (or other form of covert

intervention) can express his or her fears without scaring others. Experienced people assigned this responsibility can do a great deal to help a group maintain its morale and focus while, at the same time, centrally consolidating information and deciding how to use it. This plan works best when accompanied by group discussion of the danger of paranoia, so that everyone understands and follows the established procedure.

2. To reduce vulnerability to paranoia and "snitch jackets", and to minimize diversion from your main work, it generally is best if you do not attempt to expose a suspected agent or informer unless you are certain of their role. (For instance, they surface to make an arrest, testify as a government witness or in some other way admit their identity). Under most circumstances, an attempted exposure will do more harm than the infiltrator's continued presence. This is especially true if you can discreetly limit the suspect's access to funds, financial records, mailing lists, discussions of possible law violations, meetings that plan criminal defense strategy, and similar opportunities.

3. Deal openly and directly with the form and content of what anyone says and does, whether the person is a suspected agent, has emotional problems, or is simply a sincere, but naive or confused person new to the work.

4. Once an agent or informer has been definitely identified, alert other groups and communities by means of photographs, a description of their methods of operation, etc. In the 60s, some agents managed even after their exposure in one community to move on and repeat their performance in a number of others.

5. Be careful to avoid pushing a new or hesitant member to take risks beyond what that person is ready to handle, particularly in situations which could result in arrest and prosecution. People in this position have proved vulnerable to recruitment as informers.

OTHER FORMS OF DECEPTION

Bogus leaflets, pamphlets, etc.: COINTELPRO documents show that the FBI routinely put out phony leaflets, posters, pamphlets, etc. to discredit its targets. In one instance, agents revised a children's coloring book which the Black Panther Party had rejected as anti-white and gratuitously violent, and then distributed a cruder version to backers of the Party's program of free breakfasts for children, telling them the book was being used in the program.

False media stories: The FBI's documents expose collusion by

reporters and news media that knowingly published false and distorted material prepared by Bureau agents. One such story had Jean Seberg, a noticeably pregnant white film star active in anti-racist causes, carrying the child of a prominent Black leader. Seberg's white husband, the actual father, has sued the FBI as responsible for her resulting still-birth, breakdown, and suicide.

Forged correspondence: Former employees have confirmed that the FBI and CIA have the capacity to produce "state of the art" forgery. The U.S. Senate's investigation of COINTELPRO uncovered a series of letters forged in the name of an intermediary between the Black Panther Party's national office and Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver, in exile in Algeria. The letters proved instrumental in inflaming intra-party rivalries that erupted into the bitter public split that shattered the Party in the winter of 1971.

Anonymous letters and telephone calls: During the 60s, activists received a steady flow of anonymous letters and phone calls which turn out to have been from government agents. Some threatened violence. Others promoted racial divisions and fears. Still others charged various leaders with collaboration, corruption, sexual affairs with other activists' mates, etc. As in the Seberg incident, inter-racial sex was a persistent theme. The husband of one white woman involved in a bi-racial civil rights group received the following anonymous letter authored by the FBI:

--Look, man, I guess your old lady doesn't get enough at home or she wouldn't be shucking and jiving with our Black Men in ACTION, you dig? Like all she wants to integrate is the bedroom and us Black Sisters ain't gonna take no second best from our men. So lay it on her man--or get her the hell off [name]. A Soul Sister

False rumors: Using infiltrators, journalists and other contacts, the Bureau circulated slanderous, disruptive rumors through political movements and the communities in which they worked.

Other misinformation: A favorite FBI tactic uncovered by Senate investigators was to misinform people that a political meeting or event had been cancelled. Another was to offer non-existent housing at phony addresses, stranding out-of-town conference attendees who naturally blamed those who had organized the event. FBI agents also arranged to transport demonstrators in the name of a bogus bus company which pulled out at the last minute. Such "dirty tricks" interfered with political events and turned activists against each other.

Fronts for the FBI: COINTELPRO documents reveal that a number of Sixties' political groups and projects were actually set up and operated by the FBI.

One, "Grupo pro-Uso Voto," was used to disrupt the fragile unity developing in 1967 among groups seeking Puerto Rico's independence from the US. The genuine proponents of independence had joined together to boycott a US-administered referendum on the island's status. They argued that voting under conditions of colonial domination could serve only to legitimize US rule, and that no vote could be fair while the US controlled the island's economy, media, schools, and police. The bogus group, pretending to support independence, broke ranks and urged independentistas to take advantage of the opportunity to register their opinion at the polls.

Since FBI front groups are basically a means for penetrating and disrupting political movements, it is best to deal with them on the basis of the Guidelines for Coping with Infiltration.

Confront what a suspect group says and does, but avoid public accusations unless you have definite proof. If you do have such proof, share it with everyone affected.

GUIDELINES FOR COPING WITH OTHER FORMS OF DECEPTION:

1. Don't add unnecessarily to the pool of information that government agents use to divide political groups and turn activists against each other. They thrive on gossip about personal tensions, rivalries and disagreements. The more these are aired in public, or via a telephone which can be tapped or mail which can be opened, the easier it is to exploit a group's problems and subvert its work. (Note that the CIA has the technology to read mail without opening it, and that pay telephones can now be programmed to record any conversation in which specified political terms are used.)

2. The best way to reduce tensions and hostilities, and the urge to gossip about them, is to make time for open, honest discussion and resolution of "personal" as well as "political" issues.

3. Don't accept everything you hear or read. Check with the supposed source of the information before you act on it. Personal communication among estranged activists, however difficult or painful, could have countered many FBI operations which proved effective in the Sixties.

4. When you hear a negative, confusing or potentially harmful rumor, don't pass it on. Instead, discuss it with a trusted friend or with the people in your group who are

responsible for dealing with covert intervention.

5. Verify and double-check all arrangements for housing, transportation, meeting rooms, and so forth.

6. When you discover bogus materials, false media stories, etc., publicly disavow them and expose the true source, insofar as you can.

H A R A S S M E N T , INTIMIDATION & VIOLENCE:

Pressure through employers, landlords, etc.: COINTELPRO documents reveal frequent overt contacts and covert manipulation (false rumors, anonymous letters and telephone calls) to generate pressure on activists from their parents, landlords, employers, college administrators, church superiors, welfare agencies, credit bureaus, licensing authorities, and the like.

Agents' reports indicate that such intervention denied Sixties' activists any number of foundation grants and public speaking engagements. It also cost underground newspapers most of their advertising revenues, when major record companies were persuaded to take their business elsewhere. It may underlie recent steps by insurance companies to cancel policies held by churches giving sanctuary to refugees from El Salvador and Guatemala.

Burglary: Former operatives have confessed to thousands of "black bag jobs" in which FBI agents broke into movement offices to steal, copy or destroy valuable papers, wreck equipment, or plant drugs.

Vandalism: FBI infiltrators have admitted countless other acts of vandalism, including the fire which destroyed the Watts Writers Workshop's multi-million dollar ghetto cultural center in 1973. Late 60's FBI and police raids laid waste to movement offices across the country, destroying precious printing presses, typewriters, layout equipment, research files, financial records, and mailing lists.

Other direct interference: To further disrupt opposition movements, frighten activists, and get people upset with each other, the FBI tampered with organizational mail, so it came late or not at all. It also resorted to bomb threats and similar "dirty tricks".

Conspicuous surveillance: The FBI and police blatantly watch activists' homes, follow their cars, tap phones, open mail and attend political events. The object is not to collect information (which is done surreptitiously), but to harass and intimidate.

Attempted interviews: Agents have extracted damaging information from

activists who don't know they have a legal right to refuse to talk, or who think they can outsmart the FBI. COINTELPRO directives recommend attempts at interviews throughout political movements to "enhance the paranoia endemic in these circles" and "get the point across that there is an FBI agent behind every mailbox."

Grand juries: Unlike the FBI, the Grand Jury has legal power to make you answer its questions. Those who refuse, and are required to accept immunity from use of their testimony against them, can be jailed for contempt of court. (Such "use immunity" enables prosecutors to get around the constitutional protection against self-incrimination.)

The FBI and the US Dept. of Justice have manipulated this process to turn the grand jury into an instrument of political repression. Frustrated by jurors' consistent refusal to convict activists of overtly political crimes, they convened over 100 grand juries between 1970 and 1973 and subpoenaed more than 1000 activists from the Black, Puerto Rican, student, women's and anti-war movements. Supposed pursuit of fugitives and "terrorists" was the usual pretext. Many targets were so terrified that they dropped out of political activity. Others were jailed without any criminal charge or trial, in what amounts to a U.S. version of the political internment procedures employed in South Africa and Northern Ireland.

False arrest and prosecution: COINTELPRO directives cite the Philadelphia FBI's success in having local militants "arrested on every possible charge until they could no longer make bail" and "spent most of the summer in jail." Though the bulk of the activists arrested in this manner were eventually released, some were convicted of serious charges on the basis of perjured testimony by FBI agents, or by co-workers who the Bureau had threatened or bribed.

The object was not only to remove experienced organizers from their communities and to divert scarce resources into legal defense, but even more to discredit entire movements by portraying their leaders as vicious criminals. Two victims of such frame-ups, Native American activist Leonard Peltier and 1960s' Black Panther official Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt, have finally gained court hearings on new trial motions.

Others currently struggling to reopen COINTELPRO convictions include Richard Marshall of the American Indian Movement and jailed Black Panthers Herman Bell, Anthony Bo:Pom, Albert Washington (the "NY3"), and Richard "Dhoruba" Moore.

Intimidation: One COINTELPRO communique urged that "The Negro youths and moderates must be made to understand that if they succumb to revolutionary teaching, they will be dead revolutionaries."

Others reported use of threats (anonymous and overt) to terrorize activists, driving some to abandon promising projects and others to leave the country. During raids on movement offices, the FBI and police routinely roughed up activists and threatened further violence. In August, 1970, they forced the entire staff of the Black Panther office in Philadelphia to march through the streets naked.

Instigation of violence: The FBI's infiltrators and anonymous notes and phone calls incited violent rivals to attack Malcolm X, the Black Panthers, and other targets. Bureau records also reveal maneuvers to get the Mafia to move against such activists as black comedian Dick Gregory.

A COINTELPRO memo reported that "shootings, beatings and a high degree of unrest continue to prevail in the ghetto area of southeast San Diego...it is felt that a substantial amount of the unrest is directly attributable to this program."

Covert aid to right-wing vigilantes: In the guise of a COINTELPRO against "white hate groups," the FBI subsidized, armed, directed and protected the Klu Klux Klan and other right-wing groups, including a "Secret Army Organization" of California ex-Minutemen who beat up Chicano activists, tore apart the offices of the San Diego Street Journal and the Movement for a Democratic Military, and tried to kill a prominent anti-war organizer. Puerto Rican activists suffered similar terrorist assaults from anti-Castro Cuban groups organized and funded by the CIA.

Defectors from a band of Chicago-based vigilantes known as the "Legion of Justice" disclosed that the funds and arms they used to destroy book stores, film studios and other centers of opposition had secretly been supplied by members of the Army's 113th Military Intelligence Group.

Assassination: The FBI and police were implicated directly in murders of Black and Native American leaders. In Chicago, police assassinated Black Panthers Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, using a floor plan supplied by an FBI informer who apparently also had drugged Hampton's food to make him unconscious during the raid.

FBI records show that this accomplice received a substantial bonus for his services. Despite an elaborate cover-up, a blue-ribbon commission and a U.S Court of Appeals found the deaths to be the result not of a

and a U.S Court of Appeals found the deaths to be the result not of a shootout, as claimed by police, but of a carefully orchestrated, Vietnam-style "search and destroy mission".

GUIDELINES FOR COPING WITH HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & VIOLENCE:

1. Establish security procedures appropriate to your group's level of activity and discuss them thoroughly with everyone involved. Control access to keys, files, letterhead, funds, financial records, mailing lists, etc. Keep duplicates of valuable documents. Safeguard address books, and do not carry them when arrest is likely.

2. Careful records of break-ins, thefts, bomb threats, raids, arrests, strange phone noises (not always taps or bugs), harassment, etc. will help you to discern patterns and to prepare reports and testimony.

3. Don't talk to the FBI. Don't let them in without a warrant. Tell others that they came. Have a lawyer demand an explanation and instruct them to leave you alone.

4. If an activist does talk, or makes some other honest error, explain the harm that could result. But do not attempt to ostracize a sincere person who slips up. Isolation only weakens a person's ability to resist. It can drive someone out of the movement and even into the arms of the police.

5. If the FBI starts to harass people in your area, alert everyone to refuse to cooperate (see box). Call the Movement Support Network's Hotline: (212) 614-6422. Set up community meetings with speakers who have resisted similar harassment elsewhere. Get literature, films, etc. through the organizations listed in the back of this pamphlet. Consider "Wanted" posters with photos of the agents, or guerilla theater which follows them through the city streets.

6. Make a major public issue of crude harassment, such as tampering with your mail. Contact your congressperson. Call the media. Demonstrate at your local FBI office. Turn the attack into an opportunity for explaining how covert intervention threatens fundamental human rights.

7. Many people find it easier to tell an FBI agent to contact their lawyer than to refuse to talk. Once a lawyer is involved, the Bureau generally pulls back, since it has lost its power to intimidate. If possible, make arrangements with a local lawyer and let everyone know that agents who visit them can be referred to that lawyer. If your group engages in civil disobedience or finds itself under intense police pressure, start a bail fund, train some members to deal with the legal system, and develop an ongoing relationship with a sympathetic local lawyer.

8. Community education is important, along with legal, financial, child care, and other support for those who protect a movement by refusing to divulge information about it. If a respected

network to alert the community and news media in the event of a raid. When the police did attempt an armed assault four days later, the Panthers were able to hold off the attack until a large community and media presence enabled them to leave the office without casualties. Similar preparation can help other groups that have reason to expect right-wing or police assaults.

11. Make sure your group designates and prepares other members to step in if leaders are jailed or otherwise incapacitated. The more each participant is able to think for herself or himself and take responsibility, the better will be the group's capacity to cope with crises.

ORGANIZING PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO COVERT INTERVENTION

A BROAD-BASED STRATEGY: No one existing political organization or movement is strong enough, by itself, to mobilize the public pressure required to significantly limit the ability of the FBI, CIA and police to subvert our work. Some activists oppose covert intervention because it violates fundamental constitutional rights. Others stress how it weakens and interferes with the work of a particular group or movement. Still others see covert action as part of a political and economic system which is fundamentally flawed. Our only hope is to bring these diverse forces together in a single, powerful alliance.

Such a broad coalition cannot hold together unless it operates with clearly-defined principles. The coalition as a whole will have to oppose covert intervention on certain basic grounds—such as the threat to democracy, civil liberties and social justice, leaving its members free to put forward other objections and analyses in their own names. Participants will need to refrain from insisting that only their views are "politically correct" and that everyone else has "sold out."

Above all, we will have to resist the government's manoeuvres to divide us by moving against certain groups, while subtly suggesting that it will go easy on the others, if only they dissociate themselves from those under attack. This strategy is evident in the recent Executive Order and Guidelines, which single out for infiltration and disruption people who support liberation movements and governments



activist is subpoenaed for obviously political reasons, consider trying to arrange for sanctuary in a local church or synagogue.

9. While the FBI and police are entirely capable of fabricating criminal charges, your non-political law violations (such as drugs) make it easier for them to set you up. The point is not to get so up-tight and paranoid that you can't function, but to make a realistic assessment based on your visibility and other pertinent circumstances.

10. Upon hearing of Fred Hampton's murder, the Black Panthers in Los Angeles fortified their offices and organized a communications

that defy U.S. hegemony or who entertain the view that it may at times be necessary to break the law in order to effectuate social change.

DIVERSE TACTICS: For maximum impact, local and national coalitions will need a multi-faceted approach which effectively combines a diversity of tactics, including:

1. Investigative research to stay on top of, and document, just what the FBI, CIA and police are up to.

2. Public education through forums, rallies, radio and TV, literature, film, high school and college curricula, wallposters, guerilla theater, and whatever else proves interesting and effective.

3. Legislative lobbying against administration proposals to strengthen covert work, cut back public access to information, punish government "whistle-blowers", etc. Coalitions in some cities and states have won legislative restrictions on surveillance and covert action. The value of such victories will depend our ability to mobilize continuing, vigilant public pressure for effective enforcement.

4. Support for the victims of covert intervention can reduce somewhat the harm done by the FBI, CIA and police. Organizing on behalf of grand jury resisters, political prisoners, and defendants in political trials offers a natural forum for public education about domestic covert action.

5. Lawsuits may win financial compensation for some of the people harmed by covert intervention. Class action suits, which seek a court order (injunction) limiting surveillance and covert action in a particular city or judicial district, have proved a valuable source of information and publicity. They are enormously expensive, however, in terms of time and energy as well as money. Out-of-court settlements in some of these cases have given rise to bitter disputes which split coalitions apart, and any agreement is subject to reinterpretation or modification by increasingly conservative, administration-oriented federal judges.

The US Court of Appeals in Chicago has ruled that the consent decree against the FBI there affects only operations based "solely on the political views of a group or an individual," for which the Bureau can conjure no pretext of a "genuine concern for law enforcement."

6. Direct action, in the form of citizens' arrests, mock trials, picketlines, and civil disobedience, has recently greeted CIA recruiters on a number of college campuses. Although the main focus has been on the

Agency's international crimes, its domestic activities have also received attention. Similar actions might be organized to protest recruitment by the FBI and police, in conjunction with teach-ins and other education about domestic covert action. Demonstrations against Reagan's attempts to bolster covert intervention, or against particular FBI, CIA or police operations, could also raise public consciousness and focus activists' outrage.

PROSPECTS: Previous attempts to mobilize public opposition, especially on a local level, indicate that a broad coalition, employing a multi-faceted approach, may be able to impose some limits on the government's ability to discredit and disrupt our work. It is clear, however, that we currently lack the power to eliminate such intervention. While fighting hard to end domestic covert action, we need also to study the forms it takes and prepare ourselves to cope with it as effectively as we can.

Above all, it is essential that we resist the temptation to so preoccupy ourselves with repression that we neglect our main work. Our ability to resist the government's attacks depends ultimately on the strength of our movements. So long as we continue to advocate and organize effectively, no manner of intervention can stop us.

[There are rumours that many of the leading figures in areas of paranormal research are in fact plants by government agencies. This may be true but it could also be false and certainly it is hard to make decisions about what exactly is going on. I have my suspicions but will not name names until I am sure. It worries me to think that this may be the case but it is easy to understand that the people in power realise the potential for internal mayhem if you destroy the cores of groups.]

We all say that groups have their problems and of course they do - if we were talking karate or needlework we probably would have gone a long way by now, but with large organisations dragging their heels in this climate of great interest in conspiracies and paranormal it does ask the question - what is going on?

I always have used the philosophy "Don't trust the military and don't trust the government - be careful who you trust!" and this philosophy if slightly paranoid does shelter you from some of the blows that are dealt.

I have had set backs in my research by the hands of selfish others and concerted efforts to disrupt by others. If you understand that there is always a risk of this happening and play your cards accordingly then you never get burned. - ED] □



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The Barnoldswick Incidents

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Undoubtedly we have the best air force in the whole world and through the discipline and thorough training it deserves this reputation. Our nations security owes much to the air crews who risk their lives every time they soar skyward and those who are deployed all over the world on rapid response. Over its 75 year history the Royal Air Forces professionalism has been effective and essential, with due regard taken to training safety and low disruption to the public. But sometimes, during training which our air crews carry out at home, pilots perform low flying exercises with courage and precision but which do cause concern.

Barnoldswick has a history of aviation with Tornado aircraft parts being assembled in Pendle and Rolls Royce making aeroplane engines in Barnoldswick. Aviation is part of the region but so too is low flying and reports of eerie balls of light haunting the moors. With a population of over 10,000 Earby and Barnoldswick see two or three aircraft low flying overhead in a week. I myself have witnessed two low flying bomber aircraft one night whilst driving through West Craven. Other places around the region, such as Colne and Foulridge, are also affected from time to time but the one single event that overshadows all the rest took place on the night of 30th January 1995.

"It felt like being inside an explosion, like a volley of cannon fire exploding above my head" said Duncan Smith as eight Tornado GR1 aircraft roared across the night sky pulling up to clear Earby moor. The incident was widely reported in the local press and the RAF Police interviewed those who were affected by the incident as many had flooded the newspaper phone lines. Their names were passed on to Lord Henley, the under secretary for State of Defence.

The incident was the subject of a number of Parliamentary Questions from local MP Gordon Prentice, culminating in a House of Commons Adjournment Debate on military low flying held on the 28th April 1995. The minister of state for the Armed Forces, Mr. Nicholas Soames explained how low flying remains essential as the prospects of a major conflict in Europe might have declined but instability and

unpredictability has increased. The sortie concerned was a "routine training sortie" by eight Tornado GR1 aircraft of No 9 Squadron based at the Royal Air Force base in Bruggen in Germany. It was intended to simulate a typical attack mission involving the penetration of highly hostile air space at low level under the cover of darkness.

The aircraft carried out a mock attack on a target in the Lake District and began to make their way at low level to carry out a further attack on the range at RAF Wainfleet. They were making use of terrain following radar which allows the aircraft to be flown safely at low level at night and keeps the aircraft fixed at a certain height.

"This sortie was being flown at night and was arranged in accordance with the rules of the United Kingdom night low flying system". These are rules specifically designed to minimise the risk of mid air collisions between aircraft. The country is divided into a number of flying sectors with only one squadron or unit allowed access to any sector at one time. The eight aircraft involved were split into two groups of four. A 40 second gap was maintained between the aircraft involved and three minutes gap was kept between the two groups of aircraft.

More interesting though and not widely known is the unofficial report behind the practice sortie which one

witness swears took place. The witness holds a prominent place in the local community and wishes to remain anonymous for obvious reasons which will become apparent.

On the night of 30th January 1995, they state they heard a tremendous roar above their house so they went outside to see what was going on and to see if the roof was still there! As they gazed upwards five Tornados blasted across the sky in hot pursuit of a mysterious ball of amber light. As they neared the Pendle moors the witness claims the light suddenly dipped and entered the ground. Other reports were received of how these balls of light were almost dog fighting with RAF jets and of how they had emerged from ground and sunk back in once they had played cat and mouse.

Another incident has involved military helicopters overflying the region where anomalous lights have been seen entering the ground. Balls of light have been observed illuminating a large triangular craft and there have been some odd animal mutilations in the area too. In particular dozens of pigeons have been discovered devoid of their heads, and field mice have been found with their brains and spines detached through a hole in their heads! The area is a definite hot bed for UFO and paranormal phenomena and the information continues to come ever forth from dependable witnesses. □



THE TRUTH SEEKERS INTERVIEW

Dr. Susan Blackmore is one of only a few Doctors of Parapsychology in Britain. She now lectures at University of West of England.

Active in her own funded research into the paranormal and tries to find the rational explanation for us. Having been attacked in the past because of her "outspoken" views on television documentaries where it appears that she has tried to box the paranormal subject inside explainable boundaries. Was Dr. Blackmore given a fair hearing?

I could not decide so arranged to do an interview to find out just what she does think about the paranormal. The interview is carried unedited so you can also decide. I think that although Dr. Blackmore's affiliation with paranormal debunker groups and her presentation on TV documentaries has led to the opinion that she is nothing more than a debunker this is unfair - she has got something to offer our research! Hopefully this interview will help disprove and dispel some of the myths. I found Dr. Blackmore to be very approachable and friendly, and I hope with the correct balance that continued future collaboration between such "experts" and researchers will be possible.

Matthew Williams: Can we talk about your work at the moment.

Sue Blackmore: Yes, it's nothing to do with UFO's at the moment. You met Nick who is my assistant, he is going to be working on a research project with me called "Reality and Imagination - PSI at the Interface" and the idea of this is that we are going to spend 3 years, possibly more, investigating borderline states. Either states of consciousness, that are somehow between reality and imagination and in that I would include things like lucid dreaming, false awakenings, sleep paralysis, hypnagogic imagery, out of the body experiences and many others. These kinds of borderline cases are states where you have some doubt about what is real and what is imagined. I mean classic out of the body experiences - it seems real but you know what you are seeing is wrong, as in a false awakening; you know you are awake, you are sure you are, but then there would be an eerie green glow from a cupboard in the corner of the room, this sort of thing, so you don't know what is real and what is not. Abduction experiences would come in to that category as well in my opinion - a lot of people would argue that there may have been literal abductions but I feel that they are in one of these borderline states. In such states you have a mixture of imagination and reality, that is you are in your bedroom or car or wherever you happen to be and combined with not real things - fantasies, aliens etc. - and it's this mixture that is very interesting to me.

One of the questions of the project is to try to understand those states and the other is to try to see whether or not they are PSI-conducive, are there any paranormal phenomena involved there. For example in out of the body experiences do you ever really see the strange things; there are always these persistent claims of people seeing incredible things, such as things they could never know. I am not convinced that they are truly seeing these things. We certainly want to look for that. In terms of questions of abduction experiences we want to ask are the aliens completely fantasised or is there any kind of reality to them. I don't think that there are many people who would follow the "nuts and bolts" argument of this sort of thing and that they are real aliens. People like Hilary Evans and perhaps Jenny Randles even seem to point to the witness being psychic and the aliens being somewhere else and projecting an image of themselves. This could all be part of this question.

There are other things in the research that we are going to be doing because the borderline between reality and imagination doesn't only include the border states of consciousness, we might be able to get at it by inducing uncertainty via certain experimental manipulations. One example would be to insert a false memory in somebody then you are confusing reality and imagination. So the project will be ranging over these broad areas of things and seeing if there are any psychic phenomena.

MW: Are you working to perhaps enforce or destroy a particular belief of yours or is your work unbiased and purely scientific.

SB: No I'm not. I have absolutely no interest whatsoever in bolstering any particular belief of mine. That's not a good way to do science, infact it is not a way to do science at all. Inevitably you have hypotheses and theories and if you are in a certain situation and you are a certain type of person you will always want your theory to be right, and of course there is always a temptation that you do. But I have had my theories proved wrong so many times that I don't actually mind any more, and I have had the experience of having a theory that was really important to me completely blown apart by the data, and then discovering after I had got over the crying phase that actually how you can sweep away the rubbish and get to a better theory.

To give you a couple of examples, in the beginning I spent several years investigating telepathy largely - along with other paranormal phenomena - completely convinced by my own "Memory Theory" of ESP (Extra Sensory Perception). I thought I was going to change the world by proving that memory and ESP were the same thing, and that all psychologists were wrong, but I was wrong. My theory in the end was a load of crap. I discovered that in two ways. One was by thinking it through and realising that it didn't make sense, and it took me several years to work this through. Secondly, by doing experiments that showed that I was wrong. I got over it.

Similar things have happened with my theories on why people believe in the paranormal. However some of my hunches I think I have proved to be right, and I have had the data confirming it. Others have been wrong.

Recently I have become interested in areas of consciousness, and I have had various theories about consciousness which in the light of developments in areas such as artificial intelligence, in what is going on in cognitive science etc., I have discovered I am wrong and I have had to throw the theories out. So to answer your question, no I am not setting out to prove my own theories. Why I am doing it is because I am interested in odd states of consciousness. Every night when I go to bed I try to stay awake as long as I can, in the process of going to sleep, just because I am fascinated by it. What is the mind? How can I find

consciousness? All altered states are interesting to me.

I suppose the whole way of my understanding of human nature of consciousness is going away from the paranormal. The really interesting insights about consciousness come to me more from Buddhist type ideas: Not Buddhism in its Religious sense, but the insights you get through meditation, and real mental concentration. These lead to insights which are totally away from the paranormal. That's the way I think it [the research] will go. I think the paranormal is a bit of a red herring. This is what I think will happen, and I am not setting out to prove that or anything, I am just interested that's all.

MW: Just an interest then?

SB: Call it an interest, you can call it a total obsession if you like.

MW: Is this part of your professional research now or is this work a secondary item which you do on the side - on the back burner?

SB: I don't consider myself to be a professional at all. I lecture here in the university, part time, and otherwise I am basically freelance. I have now got a research grant to do this particular project, and that goes out on Nick, for him to be able to help me as a research assistant. Basically I have, for all of my life, done my research on my own money and by myself, and that's how I like to do it. If you are part of an organisation or are doing your research as part of something else, you are inevitably constrained by the needs, desires, political atmosphere etc. of that organisation or its people. I have always done bizarre research and I have always followed my own interest and questions. I like it that way and wish to keep it that way.

MW: How long have you been interested in these subjects?

SB: 25 Years. I started when I was an undergraduate, and I ran the Society for Psychical Research at Oxford and that was in 1970. I haven't been doing research for all those years; I began when I started my research PhD in 1974, and that is when I really got deep into research. By then I was pretty deeply involved. A few years after that I began to get a bit skeptical about these areas and started to change the kind of research that I was doing.

MW: What is your formal training and what do you now lecture on?

SB: My formal training is that I have a First Degree in Physiology and Psychology from Oxford, a Masters Degree in Environmental Psychology and a PhD in Parapsychology from Surrey University, and that PhD was on ESP and memory, and I mentioned this earlier on. Now, as in those days, you cannot get funding for parapsychology so I got a part time job and funded my PhD myself. So again I was quite free to do the bizarre things that I do: The experiments on telepathy, tarot cards, ESP in children, things like that.

MW: Out of your original theories can you explain which ones are still holding up and which ones are looking promising. Also is there any linking chain which binds all the promising areas together?

SB: Yes, I will answer this in two separate ways. There are bits and pieces which I still think are good. My explanation of why you have tunnels and lights seen when you have near death experiences is pretty close and what I think will indeed turn out to be the truth. In case you don't know what this is I will explain. When you get near to death or are under severe shock, what happens in the brain is that you get a disinhibition; the inhibitory cells stop clamping down on the excitatory ones



and all the excitatory ones start firing briefly. Now what is that going to look like? We know that in the visual system there are lots of cells devoted to central vision, to what we are looking at, but few devoted to the edges of vision. Now if they are all firing then it is going to look like a bright light in the middle and fading off darker towards the outside. And it's just a straight forward physiological explanation of why we see tunnels. Now I think that in some way that is in essence roughly right. The interesting thing is that if we can get CAT scans or other scanning techniques

into somebody in that situation then we can find out. Nobody has done it yet but it is perfectly testable and I will be interested to find out if this is right or wrong - I don't mind either way.

There are other things about out of the body experiences. I think that this is a restructuring of the body image and self image to give a different perspective from the ceiling. There is a lot more work which has to be done - why there is such a particular perspective and so on. But on the whole I am pretty happy with it. The way the process works is that I will stick with it now and see what others have to say and if they say something is wrong then the research process will start up again. That's fine - that is how we learn.

MW: Are you putting all of your work through the normal scientific channels, papers and other things in order to check your theories.

SB: That's right. Still inevitably most of the research you do is partial. I have written lots of papers on out of the body experiences, and these have been refereed, but the referees aren't geniuses and they can only judge that your work is well done. Then it's published but it can still be wrong.

You asked earlier on about a thread going through my work and I suppose I could describe that thread as trying to understand the nature of experience, and not having a clue. The question of consciousness is constantly baffling. What does it mean to say I am aware of this room etc. That's the sort of thing that has led me on. I thought that parapsychology would help me understand that question and that's why I spent all those years looking for the paranormal. Now I think that this was stupid - why has the paranormal got anything to do with consciousness at all? I don't think it has any more, although most other people think that it has. I suppose my excursion into abductions is similar - these bizarre experiences...

MW: Can I pick you up on one of your particular theories that I have heard. I believe it was put forward on a BBC TV program on the paranormal where you said that one possible explanation for paranormal experiences was electromagnetic interference having an effect on the brain and causing such states. This doesn't seem to explain to me fully the phenomena of multiple witness cases of paranormal events. Can you explain?

SB: No it doesn't. Now this is not my theory predominantly it was Michael Persinger's, and there are two stages to this theory. The first is to suggest that lots of activity in the temporal lobes can

produce sensations of floating, flowing, flying - feelings of being pushed, pulled and manipulated, we know that these can be produced by excess firing in those areas; we know that these things are associated with temporal lobe epilepsy; We know that they are associated with temporal lobe lability, which means very unstable temporal lobes. Persinger has made the additional step to saying that you can induce those

experiences. If you saw the Horizon programme, you can see me put the motorcycle helmet on and him blasting my brain with magnetic fields, and those experiences were weird! good,

I have been accused by UFO people of making it up. Well you can not believe me if you like, but I can only say that was one of the most bizarre experiences of my entire life. I have been in isolation chambers, and goodness knows what else. I have been in sensory deprivation, all sorts of things and I have never had an experience like it. It just felt like somebody getting hold of me, grabbing my shoulders etc.

I think that it was pretty well established that you can produce those experiences by stimulating those parts of the brain, and they occur naturally in people who have unstable temporal lobes. He goes on to say that earthquakes and other geo-magnetic effects can do it, and that these may produce ball lightning and such things. This means to person would think that they were seeing a UFO at the same time as they are hallucinating. Now I am not convinced by that statement. It may or may not be true and I just don't know.

Secondly, the multiple experiences. No it can't explain them at all - certainly the simpler version of the theory anyhow. However if there was some earthquake or whatever, and this produced some ball lightning that everyone could see, and mess up all their brains at once, if it hits the right pattern then it could set up hallucinations in all of them. If what

Persinger says is right then it would explain the multiple ones but I think that it is pretty far fetched myself.

MW: So this would mean it is unlikely that they would see the same thing under such a state?

SB: No they wouldn't hallucinate exactly the same. On that

theory they would hallucinate similarish thing - they would all get floaty/flying feelings - but the details of the experiences would be different; But then we know they are! In most of the multiple abductions I know about, most of the stories are clouded by the fact that you cannot talk to each of the witnesses independently before they get together and share their stories. But even then quite a few of them say "My alien was grey but hers was pink" or "Mine was 3ft tall but hers was 6ft" or whatever. Or that their experiences on board the spaceships have been different.

MW: Can this be broadened to say multiple paranormal events of all kinds.

SB: Yes, but I should say that I am pretty skeptical about these things. I have not investigated multiple abductions, although I have investigated abductions. However I have investigated plenty of multiple ghost sightings or multiple poltergeist things. In my experience it always turns out that the experiences are not half as exciting or impressive as you first thought. You know, you spend a few days investigating the thing and the whole thing falls to pieces.

Now I don't know if that would be my experience if I went for the multiple UFO sightings or multiple abductions, it is just my suspicion that it would, but it is not central to my research so I am not going to do it. I will leave that up to somebody else to find the truth about that one I think.

MW: Do you follow the work of abduction researchers such as John Mack and other researchers in that field.

SB: I know John Mack and his work

but it does worry me though. I think that John Mack has a rather sophisticated sort of philosophical understanding of the world, in which he is quite happy to hang around in some sort of never never land between reality and imagination. And he will say, of course they are not real in some sense, and that they are real in another and you can never quite pin him down to exactly what he means. What worries me is he has patients to whom he is giving advice and help, who come to him and they feel better because they interpret what he does as confirmation that they really did see an alien. And they really interpret it as he believes in actual physical aliens, who are really there and did come into their room, and they feel better having that confirmed.

So they then go off to his abductee support groups and they all talk to each other. I have met several of John Mack's abductees when I was there at his lab and they all talk together and confirm what they experienced, and say things like "that happened to me" or whatever. Now that's all very nice in the short run because it makes them all feel more confident and happy with somebody to talk to and so on, but what also tends to happen is that their friends or family reject them and think that they are nutters. They cast them out or will not speak to them - all sorts of nasty things happen to them. So the UFO support group becomes their only sort of lifeline as it were. I think these are real problems and I am not sure how John Mack and those doing the same job are going to solve this, and it worries me.

MW: Have you ever dealt with or know of any abductions whereby the people have been dealt with in a standard psychological/psychiatric way and have been brought back down to earth, as it were?

SB: Well I don't know, because he is a psychiatrist and therefore he has patients and I am not. I don't have patients and I don't do that sort of work. I am purely interested in psychology and its physical effects. I will leave this to the psychiatrists and therapists - it's not my field at all.

MW: Do you have any other feelings on abduction research or any points you would like to make about the way things should be done.

SB: I know other researchers, say Budd Hopkins for example. I think many of these people who do hypnosis and work with abductees are very helpful and reassuring to the abductees, but never the less they may all be getting into a mutual confirmation of what is essentially a delusion.

I have not met UFO researchers who are deliberately out to harm anybody at all. But I feel that by creating this kind of belief in it we may be doing more harm

than good.

I must make one thing clear. I think it is possible that there is such a thing as real abductions. I think it is possible that there are real aliens out there - less likely that they are coming in through the ceiling and getting people. Having said that I think that it is almost certain that this isn't the case with all abductees. So if you take 100 abductees I think it is certain that with most of them it is purely psychological, and some of them may be more than that. I mainly interested in the ones that are purely psychological, and I will leave the question of are there real ones to the UFO researchers. I am interested but my area is Psychology and I am interested in the ones that are hallucinatory. I think if there are aliens out there that they will come down and show themselves.

MW: Have you got any data or information on abductions which shows any of these statistics of how many people are real abductees etc.

SB: No, the trouble is that I got sucked into this sort of thing via the Horizon program, I never chose to have done any serious abduction research at all. I have only ever done research on the paranormal things and when they asked me to do the Horizon program the limit of my abduction knowledge comes from that. I have some theories coming in from my other experiences but I am not actively researching.

However one thing I have done is I went around the schools getting kids aged 7 - 8 year olds and 12 year olds, and did a study. I told them an abduction story with lots of critical details missing and afterwards I asked them critical details about things like what shape were the tables, what did the aliens look like, all that sort of stuff. Then I asked questions about the kinds of things which the main USA American abduction researchers think are signs of having been abducted. Things like sleep paralysis, seeing lights around the bedroom - these were key things in a Roper poll on abductions. Now if the researchers were right the people who have all these signs and experiences should get the alien details right. They should jolly well be seeing the right sort of aliens and getting on the right sort of table. If they are wrong then there will be no correlation between if you have the sleep paralysis and if you see the right type of aliens.

Now I have got this stack of wonderful alien drawings that these kids did, and they are marvelous. I also have a lot of answers to all their questionnaires but I haven't analysed it yet but that will enable me to answer that question. Probably there will be no correlation but we will see, if there is then we can say whoa, there is something really weird going on here.

MW: All of this with the possibility that there is some sort of genuine paranormal event in behind the experience somewhere and just that people are perceiving it differently. That there was a paranormal trigger?

SB: Well yes, then you get out of it. It is always the way, exactly. There always is a slippery way out for paranormal things. If you put the alien so far away that they are doing everything paranormally - sending their astral body or something - and everybody sees them differently then the whole thing falls apart. Then you could say that it doesn't matter that Joe Bloggs say a 4ft high alien and somebody else saw a 6ft alien. Then you can't really do much with it.

MW: Can I take you back to the John Mack point - you mentioned that you had been over to see John Mack at his lab, can you tell us a little more about that.

SB: I met John Mack when he was interviewed for the Horizon program, and another time I went over specifically to visit his lab and to give a seminar, and I met some of his abductee support group, and the other researchers there as well. Thats how I got to know him.

MW: Away from the experiments such as temporal lobe stimulation and the sensory deprivation tanks, can I ask you have you ever had any weird experiences yourself?

SB: Oh yeah, plenty. I got into all of this because of an out of the body experience I had in 1970 which was very weird. I have written about it in several books because it was so dramatic - it lasted more than 2 hours. Although I could call it a near death experience it wasn't near death - it had tunnels and lights - the lot. Now I can call it a mystical experience, because that's what it was.

That has set me off trying to explore the mind. I have taken a lot of drugs of various kinds and I am very interested in drug effects on the mind. For example I have taken all sorts of ordinary drugs, but I have also taken Ketamine, which induces out of the body experiences and is a most interesting drug - not the street version either, the real stuff, heavy doses too. It is used as a dissociative anaesthetic. In very high doses it produces very unusual effects.

I have done a lot of meditation, on and off for twenty years, but seriously for ten years. I trained in Chinese Zen, Ch'an, and other forms of meditation. That has led to many experiences, which are not particularly important. I think that the Buddhist practices are about maintaining and encouraging awareness in everyday life, but along the way you get these odd things that happen like out of the body experiences, like disintegration of self. It's

a totally different way of relating to the world. These are not too important but certainly I have had them. I have already mentioned the sensory deprivation stuff.

I trained a long long time ago as a witch, I did training in cabballistic magic. You get the odd experience if you are doing magic spells and chanting, all those kinds of things. Also in witchcraft you train in imagery skills, so that although as a teenager I had no imagery at all and claimed I wasn't conscious, once I started training in cabballistic magic where you have to learn to visualise - a lot of the rituals are about visualisation - this changed my experience quite a lot.

MW: But you are not a witch any more?

SB: No no, not actively. I gaze into my crystal ball from time to time, and I am interested in those kinds of hallucinations. They are hallucinations but they are very interesting. I don't use my tarot cards much now, but for many years I used to do a lot of tarot reading.

MW: For your research?

SB: Yes at one point I did a lot of research on tarot. Mostly I did it to understand myself or my friends. In the beginning I believed that tarot provided paranormal information about people. When my ESP experiments failed, I went back to the tarot because I thought that this is something that really works. I discovered that it was working psychologically, it does work amazingly if you sit down with somebody and a pack of tarot cards what you find out; But if you are separated from them and can't get the feedback and the social clues you don't get any information at all. The cards simply do not provide paranormal information at all in my opinion. So I have changed my view about tarot. I still use it for myself, if I have a chance to sit down and want to think about things. I don't believe it's paranormal.

MW: When were you involved in the witchcraft thing?

SB: About mid 1970's. After I had left Oxford.

WB: Was the witchcraft part of your research?

SB: No it was just in those days I was interested in everything weird and wonderful. That was one of the many things that I was doing. That is what led me to think, well if this is true I need to do proper research to find out. To tell the world etc.

MW: Have you heard about the renewed interest in the subject of Remote Viewing, in particular the documentary by Jim Schnabel on the subject.

SB: No, I missed it. Remote viewing is

one of those things which at the moment there is no good review paper on it. There are various people - I know Marian Schlitz has done a lot of work on remote viewing. In fact she is coming over next weekend, and it's one of the things that we want to talk about. I know some of the other people in the states who are doing remote viewing, but there is no consensus of opinion in the paranormal research world about this at the moment. I do want to find out about it. Unlike the Gansfeld which is done to death at the moment.

If Jim Schnabel is talking about this stuff he is probably exaggerating a bit. There was a lot of stuff done at the Stanford research institute that was paid for by the CIA and was kept secret for many years - not really secret. I mean most people in parapsychology know about it now. I once paid a visit to the lab and you could go into the reception and there were great bars and you know you couldn't go anywhere else. It was quite spooky really. I don't think it was a cover-up or anything though. They were just trying to find out if it could help in spying.

MW: Jim Schnabel seemed to think it worked and had proved this to himself. It also seemed very good by my standards if what he says is right.

SB: But your standards may not be good enough I am afraid to say. Unless you are trained in research methods for years and years, particularly in the nuances of parapsychological research then you really cannot judge. And people have fallen foul of that again and again. I have been to labs where everybody was confident that everything was fine and I found a little mistake which left that loophole. Now I am not saying that there are such loopholes everywhere but an ordinary person cannot judge. It's like going to a magic show, and I cannot judge and I can't say how they are doing the magic, but if I go into a parapsychology lab and I can tell what is going on. I should be able to after all because that is my job.

MW: Can we come on to the CSICOP issue. I understand you are a member of this organisation. What is your involvement that group.

SB: The aims of CSICOP are almost identical in print to the Society for Psychical research, of which I am also a member and currently involved with; that is to investigate in an unprejudiced and scientific way any claims of the paranormal. Because its aims are that I thought it would be a good organisation to join. I was invited to join many years ago and I "umm'd & ahh'd" because of the reputation of CSICOP is of a whole lot of debunking - they know they are right and they know it's all not true - and I thought do I shun this organisation or do I try to get in there and change it for

the better. I decided to do just that, so I joined.

Later they invited me onto the executive council and I went through the same mental routine with myself i.e. is it better to shun the organisation etc. because there clearly are a lot of middle aged men who know the "truth", and that's it's all rubbish, and they are enlightening the world by proving there are no paranormal phenomena. I don't like that attitude as it's not scientific, nor helpful. Anyway that's how I saw the members so I decided to join the executive council and try to encourage the best side of it {CSICOP} which is to encourage research and to look at claims of the paranormal in an unbiased and skeptical way - always doubting and always asking questions. And so I have some reservations about CSICOP but on the whole I am glad to be involved because what they are actually trying to do, even if they fail sometimes, is to bring forth, and make more serious, the research of the paranormal. The last thing in the world I want is for the paranormal to be swept away and not studied. The more serious scientists that have a go at it the better.

MW: So you would agree that there are parts of CSICOP that are actively out debunking subjects that they should be out to research on.

SB: Yes there are some people in CSICOP who don't know very much about the subjects other than they "know" that there is nothing in it, and on the basis of very little knowledge they will "poo poo" things. I must say however that this is not true of the best people in CSICOP. I hope I am not like that, I try not to be.

MW: As you have such a high position in CSICOP are you able to comment on any possible connections with Government agencies or having government funding.

SB: As far as I know they don't have any. They are quite strongly affiliated with the humanist movement and the rationalist movement but not with any government organisations as far as I know. I might not know but I have never seen any hints that there have been, nor should there.

MW: Any individuals that may have connections - perhaps Phil Klass.

SB: I was just going to say - he is the obvious example. He is an enigmatic man and I don't know. I don't know him that well although I have met him plenty of times. I don't think I would like to pass judgement. Anything might be happening with the individuals in CSICOP.

MW: To wrap things up would you be able to say where you think we will see the UFO and Abduction areas going in the next few years.

SB: I think it would be very nice if people get interested enough in these research subjects and abductions to sort these things out properly. I have put out these theories about temporal lobe epilepsy and sleep disorders and this sort of thing, and I do not know if these are right or not. I hope we have serious researchers finding out and there are clearly ways to proceed on that which haven't been followed. I think we will cast light on that group of abductions which are really not actual aliens, and this will help us to understand. This will be good because these people will be able to make something positive of this and perhaps use the experiences to explore other areas such as their dreams.

As far as the UFO thing is concerned I suspect it will go on much as it has done for many years now. There will always be people arguing about Roswell and there will always be people picking up bits of stuff and saying is this alien. I mean if somebody did manage to get hold of one of those implants and managed to put it in a high tech scanner, and it was something which clearly is not from this planet then of course it would change the events of the earth forever.

I won't bet on this happening, in fact I think it will never happen. Of course I will keep my eyes open incase it does! □



DEATH OF THE QUIET MOP TOP

- CONSPIRACY OR MYTH?

By Neil Nixon

December 1995 marked the twenty first anniversary of the release of George Harrison's 'Dark Horse' album. In a music industry rife with anniversary celebrations the release of the classic product 'Dark Horse' doesn't ever warrant a mention. Even the massive re-promotion of The Beatles hasn't done much to move the Harrison mid-seventies back catalogue. By common consent 'Dark Horse' rates as one of the most turgid and uninspired recordings released by a former Beatle and the title track released as a single had the dubious distinction of being the first such release by a solo member of the fab four to fail to reach the UK top 50.

However 'Dark Horse' spawned the birth of a 'Cult' belief about Harrison that continues to this day. It is classic conspiracy theory material. The story remains consistent and first appeared in print in the UK in February 1976 in the music paper 'Sounds'. Claudia Gates an American fan of Harrison claimed that he had died in early 1974 and been replaced by an imposter. The 'Evidence' to back up this claim consisted of the new Harrison smiling from a different side of his mouth and appearing to have natural curls in his hair whilst the original George had straight hair. There were strong hints that black magic had been used by the imposter to fool others into accepting him. Gates also claimed telepathic contact with the real Harrison. In the context of such rumours about rock stars this was not such a shocking claim. Beatle fans will remember Paul McCartney's 'Death' in 1969. Stars known to be dead - Jim Morrison and Jimi Hendrix - keep turning up alive. In most of these cases simple stories have surrounded the events of the deaths of the famous people. Morrisson, for example, was facing a career threatening court appearance at the time of his 'Death'. Most such stories remain simple and in the Morrisson case subsequent events have done little to add to the mysteries of his death and somewhat hasty funeral. As time goes by it becomes less likely that Jim Morrisson organised a faked death.

The interesting thing about the Harrison story is that the myth has continued to grow fuelled by Harrison's own career moves. Either he really is dead and the imposter who has manfully been George Harrison for two decades continues to make understandable mistakes or the whole story is a folk myth and the fact it continues to grow can tell us something about the development of such tales.

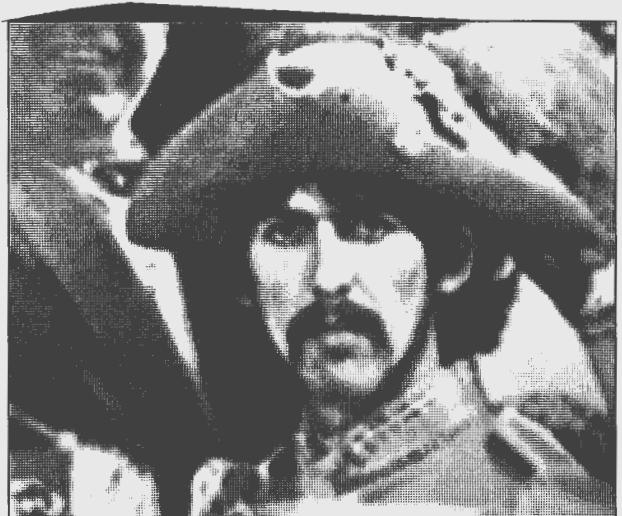
Die hard fans will pour over album sleeves and lyrics and it is not surprising that 'Evidence' to substantiate rumours emerges. Paul McCartney's death owed a great deal to a number plate on the sleeve of 'Abbey Road' that ended in the characters 281F. This suggested Paul would have been '28' 'If' he had lived to see his next birthday!

The 'Evidence' for Harrison's death is a more interesting and substantial assortment than we usually find behind such rumours. The albums either side of his death are crucial to this. The last album by the 'Real' George is called 'Living in the Material World', suggestive perhaps of someone considering leaving the material world. A party scene on the gatefold sleeve features a black-clad Harrison suggesting a funeral and the final cut on the album is called 'That Is All'.

The international chart topper 'Give me Love [Give me Peace on Earth]' culled from this album features the line, 'Give me life, give me life keep me free from birth'. A line that appears to make no literal sense. If we consider it as a plea from a follower The Lord Krishna facing a physical death that he avoid reincarnation and be re-born on a higher plane the line does suddenly take on a real meaning.

The first album title by the 'New' Harrison was 'Dark Horse' suggesting that the performer was not all he seemed. The single 'Ding Dong' which preceded it opens with the line 'Ring out the old ring in the new'. 'Ding Dong' and the 'Dark Horse' album marked a change in musical style for Harrison. Some critics dubbed the new sound 'Country and Eastern'. The 'Sounds' review of 'Dark Horse' was not so kind or imaginative and summed up the banality of the whole collection in the headline 'Ding Bloody Dong.'

The only substantial biography written about the quiet Beatle - 'Dark Horse' by Geoffrey Giuliano notes that George 'Disappeared' during late 1973 and early 1974. His marriage to Patti Boyd broke up at this time and she moved in with Harrison's best friend Eric Clapton. In terms of the dead Harrison story the suggestion about this event is



that Clapton provided comfort to a distressed widow. Harrison's dislike of organising events was well recorded as he put together the concert for Bangla Desh in 1971 and yet by the mid-eighties he was established as a successful film producer. A job demanding these very skills.

Harrison's musical career in the last twenty years has had its high points but many of these appear to rely heavily on others. The Travelling Wilburys featured four other star names. Harrison's two biggest solo hits since 1974 are 'All Those Years Ago' and 'Got My Mind Set on You'. The former is a tribute to John Lennon released mere months after Lennon's death and featuring Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, the record would have sold whatever it's musical merits. The latter hit is a cover version with the substantial production skills of Jeff Lynne on hand to create a radio friendly sound. The video for this track is inventive and perfect for the MTV audience.

The generation of myths around rock stars owes a good deal to the way their work is consumed. Whilst the images of rock emphasise successful figures performing for ever larger audiences the reality is that much music is listened to by individuals on their own. Music can be a very personal experience in cars, bedrooms, the bath etc. Rock albums are designed for repeated listening and as the music on them filters into many events and different emotional states of a fan's life the bond built up with a particular performer takes on a personal quality. A quality heightened in the case of a singer-songwriter like Harrison by the emotional nature of much of the work. Rock lyrics are often vague and open-ended statements on familiar themes like

love. From a business point of view such words have great potential to appeal to a wide audience. In some cases an audience may take such statements and personalize them in ways not even considered by the original artists.

Add to this the elements of respect from fans and publicity that suggests massive and rare talents possessed by the handful of rock's leading performers and the potential for misreading texts is clear enough. The greatest stars have suffered the most in this respect. The perverse interpretations of The Beatles 'White' album that underpinned Charles Manson's campaign of murder are the worst case of this but John Lennon's murder runs them a close second. Dead stars can't sue or even attempt denials of what is printed about them. In such cases the limits of folk myth are still being discovered.

According to one book Elvis was divine, according to a book by a BBC religious correspondent many of his fans believe he was divine and according to countless articles and two other books he is still alive. In the United States there is a church of Elvis in which the congregation bow and face Las Vegas. The recent handful of books about the 'Murder' of Brian Jones owes very little to the quality of the evidence involved and a lot to the need to find new angles on Rolling Stones related product. Rock stars are not alone in such treatments. The evidence for Marilyn Monroe's murder and James Dean's homosexuality has grown in recent books. In both cases there is hard evidence to support the claims but each succeeding book is obliged to find some new angle to justify its own existence and this state of affairs leads, in the long run, to a surplus of both facts and interpretations. As audiences are offered a kind of pick and mix image of their own favourite dead idol the one real casualty is the truth.

The lives of film stars and other famous performers have featured in folk myths whilst they were alive and other products after their deaths. The key difference in rock music is that the enjoyment of the product occurs so much in the imagination of the fan that the medium almost demands folk myths to aid it's own popularity.

The intensity of these beliefs and the bizarre nature of some of the ideas involved have only begun to be charted. Fred and Judy Vermoral have documented the sexually obsessive side of fandom and there are case studies of beliefs around stars like Elvis. Elsewhere religious groups in the USA are the unwitting providers of other evidence. Their crusade against subliminal and satanic messages in rock reveals as much about the myth and belief systems that

surround music as it does about the music itself.

So, finally, back to the 'Quiet' Beatle. This is one of the more prosaic rock music myths and therefore one of the more revealing about the whole process of myth generation in this area. The story has never had the exposure of an 'Elvis is alive' so it has continued to grow with each career move by Harrison. Simple economics account for some of this. George Harrison is wealthy enough to sue any publication taking the story to a mass audience. His wealth and continued existence act as one brake on the spreading story just as the wealth and continued existence of Elvis Presley kept the lid on stories of The King's sexual and drug related activities until 1977. If you want real proof that Elvis is dead look at the lack of action in the law courts. If Elvis were alive he could reap more in libel actions than he ever did from the endless gigs in Las Vegas.

The other side of the economic argument in the case of the Harrison story is that the 'Quiet' Beatle has been so quiet since the late seventies that his stock as a newsworthy person has fallen. Ask people under twenty five to name The Beatles and Harrison's is the name that most are likely to forget. The current high profile re-promotion has changed this a little but Harrison remains less well known than the others. Ringo may be, by common consent, the slightest musical talent in The Beatles but Thomas The Tank Engine has made him an institution to a certain section of the British population. Harrison would have to do something pretty spectacular in the late 90's to become as famous as he was thirty years ago.

The Harrison death story itself tells us a lot about the way a few obsessive fans have coped with the changing work of their idol by denying that he is the same person who once stood at the cutting edge of musical invention. Looked at from a different angle we can see that the story is strongest when Harrison's work is weak. To put it bluntly, some Harrison fans have found it hard to accept that the man who wrote 'Something' also recorded albums like 'Dark Horse'. It is easier to credit the work to two different people and demonise the one who was openly fallible in musical terms. This is a process of denial equal to that which claims Elvis is still alive. It feeds on the distance between rock performers and their audience in the same way that the continuing controversies surrounding the deaths of other famous people like Marilyn Monroe or Pope John-Paul II rely on notions of a high powered 'Cover-up' for their impact. There may well be some truths in these more famous conspiracies and I'm not suggesting that they are folk-myths. However, the

elements that popularise the stories and generate new angles are similar.

When it comes to truth there is one mightily ironic element within the Harrison myth. It is simply that an objective look at the evidence suggests a musical career that has changed direction as the performer in question has decided to ignore the dictates of fashion and please himself what he records and when. There is a kind of balance in this equation. As Harrison has disregarded the music world a certain fanatical element, starting in his own fan base, has disregarded him to the point that they have 'Killed' him. Put simply the main element fuelling the myth about George Harrison's 'Death' is the fact that the man himself continually puts his musical career on hold whilst he enjoys his life.

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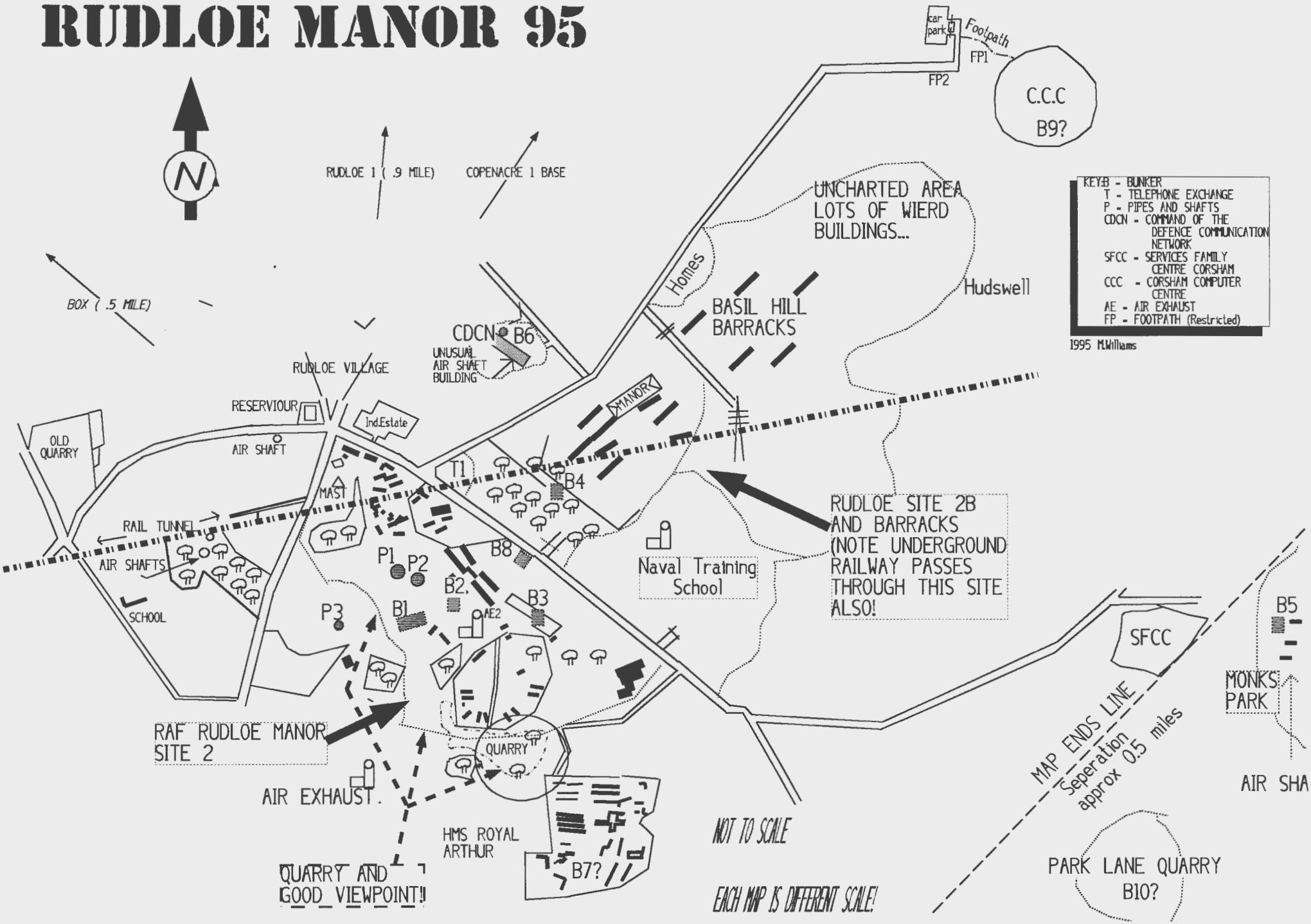
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The Body Electric

by Dr. Robert Becker

The Soviets have led the way in learning about the risks of electropollution, and, as we have seen, they've apparently been the first to harness those dangers for malicious intent. However, the spectrum of potential weapons extends far beyond the limits of the Moscow signal, and Americans have been actively exploring some of them for many years. Most or all of the following EMR effects can be scaled up or down for use against individuals or whole crowds and armies:

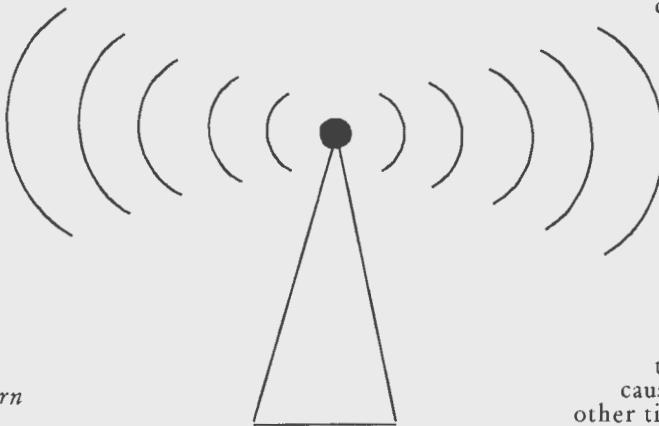
* The crudest of these armaments would be a sort of electromagnetic flamethrower with a greater range than chemical types. Dogs were cooked to death in experiments at the Naval Medical Research Institute as long ago as 1955, and high-power transmitters using short UHF wavelengths can severely burn exposed skin in seconds.

* Electromagnetic pulse (EMP) is a term designating the immensely powerful, near-instantaneous surge of electromagnetic energy produced by a nuclear explosion. It was first discovered in the late 1960s. The EMP from one detonation a few thousand miles above the earth would destroy all electrical systems throughout an entire continent. In the early 1970s new types of EMR generators emitting power levels ten or twenty times higher than ever before were developed in an effort to simulate EMP and help devise communications systems shielded from it. In 1973 these transmitters were described in an invitation-only seminar at the Naval Weapons Laboratory in Dahlgren, Virginia, where their use for antipersonnel and anti-ballistic-missile energy beams were discussed. No information about their subsequent development has since been made public, and the difficulties of long-range missile tracking argue that ABM beams haven't yet become feasible, but there are no such difficulties in the way of EMR beam weapons for use against unshielded people.

* At some UHF power densities there's an insidious moth-to-the-flame allurement, which would increase such a weapon's effectiveness. As discoverer Sol Michelson described it in 1958, each of the dogs used in his experiments "began to struggle for release from the sling," showing "considerable agitation and muscular activity," yet "for some reason the animal continues to face the horn." Perhaps as part of the same effect, UHF beams can also induce muscular weakness

and lethargy. In Soviet experiments with rats in 1960, five minutes of exposure to 100,000 microwatts reduced swimming time in an endurance test from sixty minutes to six.

* Allen Frey's discovery that certain



pulsed microwave beams increased the permeability of the blood-brain barrier could be turned into a supplemental weapon to enhance the effects of drugs, bacteria, or poisons.

* The calcium-outflow windows discovered by Ross Adey could be used to interfere with the functioning of the entire brain.

* In the early 1960s Frey found that when microwaves of 300 to 3,000 megahertz were pulsed at specific rates, humans (even deaf people) could "hear" them. The beam caused a booming, bissing, clicking, or buzzing, depending on the exact frequency and pulse rate, and the sound seemed to come from just behind the head.

At first Frey was ridiculed for this announcement, just like many radar technicians who'd been told they were crazy for hearing certain radar beams. Later work has shown that the microwaves are sensed somewhere in the temporal region just above and slightly in front of the ears. The phenomenon apparently results from pressure waves set up in brain tissue, some of which activate the sound receptors of the inner ear via bone conduction, while others directly stimulate nerve cells in the auditory pathways. Experiments on rats have shown that a strong signal can generate a sound pressure of 120 decibels, or approximately the level near a jet engine at takeoff.

Obviously such a beam could cause humans severe pain and prevent all voice communication. That the same effect can be used more subtly was demonstrated in 1973 by Dr. Joseph C. Sharp of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. Sharp, serving as a test subject himself, heard and understood spoken words delivered to him in an echo-free isolation chamber via a pulsed-microwave audiogram (an analog of the word's sound vibrations) beamed into his brain. Such a device has obvious applications in covert operations designed to drive a target crazy with "voices" or deliver undetectable instructions to a programmed assassin.

There are also indications that other pulsed frequencies cause similar pressure waves in other tissues, which could disrupt various metabolic processes. A group under R.G. Olsen and J.D. Grissett at the Naval Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory in Pensacola has already demonstrated such effects in simulated muscle tissue and has a continuing contract to find beams effective against human tissues.

* In the 1960s Frey also reported that he could speed up, slow down, or stop isolated frog hearts by synchronizing the pulse rate of a microwave beam with the beat of the heart itself. Similar results have been obtained using live frogs, indicating that it's technically feasible to produce heart attacks with a ray designed to penetrate the human chest.

In addition to the methods of damaging or killing people with EMR, there are several ways of controlling their behavior. Ross Adey and his colleagues have shown that microwaves modulated in various ways can force specific electrical patterns upon parts of the brain. Working with cats they found that brain waves appearing with conditioned responses could be selectively enhanced by shaping the microwaves with a rhythmic variation in amplitude (height) corresponding to EEG frequencies. For example, a 3-hertz modulation decreased 10-hertz alpha waves in one part of the animal's brain and reinforced 14-hertz beta waves in another location.

Some radar can find a fly a kilometer away or track a human at twenty-five miles, and several

BENTWATERS UPDATE

Unusual goings on outside NATO's former prime Nuclear Arms Dump. Was it an experiment gone wrong, a UFO event or a cover up for something else? - Roy Wilkinson investigates.

Rendlesham Forest is known as the centre of the now famous UFO landings of 1980. Yet before this event Rendlesham Forest and the nearby villages became a mystery area in the 1940's. The story concerns a place called Shingle Street in Suffolk where large numbers of charred bodies were washed ashore. It was said that these bodies were German soldiers who were washed ashore after an attempted German invasion force ran into secret petroleum weapons in the sea. The bodies were said to have been buried in Rendlesham Forest in unmarked graves.

However this is not the case. It was yet another cover-up by the government of the time, as in fact the bodies were those of British soldiers who had come to an untimely end after a series of accidents involving British Warships. Three British destroyers hit uncharted minefields on our shores in an abortive anti invasion dash - this invasion did not happen after all. The destroyers names were the HMS ESK, the HMS Ivanhoe and the HMS Express.

UFO's

The UFO incidences at Rendlesham Forest occurred in December of 1980. The dates were the late evening and early morning of 26th/27th, 27th/28th and 28th/29th. The sightings were in the vicinity of USAF bases at Bentwaters and Woodbridge in Suffolk. At the time of the sightings these bases happened to be the largest nuclear arms dumps in all of NATO. (A fact little known as at the time Greenham Common was the centre of Nuclear protests.) Now both bases are closed. In 1987 the forest areas around the bases were hit by the large hurricane and large areas of trees had to be cleared. Sightings are still being reported in this area.

Larry Warren was a base security officer who was stationed at the Woodbridge base at the time of the incidents. His story is a fascinating example of the Controversial event. He served at the base from Dec 1st 1980 for about one year and left through Honourable Discharge. He now lives in America and sells music memorabilia. The following is a condensed version of Larry's account.

Night 1 26th/27th December 1980.

"USAF Security patrol see lights in the forest. Two airmen investigated and claim to have lost several hours of time and may have been involved in an abduction. The men involved have never come forward to substantiate this story."

Night 2 27/28th December 1980.

"More activity in and around the base and the forests but the reports of this night are unclear as to who, why and what was seen."

Night 3 28th/29th December 1980.

"This night Larry Warren says he was involved. He says that he and a few other security police were ordered from the base and to an open field in the forest. Larry says that he could see that the field was brightly lit up by an object which hovered about a foot or so off the ground. The object looked like a mist

At around 5pm on the night of the 28th I got a phone call from friends who were living in the Rendlesham Forest area who knew that I was interested in UFO sightings. They had heard that something unusual was going on at Rendlesham Forest. I decided to go and take a look. I got there at about 11pm to 11.30pm and parked on the road that leads up to the Eastgate guardhouse. To my left I could see a brightly lit up area in the forest and a lot of movement up by the base. This turned out to be a USAF road block.

Camera in hand, running in the dark and hoping for the greatest shot of all time I made my way toward the lit forest area, although it wasn't very long before I was stopped. I was taken inside a vehicle to somewhere on the base where I was questioned and had my film taken even though I explained that I hadn't taken any photo's. I was then escorted off the base by Airforce Security and told to go away PLEASE! To back this up, Larry Warren has confirmed that he remembers the incident, so it seems that he was there after all.

Also backing the story is the fact that objects were tracked a RAF Watton on the three nights in question. It is rumoured that USAF took tape recordings of the radar objects and these tapes were never seen again.

The latest information to be gleaned on the incident comes from a serving USAF officer. He said that he was very frustrated that he could not come straight out with this statement unless strict confidentiality of his identity was given - this was promised. This is what he said "I cannot deny that it happened but I am not prepared to confirm it."

To read more about the incident you will have to wait for the book which is to be called "Left at Eastgate" written by Larry Warren and Peter Robbins and is due out in a few months time.

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Larry Warren at the site of the 3rd night's incident

cloud and was about 30 foot across. It changed into a solid triangular shape. Larry thinks that there were about 80 airforce personnel present e.g.- security guards as well as officers. Then from around the side of the craft came a ball of light which broke up into three lights and it was possible to see faces and upper parts of bodies in these lights."

"Wing commander Lt. Col. Williams approached the three "beings" but there was no verbal exchange, just what could be described as a "face off..." After a while the men were ordered back out of the area."

I cannot confirm if Larry Warren was there or not but I can substantiate that something big did happen down in the forest that night at the back of Eastgate, Woodbridge base.

Rudloe Manor Update

Late st Maps & Photo's.

Your Guide to Rudloe Manor.

by Matthew Williams.

In that last few months we have given you the insights into Rudloe Manor. We have shown you that covert security teams patrol the area and that many lies have been given out as to the scale and scope of purpose of the site. When we hired a plane and flew over the site recently we thought it would be a good idea to publish an updated map of the facility to show you the latest features we had found. We have now been able to identify the major bunker entrances and airshafts. It only goes to prove as undeniable the fact that this is a massive underground facility which spans tens of miles underground.

As always whilst we are fascinated by the function of this base and its possible links with secret experiments, major tunnel networks, UFO reporting, Military Intelligence and Secret Service and the fact that it has a Nuclear Generator inside, we must warn anybody who wishes to use this map that it is unadvisable to ever try to gain access to the site by climbing over fences. Whilst the site looks harmless from the outside, if you spend as much time as we have researching it you will learn that the security is formidable and you wouldn't want to go head to head with them.

Instead we welcome you to go and look through fences and hang around on the public land outside. Even though this is your right and you should be free to do so it is inevitable that you will meet some resistance from the cold war boys, and Colonel paranoias that exist inside. Weapons can often be brandished in order to try to frighten you off and stop you returning again, but it never stopped us and now they have given up trying. They probably just say, oh god here's Matthew again! So don't be put off...

Much of the purpose of the facilities is unknown but I suspect that if Britain has secret Nuclear missile silos this could be one. After all America has them, so Britain is bound to have them as well - just that the public are not deemed important enough to be told about this. We know we have been lied to on the scale of

Nuclear Arms proliferation in the UK (See this month's Bentwaters UFO incident article for a direct example of this).

I think the reason people like Rudloe Manor so much is because it is a bit like Groom Lake in America. It remains a closely guarded secret although you can phone them up and ask questions, you don't get many straight answers. This means that anything could and probably is going on there... And with this site you can look over the fence and wonder. Wonder perhaps at just what they know about UFO's and other things that they investigate.

KEY TO MAP.

B1. Long Bunker. This can be viewed from the fence which runs near P3. P3 is on public land so you can go as close to the fence as you like. B1, seems to be a

storage bunker but could also be a slanted walkway? It doesn't seem to be used very much.

B2. Large vehicle elevator and loading bay. This is what I can see as being one of the main entry points for the bunker. The elevator is easily capable of taking a full size army personnel flat back truck. The elevator machinery is situated inside the roof and is covered by concrete. Notice the pattern in the concrete roof - this can

TOP SECRET

observed in other buildings which would indicate that there are other lifts in other buildings as we shall see later. The sides of the elevator are slanted and covered with grass as a form of camouflage and also for shielding. The front of the elevator has an electrically operated multi link door. To the left of the elevator is a foot entrance and to the right is a loading bay which a truck can reverse up towards - this may also be a walk in entrance. Many cars parked by this area means that this is probably the way in for those who work on shift underground.

B3. Building with elevator shaft hidden inside. This building is quite near the main road running near the naval training school. If familiar with the elevator concrete roof one can easily spot the building from the road. This building has facilities for large vehicles to drive into and unload their consignment. It is probably another backup entrance point for staff for use in the failure of the B2 elevator.

B4. Elevator entry point. This area is very heavily guarded and covered by trees. It has been impossible for me to identify from photos or from the public roads nearby where exactly the elevator is but I am informed it's position is as shown on the map. This bunker entrance is referred to as "Maggies Bunker", as it was a special purpose built bunker for Margaret Thatcher around 1983. It is more than likely connected to the main Rudloe



P1 Unusual pipes above a strange concrete vent. Ideas?

TOP: Rudloe site 2, showing B1, B2 and small part of B3 (top right). Also visible are the P1 and P2 unusual vents. Photo of P1 corresponds to that shown on last page.

BOTTOM: Colderne airfield with its comms. or transmission dishes - 4 in total. Could this be the evidence that we suspected, that the CDCN bunker is connected to this site via an underground tunnel. This would make the alleged "deactivated" airfield very useful in time of an emergency for getting VIP's into the tunnel system without delay.

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Bunker but it may in fact be deeper as we hear that the Rudloe bunker extends to only 120ft. This may have been an attempt to take the tunnels lower for nuclear protection purposes. We have been told that two major levels of security exist in the Rudloe Tunnels - the higher levels being lower security and the lower levels being above top secret (nobody asks questions.)

B5, Monks Park bunker. This is joined to all the main bunker sites but also has some bunkers which are separate from the main system of tunnels. I do not know exactly what goes on at this site but the official line from the MOD is that this site may be sold off soon (with or without "bunkers"). If sold I expect only the



sealed bunkers to be offered for purchase. However I suspect that the story of sales may be a bluff as it is always used by the security at the site as an excuse to say "Nothing is going on, after all we are selling it all off soon, trust me." This smells of bluff.

B6, CDCN Bunker. The Command of the Defence Communications Network. This building looks a bit too small to house such an important

function. After all military use satellites, land lines, land radio, submarine radio, and most of this is encrypted. I cannot see all of this being housed in this small above ground site - besides which it is an easy target. Let's just say that we are certain that this goes underground! It more than likely connects to the main tunnel systems but it may be deeper down with such a special function. It is quite open and un-defended which surprises me, but you never know



LEET: CCC Car park. You can see public houses in distance; Does this facility look super secret with this open car park. Well it's not supposed to!

BOTTOM: Matthew Williams (ME) in the box tunnels checking his map for the way out...

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outlet. Beware I felt very sick after breathing in the air near this - I can't be sure that it isn't toxic. After all the military don't care what they do so one can't be sure. I am also worried because perhaps there is a radioactive output from this?

where those hidden cameras are... One of these buildings looks like an air shaft or air intake pumping unit. Note that T1 telephone exchange is nearby. This may be made use of.

B7, HMS Royal Arthur Bunker. This site is disused. It's old fashioned portakabin style buildings makes it look like a possible training facility or intelligence centre. I am reliably informed that it has a few bunkers, but it is not known if they are sealed off from the main bunker or were never connected. Security is lacking at this site as is evident by the thousands of broken windows - this probably means the local kids could tell you a few stories about the site. I am working on this one.

B8, Scofields Bunker. This is a foot entrance bunker. It probably has an elevator or stairway access down to lower levels. Strange that this should be placed so close to the main road. This bunker is easily identifiable as you drive down the main road and has an Infra Red security camera on top as well as a weather vane. Sometimes the door if left open, but I have never seen anybody come or go from this bunker. Probably a bit of a red herring as no cars park near this bunker. If only Scofields quest had taken my advice and gone around the back they could have seen so much more! They were worried about infuriating the authorities and played safe.

B9, CCC Leafy Bunker. This is the Corsham Computer Centre. It is a MOD facility and goes underground. Best part is the played down security at the site. They really want you to ignore this one! You can drive right up to the car park. OK there are 3 security cameras here but 2 are fixed and one moves. The one that moves ignores me now on purpose - damn it! It won't ignore you however if this is your first trip! The car park is easy to access via a keypad. Don't play around with it unless you want security to come out

though... It has a button on there to call them if you want to stir up trouble though.

One must park ones car and walk down the footpath into the site. The strange lights and well kept footpath indicate a well thought out system which smells of hidden sensors and security devices. I have hung around and asked staff questions about what the site is and what it does when they walk up this footpath. "What site", "What Bunker", "What computer centre"... I sometimes expect these people so say "Ignore me I don't exist...". The facility is surrounded by trees to make it impossible to view from the road. You will agree that they don't want this site to be noticed. See car park photo.

B10, Park Lane Quarry. Where you have tunnels and bunkers you need quarries. This one is the hub for creation of new tunnels and networks. This must have links to the tunnel system although this is a closely guarded secret. It is also near monks park which probably controls this site.

P1, Strange Pipe or Intake. I have no idea of what this object is or does. It could collect water - or be an air intake. If we use our imagination I could imagine this being a silo or emergency bunker entrance. After a nuclear blast buildings are usually levelled so you need special high powered lifts to press up and provide access. This could be one?

P2, As above but with strange silver pipes protruding around its edges. Are these vents or exhausts? Again the function is unknown but silo comes to mind???

P3, Air exhaust. This is on public land and mimics those air exhausts found on the bases. You can hear the drone of very large machinery from deep within the bowels of the earth. The heat is quite intense from this

T1, British Telecom exchange. This exchange for Rudloe and surrounding areas probably has a lot more to it than your local exchange. A press cutting says that the whole of Rudloe is nothing more than a telephone exchange for the military - I can't see this myself but suspect that this telephone exchange is the latest with added features, GCHQ style.

AE2, is the air exhaust outlet near the main bunker entrance. This is where all the service people park their cars.

SFCC, Well protected school? What the hell is this..? The title means Services Family Centre Corsham. Why then should a school, medical and community centre be protected by security guards and cameras like Fort Knox? It doesn't make sense unless there is a secret side to the site also and this name is used as a cover. Who knows - Maybe a bunker entrance or



two? Put it like this, I went up to the guard house on foot and said I was lost - after kindly giving me directions the guard proceeded after I had left to phone main security up the road. I was picked up and asked a few questions. I was dressed properly and could only be accused of asking what did SFCC stand for, definitely a terrorist type activity!

BASIL HILL BARRACKS. This site must have bunker entrances. It cannot be seen from the main road but can be seen from the railway tunnel exit. This looks like a strange place - not your usual barracks! Double security fences and inner roads for security to drive on - which they do at regular intervals. No wonder you can't see it from the road, it probably isn't a barracks at all...

NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL. This has air exhausts inside it's confines, but I have no reason to suspect that this underprotected site is anything other than it's title. Still it is strange to have a naval school in the middle to Wiltshire. I suspect that the functions are more linked with the secret service side of naval intelligence hence being here at Secret Service HQ.

MAPS

If you want to get an idea of the scale of the sites you will need to buy the following maps from Ordnance Survey: Sheet ST 86/96 Pathfinder and ST87/97 Pathfinder. You could go for Rangefinder but it is less detailed and I don't give coordinates for that map here.

On ST86/96 Melksham, see area 85/69 for Rudloe itself and then superimpose my map near it to see the scale of the bunkers. Bear in mind that

we know that Copenacre on Sheet 87/97 is connected to the Rudloe Tunnels so you get atleast 16km square of tunnels area using a conservative estimate. I have been told that infact the tunnels range for 15 miles - my source wasn't sure if this meant walking space of 15 miles or 15 miles area... Still it's quite big isn't it!

There are also 3 underground tunnel maps which show the old tunnels to the North East and East of Rudloe 2. These tunnels can be accessed by the public and do lead up to the bunkers. We have been half way and got lost - and that is with experienced cavers! I will not supply these maps to anybody under the age of 16. Phone for availability.

Photo's. If you want full copies of the aerial photo's of the site, which do give a lot away, I can provide full reprints at £10.50 includes P&P. This will comprise of all the photo's of the main Rudloe site and map information. Contact me for further information.

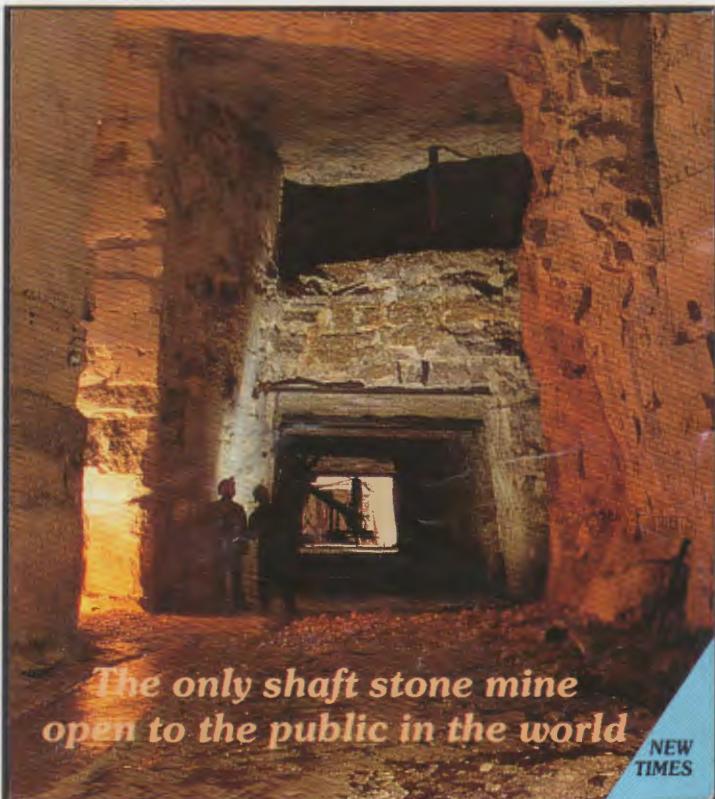
TRIPS

I can give you a tour of the site if I am available and you pay my petrol costs over from Wales.

There is the Underground Tunnel centre near Corsham which gives tours of the tunnels to the West of the bunker tunnels. They don't like to talk too much about the bunkers, but you can ask! For details of seasonal opening times ring - 01249 716288. See photo.

VIDEOS

I intend to make a video showing the main interest areas of the site. Details of this as the video takes form.



LEFT: The underground Quarry centre in Corsham gives a good example of the scale of the original tunnels. These tunnels were said to span 40 miles to walk. Stone from these Quarries went towards making the Buildings of the town of Bath. The name "Bath Stone" was adopted because of this.

Photo from Quarry Centre

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I think that covers the lot. Thanks for your support and keep those eyes open. We will break through the barriers in the end...

Matt

Matt Williams.

researchers have suggested that focused EMR beams of such accuracy could bend the mind much like electrical stimulation of the brain (ESB) through wires. We know of ESB's potential for mind control largely through the work of Jos Delgado. One signal provoked a cat to lick its fur, then continue compulsively licking the floor and bars of its cage. A signal designed to stimulate a portion of a monkey's thalamus, a major midbrain center for integrating muscle movements, triggered a complex reaction: The monkey walked to one side of the cage, then the other, then climbed to the rear ceiling, then back down. The animal performed this same activity as many times as it was stimulated with the signal, up to sixty times an hour, but not blindly - the creature still was able to avoid obstacles and threats from the dominant male while carrying out the electrical imperative. Another type of signal has made monkeys turn their heads, or smile, no matter what else they were doing, up to twenty thousand times in two weeks. As Delgado concluded, "The animals looked like electronic toys."

Even instincts and emotions can be changed: In one test a mother giving continuous care to her baby suddenly pushed the infant away whenever the signal was given. Approach-avoidance conditioning can be achieved for any action simply by stimulating the pleasure and pain centers in an animal's or person's limbic system.

Eventual monitoring of evoked potentials from the EEG, combined with radio-frequency and microwave broadcasts designed to produce specific thoughts or moods, such as compliance and complacency, promises a method of mind control that poses immense danger to all societies - tyranny without terror. Scientists involved in EEG research all say the ability is still years away, but for all we could *sense* of it, it could be happening right now. Conspiracy theories aside, the hypnotic familiarity of TV and radio, combined with the biological effects of their broadcast beams, may already constitute a similar force for mass standardization, whether by design or not.

The potential dangers of televised lethargy are no yawning matter. It's well known that relaxed attention to any mildly involving stimulus, such as a movie or TV program, produces a hypnoid state, in which the mind becomes especially receptive to suggestion. Other inducers of hypnoid states include light sleep, daydreams, or short periods of time spent waiting for some predetermined signal or action, such as a traffic light.

The Central Intelligence Agency funded research on electromagnetic mind control at least as early as 1960, when the notorious MKULTRA

program, mostly concerned with hypnosis and psychedelic drugs, included money for adapting bioelectric sensing methods (at that time primarily the EEG) to surveillance and interrogation, as well as for finding "techniques of activation of the human organism by remote electronic means." In testimony before the Senate Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research on September 21, 1977, MKULTRA director Dr. Sydney Gottlieb recalled: "There was a running interest in what effects people's standing in the field of radio energy have, and it could easily have been that somewhere in the many projects someone was trying to see if you could hypnotize somebody easier if he was standing in a radio beam."

Hypnotists often use a strobe light flashing at alpha-wave frequencies to ease the glide into a trance. It seems forever thirty years the Communist bloc nations have been using an ELF wave form to do the same thing undetectably and perhaps more effectively. Ross Adey recently lost most of his government grants and has become a bit more loquacious about the military and intelligence uses of EMR. In 1983 he organized a public meeting at the Loma Linda VA hospital and released photos and information concerning a Russian Lida machine. This was a small transmitter that emitted 10-hertz waves for tranquilization and enhancement of suggestibility. The most interesting part was that the box had an ancient vacuum-tube design, and a man who'd been a POW in Korea reported that similar devices had been used there during interrogation.

American interest in the hypnosis-EMR interaction was still strong as of 1974, when a research plan was filed to develop useful techniques in human volunteers. The experimenter, J.F. Schapitz, stated: "In this investigation it will be shown that the spoken word of the hypnotist may also be conveyed by modulated electromagnetic energy directly into the subconscious parts of the human brain i.e. without employing any technical devices for receiving or transcoding the messages and without the person exposed to such influence having a chance to control the information input consciously." As a preliminary test of the general concept, Schapitz proposed recording the brain waves induced by specific drugs, then modulating them onto a microwave beam and feeding them back into an undrugged person's brain to see if the same state of consciousness could be produced by the beam alone.

Schapitz's main protocol consisted of four experiments. In the first, subjects would be given a test of a hundred questions, ranging from easy to technical, so they all would know some but not all of the answers. Later, while in hypnoid states and not knowing they

were being irradiated, these people would be subjected to information beams suggesting answers for some of items they'd left blank, amnesia for some of their correct answers, and memory falsification for other correct answers. A new test would check the results two weeks later.

The second experiment was to be the implanting of hypnotic suggestions for simple acts, like leaving the lab to buy some particular item, which were to be triggered by a suggested time, spoken word, or sight. Subjects were to be interviewed later. "It may be expected," Schapitz wrote, "that they rationalize their behavior and consider it to be undertaken out of their own will."

In a third test the subjects were to be given two personality tests. Then different responses to certain questions would be repeatedly suggested, and non-pathological personality changes would also be suggested, both to be evaluated by new testing in a month. In some cases the subjects were to be prehypnotized into talking in their sleep, so the microwave programmer could gear the commands to thoughts already in the brain. Finally, attempts would be made to produce the standard tests of deep hypnotic trance, such as muscular rigidity, by microwave beams alone.

Naturally, since this information was voluntarily released via the Freedom of Information Act, it must be taken with a pillar of salt. The results haven't been made public, so the work may have been inconclusive, and the plans may have been released to convince the Soviets and our own public that American mind-control capabilities are greater than they actually are. On the other hand, the actualities may be so far ahead of this research plan that it was tame enough to release in satisfying FOIA requirements.

How many of the EMR weapons possibilities have actually been developed and/or used? Those not privy to classified information have no way of knowing. There are plenty of rumors. Boris Spassky claimed he'd lost the world chess championship to Bobby Fischer because he was being bombarded with confusion rays. I recall hearing about one secret American experiment in which a scientist was supposedly set up with invitations to three conferences to give the same presentation each time. The first one went fine, but at the last two he was irradiated with ELF waves, reportedly to induce Adey's calcium efflux, and he became confused and ineffective.

Another FOIA release from the Defense Intelligence Agency in 1976 may be revealing. Prepared by Ronald L. Adams and E.A. Williams of Battelle Columbus Laboratories, it's entitled "Biological Effects of Electromagnetic

Radiation (Radiowaves and Microwaves), Eurasian Communist Countries." the pages released merely recount Allen Frey's discoveries without mentioning his name, implying instead that only the Reds would be so dastardly as to investigate such things for use as weapons. Immediately after mention of the blood-brain barrier leak phenomenon, a paragraph was deleted, followed by the tantalizing sentence, "The above study is recommended reading material for those consumers who have an interest in the application of microwave energy to weapons." Even without this document, considering the relentless pace of arms development, we would have to be very naive to assume that the United States has no electromagnetic arsenal.

The Soviets may already be using theirs, however, on a scale far beyond that of the Moscow Signal. During the U.S. bicentennial celebration of July 4, 1976, a new radio signal was heard throughout the world. It has remained on the air more or less continuously ever since. Varying up and down through the frequencies between 3.26 and 17.54 megahertz, it is pulse-modulated at a rate of several times a second, so it sounds like a buzz saw or woodpecker. It was soon traced to an enormous transmitter near Kiev in the Soviet Ukraine.

The signal is so strong it drowns out anything else on its wavelength. When it first appeared, the UN International Telecommunications Union protested because it interfered with several communications channels, including the emergency frequencies for aircraft on transoceanic flights. Now the woodpecker leaves "holes"; it skips the crucial frequencies as it moves up and down the spectrum. The signal is maintained at enormous expense from a current total of seven nations, the seven most powerful radio transmitters in the world.

Within a year or two after the woodpecker began tapping, there were persistent complaints of unaccountable symptoms from people in several cities of the United States and Canada, primarily Eugene, Oregon. The sensations - pressure and pain in the head, anxiety, fatigue, insomnia, lack of coordination, and numbness, accompanied by a high-pitched ringing in the ears - were characteristic of strong radio-frequency or microwave irradiation. In Oregon, between Eugene and Corvallis, a powerful radio signal centering on 4.75 megahertz was monitored, at higher levels in the air than on the ground. Several unsatisfactory theories were advanced, including emanations from winter-damaged power lines, but most engineers who studied the signal concluded that it was a manifestation of the woodpecker. The idea was advanced that it was being directed to Oregon by a Tesla magnifying transmitter. This

apparatus, devised by Nikola Tesla during his turn-of-the-century experiments on wireless global power transmission at a laboratory near Pikes Peak, hasn't been much studied in the West. It reportedly enables a transmitter to beam a radio signal through the earth to any desired point on its surface, while maintaining or even increasing the signal's power as it emerges. Paul Brodeur has suggested that, since the TRW company once proposed a Navy ELF communications system using an existing 850-mile power line that ended in Oregon, the Eugene phenomenon might have been the interaction between a Navy broadcast and Soviet jamming.

Be that as it may, the woodpecker continues in operation, and there are several unsettling possibilities as to its main purpose. A former chief of naval research has privately discounted the idea that it's directed against the U.S. population. However, Robert Beck, a Los Angeles physicist who regularly serves as a DOD consultant, told me that the signal has a threefold purpose. He said it acts as a crude over-the-horizon radar that would pick up a massive first strike of U.S. missiles if Soviet spy satellites and other detectors were knocked out. Second, the signal's modulations are an ELF medium for communicating with submarines underwater. Third, he claimed the signal has a biological by-product about which he promised further information. Of course, I haven't been able to contact him since.

Several educated guesses can be made, however. Adey's research suggests that the best way to get an ELF signal into an animal is to make it a pulse modulation of a high-frequency radio signal. That's exactly what the woodpecker is. Within its frequency range, it could be beamed to any part of the world, and it would be picked up and re-radiated by the power supply grid at its destination.

Raymond Damadian has theorized that the woodpecker signal is designed to induce nuclear magnetic resonance in human tissues. Damadian, a radiologist at Brooklyn's Downstate Medical Center, patented the first NMR scanner, a device that gives an image of internal organs similar to CAT scanners but using magnetic fields rather than nuclear radiation. As mentioned earlier in this chapter, NMR could greatly magnify the metabolic interference of electropollution or EMR weapons. Maria Reichmanis calculated the pulse frequency that would be required to do this with a radio signal in the woodpecker's range, and she came up with a band centered on the same old alpha rhythm of 10 hertz. And in fact, the signal's pulse is generally about that rate, although it is often a two-part modulation of 4 + 6, 7 + 3, and so on. The available evidence, then, suggests that the Russian woodpecker is a

multipurpose radiation that combines a submarine link with an experimental attack on the American people. It may be intended to increase cancer rates, interfere with decision-making ability, and/or sow confusion and irritation. It may be succeeding.

I keep hearing persistent rumors of American transmitters set up to try to nullify the Russians' signal or to affect their people in a similar way. In 1978, Stefan Rednip, an American reporter living in England, claimed access to purloined CIA documents proving the existence of a program called Operation Pique, which included bouncing radio signals off the ionosphere to affect the mental functions of people in selected areas, including Eastern European nuclear installations.

The whole business sounds too much like an undeclared electromagnetic war. However, there are persistent complaints that the American effort is being hampered in a strange way. Shortly after the rigged National Academy of Sciences report on Project Seafarer, for example, the Navy sent a delegation to a meeting at the National Security Agency to complain about an alleged "zap gap" between the United States and the USSR, and to ask other delegates to push for more research money for turning non-thermal EMR effects into weapons. According to one of my Navy contacts, the NSA sent several "experts" who had never done any research on EMR and who firmly advised the Navy to abandon its program. Later he voiced the same suspicions I'd already heard from others: Given the allegedly vigorous Soviet electro weapons research program and the underfunding of ours, he concluded that there is a mole highly placed in the American military science establishment, perhaps in the NSA itself, who is preventing us from acquiring any clear competence in this field.

Unfortunately, my source, having served as a hatchet man for defunding research on the environmental dangers of electropollution, isn't exactly reliable. Complaints of a mole could easily be a blind for a large and intense U.S. EMR weapons program. That there's more going on than meets the eye is clear from my last communication with Dietrich Beischer. In 1977 the Erie Magnetics Company of Buffalo, New York, sponsored a small private conference, and Beischer and I both planned to attend. Just before the meeting, I got a call from him. With no preamble or explanation, he blurted out: "I'm at a pay phone. I can't talk long. They are watching me. I can't come to the meeting or ever communicate with you again. I'm sorry. You've been a good friend. Good-bye." Soon afterward I called his office at Pensacola and was told, "I'm sorry, there is no one here by that name," just

as in the movies. A guy who had done important research there for decades just disappeared.

The crucial point to me is that both sides may be embarking on hostilities whose consequences for the whole biosphere no one can yet foresee. Even if the Soviets have begun an electromagnetic war and we're totally unprepared to fight back, I doubt that a simple build up and retaliation are the best course for our own survival.

The extent of the danger can be dramatized best by considering one last potential weapon. Around 1900, Nikola Tesla theorized that ELF and VLF radiation could enter the magnetosphere, the magnetic field in space around the earth, and change its structure. He has recently been proven right.

The magnetosphere and it Van

Van Allen belts, producing heat, light, X-rays, and, most important, a "fallout" of charged particles that serve as nuclei for raindrops.

Recent work with sounding rockets has matched specific areas of such ion precipitation with the energy from specific radio stations, and established that the sifting down of charged particles generally occurs east of the EMR source, following the general eastward drift of weather patterns. In 1983, measurements from the Ariel 3 and 4 weather satellites showed that the enormous amount of PLHR over North America had created a permanent duct from the magnetosphere down into the upper air, resulting in a continuous release of ions and energy over the whole continent. In presenting this data at the March 1983 Symposium on Electromagnetic Compatibility in Zurich, K. Bullough reminded the audience that

'ZINE REVIEW

Starforce Magazine

I was recently able to attend a meeting of a UFO group who had invited a contactee/abductee by the name of Johnathan Hurst to speak. Johnathan was very interesting to hear and told of his conscious recollection of meetings with extraterrestrials from a time as early as four. His contacts at that age did not include much in the way of meaningful messages to mankind and it was not until many years later that the now familiar scenarios were being presented to him.

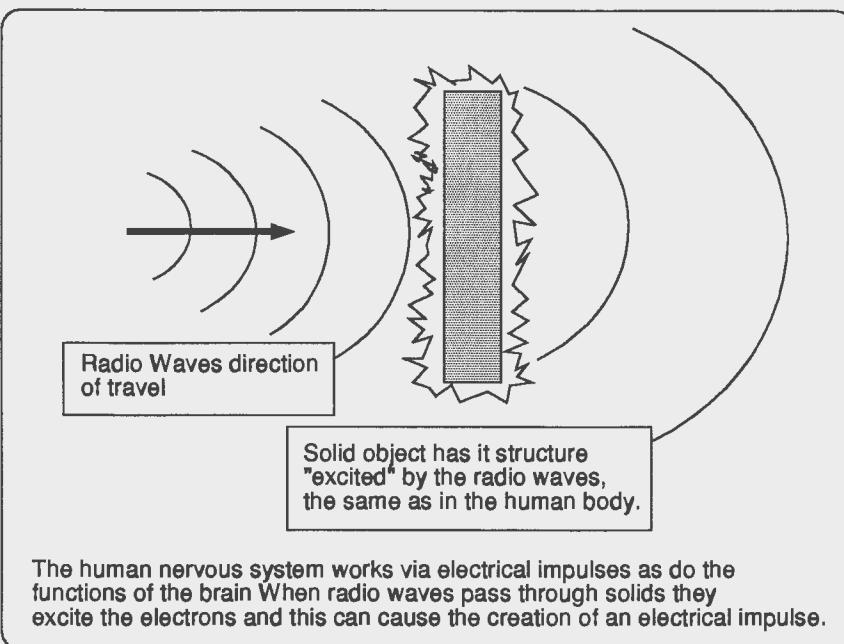
He describes beings who come from Zeta Reticuli one and two and other star systems in this area. A story of cosmic wars past and present was told with assured and gentle tone, and I must admit did read like the plot from a Star Wars movie - yet no less as enthralling.

We were given warnings about our future and how the dark alien forces want to deprive us of our spirituality and how we must beware the negative aliens - an interesting point since many of the aliens look identical to each other, even if they are from the dark side. I was told that it was our intuition that would help us see through the masks of those aliens who try to deceive us.

Johnathan's experiences were convincing and he doesn't seem to have suffered too badly from his abductions, thankfully! He was happy to talk about all aspects of his experiences and produces a modest magazine called Starforce (formerly Ascent to Aquarius). It discusses, in a very easy to read format, the issues which it implies we must be aware of for the dawning of our new age. I enjoyed the read and the advice and take it on board as I await the impending ascension...

The magazine sells at £1.50 and is available from him at 10 Princes Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1UR. It would also appear that Johnathan would like to hear from you if you have unusual experiences to discuss. He is also available to do public talks.

- Matthew Williams □



Allen belts of trapped particles produce many kinds of EMR. Since they were initially studied through audio amplifiers, the first kinds to be discovered, around 1920, were given fanciful names like whistlers, dawn chorus, and lion roars. Many of them result from VLF waves produced by lightning, which bounce back and forth from pole to pole along "magnetic ducts" in the magnetosphere. This resonance amplifies the original VLF waves enormously.

Satellite measurements have proven that artificial energies from power lines are similarly amplified high above the earth, a phenomenon known as power-line harmonic resonance (PLHR). Radio and microwave energy also resonates in the magnetosphere. This amplified energy interacts with the particles in the

thunderstorms have been 25 percent more frequent over North America between 1930 and 1975 than they were from 1900 to 1930, and suggested that the increased energy levels in the upper atmosphere were responsible.

Since the mid-1970s there has been a dramatic increase in flooding, drought, and attendant hardships due to inconsistent, anomalous weather patterns. It appears likely that these have been caused in part by electropollution and perhaps enhanced, whether deliberately or not, by the Soviet woodpecker signal. It now seems feasible to induce catastrophic climate change over a target country, and even without such weather warfare, continued expansion of the electrical power system threatens the viability of all life on earth. □

Electricity Out Of Thin Air.

by Richard A. Edwards

Several decades ago a man took a bucketful of ilmenite, or similar, and melted and compressed it into a solid block of monocrystal silicon and sliced the block into wafers. The wafers were square. Today they are square, round or any desired shape. Recent breakthroughs in solar electric technology have even allowed the silicon to be completely flexible.

On his workbench he placed a stack of the wafers and a sheet of glass (today, plastic is most commonly used). On each wafer he glued an aluminium conducting grid, leaving a trail north and south. He turned each wafer over, gluing them on the glass so that the conducting grid was between the glass and the wafers in, say, rows of six. He solder-connected all the north tails to the south tails, making a continuous conducting grid. Over the lot he glued a laminate to weatherproof it and hold it all together. On one of the remaining two tails he connected a diode to give direction flow.

He took the assembled panel out into the sunlight. He turned it over so that the glass was nearest the light, then the conducting grid, then the silicon. He connected the two tails to a battery and two meters - one volts, the other on amps. The meters began to register a flow of electricity. His theory was no longer a theory.

Thus was born solar-to-electric conversion of energy, used and known throughout the world today as the photovoltaic effect. You can see the evolution of the process on site and for sale in shops all around you today.

PHOTOVOLTAIC EFFECT

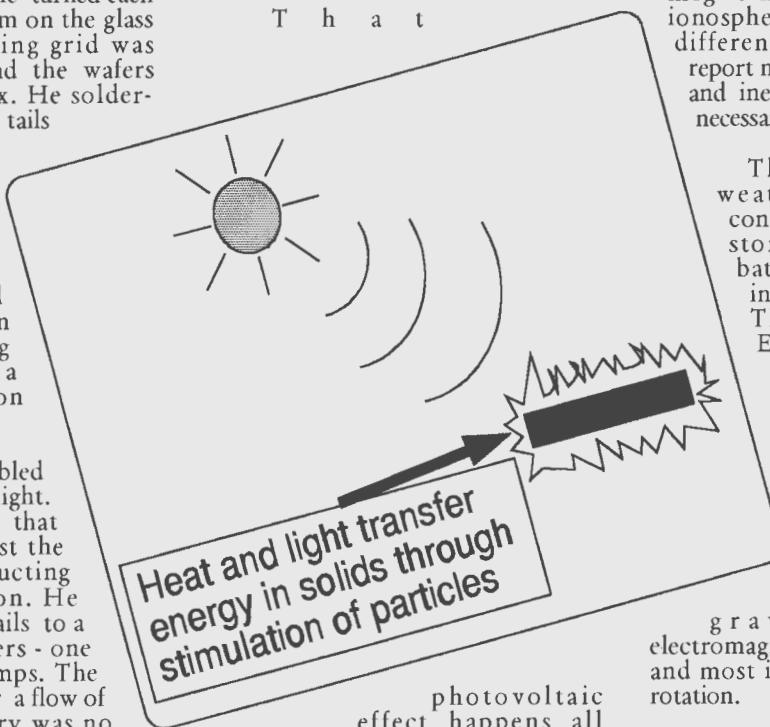
At its birth the photovoltaic man-made effect was hailed as the saviour of mankind. Limitless energy to herald a utopian future? No. It slowly and painfully became clear that this new energy source was far

too meagre and had very limited application, though some diehards still doggedly assure the public that it is the energy source of the future.

I have spent some ten years researching and developing my concept of the energy source of the future. I offer it herewith.

The photovoltaic effect described above is man imitating and greatly improving upon nature. I firmly believe that man cannot do anything in the realm of physics if nature has not already done it. He just does it better mostly, and occasionally worse.

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photovoltaic effect happens all over the world wherever and whenever the Sun shines. All the surface of the Earth that is not biological (alive or dead), water or mineral is silicon - all the rock of the Earth, from mountains to hills, boulders to rocks, stones to pebbles, from sand to dust. All that silicon, plus most minerals, contribute free electrons into the air by the Sun's photovoltaic effect, in much less per-area quantity than the concentration in a man-made panel but in an immensely larger world-sized conglomerate.

My concept was and still is

simplicity itself. We have to learn how to harvest those free electrons that fill the air all around us.

Before I start experimenting with hardware, I had to think it fully through. That took me several years. Here is that Big Think in summary.

That infinite source of free electrons must be the major source of natural electricity on Earth, from its obvious manifestation in lightning to its unseeable but measurable vastness in the ionosphere. I do not wish to lock horns with scientists who might hold an image of the ionosphere's shape and structure different from mine. I will just report my hardware observations and inescapable conclusions - not necessarily in that order.

The ionosphere and the weather system together constitute to the Earth what storage is in a man-made battery. The charging is infinite. Literally infinite. The Sun shines on the Earth. The natural photovoltaic effect produces limitless, probably immeasurable amounts of free electrons. Those free electrons - ions if you like, same thing - cannot travel of their own volition. They are subject to gravity, any local electromagnetic phenomenon, wind, and most importantly, the Earth's rotation.

The Earth rotates, taking the day's makings into the night side. The effect at night of the ionosphere - it's very presence, even - is well-documented and gratifyingly evident to receivers of any EMF wave, particularly in AM mode. That is the primary storage we are after, plus its storage in the weather system.

We can, according to my big think, take out more of that electricity than we can ever use, without in any way upsetting the balance of nature. The shape of the ionosphere, as my hardware experiments mapped it and so will

yours, can only be more or less like a surfer's wet hair - long and trailing at the back. The dawn side. If it weren't trailing - the excess being drawn off by gravity into the Sun - the electrical charge on Earth would just keep building and life as we know it could never have begun on Earth.

In a nutshell, the solar system is a dynamo powered by the Sun. The Earth is an electricity storage battery. All we have to do to give ourselves Energy Utopia is cream off as much of that electricity as we care to take before it trails off into the Sun.

That finished my Big Think. Righto. Anybody can theorise about anything. Hardware is what counts. So I began the practical bit. It has taken me four years and I have gone as far as I can go. Here is the summary.

THE HARDWARE.

First I needed an upside-down, naked photovoltaic panel. The silicon and conducting grid had to be in unimpeded, open contact with the air. The normal method of manufacture described above only harvests the tiny amount of electrons freed within. According to my big think, a naked upside-down job would harvest not only that tiny amount but also the free electrons naturally filling the air. Okay.

Whipped around the solar shops and factories in my home town, Perth and Sydney to find someone to make it. Didn't have to. Found one ready to roll - BP Solar Supplies sell it. It's the size of an A5 page. The model number is GM684-SP60-12v. It is not a BP product. It states "Made in Hong Kong" - nothing else. Shy manufacturer. Not to worry. BP Solar Supplies sell it, their shops are all around Australia.

The panel cost AUD\$49 full retail. I will be quoting costs from now on because the whole idea of this report is for you to take up where I left off. The total cost is tiny. I am not pursuing any intellectual property protection of any kind. I believe I might, just might, have discovered Energy Utopia. I further believe that my discoveries must be worked up and brought on line as quickly as possible as the world is in imminent danger of suffocating in a poisonous cloud of environmental filth spewed from our vehicle exhausts and factory chimneys. Any and all of you - backyard enthusiasts, R&D scientists, schoolchildren and their teachers - can circumvent that. Anybody. Anywhere. Except me. I cannot - you can. Help yourself. Don't do as I say - do as I did.

The panel: you can see at a glance how to strip it naked. Unscrew the plastic case. Cut the binding glue off all the edges. Slide the panel out. Slip a Stanley or similar knife blade under a corner of the laminate, lifting an edge. Peel the laminate off, just a bit harder than peeling an onion. That's all there is to it. There is no other panel known to me with which you can do that. All larger models are made as described above - impossible to separate the plastic from the works. All the smaller models I have seen are lacquered, not laminated, and equally useless for our purpose.

I am now going to report my discoveries with hardware during the past four years. Except for the panel, your equipment will possibly be different from mine, and your environment fluctuations certainly will be. You can form your own theoretical conclusions. Have your own bit of a think. I will not be referring to my big think again, except to state now that during it I theorised that the Earth's magnetic field might play a major role; perhaps the electricity harvest can be accelerated. I was to be proven right.

In my backyard patio I set to work. The patio was ideal, being open on three sides. Full free-flow air contact.

From Dick Smith's I bought a digital multimeter, model number Q-1420. You can pick it out on the shelf easily. It's bright yellow. It will be helpful for you to get one of that model yourself. It's very cheap - only AUD\$29. More importantly it is dual purpose, unlike all other multimeters that I have seen. You only have to twiddle the dial to switch between amps and volts. You don't have to unplug, replug, disconnect, reconnect or worry about series or parallel. Give analog meters a miss. A needle is nowhere near as clear as LCD numbers.

I place the naked panel, the multimeter and a 12 volt battery on a table and connected them in simple series. Note: your battery must be in good condition but never full or you will have nowhere for the electricity to go, and therefore amps won't register on the meter. It's exactly the same as when you turn on a hot water tap in your house. Water runs out of the tank. Water runs into the tank, registering on your front yard meter, and water runs out of the dam miles away. The only difference in this case is that the dam is not miles away. We are surrounded by it - a vast ocean of electricity in which the Earth

continually floats.

Being aware that any light, natural or artificial, produces the photovoltaic effect, I decided to use a fluorescent tube as the light source. It is well documented that fluorescence is better than incandescence - your every day light bulb - for the former is a diffuse light source, while the latter is focal. For about AUD\$20 I bought one of those standard 12 volt car trouble lights available in auto accessories shops, service stations and variety stores everywhere. I removed the plastic lid (it just clips off), turned the light upside down and positioned it over the panel, setting it permanently in position simply by resting it on a cigarette packet-sized bit of wood each end. The light would now bathe the naked panel. I connected the light to the battery in a different, separate circuit.

TAPPING THE EARTH'S FREE ELECTRICITY

Now, the Earth's magnetic field. From Tandy's I had bought a roll of aluminium conducting ribbon as used in window burglar alarms. It cost about AUD\$7. Around the cardboard packet the solar panel came in, I wound some of the ribbon, securing it here and there with sticky tape, to make a flat coil. To each end of the ribbon I connected about three metres of plastic-covered wire flex. We will come back to that shortly. I connected the flat coil between the naked panel and the multimeter.

Is that all clear to you? A simple series. Battery to naked panel to flat coil to multimeter to battery. Fluorescent light source in a separate circuit. Diagrams are not necessary. Once you have the hardware in front of you, it will become stunningly simple.

All systems go. At about 3.00 pm one afternoon three years ago I set up the rig. My wife, our four kids and I, feeling pretty silly, sat to wait and see what, if anything, would happen. The volts read about 2 volts. The amps read about 2 milliamps.

Nothing by 4.00 pm. Still the same. I put on a pair of insulating washing-up gloves to make sure the electricity in my body would not be a factor. I picked up the flat coil. I moved it about in all planes. Up. Down. Sideways. Twist. WOW! Volts and amps rose and dived all over the place. I satisfied myself that I had found the highest orientation reading - about 3.5 volts and about 5 milliamps - then propped the coil permanently in that position on the table simply by jamming it between

books.

The sun set about 7.00 pm. About 8.00 pm, volts and amps began to rise. By 9.00 pm they had reached about 5 volts and 10 millamps. They stayed there until about an hour before dawn. Then they dropped back to 3 volts and 5 millamps.

My family and I were stunned. Far better than I had dreamed!

Many nights of monitoring and analysing have since revealed various times of increase. Sometimes before sunset, sometimes hours after. My house is near the ocean. Sometimes the wind would be offshore, sometimes onshore. You can form your own conclusions. I have formed mine.

On rare occasions a strange thing happened. During crystal-clear weather, day or night but much more noticeable at night, the volts and amps would swiftly fall, staying down for varying periods from a few minutes up to an hour or so, then swiftly rise again. There was no tangible variable in the environment. My family and I were most perplexed. One midnight the volts and amps were at the lowest reading we had seen at any time of day or night. That was when I noticed the Moon was full and directly overhead. I have formed my conclusions. You can form yours.

But the party had not yet warmed up.

The summer electrical storm season was due to begin. That's what I wanted to see. During the ensuing two years of monitoring and analysing, we had many electrical storms. This is briefly what happened. When rain fell, day or night, volts and amps immediately leapt, sometimes trebling from whatever they were reading, and stayed up until at least ten minutes after the rain had stopped. When a nearby lightning flash occurred, volts and amps went to high and fluctuated so wildly that it was and still is difficult to comprehend the enormity of what we were seeing.

But the party had still not yet got hot. So far the hardware was only stationary. What would happen if it were moving? Would it harvest more free electrons like a baleen whale harvests plankton while cruising through the ocean with its mouth open? Let's find out.

I rang an energy management consultancy in Perth which I selected from the yellow pages on the basis that it was in the CBD, thus accessible to me by public transport. I am a

virtually penniless invalid pensioner so I have to do everything in the cheapest possible way.

I gave them a verbal rundown. They arranged an appointment at their office for two days later. I bought another new GM684-SP60-12v and took it to the office. I did nothing. I touched nothing. I just talked. They stripped the panel naked, connected it to a meter on volts and another meter on amps, put a D battery in the circuit (connected to and operating a transistor radio to keep it less than full, I guess, though I must admit I couldn't follow half of what they were doing - they are scientists), placed the lot in the sun and notated the readings: 2.8 volts, and I didn't catch the amps. Them young whippersnappers were going too fast for this old cougar.

We all boarded one of their cars and went driving along a freeway. One of the scientists held the naked panel out the passenger window in the sun. The rest of the equipment was inside. As the car accelerated to the speed limit, the volts climbed to 8 volts and the amps likewise trebled. I will resist the temptation to tart up this report with their superlatives. You can use your imagination. I thanked for their help, left and have not seen them since to have a good yarn, though we keep in touch. I will not name them. This whole report might turn out to be a fizzer and they have their hard-earned reputations. I don't have that problem.

The only problem I have is to make this report as clear as I possibly can so you can take over.

I then figured out that a multidirectional coil might be the best way to go for the Earth's magnetic field electron accelerator. It struck me that a vehicle powered by the work-up from the knowledge base I had so far gathered, or an electric train, trolley bus or other public transport electric vehicle harvesting by hardware on top and feeding the harvest into the existing electricity distribution grid, would of course be continually changing direction and the flat coil wouldn't be correctly orientated except now and then.

I bought two aluminium rods, 1m x 5mm x 2mm, costing \$5. I wound them around a bottle to make two coils the shape of a small barrel-loaf of bread. I attached them at right angles to each other on a small plank and nailed two pieces of wood to the underside of the plank. Thus I made a slot between so the rig would sit on the passenger window of my car. When I wound the window up, the rig

jammed in position like one of those indicator arms on the old car I used to drive in my youth.

I connected a diode to one end. A packet of 10 cost me about \$2 at Tandy's. Next, I connected the two coils together with a bit of flex wire. Then I hung the yellow multimeter on the passenger side interior sunvisor where I could easily see it while driving. I connected from the car battery to the multimeter to the double coil back to the battery.

Parking the car in my driveway so the passenger side was in the sun, I took the rig off the window and moved it around to find the lowest reading - about 8 millivolts. Didn't bother amps (wouldn't be any). Just a simple direction test. I stood in front of the rig to block out the sun. About 4 millivolts - heat factor established. To eliminate extraneous factors of power lines, media transmissions et al, I drove into the middle of several school playing fields, several miles apart, taking a couple of my sons with me in case these tired old eyes deceived themselves.

Driving around in circles, the volts climbed astonishingly in some directions and dived equally startlingly in others. I found the highest reading to be in a generally southern orientation, moving or stationery. The volts read 180 millivolts - an increase in percentage too mind-boggling for me to say more.

I have tried to make this report as accurate as I can but I'm only human, just as fallible as you. I've figured it out as best I can. I can offer no qualifications - I left school as a scholastic disaster when I turned 15 more than 40 years ago and have had no schooling since. Magazine readerland is choc-a-bloc with minds much better than mine. If you see hope in it, if you think it might be something more than the dreams of a bored, stiff old bludger and want to investigate it further in a proper scientific manner, fine. It's all yours. I seek no money and less fame. I couldn't proceed any further if the world gave me a blank cheque, the best electronic laboratory on the planet and the finest scientific minds to help me. I believe those things are you.

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[If anybody has any similar inventions which they wish to publish information on, please let us know - ED]

The Official Response

Chris Fowler & Matthew Williams

When you decide to investigate unusual phenomena or cover-ups one line of investigation which is open to you are the official channels. Where as in the United Kingdom we do not have a freedom of information act, we are still able to ask specific questions to our ruling bodies and government organisations; though the chances of you getting a decent answer are thin.

In the UK the most rewarding answers are usually sought by militant reporters who dig into the depths to find out information on the conspiracies or cover-ups they are interested in. Very rarely, if ever, do official statements give away the presence of such hidden information. Most of the time great lengths are taken to ensure that information does not get out. It is only through leaks and detective work that the real truth is discovered and only then do we get answers from those higher powers. Without pressure they are reluctant to even respond to your enquiries properly. Having worked in the civil service I know how the system operates - it is fair and unfair; the system works well to keep the system going, but any diversion from the system is seen as a threat. Large measures undertaken to cover up the facts. Most of the time people give up their enquiries through a sense of lack of power.

When we talk on the subject of conspiracies quite often we can talk also about corruption and insider business deals. Thankfully it does not appear that we have many WACO style cover-ups in the UK where by people actually die en-masse through the actions of covert government bodies. (This does not mean that people do not die at the hands of government bodies - read the book OPEN VERDICT by Tony Collins) Information regarding basic cover-ups is easier to get through detective work and pressure because people are far more ready to accept that people are corrupt and will respond positively to work carries out to uncover such things. We are all familiar with such stories from our daily tabloids and documentary programs from television.

Still if we are looking for cover-ups and conspiracy behind the subject of UFO's and paranormal we have a much harder time. Not only do the responses from official departments become more standardised - indicating that people are responding in a predetermined fashion -

but departments involved are much more guarded and offer almost no help. As if this wasn't bad enough we have the public opinion issue. Media presentation of the subjects of the paranormal is trivialised and non-conclusive. This leads people to think that there is nothing worth investigating and all UFO and paranormal investigators are off the rails. This is a very good reason why there are not many leaks of information - because people are afraid of the stigma that is attached. It is frustrating therefore that, to go with the lack of official confirmation, we are continually buffed off by the organisations who are supposed to be there to answer are questions - and created in our interests. Power yet again seems to have been lost to the wills of those who control us - for who at the top would want us to remain un-illuminated? (clue!)

What ever the reasons for the hiding of information we can be sure of this, although our military say they are not interested in paranormal issues, they have frequently engaged in not only experiments into these areas but have kept the results of this work classified as Above Top Secret. We now know that Russia and America have done experiments through admission - but no such admissions are (or will) be forthcoming from the MOD. This asks the question what have they got to hide?

If UFO's are chased by military jets and seen on radar then why not say so? If the Americans and Russians and even the governments of Europe have all admitted to these things then why don't the British. It cannot be for fear of public uprising through such information, for surely we would have already been affected through the information from foreign sources becoming known. Maybe it is felt that the British public are not advanced enough to be able to deal with such concepts. I have felt, as you may also, that the British public are treated like children by those in power. When asking questions like "Why", you often evoke responses like "Because I said so"! Thankfully other peoples of the world, apart from those under oppressive regimes, do push for decent answers. Is Britain is falling behind, or have we lost our will to push for answers?

When you get round to it, most of you will probably end up either speaking to or writing to those elected officials or civil servants who are in a

position to return the answers to your questions. As an example of the futility of the exercise, Alun Michaels - South Wales MP, recently commented in a return letter to my colleague Chris Fowler that "Although I do not think you will find this letter very helpful I do not think there is anything else I can do to help." He refers to the letter printed overleaf from The Earl Howe. Maybe his hands are tied - or perhaps there are blocks on such info and he is hinting that he is prevented from acting.

In the letter from the Earl we see that the MOD's public line on the subject of UFO's is that of "*no real interest*" and that if sighted and tracked then no further investigation into the origin of such UFO's is sought. Oops, hang on a minute - but he also said that the MOD remain vigilant to any potential threat to the security of this country. How do they know what is UFO and what is not? Where do they draw the line between chasing a UFO with jets, and the controller or base commander giving the order, "OK boys you can come home, it appears that the object you are tracking, and flying behind, is nothing more than a UFO, of which we in the MOD know nothing, so come on home and we will pretend they don't exist." So all these UFO's aren't a threat to the UK defences? They must pass into UK airspace these days quite easily as nobody even sends up aircraft to check on them! Well, why would they? After all, they know that they don't represent a threat; but since they never investigate they would not be able to have come to this opinion!

My question is how can the MOD say they know they are there, but don't know what they are, don't do anything to find out and aren't interested. That is like saying I could fire a nuclear missile into the UK airspace and the MOD would say - "I wonder if that's a UFO or a Nuclear Missile. Should we leave it alone?" I wonder if they simply toss a coin as to whether they will bother to scramble a jet to have a look. This as I am sure you will agree is a totally ridiculous argument from the MOD, and the sooner the public sees it this way, the better.

So don't stop writing to those officials, but be very specific in the types of answers you require, this way you can see (and show others) how they avoid answering your questions properly.

BUT DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH!



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Dear Mr. McDonald,

Thank you for your letter of 9 October (reference: CSP/95/3806) to Malcolm Rifkind enclosing one from Mr Chris Fowler of 62 Witla Court Road, Rumney, Cardiff, about unidentified flying objects. I am replying as this matter falls within my area of responsibility.

As you are already aware, in the context of MOD and HM Forces' responsibility for ensuring the effective defences of the United Kingdom, we remain vigilant for any potential threat to the security of this country, from whatever source. As such, we look at reports of unexplained aerial sightings in order to establish whether what was seen may have defence significance. If no threat is discerned, and in connection with unexplained aerial sightings this has been the case in all instances to date, we make no further attempt to investigate and establish exactly what may have been seen.

Mr Fowler makes specific reference to the alleged incident at Rendlesham Forest/RAF Woodbridge in December 1980. When the MOD was informed of this occurrence all available substantiated evidence was looked at in the usual manner by those within the MOD/RAF with responsibility for air defence matters. The judgement was that there was no indication that a breach of the UK's air defences had occurred on the nights in question. As there was no evidence to indicate a matter of defence concern no further investigation into the matter was necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged which has given us any reason to believe that the original assessment made by this Department was incorrect.

I hope that this explains our position.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Howe
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