

Foreign Troops on US Soil - Again?

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It's obvious how much we love scaring ourselves spittleless with horror flicks. We also seem to *need* to hate and blame something or someone for all our woes. Considering this, it is no wonder that there are all kinds of rumors of doom and gloom that run around over and over, again and again.

Ask yourself this: *What happens when this administration is replaced with a new, different administration?* Has a political party change in an administration ever *really* changed anything in the past? *Do we just stop searching for stuff to concern ourselves with because the one we blame is no longer in office?* Will things really be any different? *Have they ever been any different in the past?*

This rumor seems to fly around almost constantly. It really bugs. Come on folks do we really think that our government can stop ALL communication out of an area WITHOUT us noticing? Our government can't even keep secret what it needs to keep secret to keep the US safe and we really think they could keep something like this from getting out? Do we really believe that the money hungry mainstream media wouldn't want to jump on this bandwagon too? I think not.

Then there are all the logistical things that must take place for something like this to occur WITH us knowing about it, yet alone quadrupling those things to do so WITHOUT us knowing about it.

First off we have to remember that there are tons of bills, acts, programs and the like to account for bilateral training of our troops with those of another nation, here and abroad; and we have been cross training with other nation's militaries since our War of Independence (both here and abroad). Consider the following:

A Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) is a bilateral (we train with them in their country and visa versa) agreement between a country and a foreign nation having military forces visiting in that country. Visiting forces agreements are similar in intent to Status of Forces Agreements (SOFAs). A VFA typically covers forces visiting temporarily, while a SOFA typically covers forces based in the host nation as well as visiting forces.

While the United States military has the largest foreign presence and therefore accounts for most VFAs, other countries having troops temporarily serving abroad negotiate VFAs with states where they serve.

A Visiting Forces Act is a law governing the status of military personnel while they are visiting within areas under the jurisdiction of another country and/or while forces of one country are attached to or serving with forces of another country, and may also apply to some foreign nonmilitary persons who are associated with visiting military forces (e.g., dependents, civilian employees, etc.). Such acts commonly address such issues as criminal jurisdiction, treatment of apprehended individuals found to be foreign military personnel who are absent without leave or military deserters, double jeopardy situations, etc. Individual Visiting Forces Acts enacted by individual governments may address such issues directly, or may act as enabling legislation so that separate Visiting Forces Agreements between a host country and other countries may attain the force of law. Depending on the legislative climate in the host country, such enabling legislation may or may not be necessary.



Then there is the **Defense Security Cooperation Agency**. DSCA is the central agency that synchronizes global security cooperation programs, funding and efforts across OSD, Joint Staff, State Department, COCOMS, the services and U.S. Industry. DSCA is responsible for the effective policy, processes, training, and financial management necessary to execute security cooperation within the DoD.

Mission Areas:

- Foreign Military Sales
- Foreign Military Financing
- **International Military Education and Training**
- Humanitarian Assistance, Disaster Relief & Mine Action
- Regional Centers



We can't forget NATO. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) also called the (North) Atlantic Alliance, is an intergovernmental military alliance based on the North Atlantic Treaty which was signed on 4 April 1949. The organization constitutes a system of collective defence whereby its member states agree to mutual defense in response to an attack by any external party. NATO's headquarters are in Brussels, Belgium, one of the 28 member states across North America and Europe, the newest of which, Albania and Croatia, joined in April 2009. An additional 22 countries participate in NATO's "Partnership for Peace", with 15 other countries involved in institutionalized dialogue programs. The combined military spending of all NATO members constitutes over 70% of the world's defense spending.

Although it started out as a 'political association', the Korean War galvanized the member states, and an integrated military structure was built up under the direction of two U.S. supreme commanders. The course of the Cold War led to a rivalry with nations of the Warsaw Pact, which formed in 1955. The first NATO Secretary General, Lord Ismay, stated in 1949 that the organization's goal was "to keep the Russians out, the Americans in, and the Germans down." Doubts over the strength of the relationship between the European states and the United States ebbed and flowed, along with doubts over the credibility of the NATO defense against a prospective Soviet invasion—doubts that led to the

development of the independent French nuclear deterrent and the withdrawal of the French from NATO's military structure in 1966.

After the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, the organization became drawn into the breakup of Yugoslavia, and conducted its first military interventions in Bosnia from 1992 to 1995 and later Yugoslavia in 1999. Politically, the organization sought better relations with former Cold War rivals, which culminated with several former Warsaw Pact states joining the alliance in 1999 and 2004. The 11 September attacks of 2001 signaled the only occasion in NATO's history that Article 5 of the North Atlantic treaty has been invoked as an attack on all NATO members.

NATO has evolved into a combined military force of multiple nations, that crosstrains with member nation's military forces and requires a designated number of military forces to participate from each member. Talk about bilateral training here and abroad!!!



And of course who can forget the **United Nations Peace Keeping troops and police** with those cute blue helmets?

<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/issues/military.shtml>

“United Nations military personnel are the Blue Helmets on the ground. They are contributed by national armies from across the globe.

Every day, UN military personnel are on patrol, providing vital security and stability in our missions around the world.



UN Photo/K Jordan A member of the Brazilian battalion in [MINUSTAH](#) carries an infant to safety, as he assists a local resident of Cité-Soleil — one of the many areas ravaged by the heavy rains of tropical storm 'Noel' in Haiti.

They work alongside UN [Police](#) and civilian colleagues to protect personnel and property; maintain close cooperation with other military entities in the mission area; and work to promote stability and security.

They work with the local community and the local military personnel to bring about greater mutual understanding and work together towards a lasting peace. [Protection of civilians](#) is very often at the heart of their mandate and it is the Blue Helmets that are key to providing this security.”

<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/issues/police.shtml>

UN Police

United Nations Police have an important role in promoting peace and security.

Every day UN policemen and women reinforce and re-establish security by patrolling communities, advising domestic police services, ensuring compliance with international human rights standards and restoring and promoting public safety and the rule of law.



A Pakistani police unit in Timor-Leste participates in tactical exercises.

Martine Perret / UNPhoto

The UN has been deploying police officers for service in peace operations since the 1960s. Traditionally, the mandate of police components in peace operations was limited to monitoring, observing and reporting. **From the early 1990s, advisory, mentoring and training functions were integrated into the monitoring activities.** This was to allow peacekeeping operations to act as a corrective mechanism with domestic police and other law enforcement agencies.

The need for police to help implement Security Council mandates has increased enormously. *The number of UN police officers authorized for deployment in peacekeeping operations and special political missions has risen from 5,840 in 1995 to over 13,500 in 2012*



The Federation of American Scientists (FAS) who does all kinds of 'reports' for our government had this to say about training exercises, here and abroad, with and without 'foreign troops':

http://www.fas.org/programs/ssp/man/usmillogistics/military_exercises.html

U.S. Military Exercises

Training and exercise programs are key to maintaining unit readiness and combat effectiveness. **Each of the Services maintains excellent combat training centers where realistic joint large-scale, live-fire exercises are held.** Significant resources have been invested in capabilities that permit direct assessment of large-scale, force-on-force engagements.

Types of Exercises

CPX command post exercises An exercise in which the forces are simulated, involving the commander, his staff, and communications within and between participating headquarters.

CTX combined training exercises A training exercise that is jointly conducted by military forces of more than one nation.

CALFEX combined arms live fire exercises Combat exercise in which an Army/Marine Corps combined arms team, in combat formation, conducts a coordinated combat firing and maneuver practice in executing the assault, seizure, and defense of appropriate objectives. Tactical air support may be included.

FTX field training exercises A high-cost, high-overhead exercise conducted under simulated combat conditions in the field. It exercises command and control of all echelons in battle functions against actual or simulated opposing forces. An exercise conducted in the field under simulated war conditions in which troops and armament of one side are actually present, while those of the other side may be imaginary or in outline.

FCX fire coordination exercises A medium-cost, reduced-scale exercise that can be conducted at platoon, company/team, or battalion/task force level. It exercises command and control skills through the integration of all organic weapon systems, as well as indirect and supporting fires. Weapon densities may be reduced for participating units, and subcaliber devices substituted for service ammunition.

LOGEX logistics exercises An exercise which concentrates on training tasks associated with the combat service support battlefield operating system.

MAPEX map exercises A low-cost, low-overhead training exercise that portrays military situations on maps and overlays that may be supplemented with terrain models and sand tables. It enables commanders to train their staffs in performing essential integrating and control functions under simulated wartime conditions.

STX situational training exercises A mission-related, limited exercise designed to train one collective task, or a group of related tasks or drills, through practice.

STAFFEX staff exercises A training exercise in which the principal and special staffs organize for war (command posts and cells) and train MTP wartime missions.

TOCEX tactical operations center exercises An exercise in which the command group and staff practice setting up and establishing the command posts.

Overview

The **Army** operates the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, California, the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and the Combat Maneuver Training Center (CMTC) at Hohenfels, Germany. Instrumented field exercises are used at each of these locations to improve the readiness of battalion and brigade-sized units. These training opportunities build on home-station training, which is limited by range availability. The Army will train 10 heavy brigades in FY 1998 at the NTC and 10 light brigades at the JRTC, while providing annual training opportunities at the CMTC for all of its European-based infantry and armor battalions.

The **Air Force** conducts three Red Flag/Green Flag exercises annually at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. In addition to providing training for Navy/Marine Corps and coalition forces, these exercises provide composite

force package training for Air Force tactical aircraft squadrons on about an 18-month rotational basis. Air Force units conduct similar training in annual Maple Flag combined-force exercises held in Canada.

The **Navy** participates in about 175 unit exercises annually. Ninety percent of these exercises involve operations with other U.S. or multinational forces. These deployments improve the ability of naval forces to conduct forward presence missions and to operate effectively as part of a joint or combined force. In addition, the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center in Fallon, Nevada, conducts four to five exercises annually for carrier air wings. This program provides predeployment integrated strike training for naval aviation units.

The **Marine Corps** conducts 10 to 12 combined-arms exercises annually at Twenty-Nine Palms, California. These drills provide combined-arms training and combat readiness evaluations for Marine tactical air and assault support squadrons operating in support of ground forces. In the case of ground forces, eight active and two reserve infantry battalions, plus associated combat support and combat service support elements, train each year at the Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center at Twenty-Nine Palms. Marine expeditionary units (special operations capable) undergo intense, 26-week predeployment training, during which they conduct operations both ashore and at sea.

Exercises

Exercise Cooperation From The Sea 96, conducted in Vladivostok [Russia], included both amphibious and at-sea training for U.S. and Russian naval forces. In addition, elements of the America (CV 66) carrier battle group and Wasp (LHD 1) amphibious ready group conducted bilateral operations with a Russian carrier battle group in the Mediterranean. These interactions continued to build on the positive foundation laid in 1995 and set the stage for further cooperation between our naval forces. U.S. naval forces also participated in the Russian Navy's 300th anniversary celebrations in St. Petersburg [Russia] and Kaliningrad [Russia].

Central and Eastern Europe. . The Partnership for Peace (PfP) program continued to be the centerpiece of NATO's strategic relationship with Central and Eastern Europe. Naval forces conducted four major PfP exercises with Eastern European nations. These operations, part of our bilateral military-to-military contacts program, included basic seamanship exercises and familiarization visits with the naval forces of the region. Units from the Sixth Fleet, including assigned Marine expeditionary forces, conducted fleet and amphibious training exercises with forces from Romania, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Albania and Georgia. The training exercise BALTOPS 96 was conducted in the Baltic Sea and involved a record 43 ships from 12 countries, including the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Gallatin (WHEC 721).

Cooperative Osprey 96. This 19-nation exercise was conducted at Camp Lejeune, N.C., with the commanding general, Marine Forces Atlantic, as the exercise director. Part of the PfP program, this exercise focused on military operations other than war. Exercise objectives included developing procedures to form and train coalition forces for peacetime operations in the littorals. The first visit by Ukrainian navy ships to the United States in September was particularly significant. These vessels conducted amphibious training with Atlantic Fleet units at Norfolk, Va. Black Sea Operations. Marines conducting training with forces from Romania, Ukraine and Bulgaria made a major contribution in building Black Sea alliances and furthering PfP efforts in the region. Forward-deployed, self-sustaining amphibious task forces can exploit excellent opportunities for initial bilateral training with the armed forces of emerging democracies.

UNITAS 96. The 37th annual UNITAS deployment is a primary means of supporting regional stability in the Western Hemisphere. Active and reserve surface combatants, P-3C aircraft, Marines embarked in an amphibious combatant and a submarine joined to conduct multinational exercises with South American nations while circumnavigating the continent during a five-month period. This year, Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom, South Africa and the Netherlands also participated during certain phases of the deployment. Our naval forces operate with host nation air,

sea and land forces during each Latin American stop. These exercises often provide the only opportunity for Latin American forces to train with U.S. and other allied forces. For example, UNITAS Marines participated in four amphibious exercises and two riverine exercises in the nine-nation, 27-city deployment. The two riverine exercises provided an invaluable foundation for the expanded riverine training occurring with South American allies through the recently established Riverine Center for Excellence. In addition, this year embarked explosive ordnance detachments experienced real-world training while searching for voice and data flight recorders from AeroPeru Flight 603 after the aircraft crashed off the coast of Lima, Peru, in October.

CARAT 96. Regional stability in Southeast Asia is supported by the Pacific Fleet's Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) program, patterned after the UNITAS deployment. Active and reserve surface combatants, maritime patrol aircraft, a special purpose Marine air-ground task force embarked in amphibious combatants, medical detachments and a U.S. Coast Guard training detachment exercise with six countries in the South China Sea region for two months each year. In 1996, Brunei, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore participated. During each stop, our naval forces exercised with the host nation's air, sea and land forces. The objectives for each phase were to promote regional maritime interoperability, increase readiness, enhance military-to-military relations and ensure stability of Southeast Asian sea lanes of communication.

Rim-of-the-Pacific 1996 (RIMPAC 96) is a biennial exercise designed to enhance interoperability and proficiency of multinational and bilateral forces operating in response to short-notice littoral missions. More than 28 ships and 1,200 Marines -- including the Independence (CV 62) and Kitty Hawk (CV 63) carrier battle groups, the Essex (LHD 2) amphibious ready group with the 11th MEU(SOC) embarked and U.S. Coast Guard vessels -- participated in RIMPAC 96. An additional 29 ships from Australia, Canada, Chile, Korea and Japan were involved in the exercise. In addition to embarked carrier air wings, U.S. Air Force and Hawaiian Air National Guard and maritime patrol aircraft from the United States, Canada and Japan also participated.

West African Training Cruise (WATC 96) is an annual exercise conducted to provide interaction between U.S. naval forces and host nation counterparts, enhance military training and maintain familiarity with the West African littoral environment. U.S. Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel embarked in amphibious ship Tortuga (LSD 46) conducted training in Benin, Cape Verde, Cote D'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Senegal and Togo.

Sorbet Royal was a NATO-sponsored submarine escape-and-rescue exercise involving units from seven countries and observers from six other countries. Conducted in the Vestfjord area of Norway, the exercise successfully demonstrated an ability to coordinate a multinational rescue of the crew of a disabled submarine and marked real progress in the standardization of procedures and equipment.

Freedom Of Navigation. An essential element of U.S. foreign policy is ensuring free and safe transit through ocean areas and international air space as a matter of legal right -- not contingent upon the approval of adjacent countries. Naval forces are especially useful in demonstrating transit rights under international law. In 1996, Navy ships and aircraft conducted numerous freedom-of-navigation operations in or through areas where coastal nations have maintained excessive maritime claims in conflict with existing international law. The president, secretary of defense and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff all have emphasized the importance of these operations as an active component of U.S. policy.

WESTPAC EXERCISES

The following WESTPAC exercises are recurring and provide valuable training experience. First MAW is not limited to the exercises listed, nor is there a requirement to participate in every exercise. These exercises provide a major building block that we at MAG-12 OPERATIONS use to construct our TEEP:

1. MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE EXERCISES

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1. Ulchi Focus Lens. This JCS coordinated Command Post Exercise (CPX) is conducted to evaluate plans, procedures and communications systems available which provide for the combined defense of the Republic of Korea in accordance with current OPLANS.
 1. Although there are a number of key first MAW objectives for the CPX, two basic ones stand out. First, to familiarize new personnel with the intricacies of the CINC Combined Forces Command/United Nations Command and Air Component Command (ACC) structure and relationships. Second, to acquaint 1st MAW Marines with the ACC fragging procedures and the air fragging preparation/distribution requirements. This exercise also assists in preparing Wing participants for the subsequent Spirit Exercise.
 2. Actual 1st MAW deployment to Korea normally includes 1st MAW HQ (FWD) in Yechon/Pohang, a 1st MAW Headquarters Tactical Air Command Center liaison team in Osan/Taegu, and 1st MAW reps assigned to the III MEF Liaison Team at CP TANGO in Seoul. No actual 1st MAW aircraft deploy to Korea for the CPX.
 2. Beachcrest. A 1st MAW air command and control exercise in December, conducted in Okinawa, Japan. MACG-18 coordinates the Beachcrest exercises and integrates them with any existing exercise to effectively showcase the unique air-ground team capability of the Marine Corps as well as provide a comprehensive rehearsal of the complex procedures associated with controlling the conduct of an air war. Exercise WINGEX is a similar exercise of lesser complexity.
 3. Southern Frontier. A semi-annual (Mar-May and Aug-Oct MAG-12 deployment to RAAF Base Darwin Australia. The intent of the deployment is two fold: to take advantage of the best airspace and training ranges available in WESTPAC and to conduct Group sized OPERATIONS. In addition, Southern Frontier also encompasses participation in JCS directed exercises. Typically, MAG-12 will deploy with two squadrons and an EA-6B Detachment, "swapping out" squadrons halfway through the three month period.
2. JOINT/COMBINED AIR-TO-AIR-TO-GROUND EXERCISES
1. Cope North. Cope North exercises offer 1st MAW TACAIR squadrons/dets the opportunity to participate in joint/combined air-to-air training with USAF and JASDF in the vicinity of Misawa, Iwakuni and Okinawa. These 5-10 day exercises are normally conducted quarterly. The aim is to test and evaluate US/Japanese forces in the joint/combined defense of Japan in accordance with current OPLANS.
 2. Cope Jade. Cope Jade is a USAF/ROK joint/combined three to four day air defense/tactical offensive exercise using Korean Ranges. The exercise is conducted quarterly and is designed to test and evaluate the ROK Tactical Air Control System (KTACS) while conducting the ROK air campaign.
 3. ANNUALEX. Annualex is a joint/combined exercise with Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force. The exercise is designed to exercise U.S. and Japanese capability to protect designated sea lanes. Our squadrons are either assigned CAP missions to defend the fleet or interdiction missions to attack the fleet. EA-6B's are frequently tasked for ECM missions against Japanese/US Naval Forces.
 4. WASEX. War at Sea Exercises are conducted on a regular basis against U. S. Battle groups and threat SAG's. These "short notice" exercises are basically coordinated strikes involving AV-8, EA-6B, F/A-18, and KC-130 aircraft. They are characterized by intense mission planning, consideration of the real world threat scenario and precision mission execution. These high visibility exercises have enhanced the combat readiness of all COMSEVENTHFLT UNITS.
 5. Cornet West. Cornet West is the designator applied to the transpac movement of USMC aircraft.
 6. Yama Sakura. This is a semi-annual Corps level CPX cosponsored by the USARJ/IX Corps and the Japanese Self Defense of Japan scenario. Although our participation been limited in the past, indications are that the exercise will be expanded to full status in the future.
 7. Cobra Gold. This is a joint combined exercise with United States and Thailand forces. The exercise is designed to provide experience in planning, coordination of, and execution of an amphibious operation in support of a combined/joint task force.
 8. Anti-Surface Warfare Exercises (ASUWEX's). These are USCINPAC scheduled, COMSEVENTHFLT sponsored, joint surface, anti-surfacewarfare exercises conducted in a multi-threat environment. 1st

MAW units are often invited to participate in these maritime exercises which normally take place in Japan, Philippine and China Seas.

9. Freedom Banner. This is a JCS coordinated, CINPAC sponsored exercise centered around the utilization of Maritime Pre positioned Force (MPF) shipping. A composition evolution usually occurs between elements of MEF or 1st MEB and III MEF. In addition to exercise play, an actual off-load of MPF equipment normally occurs.
10. Giant Warrior. PACAF coordinated joint exercise incorporating AMC assets as a part of large scale strikes. Conducted in Guam, the exercise includes escort, air defense, and live ordnance missions. 1st MAW participation is dependent on lift assets available.
11. Harpoonex. COMSEVENTHFLT sponsored live missile firing exercise conducted in Guam. Harpoon, Harm, and Shrike participation is dependent upon available ordnance.
12. Keen Edge/Sword. An annual JCS directed, CINCPAC scheduled, COMUSJAPAN sponsored CPX/FTX in Japan. It is designed to exercise, test, and evaluate U. S. and Japan Self-Defense Forces and to support OPLAN concepts. III MEF provides player cells to CPX. 1st MAW provides aviation units to FTX's.
13. Pitch Black. A JCS coordinated, USCINPAC scheduled joint/bilateral air defense exercise conducted annually in Australia. 1st MAW participation is dependent on lift assets available.
14. Sandgroper. A JCS coordinated, USCINPAC scheduled joint/bilateral exercise in alternate years in Australia, its purpose is to exercise and evaluate maritime and air defense superiority operations.

Some of USCENTCOM's largest readiness exercises in 1994 were:

NATIVE FURY: The employment of afloat prepositioned equipment demonstrated readiness and mobility.

INTRINSIC ACTION: Illustrated the quick response capability of ground troops to fall in on prepositioned equipment ashore.

ULTIMATE RESOLVE: A multinational command post exercise that examined defense matters of concern to GCC nations and Gulf War western partners.

Able Archer

Action Express

Agile Provider

Agile Warrior

AHUAS Tara

Air Warrior

Bearhunter

Becoming Stronger

Blue Whale Five

Bold Thrust

Braveshield

Brim Frost

Cabanas

Caber Fire

Caber Ice

CALL Forward 90

Caltrop Force

Caltrop Tyro

Cascade Peak

Cascade Pine

Celtic Cross

Centurion Shield

Cobra Gold

Coronet Sentry

Corps Defender

Display Determination

Eagle's Talon

EMERALD EXPRESS (1st Marine Expeditionary Force exercise)

Emergency Deployment Readiness

Exca 3190

Flintlock

Freedom Banner

Fuertes Caminos

Gallant Eagle

Gallant Knight

Golden Pheasant

Golden Saber XII

Grecian Firebolt

Guardian Tiger

Infinite Moonlight	Purple Dragon
Intrinsic Action	Reforged
Joint Warrior	Resolute Shamrock
Kangaroo	Roadrunner
Keen Edge	Rolling Thunder
Kindle Liberty	Roving Sands
Knife Blade	Sea Emergency Deployment Readiness
Marne Battle	Solid Shield
Mountain Shield	Subject Matter Expert Exchange
Ocean Venture	Team Spirit
Operation Paid CRTE (Combat Rescue Training Exercise)	Ulchi Focus Lens
Optimal Focus	Warfighter
Peace Shield	Wintex-Cimex
Peaceful Eagle	Yama Sakura
Prairie Warrior	

In an article titled “**15 Historical Inaccuracies Widely Believed as Fact**” (<http://brainz.org/15-historical-inaccuracies-widely-believed-fact/>) and listed as “**Don’t Tread On Me**” concerning foreign troops on US soil said:

“Ask any U.S. citizen if their beloved home country has ever been occupied by foreign troops and the answer will most likely be “no.” Spend a few days finding an intelligent U.S. citizen and ask this question again: if you’re lucky, they might respond with, “*Yeah, only once. The British burned down the White House during the War of 1812.*” Spend a lifetime hunting down a shrewd historian and repeat the question: if the stars have properly aligned, you might actually hear the truth.

Although the British did invade U.S. soil during the War of 1812, this was not the last time foreign powers would take military action on U.S. soil. During the Second World War, the Japanese captured and occupied Kiska, a small landmass in the Aleutian Island chain of Alaska. Japanese forces occupied Kiska for over a year. After a significant defeat on the island of Attu, the Japanese secretly retreated off of American soil. American and Canadian forces invaded Kiska two weeks later and suffered hundreds of casualties at the hands of Japanese booby traps.”

Ok we have looked at all the various legit reasons foreign troops can be training on US soil.

Then there are all those rumors about our troops ‘secretly’ training for the ‘*US Police State*’. To place these rumors into perspective, one has to sift through each and every base and or unit posting to determine what is real, fake, cause for alarm or just plain everyday training.

I don’t really have time to dig for this kind of thing right now with all the packing and stuff I am doing. However there was I time awhile back that I did dig into this subject due to some other alarmist report(s) and the article below is just perfect at describing what I found and fits in well everyday ...

<http://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/politics/2604-sifting-reality-from-alarmist-rumors> and http://www.theforbiddenknowledge.com/hardtruth/fact_and_fiction.htm

Sifting Reality from Alarmist Rumors - Fact and Fiction

Fact and Fiction

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Sifting reality from alarmist rumors

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In his contribution to **The Permanent Revolution: The French Revolution and Its Legacy**, a bicentennial anthology of homage to the worldwide radical transformations wrought by that seminal event, Professor George Steiner wrote: "The barest enumeration of the consequences of 1789 enforces the realization that the world as we know it today is the composite of reflexes, political assumptions and structures, rhetorical postulates, bred by the French Revolution The French Revolution is the pivotal historico-social date after the foundation of Christianity." Indeed and much more. Its leading adherents from 1789 to the present have, by word and deed, proven repeatedly their ferocious zeal utterly to obliterate Christianity and the entire moral-social-political order it has built.

"To make the people happy," said Jacobin leader Rabaud de Saint-Etienne, "their ideas must be reconstructed, laws must be changed, morals must be changed, men must be changed, things must be changed, yes everything must be destroyed, since everything must be remade."

From the general to the specific, every tortured tumbrel tread of the "Clinton Revolution" sounds like a loathsome scripted theme from the ongoing cacophony of terror and destruction unleashed in 1789. With fluid ease "Slick Willie" flits from one Jacobin guise to another: As Robespierre, he proclaims his love for "the people," while simultaneously devising the most hideous plans for *depopulation*; as Anacharsis Clootz he exults in the "sublime religion of Nature" and preaches the gospel of "internationalism"; and as the Marquis de Sade, he institutionalizes perversion and scandalously indulges his own libidinal excesses. Danton, of course, he reprises almost too perfectly. It was Danton, remember, who on the evening of August 28, 1792 announced to the Assembly the Commune's intention to search Paris house-to-house for arms and suspected traitors.

Study the Revolution

Is it merely a happy coincidence that almost exactly 200 years later Citizen Clinton has initiated his Dantonesque disarmament scheme? You may believe that if it gives you comfort, but his every word and action -- not to mention those as well of the Marats and Mirabeaus, the Babeufs, Heberts, Brissots, and Talleyrands with whom he has filled his retinue -- argue that he is as ardent and studious a disciple of the "Permanent Revolution" as was Lenin, who declared: "We, the Bolsheviks, are the Jacobins of the Twentieth Century." Which is why those who would oppose the Revolution today are themselves well advised to *study the Revolution*, particularly as presented in **The French Revolution** by Nesta Webster, **Conspiracy Against God and Man** by Reverend Clarence Kelly, and **Proofs of a Conspiracy** by Professor John Robison.

One of the most important lessons to be learned from the tragic experience of the French two centuries ago concerns the diabolical cunning and deception repeatedly employed by revolutionary leaders such as the Duc d'Orleans to manipulate the people with wild rumors calculated to cause panic. British historian Nesta Webster writes in *The French Revolution*:

[I]n order to rouse the people one must begin by frightening them. It was Adrien Duport, one of the most inventive members of the Club Breton [the Jacobins], who devised the project known to contemporaries as "The Great Fear," a scheme which consisted in sending messengers to all the towns and villages of France to announce the approach of imaginary brigands, Austrians or English, who were arriving to massacre the citizens. On the same day, the 28th of July, and almost at the same hour, this diabolical manoeuvre was repeated all over France; everywhere the panic-stricken peasants flew to arms, and thus the great aim of the revolutionary leaders was realized -- the arming of the entire population against law and order.

By this means anarchy was complete throughout the kingdom and the crimes of July 14 and 22 in Paris were followed in the provinces by atrocities too revolting to describe. This Reign of Terror, organized by the Orleanistes, was, in fact, even more frightful than the Terror of Robespierre four years later.

Moreover, it was the anarchy of the first Terror that destroyed the stability of the old order and institutionalized the more systematic later Terror. Again, Webster:

Such violence as the people committed was invariably instigated by revolutionary emissaries who persuaded them to act under a misapprehension, and methods of diabolical ingenuity were employed to overcome their reluctance. Thus, for example, the agitators, taking advantage of the King's benevolent proclamations in favour of reform, succeeded in making the peasants believe that Louis XVI wished to take part with them against the noblesse, and to invoke their aid in demolishing the Old Regime. Messengers were sent into the towns and villages bearing placards or proclaiming by word of mouth: "The King orders all chateaux to be burnt down; he only wishes to keep his own!" and such was the amazing credulity of the country people that they set forth to burn and destroy, believing in all good faith that they were carrying out the orders [of the king],

Over and over again the people were buffeted and exploited by the fiendish rumor mills of the revolutionary thugs who intended to enslave them: Their wine and flour was poisoned, they were told; farmers and bakers were hoarding grain and bread to drive up prices, was the common charge. The result: Many people were tricked into destroying perfectly good food; bakeries and granaries were burned, their owners beaten or killed; farmers and merchants, fearing for their lives and property, did not go to market; and *voilà!*, a famine -- exactly what the revolutionists wanted -was created.

The Rumor Mill

Do we face similar circumstances today? It is obvious that we do. The dominant Establishment media bombard the public with an incessant farrago of mythical "crises" -- crime, environmental catastrophe, overpopulation, resource depletion, poverty, famine, etc. -- designed to induce a perpetual state of manipulable near mass hysteria. But knowledgeable conservatives, Christians, and constitutionalists -- particularly those who are aware of the one-world agenda of the managed news media -- are immune to such manipulation, right? Or are they? Consider the following rumors, and the reality behind them:

- **"Federal occupation in New Mexico."** In August, intense national media coverage was focused on Catron County in rural southeastern New Mexico where a nonbinding county ordinance was passed

requiring every household to keep a firearm of choice and ammunition. This was Catron County's response to passage of the Brady bill, the Clinton crime package, and other federal assaults on the Second Amendment. **It was also an expression of the growing tension between the independent-minded citizens of Catron County and the federal bureaucrats (such as those at the EPA, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) whose policies and decisions threaten the very existence of rural communities.** In the past several years, Catron County has played a lead role in sparking a revolt of counties in western states against unconstitutional and oppressive federal mandates.

However, recent reports on the intensifying conflict between the locals and the feds were transmogrified by rumor into alarming stories of a federal invasion and occupation of the county. Militia groups from throughout the country prepared to come to "rescue" Catron County citizens.

Gene Ballinger, editor of the *Courier*, a weekly newspaper published in Hatch, New Mexico, has attempted to defuse what could become a dangerously explosive situation if wild rumors are allowed to run unchecked. In a *Courier* editorial for September 15, 1994 entitled "There Is No Invasion of Catron County," Ballinger contrasted the known facts with the sensational hearsay and appealed for those concerned to exercise caution, reason, and responsibility:

Rumors are the most dangerous things anyone can transmit. And rumors are rife throughout New Mexico, and across the United States, at this time, about Carton County being invaded by a federal-state task force.

According to Danny Fryar, Catron County Manager, a prison inmate told FBI agents that he knew where a body was buried. The location happened to be in Catron County.

Agents brought the inmate to Catron County last month and he took them to the place the body was supposedly buried. Fryar understands that there was evidence that a body had been buried at the location, but had been moved, apparently without the knowledge of the inmate.

Then other agencies, including the Department of Justice, and the ATF, came in with sniffer dogs in an attempt to locate the remains. Apparently that failed, and then New Mexico National Guard troops were brought in to assist the FBI and other agencies in a shoulder-to-shoulder search of the suspected area where the body was likely to be located Fryar said it is a rugged, heavily timbered area.

The bottom line is very simple and that is: the various agencies are doing their respective jobs, as they are supposed to do

Rumors that a Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force [MJTF] had moved into Catron County to seize firearms and arrest citizens are totally unfounded and untrue, and we felt it best to quash those rumors once and for all.

Ballinger told THE NEW AMERICAN that he had received hundreds of calls from alarmed citizens in faraway states, many of whom had heard that hundreds of troops and federal agents together with military helicopters and convoys of vehicles had descended on Catron County. In reality, only two FBI agents, 12 National Guardsmen, one Luna County Sheriff's deputy, and one police officer from the

city of Deming, New Mexico were involved in the search. And since they were searching a secluded area, most residents of the county did not even know they were there.

- **"UN Troops encamped in Georgia."** In May, reports flew around the country -- and particularly in the South -- that 3,000 United Nations combat troops were encamped near Tallulah Falls, a tiny rural hamlet in the mountains of northern Georgia. According to stories circulating in various militia groups, three locals out hunting stumbled across a secret UN training camp and were accosted by foreign nationals wearing UN combat uniforms. THE NEW AMERICAN journeyed to the area to contact "Sandy," one of the men who had seen the troops and who had "irrefutable evidence" of the 3,000 UN invaders. *"Sandy," it turned out, had no "evidence" at all, "irrefutable" or otherwise, and didn't claim to have any. In fact, he was not even one of the three reported hunters. What had actually happened is this: "Sandy's" stepson and a couple friends had been out hunting and had seen a couple of National Guard trucks and several Guardsmen. Nothing unusual, nothing suspicious. But somehow that sighting evolved into a whopper of alarming proportions.*

- **"NWO Troops in Ohio."** For several weeks in July and August, Internet and various computer bulletin boards were abuzz with stories running under the subject titles "FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency] Troops in Ohio" and "NWO [New World Order] Troops in Ohio?" Here is one entry for July 31st:

The following report is not rumor, I am relaying it from 3 eyewitnesses. Last weekend, July 22-24, over 200 troops suited in black uniforms patrolled a small town in southern Ohio known as Peebles, about 80 miles east of Cincinnati. Witnesses said that the troops carried around M-16s, and that half of them did not speak English. As well, the infamous "black helicopters" were all over the place, landing in fields and pastures in full view for everyone to see. They were practicing house to house searches and car stops The townspeople are very quiet this week, and everyone is scared to death.

THE NEW AMERICAN called the City Hall in Peebles, a rural town of around 1,500 residents about 80 miles east of Cincinnati. The mayor and the police chief were not in, but [police dispatcher Barbara Stephenson said the supposed raid was news to her. Ms. Stephenson, who lives in Peebles, told THE NEW AMERICAN, "I didn't see or hear anything about it. I think I would have known if it had happened and so would all the rest of the people here -- but I don't know of anybody who's even heard of these rumors."](#)

Not content with this "official" line, we checked with the ***Peebles Advertiser***. Bonnie Woodall, the local weekly newspaper's office manager sounded more nonplussed than "scared to death"; how had her news organization missed the home-town scoop of the century?

But perhaps these locals were feigning ignorance due to intimidation. To compensate for that possible factor, we contacted the ***People's Defender*** in West Union, about 15 miles away. The editor, Herb Lax, was not in, but proofreader Debbie Hall assured THE NEW AMERICAN she had not heard word one about the supposed incident. And since news of something that big would travel rapidly in those parts, she doubted they could have missed it completely.

- **"UN Belgian contingent in Montana."** For at least a couple of years rumors have persisted that a large contingent of UN Belgian troops is encamped on the Yaak River in the remote northeast corner of Montana near the Idaho and Canadian borders. THE NEW AMERICAN trekked to the sparsely

populated area and interviewed some of the residents who know that rugged terrain best. They were amused. [The only time they ever hear about these "alarming" things is when outsiders come in and tell them about it. There is nothing there, plain and simple. No Belgian troops, and no UN camp or facility.](#)

Unfortunately, the four incidents cited above are just the tip of a very big iceberg. Similar stories -- spread by radio talk shows, newsletters, fax networks, tabloids, computer bulletin boards, videos, traveling lecturers, and word of mouth -- flood in from every area of the country. Because of the considerable agitation generated by these rumors concerning supposed UN and Russian invasion forces, sightings of mysterious black helicopters, neighborhood raids by multi-jurisdictional task forces of police and military organizations in search of guns, concentration camps, and other related issues, THE NEW AMERICAN has spent hundreds of hours tracking down evidence and witnesses to sift the facts from the fiction.

Besides examining mountains of documents, we have contacted many officials of the government agencies involved; checked with scores of our own reliable sources in law enforcement, intelligence, and all branches of the military; worked with congressional offices and private patriotic organizations; and placed investigators in the field to obtain firsthand information. When we have been able to identify the source of a particular story in question, we have contacted that source to request documentation.

[The stories we have investigated generally have been resolved to one of the following three status levels: 1\) fraudulent; 2\) exaggerated; 3\) undetermined -- possibly credible/partially credible. Not all stories fit neatly; some rumors are more elaborate than others, of course, and may have elements fitting all three categories.](#)

Fraud and Fancy

Like the first four incidents mentioned above, many of the alarming rumors we have examined have proven to be just that, empty rumors -- fanciful stories with no basis in fact. Some, to be perfectly blunt and *uneuphemistic*, would be better described as outright lies and fabrications. [Are they the products of malevolent minds aiming to cause panic and to destabilize our society, or are they merely the demented work of pranksters? Or the fruit of giddy imaginations in the service of egos seeking attention through sensationalism?](#) Those are questions that are difficult (or impossible) to answer even if one can trace the rumor to its original source (which is rare). However, once a rumor gets rolling all of those motivations come into play with various actors. As the gullible come on board the lie begins to gain size and momentum, and takes on a life of its own.

[One persistent rumor that has appeared in many variations and in numerous fora asserts that there are hundreds of thousands of Russian and/or UN troops already secretly stationed in our country.](#) According to a recent issue of *Ben Frank's Almanac*, a Florida-based monthly newsletter, for instance, *"it is estimated that a half million United Nations troops are already in America."* In this case, notice the weasel words "it is estimated." Estimated by whom and based upon what evidence? It doesn't say; we are left to wonder.

Another newsletter, *Monetary and Economic Review*, reported in **March 1993** that *"reports are coming in of railroad cars that are specially equipped with shackles built into the walls for prisoner transport. One railroad car in the Cut Bank, Montana area was loaded with handcuffs, shackles and*

guillotines. Sound bizarre?" Well, yes, now that you mention it, especially since no evidence is provided. Presumably these handcuffs, shackles, and guillotines are to be used by "FINCEN, which is the UN's next level of law enforcement. FINCEN is made up of foreign military and secret police that number about 300,000 in the U.S. at present." The newsletter cited as its source for that information one "Mark from Michigan," a lecturer whose video presentations have stirred anxiety among patriots nationwide about massive invading forces already within our borders.

The newsletter continued: *"These FINCEN troops are ferried around by black helicopters that people have reported seeing all over the country, and were shown on TV in Waco. In November 1990, President Bush signed an executive order that transferred one third of our strategic reserve aircraft over to FINCEN at a cost of \$12.8 billion to the U.S. taxpayer. They were painted black and have no markings, and are now used by FINCEN."* (For more information on "FINCEN," see the "Black Helicopters" sidebar on page 29.) Like many other publications circulating this story, **Monetary and Economic Review** included a map marked with circles and Xs purporting to show the locations of "U.N. battle groups on U.S. soil."

Quoting "Mark from Michigan," the newsletter declared: "Located in the Sacramento area is a 34,000-man battle group." This was particularly interesting news to this writer, who lives in the Sacramento area and who has numerous reliable sources at the various military bases in the region -- all of whom laughed at the story. Ditto for the law enforcement officers who patrol the area and the private pilots who overtly the entire territory on a regular basis and who could reasonably be expected to notice such a large deployment, even if it were divided into several smaller groups.*

* This, of course, does not "prove" that there are not hundreds of thousands of Russian/foreign/UN troops dispersed and concealed throughout the country, since one can't prove a negative. Besides, one must grant that this is a big country with plenty of rural and urban areas where it would be possible to hide large numbers of men and equipment, and that the Soviets have proven themselves time and again to be masters of what they call *Maskirovka* -- camouflage or concealment. Nevertheless, the burden of proof rests with those who make the charges, and while reasonable minds may nibble at seemingly outlandish charges, they demand at least a modicum of substantiating evidence before swallowing the whole thing.

The same map, along with several others allegedly depicting the whereabouts of "MJTF" and "FINCEN" gestapo units, appears in **Cheque Mate: The Game of Princes**, a book on the new world order by Jeffrey Baker published in 1993. In this case the author is at least fairly open about the fact that he is passing on mere hearsay, even if at the same time he seems to be half vouching for its validity with the serious attention he gives it: "If these maps (and the information on them) are authentic, there are also United Nations Battle Groups whose entrance to the United States was passed under Presidential Executive Order signed 11 November 1990 by George Bush. There appear to be fifteen locations on this map."

What should be obvious apparently isn't to many people: If evidence is so completely lacking to substantiate a story, why bother to clutter a book (and readers' minds) with the tale? Why dignify and lend credibility to the rumors by relaying them to others? **Unfortunately, far too many individuals, publications, and organizations have been doing just that, which is why the fables have flourished -- and grown ever more fabulous.** Consider, for example, this undated fax transmission from the Las Vegas-based **American Patriot Fax Network**, a leading rumor purveyor:

Asteroid heading for Earth -- reported on the Chuck Harder "For the People" (94.95) national radio program ... a caller reported an asteroid, a 7 mile wide rock heading for earth, first thought to hit on 11

March, now reported to hit earth on 13 April APFN advisors are looking into details of this information, reporting accordingly.

What more need be said? Any normal, sensible person reading such tripe for the first time, and then seeing from the same source vague but dire warnings about dozens of divisions of Soviet (or UN) troops already occupying America's heartland, could hardly be blamed for adopting the **Establishment media's standard caricature of the "radical right" as a "lunatic fringe" of paranoid misfits. Which may explain why the next time when you attempt rationally to explain to a fellow citizen the very real danger involved in this or that UN treaty he appears oblivious to the piles of documentation you present and fidgets nervously.** He is anxiously awaiting (and praying for) your keeper to come with the butterfly nets and straight-jacket. And who can blame him?

Hyperbole and Humdingers

Following close on the heels of the bogus nightmares mentioned above are numerous reports that are nearly as far out, but may have at least a tenuous basis in fact. Take, for example, this excerpt of a widely circulated May 31st "Fax Alert" from the Militia Of Montana (MOM):

"... also, seen over military T.V. that 100,000 Russian troops are in America at this time. This corresponds with Senator Sam Nunn signing a joint exercise treaty with Russia this morning. This is no joke people. Very real."

Yes, but *how* real? *Senator Sam Nunn did indeed lead a delegation of seven U.S. senators to Russia in May and did invite a Russian military force to come to the United States "for peacekeeping purposes."* This and many similar initiatives that we have reported in previous issues of THE NEW AMERICAN are indeed alarming and should stir a firestorm of patriotic opposition sufficient to upend these policies and rout the politicians who have sponsored and supported them. If this opposition is not mounted, one day soon we may very well have 100,000 Russian (or 500,000 Ukrainian, Uzbekan, Chinese, Korean, etc.) troops occupying our land. **To some it may seem expedient to inflate the danger in order to spread the alarm, but such rigging of the truth ultimately backfires and destroys credibility. The truth is alarming enough and needs no sensationalism.**

But of sensationalism there is plenty, and a prime trafficker in this is the ***Patriot Report***, an Idaho-based newsletter. It usually features one or two pages of tantalizing tidbits under the heading "News Briefs and National Rumors." In the news/rumor section of its July 1994 issue (which ironically is entitled "We Need Truthsayers, Not Domsayers"), the newsletter provides these morsels:

According to patriots, a warehouse near Odessa, TX had black uniformed troops coming and going. *On further investigation it was discovered that inside the huge building was a prison that could hold 144 prisoners*

There is a rumor that a man at a checkout counter of a department store in Fort Worth, TX waved his hand over the laser light, & his name, address, & personal information was displayed on the cash register monitor [sic]. He said he was part of a pilot program. His check was approved

The Civil Air Patrol, which has always been a donation-run operation, has been approached by FEMA to receive funds. FEMA officials have asked the Civil Air Patrol workers if they are willing to "shoot to kill" their friends & neighbors if ordered to do so by the federal government

Reported and confirmed that there are now 19,000 German, Russian & Pakistani troops at Ft. Polk, LA.

The first two "news-rumors" mentioned above would appear to fall into the category of pure fabrication, though we have not investigated them. The second two may have been constructed from a substratum of fact. **Regular readers of this magazine will recall that THE NEW AMERICAN was the first publication to break the story of the "Combat Arms Survey" administered to Marines at Twentynine Palms, California (July 11th issue, page 10).** [The last item of that survey asked the Marines to register their agreement or disagreement with the statement, "I would fire upon U.S. citizens who refuse or resist confiscation of firearms banned by the U.S. government."](#) We have been unable to determine whether or not there is a basis of truth to the FEMA-CAP story, but the most likely explanation is that some "patriot" has borrowed the Marine survey question, liberally stretched and padded it with more shocking words, and then applied it to FEMA, a favorite target of the rumor mills.

[Fort Polk has also become a favorite target, and with some justification; it has been selected as one of the "premier" military installations for the training of troops \(both U.S. and foreign, including Russian\) for UN "peacekeeping" missions.](#) But the 19,000 figure is *vastly* inflated. According to Dan Nance, Fort Polk's deputy public affairs spokesman, the base's *total* military population is around half that figure, about 10,000 -- "and they're all Americans." **Ten times a year Polk's Joint Readiness Training Center holds exercises that may bring 2,000 to 4,000 additional light infantry soldiers -- airborne, air cavalry, special forces, etc. -- onto the base, but these are virtually all U.S. personnel.** ["We do sometimes have very small numbers of foreign troops involved, but not more than company strength -- 100 to 150 men,"](#) says Nance. [That has included German and Canadian units as well as several from Latin America, he said, but, to his knowledge, none from Pakistan or Russia.](#) Which squares fairly well with what THE NEW AMERICAN'S reliable military and civilian sources both on and near the base reported.

In its April 1994 issue, the *Patriot Report* revealed:

U.N. troops in Oregon assaulted two geologists near Bend in early March. Phil Snyder [the source for the story] refused to give his camera to foreign troops and a scuffle ensued They had MJTF above their left shirt pocket, and UN on their backs. Their uniforms were black, and they wore dark blue or black berets He found out that 14,000 UN troops are in Oregon alone. There were between 6,000 and 8,000 in Bend last month. These troops he saw were Yugoslavian.

We checked with our contacts in Oregon: **Not a trace of any UN troops, Yugoslav or otherwise.** [Small wonder; when we finally got through to the *Patriot Report* by telephone we learned that they had about the same amount of evidence as we did: zero.](#) Mrs. Eaton, the wife of the newsletter's editor, George Eaton, told us that Mr. Snyder ["never came through with the photos or documents he](#)

promised. We were scheduled to meet with him several times but he would never show; he always had some excuse. Looks like he was just telling stories."

We suspected as much all along; but it is possible that there might have been a sliver of truth in the mix. **It should be noted that on any given day there may be several hundred to several thousand foreign nationals from dozens of countries in the U.S. receiving training at our various military institutions. Most of these come individually or in small groups to participate in our International Military Education Program, which has been underway for decades.** They may be receiving combat training or training in the operation of equipment purchased from the United States. **Most of these are not connected with the United Nations.** However, those Americans who are already skittish after being exposed to the rumor mongers and who run into some foreign military personnel at the supermarket or while visiting the Army base will probably be certain that they have uncovered a Soviet/UN "battle group." Undoubtedly, this has been a factor in the spread of many of these stories.

Buildup on the Gulf

However, huge stimulus was added to the Russian invasion alarms when a very large assemblage of UN/Russian military vehicles was indeed found in Saucier, Mississippi, a small town 15 miles north of Gulfport. In late 1993, we began to receive photographs and reports about the facility. It became *the* talk of talk radio for weeks and months and the subject of many alarming reports in newsletters and tabloids. Well, it *was* alarming: Soviet tanks and chemical warfare weapons *on American soil*. Evidence, at last. However, investigators for THE NEW AMERICAN who visited the site reported seeing no tanks or other weapons, but *lots* of trucks.

We contacted the owner of the site, Airmar Resources, Inc., and talked with its president, Lieutenant Colonel A.R. Koval (USAF, ret.). **According to Koval, his company had purchased 1,000 vehicles from the German government. These were Russian trucks that were left behind after Germany reunited.** Airmar, a private company, had struck a deal with the UN, said Koval, to refurbish the trucks for civilian use. Seven hundred of the trucks had been brought to Saucier for that purpose and the remaining 300 were in England. The trucks at Airmar are behind a chain link fence and are clearly visible from Highway 49, which runs beside the enclosure. According to Koval, the trucks are mostly water trucks (with 750-gallon tanks) and radio trucks (with old equipment using vacuum tubes, much of it non-operational). Most of the trucks are relatively unused, with less than 1,000 miles, but Koval believes roughly 20 percent will have to be scrapped either because they sat too long exposed to the elements or were damaged in transit. The trucks, he says, are being repainted (white), repaired, provided with new batteries, and, in most cases, with new boxes. Many are being converted to dump trucks, garbage trucks, freight trucks, refrigeration trucks, or ambulances.

Koval offered to allow THE NEW AMERICAN to visit his facility, to examine any or all of the vehicles, and to take photos. Of course we took him up on it. We found the situation to be largely as he had said. The vehicles were being refurbished and would appear to present no military threat. The first 200 are scheduled to be finished and shipped back to Europe in November. They are, according to Airmar, to be purchased by the UN under a previous agreement.

At any rate, the observable facts conformed much closer to Airmar's account than to those that had appeared in the **Spotlight** and similar publications. The **Spotlight's** sensational account of June 27th interwove reports about the Airmar facility with other accounts of alleged sightings of Soviet armored

vehicles in such a way that many readers believed (and reported to others) that Soviet tanks were parked in Saucier. The same **Spotlight** article declared:

A detailed report has been obtained that confirms a large road, about 35 feet in width, has been built to connect the truck depot [Airmar] with the Stennis NASA Space Center, located about 20 miles southeast of the depot near the Mississippi-Louisiana border.

There is no such road. Anyone visiting the Airmar site can easily see that there is no road of any kind leading from the truck depot to the NASA facility or any place other than Highway 49. Nor is there any evidence of which we are aware that the vehicles are being secretly transported to other parts of the country for deployment. We have found no evidence to suggest that the operation is other than what Airmar claims.

Which does not mean that we approve of the venture. **Transporting the vehicles across the Atlantic and back again seems a wasteful and inefficient means of accomplishing the stated end. And since American taxpayers pick up 25 percent of the UN tab (31.5 percent for peacekeeping), we are probably providing Airmar with a hefty subsidy for this enterprise.** However, **bilking the taxpayers and aiding an enemy to invade our country are two different things.**

With many eyes watching the Saucier depot it is not likely that any of the vehicles would be able to leave the facility without being seen. And we shall soon learn if Airmar begins shipping the rebuilt trucks back to Europe, as Colonel Koval has indicated.

Unresolved Accounts

There are many more rumors similar to those above that THE NEW AMERICAN has been investigating. **Over the past several months those which appear to have elicited the greatest public anxiety involve photographs supposedly of Soviet tanks and armored vehicles in the United States.** One photo that has received a great deal of attention shows an armored personnel carrier that is painted white and bears a large "UN" insignia. It is on a rail car along with other green APCs and was reportedly photographed in Montana. Other similar photos have been appearing. Many people consider these to be ironclad "proof" that the invasion forces are already here. But **unless one knows the source of a photograph and can examine it** (and the photographer) **it is of dubious value.**

Photos, of course, can be doctored. Hoaxers, con artists, and disinformation specialists do it all the time. With newer computer technologies making it much easier to create very sophisticated fake photos, publishers must exercise extreme caution and publish only those photographs that can be verified. **Concerning many of the Soviet armor photos, we have been told repeatedly that we would be put in contact with this photographer or that but so far none has come through.** We welcome any and all who have personally photographed any of these Russian armaments to contact us.

It bears mentioning that some Soviet military vehicles have been brought into the U.S. by our Defense Department for testing purposes and for training our own troops against the kinds of

armaments they are likely to face in battle. This would seem to be a legitimate use of the vehicles and should draw no objection. It is probable that some of these have been seen in transit to military bases and have been mistakenly thought to be part of a "battle group."

The same may be true regarding "UN" vehicles that have been sighted. Earlier this year 800 Canadian "peacekeepers" trained at Camp Pendleton, California -- with their tanks, APCs, and transport vehicles. These were shipped down to California for the exercises by train and then sent back to Canada by train afterward. Very likely, many people who saw these trains thought they were carrying the UN occupation forces described by Linda Thompson, "Mark from Michigan," and others. **Make no mistake, we are opposed to allowing foreign troops to train here for UN "peacekeeping," the same as we are opposed to having U.S. military forces train for, or participate in, UN military operations. However, misrepresenting the facts does not advance our cause.**

Another area rife with rumor concerns secret concentration camps or "detention centers" which reportedly are being built -- or are already constructed -- throughout the country for the incarceration of American patriots. Usually these are said to be under the control of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Now, a police state is one big concentration camp or "gulag"; but, as in the Soviet Union, there were (and still are) gulags within the gulag. And if the police state toward which we are headed eventuates, America will have many Treblinkas, Vorkutas, Auschwitzes, and Kolymas. **So it is entirely possible that the police statists who are leading us into the totalitarian vortex have indeed established and/or are building prisons, concentration camps, re-education camps, and detention facilities.**

Some reliable sources have provided THE NEW AMERICAN with photographs of, and information on, what are reportedly secret prison facilities. **We are investigating these through both official and unofficial channels.** We take them seriously, as we do many of the issues mentioned throughout this article, even though the enormous number of fraudulent, fanciful, exaggerated, and speculative stories makes it more and more difficult to do so.

Another case in point: Several months ago Linda Thompson and Mark Koernke ("Mark from Michigan") pressed the **panic buttons again with the announcement that they had discovered a massive "detention center" in Indianapolis.** THE NEW AMERICAN sent an investigator. **The so-called "detention facility" is actually the Amtrack Beech Grove Maintenance Shop.** Yes, it is possible that the facility could be used as a "detention facility" -- as could thousands of other large structures: the New York Subway, the Cow Palace, Dodger Stadium, the Mall of America, dozens of deactivated military bases, government schools, etc. And we could see no reason for suspecting the Amtrack site more than any of those.

But not everything is so kooky. Recently we received photographs of new federal police patches for FEMA and the General Services Administration. The FEMA patch designates the agency as the "United States Police." Are they jumping the gun a little? FEMA initially denied that the patch was theirs, indicating that the patch

was fraudulent. However, FEMA spokesman Steve Horwitz agreed to check with FEMA Director James Witt on the matter and get back to us. Several hours later he faxed us the following message: **"There may be something to the patch -- as a patch worn by our security officers at our communications training center. I'm checking. But there is no connection to 'enforcement of the crime bill'"** (emphasis in original). Perhaps.

Since the federal government has been operating under a perpetual state of emergency almost since the inauguration of the New Deal, and since during a declared emergency FEMA has sweeping authority over food, water, energy, transportation, health services, construction materials, and other areas of our lives, FEMA could indeed become a de facto national police force. **That is a genuine danger deserving of concern and opposition from patriots.**

Some Real Threats

Here are just a few of the many more *concrete, certifiable, imminent threats* to our nation and our liberty:

- In his press briefing on May 5, 1994 concerning UN peacekeeping, National Security Adviser Anthony Lake (CFR) noted that 69,000 Americans were serving in various UN operations around the world. Since that time, another 16,000 members of our armed forces have been deployed to Haiti. With the U.S. Army now down to roughly ten combat divisions (about 150,000 troops) from 18 only a few years ago, we can see that Congress has allowed the President to strip America of the equivalent of more than half of her Army combat troops, to be put into the service of the UN. Some of the UN troops serving as UN gendarmes, of course, are Marines and National Guardsmen. However, the Pentagon claims that it does not have figures available on a service-by-service breakdown of those serving in UN operations.
- In 1993 President Clinton tried to push through \$10 million to establish a military staff command and control center for the UN in New York. He attempted to implement Presidential Decision Directive 13 (PDD-13) to place the U.S. military increasingly under the operational control of the UN. On May 3, 1994, he signed PDD-25, which remains secret and unavailable to members of Congress and the American public. (THE NEW AMERICAN, July 11, 1994.) The Administration admitted in its publicly released executive summary of PDD-25 that under some circumstances "the U.S. will agree to have a UN commander exercise overall operational control over U.S. forces."
- ***Freedom From War: The United States Program for General and Complete Disarmament in a Peaceful World*** summarizes the official U.S. plan for transfer of all U.S. military assets to the United Nations. This program, first made public in 1961, is moving forward at a frightening pace. (THE NEW AMERICAN, November 29, 1993 and September 19, 1994.)
- As noted earlier in this article, on May 10th, Marines at the Twentynine Palms Marine base in California were given a "Combat Arms Survey" which posed a number of alarming statements to which the Marines were to register their agreement or disagreement. The final statement, #46, posed the situation in which the federal government had banned the possession of all "nonsporting firearms"

and had required all Americans to turn over their weapons to authorities. The Marines were asked if they would be willing to fire on Americans who resisted gun confiscation. When THE NEW AMERICAN first broke the story, the damage-control spinmeisters at the Department of Defense assured everyone that this was an isolated incident which only involved an officer gathering information for his master's degree thesis. Since then, however, another Marine has provided us with a copy of the same survey which was given at his base, Camp Pendleton, California. Coming in the wake of PDD-25, the flurry of anti-gun legislation in 1993-94, and the grisly carnage perpetrated in Waco due to the Administration's irrational zeal for gun confiscation, alarm is justified.

- A Marine has provided THE NEW AMERICAN with a recently issued pamphlet entitled **Peace-Keeping Criminal Justice Standards for Military Police, U.S. Marine Corps**. The inside page of the front cover bears the UN insignia and the title, "United Nations Criminal Justice Standards for Peace-Keeping Police." It was prepared by the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the United Nations Office in Vienna.
- Reports that Fort Polk, Louisiana has been "turned over" to the UN and is occupied by thousands of foreign troops are gross exaggerations. However, the Clinton Administration is making it into the "premiere" U.S. training center for the New World Army. On the weekend of August 13th-14th, U.S. Ambassador to the UN Madeleine Albright (CFR) and General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, attended an exercise at the base's Joint Readiness Training Center, in which U.S. forces enacted a scenario of "peace enforcement." Albright praised the exercise and said that U.S. forces are learning "how to operate in an entirely new international situation." "The world is going to have an awful lot of these operations," Shalikashvili told the assembled U.S. soldiers. "This is not going to come to an end when Rwanda is over or Bosnia is over. We are going to run these operations for quite some time *It's the business you're going to be in*" (emphasis added). Training at the new \$12 million Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) complex at Ft. Polk includes practice in disarming civilian "militias."
- A secret UN report published in August 1993, known as the "Farer Report," reveals that the Clinton Administration and the UN conspired to seize Radio Mogadishu, an instrument of the free press of Somalia, and that in the process of doing so UN troops fired on crowds of unarmed Somali civilians. It was these criminal acts which launched the escalation of violence. The Farer Report was used by the Administration and the UN as justification to "indict" General Aidid and to launch the illfated October 3rd raid in which 19 Americans were killed and 75 wounded. The Farer Report still remains secret, and the UN refuses to release it to Congress or the public. THE NEW AMERICAN is the only national publication to have obtained a copy of the report and published an article exposing it (September 5th issue).
- The Clinton Administration is enraptured with the Russians, as a report in the **Washington Post** for May 6, 1994 makes clear: "In two days of talks in Moscow, a high-level U.S. delegation of about 25 defense and security officials proposed a broad range of new security ventures with the Russians, including a combined exercise of Russian and U.S. peacekeeping troops in the U.S. next year [T]he U.S. officials said they bared their strategic souls to the Russians this week, presenting them with a briefing from the CIA on perceived threats ... and a presentation from an Air Force general who detailed the U.S. short-range missile defense program. The U.S. also offered to swap precise information with the Russians on the exact number of warheads and amounts of warhead-making material in the two powers' arsenals. 'We described to them our strategic exercises in great detail and

code names and everything,' said Ashton Carter, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy, who led the team here."

- Under the Clinton "Partnership for Peace" program, the down-sized U.S. Armed Forces are developing links to the military services of the "formerly" communist nations of the Soviet Union. Meanwhile, under the "National Guard State Partnership" program, the National Guards in 14 states have established exchange programs with a corresponding number of "former" East Bloc countries.
- On July 4th of this year, President Clinton's FBI director, Louis Freeh, concluded a tour of Russia by signing a protocol in Moscow to establish intimate cooperation between U.S. and Russian law enforcement agencies. This means an increasing merger of American police with Boris Yeltsin's reconstituted KGB, which includes most of the same brutal, murderous elements of the "old" dread secret police.
- During the Waco Branch Davidian standoff, Janet Reno's FBI Counter Terrorism Center went to Russian psychological warfare expert Igor Smirnov of Moscow's Institute of Psycho-Correction. Smirnov provided advice on subliminal warfare measures to be used against the Davidians.
- While pushing frantically to disarm the American people, the federal government is aggressively arming its bureaucrats. The EPA, FDA, BLM, IRS, and just about every other agency are arming to the teeth. In Libby, Montana, already strained relations between citizens and Forest Service officials got decidedly worse when it was revealed recently that local Forest Service officials had purchased more than 30,000 rounds of .45 calibre ammunition.

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All of these items are *facts* -- not sensational rumors or lies. They speak for themselves and are easily verified. There is no need to fabricate or exaggerate; **the truth is alarming enough and provides ample targets for our time, talents, energy, and resources.** The hour is so late, and the need so very great, that we dare not -- *must not* -- distract ourselves and waste our time and resources chasing every foolish, windblown rumor that wafts our way.

About Those Black Helicopters

by William F. Jasper

In the rumor galaxy, "black helicopters" are the supernovas. If you have not heard hair-curling accounts of mysterious solid-black, unmarked helicopters hovering menacingly over your city or assaulting some patriot's house, you almost certainly have not been listening to many radio talk shows or reading conservative newsletters. If, however, you have been even a casual peruser of various "patriotic papers" and like-minded radio programs, you will know that these aircraft play a prominent role in much of the current hysteria.

Two notable patriot personages, Mark Koernke ("Mark from Michigan") and Linda Thompson, appear to have played the primary roles in popularizing this scare. Through their lecture tours, video

programs, and radio talk-show appearances, they have stoked the fires of panic and paranoia. Ms. Thompson, who was the subject of a profile by Robert W. Lee in the September 19th issue of THE NEW AMERICAN, rose to prominence in the wake of the Waco tragedy. However, her ill-conceived call to insurrection and an armed march on Washington, and her self-appointed grandiose role as "Acting Adjutant General, Unorganized Militia of the United States of America," appear to have cost her much of her earlier support.

"Mark From Michigan"

The popularity of "Mark from Michigan," however, appears unabated. Identifying himself only as "a former military intelligence officer," he claims to be fighting to stop the onrushing new world order police state -- a praiseworthy objective, to be sure (and one that we share). [But his message seems more inclined to produce paranoia, paralysis, and despair than robust and effective resistance.](#) On his video, *America in Peril*, "Mark" tells his audience that vast numbers of black helicopters -- "more than you can count" -can be seen regularly filling the skies over Michigan. These, he claims, are the vehicles which will be (and are being) used by UN-FINCEN-FEMA-MJTF forces to invade our communities and to haul us off to concentration camps. He is entitled to his opinion, of course, and to his own pet "end-times" scenario, but he should realize that knowledgeable patriots will not automatically accept as gospel his every riveting word solely on the authority of his alleged past as an "intelligence" analyst.

Before venturing further, we must digress; we can almost sense the reaction of some readers (since we have already experienced it with telephone callers): *"Are you trying to tell me that I didn't see that black helicopter that was only 40 feet above my house?"* Not at all. [We are not questioning the reality of these aircraft.](#) We have received acknowledgment of their existence by responsible government officials and have many confirmed sightings of the choppers (parked on the ground and in flight) by extremely reliable witnesses. [But the appearance in the skies of a single black UH-1 Huey or even a whole squadron of AH-64 Apaches does not validate "Mark's" frightening thesis.](#) Not by a long shot. That much should be evident.

First of all, is there another reasonable explanation for these craft? There appear to be many. [Although an all-black paint scheme is not the most common one for helicopters, it apparently is used by a number of city, state, and federal law enforcement agencies as well as by some military units.](#) One of the many places our research led us to was Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, home to the U.S. Army Special Forces. [Army spokesperson Carol Jones confirmed that all of the helicopters of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment -- nicknamed the "Nightstalkers" and stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky -- are indeed black.](#) She explained that her office has handled a number of calls ["on the East coast here where people think they are seeing some of our helicopters, but we check and they're not ours; they actually belong to local police departments or other law enforcement agencies."](#)

Fort Rucker, Alabama is the Army's helicopter training center. Major Endicott, spokesman for the base, told THE NEW AMERICAN, ["I've never seen any helicopters painted black," but noted that the Army paints many of its choppers in very dark shades of brown or olive green that often will look black unless you are very close and have very good light.](#) Which comports with the testimony of many servicemen with whom we talked -- and with several of our witnesses who reported that at first sight they were positive the helicopters they had seen were solid black (like those described by "Mark"), but when they got within a few yards or a few feet of them they could see that they were indeed Army green or brown. Moreover, as many veterans told us, and as one can easily confirm for oneself, most

helicopters will appear to be black to an observer on the ground looking up at a chopper silhouetted against the sky. And if it is a cloudy day, near dusk or after dark, many choppers will appear to be black even if they have another paint scheme.

Is the color scheme of helicopters that important and worth belaboring? Not in and of itself; but an understanding of it does help explain why so many alarmed citizens have reported seeing these "FINCEN" aircraft. Undoubtedly, many of these witnesses are seeing local police, medical, fire, news, or military choppers painted "FINCEN" black due to visibility factors and "Mark's" power of suggestion.

The central fact to keep in mind is that neither "Mark," nor Linda Thompson, nor any of the other alarmists we are aware of, has produced a shred of credible documentation to substantiate their shocking tales. They appear to be gambling that the legitimate outrage and apprehension caused by Waco and the accelerating police-state agenda of the Clinton Administration can be counted on to cause most Americans to suspend all exercise of discernment and the standard rules of evidence as long as the tale-bearer bashes Clinton, blasts the feds, brandishes the Constitution, and swears to "go down shooting."

FinCEN: A Real Danger

But what about this "FINCEN" business? Actually, [the proper acronym is FinCEN, for Financial Crimes Enforcement Network](#), an organization launched by George Bush's Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady (CFR) under an Executive Order dated April 25, 1990 (No. 105-08). According to that order, *"The mission of FinCEN is to provide a government-wide, multi-source intelligence and analytical network in support of the detection, investigation, and prosecution of domestic and international money laundering and other financial crimes by Federal, State, local, and foreign law enforcement agencies."*

In its public relations brochure, FinCEN tells us:

FinCEN is currently staffed by criminal investigators and/or analysts from Customs, IRS, DEA, Secret Service, Postal Inspection Service, FBI and BATF.... FinCEN is in the process of establishing a working relationship with state, local, and foreign law enforcement agencies as well.

Are fears that FinCEN is a nascent gestapo justified? Absolutely. Its sweeping powers, access to records of our most private financial affairs, and cross-jurisdictional mission strike at the core of our constitutional protection. Its constantly evolving definitions of "financial crimes" are leading toward the elimination of all financial privacy and the criminalization of perfectly legitimate transactions and economic arrangements. We have reported on the terrible injustices and dangers to liberty involved in the increasing use of "asset forfeiture" powers by law enforcement at all levels of government. (THE NEW AMERICAN, May 31, 1993.) FinCEN is a major catalyst in the promotion of these abuses. Moreover, **it is a central player in the subversive scheme to corrupt and nationalize law enforcement:** While the federal EPA, OSHA, EEOC, and other alphabet soup agencies pauperize municipal budgets with crushing mandates that leave police departments begging, FinCEN shows local law enforcement how to solve their funding problems by seizing the property of their citizens -- the classic good cop-bad cop routine. FinCEN should be abolished for all of these reasons and more, not because anonymous sources have conjured up (and presented as fact) terrifying chimeras that

feature armadas of black choppers and fearsome troops in Darth Vaderesque attire swooping down on unsuspecting communities.

Unfortunately, because of the federal government's phony war on drugs there are more than enough instances that "Mark" and others can cite of neighborhood "sweeps" involving large inter-agency forces (often with helicopters -- some black, some not) that appear to authenticate their stories.

Louisiana Under Siege?

Over the past year, because Louisiana has been "host" to some of these operations, the rumor mills would have one believe that the whole state is under marshal law. On September 14th, for example, a raid on the Ledbetter Heights area of Shreveport elicited excited reports that thousands of troops with flotillas of black helos were taking over the Pelican State. **The real story was alarming enough without hyperbolization.** This is from an account by the Shreveport *Times* on September 20th of Operation Bottoms Up:

Last Wednesday, after an 18-month investigation, 200 federal, state and local law enforcement officials sealed off nine blocks of Ledbetter Heights and arrested two dozen people on drug and violent crime charges.

Altogether, criminal charges were filed against 45 alleged members of the Bottoms Boys, described by federal authorities as one of Shreveport's "best organized and most violent street gangs."

The raid involved members of the Shreveport police, Caddo County Sheriff's Department, state police, the FBI, and the U.S. Marshal's office. *One* Louisiana National Guard helicopter -- painted olive green, not black -- was employed, according to the *Times* and to eyewitnesses interviewed by THE NEW AMERICAN. The Times report continues:

... [Attorney General Janet] Reno praised the joint effort She also said U.S. Attorney Michael Skinner has made it clear *the raid was the beginning of the joint federal, state and local enforcement effort....*

Reno said she wants to end turf battles ... and create cooperative relationships among federal enforcement agencies and local prosecutors and law enforcement officials

That push became the National Anti-Violent Crime Initiative, which was *announced in March and is ongoing in every state*, Reno said. [Emphasis added.]

Earlier in the year, similar raids were launched in other Louisiana locales. In January, a large "narcotics sweep" was made in Amite, a small town 50 miles north of New Orleans. The 140-man force included elements from the FBI, ATF, National Guard, Amite police, and the Tri-Parish Task Force. In the Port Allen area near Baton Rouge, Operation Gold Coast is an ongoing operation that has involved a number of drug raids. But according to officials there, it is a local operation involving police and sheriff's departments -- no federal agencies, and no black helicopters, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

Claims that these Louisiana raids were used as cover to conduct warrantless house-to-house searches for guns also appear to be untrue. Percy Collins, a retired

police officer from Beaumont, Texas and a resident of Ledbetter Heights, watched the Shreveport raid from his front porch. He told THE NEW AMERICAN that the officers appeared to have warrants and were properly executing them at locations that were known centers of drug activity. He was not aware of any inappropriate or random searches. **We have been unable to verify or disprove reports of illegal searches of homes in Amite for weapons.** In Port Allen, reports of illegal weapons searches of residences appear to be false; Operation Gold Coast involves the so-called "Gold Coast" of U.S. Highway 190, a "sin district" of bars and go-go dance halls infamous for drug trafficking and prostitution.

Which isn't to say that these drug raids are not being used to prepare the way for gun raids. It is obvious from the anti-gun agenda of President Clinton, Janet Reno, Handgun Control, Inc., and most of the major media, that that is exactly what is in the works. That was made clear earlier this year when warrantless apartment-to-apartment firearms searches of federal housing projects in Chicago were ruled unconstitutional and stopped by court order. President Clinton's response was to try to skirt the constitutional protection by calling on "tenant associations to put clauses in their leases allowing searches when crime conditions make it necessary." In other words, extortion by the federal landlord: "Sign away your rights or you're out on the street."

Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces

A regular feature of the black helicopter legends is "**MJTF**," which stands for **Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force**. According to the rumor circuits, this is an organization composed of hundreds of thousands of members of the military and federal, state, and local police operating under FinCEN and the United Nations. **Multi-jurisdictional task forces are not new**; local sheriffs and U.S. marshals have cooperated in tracking down bad guys since the days of the Old West and before. **But using the "multi-jurisdictional task force" as a proper noun with capital letters and the MJTF acronym is deceptive.** **As far as we have been able to determine, there is no discrete entity known as MJTF, in the sense that there is an FBI, BATF, FinCEN, CIA, etc.** Yet, that is what alarmists always imply and often explicitly state. They claim to have seen black helos and black-uniformed police with "MJTF" on them. **None of the law enforcement officers we interviewed had ever seen any "MJTF" markings or had heard the term used other than in the standard generic sense.** **This included officers who had participated in multi-jurisdictional operations involving federal agencies (and who were *not*, it should be noted, at all sympathetic to federal encroachment).**

Multi-jurisdictional task forces can serve a legitimate, constitutional law enforcement function. However, in recent years, such operations have been used as a cloak to federalize law enforcement. Most of the multi-jurisdictional operations underway can and should be carried out (if conducted at all) without federal involvement. If a local crime situation is out of control, the sheriff has the authority to deputize law-abiding citizens and to appeal to county officials to provide the funding necessary for more officers; there is no need to go hat in hand to Washington for funds that must come out of the pockets of local taxpayers anyway.

Militarizing Law Enforcement

Another ominous development with the explosion of federal multi-jurisdictional operations is the increasing involvement of the military. Our **posse comitatus law**

provides that, *"Whoever, except in cases under circumstances expressly authorized by the Constitution or Act of Congress, willfully uses any part of the Army or Air Force as a posse comitatus or otherwise to execute the laws shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both."*

The courts have upheld the right of law enforcement agencies to receive "passive" military assistance -- the use of training facilities and equipment -- but the federal government has been pushing the limits of what the law will allow. Federal, state, and local law enforcement and regulatory agencies are sending personnel to military training facilities in growing numbers. Military planes, helicopters, and other assets are being tasked to police operations with increasing frequency.

In October 1993, National Guard units were deployed in Puerto Rico to perform law enforcement functions alongside the police. James Pate, writing in the May 1994 *Soldier of Fortune*, revealed that an Army Special Forces team from Joint Task Force Six (JTF-6) at Fort Bliss, Texas was involved in advising the ATF force that assaulted the Branch Davidian compound in Waco in April 1993. *Texas National Guard helicopters were used in that deadly debacle.* JTF-6 operates in conjunction with [Operation Alliance](#), a creature of the Justice Department which provides military assistance to civilian law enforcement.

According to Pate, **the JTF-6 handbook states that military personnel "are precluded by the Posse Comitatus Act from performing search, seizure, arrest or other similar law enforcement activities."** However, notes Pate, the Operation Alliance/JTF-6 legal staffs are busy **"finding legal loopholes to allow further military involvement in civilian law enforcement."** This skirting of posse comitatus restrictions is seen as "innovative" at JTF-6. *"Innovative approaches to providing new and more effective support to [law enforcement agencies] are constantly sought,"* the JTF-6 guidebook says, *"and legal and policy barriers to the application of military capabilities are gradually being eliminated Pending legislative actions may soon alleviate some of these restrictions...."* **If these "innovations" are allowed to continue, we will soon have to worry not just about "black helicopters," but federal tanks and troops at our doorstep.**

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In his contribution to *The Permanent Revolution: The French Revolution and Its Legacy*, a bicentennial anthology of homage to the worldwide radical transformations wrought by that seminal event, Professor George Steiner wrote: "The barest enumeration of the consequences of 1789 enforces the realization that the world as we know it today is the composite of reflexes, political assumptions and structures, rhetorical postulates, bred by the French Revolution The French Revolution is the pivotal historico-social date after the foundation of Christianity."

Indeed and much more. Its leading adherents from 1789 to the present have, by word and deed, proven repeatedly their ferocious zeal utterly to obliterate Christianity and the entire moral-social-political order it has built.

"To make the people happy," said Jacobin leader Rabaud de Saint-Etienne, "their ideas must be reconstructed, laws must be changed, morals must be changed, men must be changed, things must be changed, yes everything must be destroyed, since everything must be remade."

From the general to the specific, every tortured tumbrel tread of the "Clinton Revolution" sounds like a loathsome scripted theme from the ongoing cacophony of terror and destruction unleashed in 1789. With fluid ease "Slick Willie" flits from one Jacobin guise to another: As Robespierre, he proclaims his love for "the people," while simultaneously devising the most hideous plans for *depopulation*; as Anacharsis Cloutz he exults in the "sublime religion of Nature" and preaches the gospel of "internationalism"; and as the Marquis de Sade, he institutionalizes perversion and scandalously indulges his own libidinal excesses. Danton, of course, he reprises almost too perfectly. It was Danton, remember, who on the evening of August 28, 1792 announced to the Assembly the Commune's intention to search Paris house-to-house for arms and suspected traitors.

Study the Revolution

Is it merely a happy coincidence that almost exactly 200 years later Citizen Clinton has initiated his Dantesque disarmament scheme? You may believe that if it gives you comfort, but his every word and action -- not to mention those as well of the Marats and Mirabeaus, the Babeufs, Heberts, Brissots, and Talleyrands with whom he has filled his retinue -- argue that he is as ardent and studious a disciple of the "Permanent Revolution" as was Lenin, who declared: "We, the Bolsheviks, are the Jacobins of the Twentieth Century." Which is why those who would oppose the Revolution today are themselves well advised to *study the Revolution*, particularly as presented in *The French Revolution* by Nesta Webster, *Conspiracy Against God and Man* by Reverend Clarence Kelly, and *Proofs of a Conspiracy* by Professor John Robison.

One of the most important lessons to be learned from the tragic experience of the French two centuries ago concerns the diabolical cunning and deception repeatedly employed by revolutionary leaders such as the Duc d'Orleans to manipulate the people with wild rumors calculated to cause panic. British historian Nesta Webster writes in *The French Revolution*:

[I]n order to rouse the people one must begin by frightening them. It was Adrien Duport, one of the most inventive members of the Club Breton [the Jacobins], who devised the project known to contemporaries as "The Great Fear," a scheme which consisted in sending messengers to all the towns and villages of France to announce the approach of imaginary brigands, Austrians or English, who were arriving to massacre the citizens. On the same day, the 28th of July, and almost at the same hour, this diabolical manoeuvre was repeated all over France; everywhere the panic-stricken peasants flew to arms, and thus the great aim of the revolutionary leaders was realized -- the arming of the entire population against law and order.

By this means anarchy was complete throughout the kingdom and the crimes of July 14 and 22 in Paris were followed in the provinces by atrocities too revolting to describe. This Reign of Terror, organized by the Orleanistes, was, in fact, even more frightful than the Terror of Robespierre four years later.

Moreover, it was the anarchy of the first Terror that destroyed the stability of the old order and institutionalized the more systematic later Terror. Again, Webster:

Such violence as the people committed was invariably instigated by revolutionary emissaries who persuaded them to act under a misapprehension, and methods of diabolical ingenuity were employed to overcome their reluctance. Thus, for example, the agitators, taking advantage of the King's benevolent proclamations in favour of reform, succeeded in making the peasants believe that Louis XVI wished to take part with them against the noblesse, and to invoke their aid in demolishing the Old Regime. Messengers were sent into the towns and villages bearing placards or proclaiming by word of mouth: "The King orders all chateaux to be burnt down; he only wishes to keep his own!" and such was the amazing credulity of the country people that they set forth to burn and destroy, believing in all good faith that they were carrying out the orders [of the king],

Over and over again the people were buffeted and exploited by the fiendish rumor mills of the revolutionary thugs who intended to enslave them: Their wine and flour was poisoned, they were told; farmers and bakers were hoarding grain and bread to drive up prices, was the common charge. The result: Many people were tricked into destroying perfectly good food; bakeries and granaries were burned, their owners beaten or

killed; farmers and merchants, fearing for their lives and property, did not go to market; and *voilà!*, a famine -- exactly what the revolutionists wanted -was created.

The Rumor Mill

Do we face similar circumstances today? It is obvious that we do. The dominant Establishment media bombard the public with an incessant farrago of mythical "crises" -- crime, environmental catastrophe, overpopulation, resource depletion, poverty, famine, etc. -- designed to induce a perpetual state of manipulable near mass hysteria. But knowledgeable conservatives, Christians, and constitutionalists -- particularly those who are aware of the one-world agenda of the managed news media -- are immune to such manipulation, right? Or are they? Consider the following rumors, and the reality behind them:

- **"Federal occupation in New Mexico."** In August, intense national media coverage was focused on Catron County in rural southeastern New Mexico where a nonbinding county ordinance was passed requiring every household to keep a firearm of choice and ammunition. This was Catron County's response to passage of the Brady bill, the Clinton crime package, and other federal assaults on the Second Amendment. It was also an expression of the growing tension between the independent-minded citizens of Catron County and the federal bureaucrats (such as those at the EPA, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) whose policies and decisions threaten the very existence of rural communities. In the past several years, Catron County has played a lead role in sparking a revolt of counties in western states against unconstitutional and oppressive federal mandates.

However, recent reports on the intensifying conflict between the locals and the feds were transmogrified by rumor into alarming stories of a federal invasion and occupation of the county. Militia groups from throughout the country prepared to come to "rescue" Catron County citizens.

Gene Ballinger, editor of the *Courier*, a weekly newspaper published in Hatch, New Mexico, has attempted to defuse what could become a dangerously explosive situation if wild rumors are allowed to run unchecked. In a *Courier* editorial for September 15, 1994 entitled "There Is No Invasion of Catron County," Ballinger contrasted the known facts with the sensational hearsay and appealed for those concerned to exercise caution, reason, and responsibility:

Rumors are the most dangerous things anyone can transmit. And rumors are rife throughout New Mexico, and across the United States, at this time, about Carton County being invaded by a federal-state task force.

According to Danny Fryar, Catron County Manager, a prison inmate told FBI agents that he knew where a body was buried. The location happened to be in Catron County.

Agents brought the inmate to Catron County last month and he took them to the place the body was supposedly buried. Fryar understands that there was evidence that a body had been buried at the location, but had been moved, apparently without the knowledge of the inmate.

Then other agencies, including the Department of Justice, and the ATF, came in with sniffer dogs in an attempt to locate the remains. Apparently that failed, and then New Mexico National Guard troops

were brought in to assist the FBI and other agencies in a shoulder-to-shoulder search of the suspected area where the body was likely to be located Fryar said it is a rugged, heavily timbered area.

The bottom line is very simple and that is: the various agencies are doing their respective jobs, as they are supposed to do....

Rumors that a Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force [MJTF] had moved into Catron County to seize firearms and arrest citizens are totally unfounded and untrue, and we felt it best to quash those rumors once and for all.

Ballinger told *The New American* that he had received hundreds of calls from alarmed citizens in faraway states, many of whom had heard that hundreds of troops and federal agents together with military helicopters and convoys of vehicles had descended on Catron County. In reality, only two FBI agents, 12 National Guardsmen, one Luna County Sheriff's deputy, and one police officer from the city of Deming, New Mexico were involved in the search. And since they were searching a secluded area, most residents of the county did not even know they were there.

- **"UN Troops encamped in Georgia."** In May, reports flew around the country — and particularly in the South — that 3,000 United Nations combat troops were encamped near Tallulah Falls, a tiny rural hamlet in the mountains of northern Georgia. According to stories circulating in various militia groups, three locals out hunting stumbled across a secret UN training camp and were accosted by foreign nationals wearing UN combat uniforms. *The New American* journeyed to the area to contact "Sandy," one of the men who had seen the troops and who had "irrefutable evidence" of the 3,000 UN invaders. "Sandy," it turned out, had no "evidence" at all, "irrefutable" or otherwise, and didn't claim to have any. In fact, he was not even one of the three reported hunters. What had actually happened is this: "Sandy's" stepson and a couple friends had been out hunting and had seen a couple of National Guard trucks and several Guardsmen. Nothing unusual, nothing suspicious. But somehow that sighting evolved into a whopper of alarming proportions.

- **"NWO Troops in Ohio."** For several weeks in July and August, Internet and various computer bulletin boards were abuzz with stories running under the subject titles "FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency] Troops in Ohio" and "NWO [New World Order] Troops in Ohio?" Here is one entry for July 31st:

The following report is not rumor, I am relaying it from 3 eyewitnesses. Last weekend, July 22-24, over 200 troops suited in black uniforms patrolled a small town in southern Ohio known as Peebles, about 80 miles east of Cincinnati. Witnesses said that the troops carried around M-16s, and that half of them did not speak English. As well, the infamous "black helicopters" (for information about "black helicopters," see the accompanying article following this one) were all over the place, landing in fields and pastures in full view for everyone to see. They were practicing house to house searches and car stops The townspeople are very quiet this week, and everyone is scared to death.

The New American called the City Hall in Peebles, a rural town of around 1,500 residents about 80 miles east of Cincinnati. The mayor and the police chief were not in, but police dispatcher Barbara Stephenson said the supposed raid was news to her. Ms. Stephenson, who lives in Peebles, told *The New American*, "I didn't see or hear anything about it. I think I would have known if it had happened and so would all the rest of the people here -- but I don't know of anybody who's even heard of these rumors."

Not content with this "official" line, we checked with the *Peebles Advertiser*. Bonnie Woodall, the local weekly newspaper's office manager sounded more nonplussed than "scared to death"; how had her news organization missed the home-town scoop of the century?

But perhaps these locals were feigning ignorance due to intimidation. To compensate for that possible factor, we contacted the *People's Defender* in West Union, about 15 miles away. The editor, Herb Lax, was not in, but proofreader Debbie Hall assured *The New American* she had not heard word one about the supposed incident. And since news of something that big would travel rapidly in those parts, she doubted they could have missed it completely.

- **"UN Belgian contingent in Montana."** For at least a couple of years rumors have persisted that a large contingent of UN Belgian troops is encamped on the Yaak River in the remote northeast corner of Montana near the Idaho and Canadian borders. *The New American* trekked to the sparsely populated area and interviewed some of the residents who know that rugged terrain best. They were amused. The only time they ever hear about these "alarming" things is when outsiders come in and tell them about it. There is nothing there, plain and simple. No Belgian troops, and no UN camp or facility.

Unfortunately, the four incidents cited above are just the tip of a very big iceberg. Similar stories -- spread by radio talk shows, newsletters, fax networks, tabloids, computer bulletin boards, videos, traveling lecturers, and word of mouth -- flood in from every area of the country. Because of the considerable agitation generated by these rumors concerning supposed UN and Russian invasion forces, sightings of mysterious black helicopters, neighborhood raids by multi-jurisdictional task forces of police and military organizations in search of guns, concentration camps, and other related issues, *The New American* has spent hundreds of hours tracking down evidence and witnesses to sift the facts from the fiction.

Besides examining mountains of documents, we have contacted many officials of the government agencies involved; checked with scores of our own reliable sources in law enforcement, intelligence, and all branches of the military; worked with congressional offices and private patriotic organizations; and placed investigators in the field to obtain firsthand information. When we have been able to identify the source of a particular story in question, we have contacted that source to request documentation.

The stories we have investigated generally have been resolved to one of the following three status levels: 1) fraudulent; 2) exaggerated; 3) undetermined -- possibly credible/partially credible. Not all stories fit neatly; some rumors are more elaborate than others, of course, and may have elements fitting all three categories.

Fraud and Fancy

Like the first four incidents mentioned above, many of the alarming rumors we have examined have proven to be just that, empty rumors -- fanciful stories with no basis in fact. Some, to be perfectly blunt and uneuphemistic, would be better described as outright lies and fabrications. Are they the products of malevolent minds aiming to cause panic and to destabilize our society, or are they merely the demented work of pranksters? Or the fruit of giddy imaginations in the service of egos seeking attention through sensationalism? Those are questions that are difficult (or impossible) to answer even if one can trace the rumor to its original source (which is rare). However, once a rumor gets rolling all of those motivations come

into play with various actors. As the gullible come on board the lie begins to gain size and momentum, and takes on a life of its own.

One persistent rumor that has appeared in many variations and in numerous fora asserts that there are hundreds of thousands of Russian and/or UN troops already secretly stationed in our country. According to a recent issue of *Ben Frank's Almanac*, a Florida-based monthly newsletter, for instance, "it is estimated that a half million United Nations troops are already in America." In this case, notice the weasel words "it is estimated." Estimated by whom and based upon what evidence? It doesn't say; we are left to wonder.

Another newsletter, *Monetary and Economic Review*, reported in March 1993 that "reports are coming in of railroad cars that are specially equipped with shackles built into the walls for prisoner transport. One railroad car in the Cut Bank, Montana area was loaded with handcuffs, shackles and guillotines. Sound bizarre?" Well, yes, now that you mention it, especially since no evidence is provided. Presumably these handcuffs, shackles, and guillotines are to be used by "FINCEN, which is the UN's next level of law enforcement. FINCEN is made up of foreign military and secret police that number about 300,000 in the U.S. at present." The newsletter cited as its source for that information one "Mark from Michigan," a lecturer whose video presentations have stirred anxiety among patriots nationwide about massive invading forces already within our borders.

The newsletter continued: "These FINCEN troops are ferried around by black helicopters that people have reported seeing all over the country, and were shown on TV in Waco. In November 1990, President Bush signed an executive order that transferred one third of our strategic reserve aircraft over to FINCEN at a cost of \$12.8 billion to the U.S. taxpayer. They were painted black and have no markings, and are now used by FINCEN." (For more information on "FINCEN," see the "Black Helicopters" sidebar.) Like many other publications circulating this story, *Monetary and Economic Review* included a map marked with circles and Xs purporting to show the locations of "U.N. battle groups on U.S. soil."

Quoting "Mark from Michigan," the newsletter declared: "Located in the Sacramento area is a 34,000-man battle group." This was particularly interesting news to this writer, who lives in the Sacramento area and who has numerous reliable sources at the various military bases in the region -- all of whom laughed at the story. Ditto for the law enforcement officers who patrol the area and the private pilots who overtly the entire territory on a regular basis and who could reasonably be expected to notice such a large deployment, even if it were divided into several smaller groups.*

The same map, along with several others allegedly depicting the whereabouts of "MJTF" and "FINCEN" gestapo units, appears in *Cheque Mate: The Game of Princes*, a book on the new world order by Jeffrey Baker published in 1993. In this case the author is at least fairly open about the fact that he is passing on mere hearsay, even if at the same time he seems to be half vouching for its validity with the serious attention he gives it: "If these maps (and the information on them) are authentic, there are also United Nations Battle Groups whose entrance to the United States was passed under Presidential Executive Order signed 11 November 1990 by George Bush. There appear to be fifteen locations on this map."

What should be obvious apparently isn't to many people: If evidence is so completely lacking to substantiate a story, why bother to clutter a book (and readers' minds) with the tale? Why dignify and lend credibility to the rumors by relaying them to others? Unfortunately, far too many individuals, publications, and organizations have been doing just that, which is why the fables have flourished -- and grown ever more fabulous. Consider,

for example, this undated fax transmission from the Las Vegas-based *American Patriot Fax Network*, a leading rumor purveyor:

Asteroid heading for Earth — reported on the Chuck Harder "For the People" (94.95) national radio program ... a caller reported an asteroid, a 7 mile wide rock heading for earth, first thought to hit on 11 March, now reported to hit earth on 13 April APFN advisors are looking into details of this information, reporting accordingly.

What more need be said? Any normal, sensible person reading such tripe for the first time, and then seeing from the same source vague but dire warnings about dozens of divisions of Soviet (or UN) troops already occupying America's heartland, could hardly be blamed for adopting the Establishment media's standard caricature of the "radical right" as a "lunatic fringe" of paranoid misfits. Which may explain why the next time when you attempt rationally to explain to a fellow citizen the very real danger involved in this or that UN treaty he appears oblivious to the piles of documentation you present and fidgets nervously. He is anxiously awaiting (and praying for) your keeper to come with the butterfly nets and straight-jacket. And who can blame him?

Hyperbole and Humdingers

Following close on the heels of the bogus nightmares mentioned above are numerous reports that are nearly as far out, but may have at least a tenuous basis in fact. Take, for example, this excerpt of a widely circulated May 31st "Fax Alert" from the Militia Of Montana (MOM):

... also, seen over military T.V. that 100,000 Russian troops are in America at this time. This corresponds with Senator Sam Nunn signing a joint exercise treaty with Russia this morning. This is no joke people. Very real.

Yes, but *how* real? Senator Sam Nunn did indeed lead a delegation of seven U.S. senators to Russia in May and did invite a Russian military force to come to the United States "for peacekeeping purposes." This and many similar initiatives that we have reported in previous issues of *The New American* are indeed alarming and should stir a firestorm of patriotic opposition sufficient to upend these policies and rout the politicians who have sponsored and supported them. If this opposition is not mounted, one day soon we may very well have 100,000 Russian (or 500,000 Ukrainian, Uzbekan, Chinese, Korean, etc.) troops occupying our land. To some it may seem expedient to inflate the danger in order to spread the alarm, but such rigging of the truth ultimately backfires and destroys credibility. The truth is alarming enough and needs no sensationalism.

But of sensationalism there is plenty, and a prime trafficker in this is the *Patriot Report*, an Idaho-based newsletter. It usually features one or two pages of tantalizing tidbits under the heading "News Briefs and National Rumors." In the news/rumor section of its July 1994 issue (which ironically is entitled "We Need Truthsayers, Not Domsayers"), the newsletter provides these morsels:

According to patriots, a warehouse near Odessa, TX had black uniformed troops coming and going. On further investigation it was discovered that inside the huge building was a prison that could hold 144 prisoners

There is a rumor that a man at a checkout counter of a department store in Fort Worth, TX waved his

hand over the laser light, & his name, address, & personal information was displayed on the cash register monitor [sic]. He said he was part of a pilot program. His check was approved

The Civil Air Patrol, which has always been a donation-run operation, has been approached by FEMA to receive funds. FEMA officials have asked the Civil Air Patrol workers if they are willing to "shoot to kill" their friends & neighbors if ordered to do so by the federal government

Reported and confirmed that there are now 19,000 German, Russian & Pakistani troops at Ft. Polk, LA.

The first two "news-rumors" mentioned above would appear to fall into the category of pure fabrication, though we have not investigated them. The second two may have been constructed from a substratum of fact. Regular readers of this magazine will recall that *The New American* was the first publication to break the story of the "Combat Arms Survey" administered to Marines at Twentynine Palms, California (July 11th issue, page 10). The last item of that survey asked the Marines to register their agreement or disagreement with the statement, "I would fire upon U.S. citizens who refuse or resist confiscation of firearms banned by the U.S. government." We have been unable to determine whether or not there is a basis of truth to the FEMA-CAP story, but the most likely explanation is that some "patriot" has borrowed the Marine survey question, liberally stretched and padded it with more shocking words, and then applied it to FEMA, a favorite target of the rumor mills.

Fort Polk has also become a favorite target, and with some justification; it has been selected as one of the "premier" military installations for the training of troops (both U.S. and foreign, including Russian) for UN "peacekeeping" missions. But the 19,000 figure is vastly inflated. According to Dan Nance, Fort Polk's deputy public affairs spokesman, the base's *total* military population is around half that figure, about 10,000 -- "and they're all Americans." Ten times a year Polk's Joint Readiness Training Center holds exercises that may bring 2,000 to 4,000 additional light infantry soldiers -- airborne, air cavalry, special forces, etc. -- onto the base, but these are virtually all U.S. personnel. "We do sometimes have very small numbers of foreign troops involved, but not more than company strength -- 100 to 150 men," says Nance. That has included German and Canadian units as well as several from Latin America, he said, but, to his knowledge, none from Pakistan or Russia. Which squares fairly well with what THE NEW AMERICAN'S reliable military and civilian sources both on and near the base reported.

In its April 1994 issue, the *Patriot Report* revealed:

U.N. troops in Oregon assaulted two geologists near Bend in early March. Phil Snyder [the source for the story] refused to give his camera to foreign troops and a scuffle ensued They had MJTF above their left shirt pocket, and UN on their backs. Their uniforms were black, and they wore dark blue or black berets He found out that 14,000 UN troops are in Oregon alone. There were between 6,000 and 8,000 in Bend last month. These troops he saw were Yugoslavian.

We checked with our contacts in Oregon: Not a trace of any UN troops, Yugoslav or otherwise. Small wonder; when we finally got through to the *Patriot Report* by telephone we learned that they had about the same amount of evidence as we did: zero. Mrs. Eaton, the wife of the newsletter's editor, George Eaton, told us that Mr. Snyder "never came through with the photos or documents he promised. We were scheduled to meet with him several times but he would never show; he always had some excuse. Looks like he was just telling

stories."

We suspected as much all along; but it is possible that there might have been a sliver of truth in the mix. It should be noted that on any given day there may be several hundred to several thousand foreign nationals from dozens of countries in the U.S. receiving training at our various military institutions. Most of these come individually or in small groups to participate in our International Military Education Program, which has been underway for decades. They may be receiving combat training or training in the operation of equipment purchased from the United States. Most of these are not connected with the United Nations. However, those Americans who are already skittish after being exposed to the rumor mongers and who run into some foreign military personnel at the supermarket or while visiting the Army base will probably be certain that they have uncovered a Soviet/UN "battle group." Undoubtedly, this has been a factor in the spread of many of these stories.

Buildup on the Gulf

However, huge stimulus was added to the Russian invasion alarms when a very large assemblage of UN/Russian military vehicles was indeed found in Saucier, Mississippi, a small town 15 miles north of Gulfport. In late 1993, we began to receive photographs and reports about the facility. It became *the* talk of talk radio for weeks and months and the subject of many alarming reports in newsletters and tabloids. Well, it was alarming: Soviet tanks and chemical warfare weapons *on American soil*. Evidence, at last. However, investigators for *The New American* who visited the site reported seeing no tanks or other weapons, but *lots* of trucks.

We contacted the owner of the site, Airmar Resources, Inc., and talked with its president, Lieutenant Colonel A.R. Koval (USAF, ret.). According to Koval, his company had purchased 1,000 vehicles from the German government. These were Russian trucks that were left behind after Germany reunited. Airmar, a private company, had struck a deal with the UN, said Koval, to refurbish the trucks for civilian use. Seven hundred of the trucks had been brought to Saucier for that purpose and the remaining 300 were in England. The trucks at Airmar are behind a chain link fence and are clearly visible from Highway 49, which runs beside the enclosure. According to Koval, the trucks are mostly water trucks (with 750-gallon tanks) and radio trucks (with old equipment using vacuum tubes, much of it non-operational). Most of the trucks are relatively unused, with less than 1,000 miles, but Koval believes roughly 20 percent will have to be scrapped either because they sat too long exposed to the elements or were damaged in transit. The trucks, he says, are being repainted (white), repaired, provided with new batteries, and, in most cases, with new boxes. Many are being converted to dump trucks, garbage trucks, freight trucks, refrigeration trucks, or ambulances.

Koval offered to allow *The New American* to visit his facility, to examine any or all of the vehicles, and to take photos. Of course we took him up on it. We found the situation to be largely as he had said. The vehicles were being refurbished and would appear to present no military threat. The first 200 are scheduled to be finished and shipped back to Europe in November. They are, according to Airmar, to be purchased by the UN under a previous agreement.

At any rate, the observable facts conformed much closer to Airmar's account than to those that had appeared in the *Spotlight* and similar publications. The *Spotlight's* sensational account of June 27th interwove reports about the Airmar facility with other accounts of alleged sightings of Soviet armored vehicles in such a way that

many readers believed (and reported to others) that Soviet tanks were parked in Saucier. The same *Spotlight* article declared:

A detailed report has been obtained that confirms a large road, about 35 feet in width, has been built to connect the truck depot [Airmar] with the Stennis NASA Space Center, located about 20 miles southeast of the depot near the Mississippi-Louisiana border.

There is no such road. Anyone visiting the Airmar site can easily see that there is no road of any kind leading from the truck depot to the NASA facility or any place other than Highway 49. Nor is there any evidence of which we are aware that the vehicles are being secretly transported to other parts of the country for deployment. We have found no evidence to suggest that the operation is other than what Airmar claims.

Which does not mean that we approve of the venture. Transporting the vehicles across the Atlantic and back again seems a wasteful and inefficient means of accomplishing the stated end. And since American taxpayers pick up 25 percent of the UN tab (31.5 percent for peacekeeping), we are probably providing Airmar with a hefty subsidy for this enterprise. However, bilking the taxpayers and aiding an enemy to invade our country are two different things.

With many eyes watching the Saucier depot it is not likely that any of the vehicles would be able to leave the facility without being seen. And we shall soon learn if Airmar begins shipping the rebuilt trucks back to Europe, as Colonel Koval has indicated.

Unresolved Accounts

There are many more rumors similar to those above that *The New American* has been investigating. Over the past several months those which appear to have elicited the greatest public anxiety involve photographs supposedly of Soviet tanks and armored vehicles in the United States. One photo that has received a great deal of attention shows an armored personnel carrier that is painted white and bears a large "UN" insignia. It is on a rail car along with other green APCs and was reportedly photographed in Montana. Other similar photos have been appearing. Many people consider these to be ironclad "proof" that the invasion forces are already here. But unless one knows the source of a photograph and can examine it (and the photographer) it is of dubious value.

Photos, of course, can be doctored. Hoaxers, con artists, and disinformation specialists do it all the time. With newer computer technologies making it much easier to create very sophisticated fake photos, publishers must exercise extreme caution and publish only those photographs that can be verified. Concerning many of the Soviet armor photos, we have been told repeatedly that we would be put in contact with this photographer or that but so far none has come through. We welcome any and all who have personally photographed any of these Russian armaments to contact us.

It bears mentioning that some Soviet military vehicles have been brought into the U.S. by our Defense Department for testing purposes and for training our own troops against the kinds of armaments they are likely to face in battle. This would seem to be a legitimate use of the vehicles and should draw no objection. It is probable that some of these have been seen in transit to military bases and have been mistakenly thought to be part of a "battle group."

The same may be true regarding "UN" vehicles that have been sighted. Earlier this year 800 Canadian "peacekeepers" trained at Camp Pendleton, California -- with their tanks, APCs, and transport vehicles. These were shipped down to California for the exercises by train and then sent back to Canada by train afterward. Very likely, many people who saw these trains thought they were carrying the UN occupation forces described by Linda Thompson, "Mark from Michigan," and others. Make no mistake, we are opposed to allowing foreign troops to train here for UN "peacekeeping," the same as we are opposed to having U.S. military forces train for, or participate in, UN military operations. However, misrepresenting the facts does not advance our cause.

Another area rife with rumor concerns secret concentration camps or "detention centers" which reportedly are being built -- or are already constructed -- throughout the country for the incarceration of American patriots. Usually these are said to be under the control of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Now, a police state is one big concentration camp or "gulag"; but, as in the Soviet Union, there were (and still are) gulags within the gulag. And if the police state toward which we are headed eventuates, America will have many Treblinkas, Vorkutas, Auschwitzes, and Kolymas. So it is entirely possible that the police statisticians who are leading us into the totalitarian vortex have indeed established and/or are building prisons, concentration camps, re-education camps, and detention facilities.

Some reliable sources have provided *The New American* with photographs of, and information on, what are reportedly secret prison facilities. We are investigating these through both official and unofficial channels. We take them seriously, as we do many of the issues mentioned throughout this article, even though the enormous number of fraudulent, fanciful, exaggerated, and speculative stories makes it more and more difficult to do so.

Another case in point: Several months ago Linda Thompson and Mark Koernke ("Mark from Michigan") pressed the panic buttons again with the announcement that they had discovered a massive "detention center" in Indianapolis. *The New American* sent an investigator. The so-called "detention facility" is actually the Amtrack Beech Grove Maintenance Shop. Yes, it is possible that the facility could be used as a "detention facility" -- as could thousands of other large structures: the New York Subway, the Cow Palace, Dodger Stadium, the Mall of America, dozens of deactivated military bases, government schools, etc. And we could see no reason for suspecting the Amtrack site more than any of those.

But not everything is so kooky. Recently we received photographs of new federal police patches for FEMA and the General Services Administration. The FEMA patch designates the agency as the "United States Police." Are they jumping the gun a little? FEMA initially denied that the patch was theirs, indicating that the patch was fraudulent. However, FEMA spokesman Steve Horwitz agreed to check with FEMA Director James Witt on the matter and get back to us. Several hours later he faxed us the following message: "There *may* be something to the patch -- as a patch worn by our security officers at our communications training center. I'm checking. But there is *no connection* to 'enforcement of the crime bill'" (emphasis in original). Perhaps.

Since the federal government has been operating under a perpetual state of emergency almost since the inauguration of the New Deal, and since during a declared emergency FEMA has sweeping authority over food, water, energy, transportation, health services, construction materials, and other areas of our lives, FEMA could indeed become a de facto national police force. That is a *genuine* danger deserving of concern and opposition from patriots.

Some Real Threats

Here are just a few of the many more *concrete, certifiable, imminent threats* to our nation and our liberty:

- In his press briefing on May 5, 1994 concerning UN peacekeeping, National Security Adviser Anthony Lake (CFR) noted that 69,000 Americans were serving in various UN operations around the world. Since that time, another 16,000 members of our armed forces have been deployed to Haiti. With the U.S. Army now down to roughly ten combat divisions (about 150,000 troops) from 18 only a few years ago, we can see that Congress has allowed the President to strip America of the equivalent of more than half of her Army combat troops, to be put into the service of the UN. Some of the UN troops serving as UN gendarmes, of course, are Marines and National Guardsmen. However, the Pentagon claims that it does not have figures available on a service-by-service breakdown of those serving in UN operations.
- In 1993 President Clinton tried to push through \$10 million to establish a military staff command and control center for the UN in New York. He attempted to implement Presidential Decision Directive 13 (PDD-13) to place the U.S. military increasingly under the operational control of the UN. On May 3, 1994, he signed PDD-25, which remains secret and unavailable to members of Congress and the American public. (*The New American*, July 11, 1994.) The Administration admitted in its publicly released executive summary of PDD-25 that under some circumstances "the U.S. will agree to have a UN commander exercise overall operational control over U.S. forces."
- *Freedom From War: The United States Program for General and Complete Disarmament in a Peaceful World* summarizes the official U.S. plan for transfer of all U.S. military assets to the United Nations. This program, first made public in 1961, is moving forward at a frightening pace. (*The New American*, November 29, 1993 and September 19, 1994.)
- As noted earlier in this article, on May 10th, Marines at the Twentynine Palms Marine base in California were given a "Combat Arms Survey" which posed a number of alarming statements to which the Marines were to register their agreement or disagreement. The final statement, #46, posed the situation in which the federal government had banned the possession of all "nonsporting firearms" and had required all Americans to turn over their weapons to authorities. The Marines were asked if they would be willing to fire on Americans who resisted gun confiscation. When *The New American* first broke the story, the damage-control spinmeisters at the Department of Defense assured everyone that this was an isolated incident which only involved an officer gathering information for his master's degree thesis. Since then, however, another Marine has provided us with a copy of the same survey which was given at his base, Camp Pendleton, California. Coming in the wake of PDD-25, the flurry of anti-gun legislation in 1993-94, and the grisly carnage perpetrated in Waco due to the Administration's irrational zeal for gun confiscation, alarm is justified.
- A Marine has provided *The New American* with a recently issued pamphlet entitled *Peace-Keeping Criminal Justice Standards for Military Police, U.S. Marine Corps*. The inside page of the front cover bears the UN insignia and the title, "United Nations Criminal Justice Standards for Peace-Keeping Police." It was prepared by the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the United Nations Office in Vienna.
- Reports that Fort Polk, Louisiana has been "turned over" to the UN and is occupied by thousands of foreign

troops are gross exaggerations. However, the Clinton Administration is making it into the "premiere" U.S. training center for the New World Army. On the weekend of August 13th-14th, U.S. Ambassador to the UN Madeleine Albright (CFR) and General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, attended an exercise at the base's Joint Readiness Training Center, in which U.S. forces enacted a scenario of "peace enforcement." Albright praised the exercise and said that U.S. forces are learning "how to operate in an entirely new international situation." "The world is going to have an awful lot of these operations," Shalikashvili told the assembled U.S. soldiers. "This is not going to come to an end when Rwanda is over or Bosnia is over. We are going to run these operations for quite some time *It's the business you're going to be in*" (emphasis added). Training at the new \$12 million Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) complex at Ft. Polk includes practice in disarming civilian "militias."

- A secret UN report published in August 1993, known as the "Farer Report," reveals that the Clinton Administration and the UN conspired to seize Radio Mogadishu, an instrument of the free press of Somalia, and that in the process of doing so UN troops fired on crowds of unarmed Somali civilians. It was these criminal acts which launched the escalation of violence. The Farer Report was used by the Administration and the UN as justification to "indict" General Aidid and to launch the illfated October 3rd raid in which 19 Americans were killed and 75 wounded. The Farer Report still remains secret, and the UN refuses to release it to Congress or the public. *The New American* is the only national publication to have obtained a copy of the report and published an article exposing it (September 5th issue).
- The Clinton Administration is enraptured with the Russians, as a report in the *Washington Post* for May 6, 1994 makes clear: "In two days of talks in Moscow, a high-level U.S. delegation of about 25 defense and security officials proposed a broad range of new security ventures with the Russians, including a combined exercise of Russian and U.S. peacekeeping troops in the U.S. next year [T]he U.S. officials said they bared their strategic souls to the Russians this week, presenting them with a briefing from the CIA on perceived threats ... and a presentation from an Air Force general who detailed the U.S. short-range missile defense program. The U.S. also offered to swap precise information with the Russians on the exact number of warheads and amounts of warhead-making material in the two powers' arsenals. 'We described to them our strategic exercises in great detail and code names and everything,' said Ashton Carter, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy, who led the team here."
- Under the Clinton "Partnership for Peace" program, the down-sized U.S. Armed Forces are developing links to the military services of the "formerly" communist nations of the Soviet Union. Meanwhile, under the "National Guard State Partnership" program, the National Guards in 14 states have established exchange programs with a corresponding number of "former" East Bloc countries.
- On July 4th of this year, President Clinton's FBI director, Louis Freeh, concluded a tour of Russia by signing a protocol in Moscow to establish intimate cooperation between U.S. and Russian law enforcement agencies. This means an increasing merger of American police with Boris Yeltsin's reconstituted KGB, which includes most of the same brutal, murderous elements of the "old" dread secret police.
- During the Waco Branch Davidian standoff, Janet Reno's FBI Counter Terrorism Center went to Russian psychological warfare expert Igor Smirnov of Moscow's Institute of Psycho-Correction. Smirnov provided advice on subliminal warfare measures to be used against the Davidians.

- While pushing frantically to disarm the American people, the federal government is aggressively arming its bureaucrats. The EPA, FDA, BLM, IRS, and just about every other agency are arming to the teeth. In Libby, Montana, already strained relations between citizens and Forest Service officials got decidedly worse when it was revealed recently that local Forest Service officials had purchased more than 30,000 rounds of .45 calibre ammunition.

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All of these items are facts — not sensational rumors or lies. They speak for themselves and are easily verified. There is no need to fabricate or exaggerate; the truth is alarming enough and provides ample targets for our time, talents, energy, and resources. The hour is so late, and the need so very great, that we dare not -- *must not* -- distract ourselves and waste our time and resources chasing every foolish, windblown rumor that wafts our way.

*This, of course, does not “prove” that there are not hundreds of thousands of Russian/foreign/UN troops dispersed and concealed throughout the country, since one can’t prove a negative. Besides, one must grant that this is a big country with plenty of rural and urban areas where it would be possible to hide large numbers of men and equipment, and that the soviets have proven themselves time and again to be masters of what they call *Maskirovka* – camouflage or concealment. Nevertheless, the burden of proof rests with those who make the charges, and while reasonable minds may nibble at seemingly outlandish charges, they demand at least a modicum of substantiating evidence before swallowing the whole thing.

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About Those Black Helicopters

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In the rumor galaxy, "black helicopters" are the supernovas. If you have not heard hair-curling accounts of mysterious solid-black, unmarked helicopters hovering menacingly over your city or assaulting some patriot's house, you almost certainly have not been listening to many radio talk shows or reading conservative newsletters. If, however, you have been even a casual peruser of various "patriotic papers" and like-minded radio programs, you will know that these aircraft play a prominent role in much of the current hysteria.

Two notable patriot personages, Mark Koernke ("Mark from Michigan") and Linda Thompson, appear to have played the primary roles in popularizing this scare. Through their lecture tours, video programs, and radio talk-show appearances, they have stoked the fires of panic and paranoia. Ms. Thompson, who was the subject of a profile by Robert W. Lee in the September 19th issue of THE NEW AMERICAN, rose to prominence in the wake of the Waco tragedy. However, her ill-conceived call to insurrection and an armed march on Washington, and her self-appointed grandiose role as "Acting Adjutant General, Unorganized Militia of the United States of America," appear to have cost her much of her earlier support.

"Mark From Michigan"

The popularity of "Mark from Michigan," however, appears unabated. Identifying himself only as "a former military intelligence officer," he claims to be fighting to stop the onrushing new world order police state — a praiseworthy objective, to be sure (and one that we share). But his message seems more inclined to produce paranoia, paralysis, and despair than robust and effective resistance. On his video, America in Peril, "Mark" tells his audience that vast numbers of black helicopters — "more than you can count" -can be seen regularly filling the skies over Michigan. These, he claims, are the vehicles which will be (and are being) used by UN-FINCEN-FEMA-MJTF forces to invade our communities and to haul us off to concentration camps. He is entitled to his opinion, of course, and to his own pet "end-times" scenario, but he should realize that knowledgeable patriots will not automatically accept as gospel his every riveting word solely on the authority of his alleged past as an "intelligence" analyst.

Before venturing further, we must digress; we can almost sense the reaction of some readers (since we have already experienced it with telephone callers): "Are you trying to tell me that I didn't see that black helicopter that was only 40 feet above my house?" Not at all. We are not questioning the reality of these aircraft. We have received acknowledgment of their existence by responsible government officials and have many confirmed sightings of the choppers (parked on the ground and in flight) by extremely reliable witnesses. But the appearance in the skies of a single black UH-1 Huey or even a whole squadron of AH-64 Apaches does not validate "Mark's" frightening thesis. Not by a long shot. That much should be evident.

First of all, is there another reasonable explanation for these craft? There appear to be many. Although an all-black paint scheme is not the most common one for helicopters, it apparently is used by a number of city, state, and federal law enforcement agencies as well as by some military units. One of the many places our research led us to was Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, home to the U.S. Army Special Forces. Army spokesperson Carol Jones confirmed that all of the helicopters of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment -- nicknamed the "Nightstalkers" and stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky -- are indeed black. She explained that her office has handled a number of calls "on the East coast here where people think they are seeing some of our helicopters, but we check and they're not ours; they actually belong to local police departments or other law enforcement agencies."

Fort Rucker, Alabama is the Army's helicopter training center. Major Endicott, spokesman for the base, told THE NEW AMERICAN, "I've never seen any helicopters painted black," but noted that the Army paints many of its choppers in very dark shades of brown or olive green that often will look black unless you are very close and have very good light. Which comports with the testimony of many servicemen with whom we talked -- and with several of our witnesses who reported that at first sight they were positive the helicopters they had seen were solid black (like those described by "Mark"), but when they got within a few yards or a few feet of them they could see that they were indeed Army green or brown. Moreover, as many veterans told us, and as one can easily confirm for oneself, most helicopters will appear to be black to an observer on the ground looking up at a chopper silhouetted against the sky. And if it is a cloudy day, near dusk or after dark, many choppers will appear to be black even if they have another paint scheme.

Is the color scheme of helicopters that important and worth belaboring? Not in and of itself; but an understanding of it does help explain why so many alarmed citizens have reported seeing these "FINCEN" aircraft. Undoubtedly, many of these witnesses are seeing local police, medical, fire, news, or military choppers painted "FINCEN" black due to visibility factors and "Mark's" power of suggestion.

The central fact to keep in mind is that neither "Mark," nor Linda Thompson, nor any of the other alarmists we are aware of, has produced a shred of credible documentation to substantiate their shocking tales. They appear to be gambling that the legitimate outrage and apprehension caused by Waco and the accelerating police-state agenda of the Clinton Administration can be counted on to cause most Americans to suspend all exercise of discernment and the standard rules of evidence as long as the tale-bearer bashes Clinton, blasts the feds, brandishes the Constitution, and swears to "go down shooting."

FinCEN: A Real Danger

But what about this "FINCEN" business? Actually, the proper acronym is FinCEN, for Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, an organization launched by George Bush's Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady (CFR) under an Executive Order dated April 25, 1990 (No. 105-08). According to that order, "The mission of FinCEN is to provide a government-wide, multi-source intelligence and analytical network in support of the detection, investigation, and prosecution of domestic and international money laundering and other financial crimes by Federal, State, local, and foreign law enforcement agencies."

In its public relations brochure, FinCEN tells us:

FinCEN is currently staffed by criminal investigators and/or analysts from Customs, IRS, DEA, Secret Service, Postal Inspection Service, FBI and BATF.... FinCEN is in the process of establishing a working relationship with state, local, and foreign law enforcement agencies as well.

Are fears that FinCEN is a nascent gestapo justified? Absolutely. Its sweeping powers, access to records of our most private financial affairs, and cross-jurisdictional mission strike at the core of our constitutional protection. Its constantly evolving definitions of "financial crimes" are leading toward the elimination of all financial privacy and the criminalization of perfectly legitimate transactions and economic arrangements. We have reported on the terrible injustices and dangers to liberty involved in the increasing use of "asset forfeiture" powers by law enforcement at all levels of government. (THE NEW AMERICAN, May 31, 1993.) FinCEN is a major catalyst in the promotion of these abuses. Moreover, it is a central player in the subversive scheme to corrupt and nationalize law enforcement: While the federal EPA, OSHA, EEOC, and other alphabet soup agencies pauperize municipal budgets with crushing mandates that leave police departments begging, FinCEN shows local law enforcement how to solve their funding problems by seizing the property of their citizens -- the classic good cop-bad cop routine. FinCEN should be abolished for all of these reasons and more, not because anonymous sources have conjured up (and presented as fact) terrifying chimeras that feature armadas of black choppers and fearsome troops in Darth Vaderesque attire swooping down on unsuspecting communities.

Unfortunately, because of the federal government's phony war on drugs there are more than enough instances that "Mark" and others can cite of neighborhood "sweeps" involving large inter-agency forces (often with helicopters -- some black, some not) that appear to authenticate their stories.

Louisiana Under Siege?

Over the past year, because Louisiana has been "host" to some of these operations, the rumor mills would have one believe that the whole state is under marshal law. On September 14th, for example, a raid on the

Ledbetter Heights area of Shreveport elicited excited reports that thousands of troops with flotillas of black helos were taking over the Pelican State. The real story was alarming enough without hyperbolization. This is from an account by the *Shreveport Times* on September 20th of Operation Bottoms Up:

Last Wednesday, after an 18-month investigation, 200 federal, state and local law enforcement officials sealed off nine blocks of Ledbetter Heights and arrested two dozen people on drug and violent crime charges.

Altogether, criminal charges were filed against 45 alleged members of the Bottoms Boys, described by federal authorities as one of Shreveport's "best organized and most violent street gangs."

The raid involved members of the Shreveport police, Caddo County Sheriff's Department, state police, the FBI, and the U.S. Marshal's office. One Louisiana National Guard helicopter -- painted olive green, not black -- was employed, according to the Times and to eyewitnesses interviewed by THE NEW AMERICAN. The *Times* report continues:

... [Attorney General Janet] Reno praised the joint effort She also said U.S. Attorney Michael Skinner has made it clear the raid was the beginning of the joint federal, state and local enforcement effort....

Reno said she wants to end turf battles ... and create cooperative relationships among federal enforcement agencies and local prosecutors and law enforcement officials

That push became the National Anti-Violent Crime Initiative, *which was announced in March and is ongoing in every state*, Reno said. [Emphasis added.]

Earlier in the year, similar raids were launched in other Louisiana locales. In January, a large "narcotics sweep" was made in Amite, a small town 50 miles north of New Orleans. The 140-man force included elements from the FBI, ATF, National Guard, Amite police, and the Tri-Parish Task Force. In the Port Allen area near Baton Rouge, Operation Gold Coast is an ongoing operation that has involved a number of drug raids. But according to officials there, it is a local operation involving police and sheriff's departments -- no federal agencies, and no black helicopters, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

Claims that these Louisiana raids were used as cover to conduct warrantless house-to-house searches for guns also appear to be untrue. Percy Collins, a retired police officer from Beumont, Texas and a resident of Ledbetter Heights, watched the Shreveport raid from his front porch. He told THE NEW AMERICAN that the officers appeared to have warrants and were properly executing them at locations that were known centers of drug activity. He was not aware of any inappropriate or random searches. We have been unable to verify or disprove reports of illegal searches of homes in Amite for weapons. In Port Allen, reports of illegal weapons searches of residences appear to be false; Operation Gold Coast involves the so-called "Gold Coast" of U.S. Highway 190, a "sin district" of bars and go-go dance halls infamous for drug trafficking and prostitution.

Which isn't to say that these drug raids are not being used to prepare the way for gun raids. It is obvious from the anti-gun agenda of President Clinton, Janet Reno, Handgun Control, Inc., and most of the major media, that that is exactly what is in the works. That was made clear earlier this year when warrantless apartment-to-apartment firearms searches of federal housing projects in Chicago were ruled unconstitutional and stopped

by court order. President Clinton's response was to try to skirt the constitutional protection by calling on "tenant associations to put clauses in their leases allowing searches when crime conditions make it necessary." In other words, extortion by the federal landlord: "Sign away your rights or you're out on the street."

Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces

A regular feature of the black helicopter legends is "MJTF," which stands for Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force. According to the rumor circuits, this is an organization composed of hundreds of thousands of members of the military and federal, state, and local police operating under FinCEN and the United Nations. Multi-jurisdictional task forces are not new; local sheriffs and U.S. marshals have cooperated in tracking down bad guys since the days of the Old West and before. But using the "multi-jurisdictional task force" as a proper noun with capital letters and the MJTF acronym is deceptive. As far as we have been able to determine, there is no discrete entity known as MJTF, in the sense that there is an FBI, BATF, FinCEN, CIA, etc. Yet, that is what alarmists always imply and often explicitly state. They claim to have seen black helos and black-uniformed police with "MJTF" on them. None of the law enforcement officers we interviewed had ever seen any "MJTF" markings or had heard the term used other than in the standard generic sense. This included officers who had participated in multi-jurisdictional operations involving federal agencies (and who were not, it should be noted, at all sympathetic to federal encroachment).

Multi-jurisdictional task forces can serve a legitimate, constitutional law enforcement function. However, in recent years, such operations have been used as a cloak to federalize law enforcement. Most of the multi-jurisdictional operations underway can and should be carried out (if conducted at all) without federal involvement. If a local crime situation is out of control, the sheriff has the authority to deputize law-abiding citizens and to appeal to county officials to provide the funding necessary for more officers; there is no need to go hat in hand to Washington for funds that must come out of the pockets of local taxpayers anyway.

Militarizing Law Enforcement

Another ominous development with the explosion of federal multi-jurisdictional operations is the increasing involvement of the military. Our posse comitatus law provides that, "Whoever, except in cases under circumstances expressly authorized by the Constitution or Act of Congress, willfully uses any part of the Army or Air Force as a posse comitatus or otherwise to execute the laws shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both."

The courts have upheld the right of law enforcement agencies to receive "passive" military assistance — the use of training facilities and equipment — but the federal government has been pushing the limits of what the law will allow. Federal, state, and local law enforcement and regulatory agencies are sending personnel to military training facilities in growing numbers. Military planes, helicopters, and other assets are being tasked to police operations with increasing frequency.

In October 1993, National Guard units were deployed in Puerto Rico to perform law enforcement functions alongside the police. James Pate, writing in the May 1994 *Soldier of Fortune*, revealed that an Army Special Forces team from Joint Task Force Six (JTF-6) at Fort Bliss, Texas was involved in advising the ATF force that assaulted the Branch Davidian compound in Waco in April 1993. Texas National Guard helicopters were used in that deadly debacle. JTF-6 operates in conjunction with Operation Alliance, a creature of the Justice

Department which provides military assistance to civilian law enforcement.

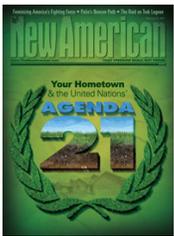
According to Pate, the JTF-6 handbook states that military personnel "are precluded by the Posse Comitatus Act from performing search, seizure, arrest or other similar law enforcement activities." However, notes Pate, the Operation Alliance/JTF-6 legal staffs are busy "finding legal loopholes to allow further military involvement in civilian law enforcement." This skirting of posse comitatus restrictions is seen as "innovative" at JTF-6. "Innovative approaches to providing new and more effective support to [law enforcement agencies] are constantly sought," the JTF-6 guidebook says, "and legal and policy barriers to the application of military capabilities are gradually being eliminated Pending legislative actions may soon alleviate some of these restrictions...." If these "innovations" are allowed to continue, we will soon have to worry not just about "black helicopters," but federal tanks and troops at our doorstep.

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In March 2010, Nor-Cal Produce, a family-owned produce business in West Sacramento, was fined \$32,500 by the California Air Resources Board (ARB, or CARB). The company was not charged with, or even accused of, illegal emissions; like many other businesses, it had merely failed to notice a new regulation posted by CARB requiring all semi-trailers, shipping containers, vans, and rail cars with diesel-powered refrigerators to file a report with the agency.

"We had no knowledge of the law," Nor-Cal's Chief Financial Officer Todd Achando told CalWatchDog, a news blog that monitors California government. "My operations manager happened to see it mentioned in a trade magazine about a year and a half after the deadline passed." Because Nor-Cal reported itself to CARB and "cooperated," the agency reduced the \$200/day fine from \$86,600 to \$32,500.

Kit Enger and his fellow dune buggy manufacturers also cooperated with CARB, but found it was like dealing with a mob "protection racket." Enger, president of the Compliant Car Builders Association in Oceanside, California, said association members attended the agency's "implementation outreach workshop" for OHRV (off-highway recreational vehicles) and worked "diligently with CARB certification staff to devise a program whereby all industry members could efficiently and effectively certify their vehicles and engines." Despite the increased costs and inconvenience of complying with CARB's new regulations, association members thought things were going pretty well — until January 2008 when CARB hit them with \$3.6 million in penalties for alleged violations. The association's lawyers worked the fine down to \$600,000, but Enger says even that penalty was unconstitutional, amounting to an ex post facto prosecution for engines modified and sold before

the new CARB regulations went into effect.

“My lawyers said it would cost more than \$600,000 to fight it, so we might as well pay it. It’s like a protection racket — government out of control,” said Enger. When he testified before CARB in November 2009, Enger told the board that one of their CARB enforcement officers had told him on two occasions, “If you guys don’t get on with this settlement, it doesn’t matter to us if you go out of business, change your name, move to another state, or die, we will find you and attach your assets.”

Thousands of businesses have already fled the “protection racket” of government in what was once known as the Golden State; thousands more are following, taking with them hundreds of thousands of jobs. The state’s tax and regulatory policies have driven the cost of energy, as well as every other business expense, sky high. Yet, despite facing \$25 billion in debt, a huge current budget deficit, and default on its bonds (not to mention sky-high unemployment, over 12 percent), the state’s politicians and bureaucrats continue to chase the productive tax base — and jobs — out of California. Joseph Vranich of Irvine, California, known as “The Business Relocation Coach,” keeps a running tab on companies leaving the state. His December 6, 2010 blog carries this headline: “New Record for Calif. Companies Departing or Shifting Work Out: 193 — Nearly Four Times Last Year’s Level.”

The jobs that are leaving or shutting down are not only the manufacturing and resource jobs in companies that greens love to denigrate as “old, has-been” industries; they include many of the highly touted “green” companies that are now seeking greener pastures elsewhere. One of them is Solyndra, the solar panel maker from Fremont, which announced layoffs of 170 workers in December. Only a few months earlier Solyndra had hosted a much publicized press conference with President Barack Obama and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, both of whom lauded the company as an exemplar of the “green economy” that would provide many thousands of new “green jobs.” Solyndra received a \$535 million loan from the Department of Energy to build a new state-of-the-art, robotics-run factory, which it calls Fab 2. In November 2010, Solyndra announced it was mothballing Fab 1 and postponing earlier plans to expand Fab 2, citing weak sales and the weak economy.

Other California “green-tech” firms have closed or are shifting much of their operations out of the state. For example:

- Barefoot Motors, maker of electric ATVs, moved to Oregon.
- Mariah Power, a manufacturer of small wind turbines, moved to Nevada and Michigan.
- Sonatype, Inc., which services many high-tech companies, moved to Maryland.
- Adobe Systems, Inc., the software giant, is building its huge new campus in Utah.

Other companies that have jumped ship from California include Fidelity National Financial (moved operations to Florida); CalPortland Cement (closed its Riverside County plant); Buck Knives (moved to Idaho); Multi-Fineline Electronix, Inc. (moved to China); and Thomas Brothers Maps (moved to Illinois and India).

These are only a fraction of the “primary companies” that have made the news; thousands of secondary

companies — restaurants, service outlets, retail stores, construction companies, trucking companies, farms, ranches, mom-and-pop businesses — have vanished with no media notice.

And the picture will only get uglier for California, as the state government pushes forward with implementing Assembly Bill 32, or AB 32, formally known as the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. According to a 2009 study by Dr. Sanjay B. Varshney, dean of the College of Business Administration at California State University, Sacramento (CSUS), and Dr. Dennis H. Tootelian, professor of marketing and director of the Center for Small Business at CSUS, the impact of the bill's cap-and-trade and regulatory features could be horrendous. They found:

On average, the annual costs resulting from the implementation of AB 32 to small businesses are likely to result in loss of more than \$182.6 billion in gross state output, the equivalent of more than 1.1 million jobs, nearly \$76.8 billion in labor income, and nearly \$5.8 billion in indirect business taxes.... Accordingly, the total cost of AB 32 is \$49,691 per small business in California.

As would be expected, the Varshney/Tootelian study has drawn heated criticism, especially from academics, activists, and politicians still ardently supporting the discredited alarmist "consensus" regarding anthropogenic (human-caused) global warming. The critics have produced studies claiming to show that any economic and/or job losses due to AB 32 will be negligible; some even predict positive growth as a result. Of course, many of these critics are the same ones who predicted the massive new "green jobs" that never materialized. Whether or not the Varshney/Tootelian study may have been "defective" in methodology, its predictions appear to be more firmly grounded in reality than those of its critics. The exodus of capital, technology, talent, and jobs from California has been accelerating, and as the CARB "racketeers" begin enforcing the draconian measures provided under AB 32, it will almost certainly pick up more speed.

California's losses will mean more gains for Nevada, Arizona, Texas, and many other states — but perhaps only temporarily. Many of the states and communities that California companies are fleeing to are headed in the same direction as California. If they do not change course, they soon will see the same economic forces driving the erstwhile California refugee businesses on to Mexico, India, China, and the other usual destinations.

ICLEI, the Hidden UN Component

There is a hidden component to the saga of California's ongoing woes that is gradually coming to light, hopefully in time to enable other states to avert the same calamity. That hidden component is becoming more visible as we near 2012, which the United Nations will celebrate as the 20th anniversary of the 1992 Earth Summit. Known officially as the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), the eco-confab in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was unprecedented in size and scope, bringing together some 35,000 government officials, diplomats, NGO activists, and journalists. Rio became the launch pad for a number of huge initiatives that have been gradually gaining force and wreaking havoc on the planet in the intervening decades. The five main documents to come out of the UNCED process are:

- The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development
- The Statement of Forest Principles

- The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity
- Agenda 21

The Climate Change and Biological Diversity conventions were posited as “hard law” treaties that impose binding obligations upon the ratifying parties; the other three are referred to as “soft law” documents, instruments that commit the parties to a path of pursuing later “hard law” commitments. President George H.W. Bush signed the Climate Change Convention in 1992 and the U.S. Senate ratified it the same year. However, the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, which was negotiated to implement specific greenhouse gas reductions under the convention, has not been signed or ratified by the United States Senate. Although President Obama declared his commitment to securing a new binding Climate Convention, the November 2010 elections have pretty much sunk chances for any Kyoto replacement passing in the Senate.

Realizing the difficulty in getting some national governments — and especially the United States — to go along with a climate-change treaty that would require massive government intrusion into and regulation of all aspects of energy production and consumption, the UNCED leaders launched simultaneous efforts to build political support for ratification by also initiating efforts aimed at winning enactment of global-warming legislation at the state and local levels. One of the primary instruments that has been used by the UN and globalist advocates to advance their plans is an NGO known as ICLEI — Local Governments for Sustainability.

“ICLEI was founded in 1990,” its website states, “as the ‘International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives,’” and the organization “is an association of over 1200 local government Members who are committed to sustainable development. Our Members come from 70 different countries and represent more than 569,885,000 people.”

ICLEI-USA boasts of its members: “Their populations range in size from 832 people in Cimarron, New Mexico, to more than 8 million in New York City.” And they “consistently top the rankings of the Greenest Cities,” it adds. “They have led the effort in recent years to envision, accelerate and achieve strong climate protection goals, creating cleaner, healthier, more economically viable communities.”

More than 130 of those ICLEI members are California counties and cities that have led the efforts that now have California mimicking the economic “viability” of Greece and Spain, both of which, by the way, are longtime model supporters and members of ICLEI. Spain, which has been one of the biggest promoters of “green jobs,” has learned the folly of its ways the hard way: It killed more than two existing jobs for every green job created. To make matters worse, many of the green jobs proved to be temporary, vanishing after the subsidized solar panels and wind turbines were constructed. Trodding the same path are California’s ICLEI cities, among which are virtually all the major metro areas — Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco — as well as smaller cities from Alameda to Yountville.

ICLEI’s website informs us:

The Council was established when more than 200 local governments from 43 countries convened at our

inaugural conference, the World Congress of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future, at the United Nations in New York.

It notes that in 2003 it changed its name to “ICLEI — Local Governments for Sustainability,” no doubt to place more emphasis on the “local” and to diminish concerns about its “international” influence and its political and financial ties to the United Nations. As we will show, ICLEI and other UN-affiliated NGOs and government officials have come under increasing suspicion in recent years from more and more American citizens, and have taken to camouflaging their UN-driven environmental agendas, even to the point of denying obvious and easily documented connections.

On its web page entitled “ICLEI: Connecting Leaders,” ICLEI explains some of its networking strategies. They include:

Connect cities and local governments to the United Nations and other international bodies. ICLEI represents local governments at the United Nations (UN) Commission on Sustainable Development, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Conventions on Biodiversity and Combating Desertification and co-operates with the UN Environment Programme and UN-HABITAT.

That seems pretty clear: ICLEI’s mission is to “connect” local government to the UN and its affiliates. It goes on:

Mobilize local governments to help their countries implement multilateral environmental agreements such as the Rio conventions through Cities for Climate Protection, Local Action for Biodiversity and other initiatives.

Again, fairly straightforward: Get the locals to lobby and pressure the national government to hop on board the global programs that will transfer more money, authority, and power to the UN. ICLEI continues:

Forge multi-stakeholder partnerships such as Resilient Cities, a global framework on urban resilience and climate adaptation where local governments, international agencies, development banks, ministries, institutes, and others, collaborate.

Translation: bribe, entice, seduce, flatter local officials, NGOs, and corporations to join the green lobby.

Agenda 21’s Stealth Agenda

The ICLEI web page also states that its Local Agenda 21 Model Communities Programme is “designed to aid local governments in implementing Chapter 28 of Agenda 21, the global action plan for sustainable development.” Although the Climate Change Convention has dominated the media headlines and political landscape for many years, Agenda 21 is even more far-reaching and dangerous. As we approach the 2012 Earth Summit, to be convened once again in Rio, this massive environmental, economic, and social “master plan” for the entire planet is being promoted with new intensity.

However, as we have already mentioned, some of the leading proponents of empowering the UN in the name of protecting the global environment counsel their fellow activists to hide their true intentions. That’s exactly what J. Gary Lawrence, an advisor to President Clinton’s Council on Sustainable Development and to US AID, advised in a seminar in London, England, entitled, “The Future of Local Agenda 21 in the New Millennium,” sponsored by the United Nations Environment and Development Forum, UK (UNED-UK). After complimenting

his British audience for their success in getting the UK to adopt much of the UN's Earth Summit program, Lawrence lamented, "Other places have been much slower to adopt LA21 [Local Agenda 21]."

"In some cases," he noted, "LA21 is seen as an attack on the power of the nation-state." Which, of course, it most definitely is, as we will show. The former Clinton advisor continued:

Participating in a UN advocated planning process would very likely bring out many of the conspiracy-fixated groups and individuals in our society such as the National Rifle Association, citizen militias and some members of Congress. This segment of our society who fear "one-world government" and a UN invasion of the United States through which our individual freedom would be stripped away would actively work to defeat any elected official who joined "the conspiracy" by undertaking LA21. So, we call our processes something else, such as comprehensive planning, growth management or smart growth.

Yes, over the past two decades much of Agenda 21 and the rest of the Earth Summit program have been enacted piecemeal at the state and local levels, but as "Smart Growth Initiatives," "Resilient Cities," "Regional Visioning Projects," "STAR Sustainable Communities," "Green Jobs," and "Green Building Codes." After going through charades labeled as "local visioning," "community in-put," and "consensus building," one community after another has found that it has enacted a "local" program that is virtually indistinguishable from every other "local" program, whether across the country or across the planet. The more important point, though, is that these initiatives that have been enacted ostensibly to save the environment, invariably destroy economic vitality, erode property rights, undermine liberty and constitutional government, impose soviet-style rule through "stakeholder councils," subvert local control — and usually devastate the natural environment to boot.

But desperate measures are necessary to "save Mother Earth," and only a comprehensive, global plan will do, argue the alarmists. The UN's Agenda 21 is definitely comprehensive and global — breathtakingly so. Agenda 21 proposes a global regime that will monitor, oversee, and strictly regulate our planet's oceans, lakes, streams, rivers, aquifers, sea beds, coastlands, wetlands, forests, jungles, grasslands, farmland, deserts, tundra, and mountains. It even has a whole section on regulating and "protecting" the atmosphere. It proposes plans for cities, towns, suburbs, villages, and rural areas. It envisions a global scheme for healthcare, education, nutrition, agriculture, labor, production, and consumption — in short, everything; there is nothing on, in, over, or under the Earth that doesn't fall within the purview of some part of Agenda 21. Copies of the 1,100-page document were hard to come by for several years after its debut at Rio, but I was able to bring back a "media copy" of the five-pound "treasure" from the summit. It is now available online at <http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/agenda21/>.

The most accessible version of Agenda 21 to come out following the Rio summit was published under the title *AGENDA 21: The Earth Summit Strategy to Save Our Planet* (Earthpress, 1993). Edited by environmental-activist attorney Daniel Sitarz and enthusiastically endorsed by Earth Summit chief Maurice Strong and then-U.S. Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.), the book is instructive for demonstrating the completely alien mindset that holds sway in so many influential political, academic, and media circles. Sitarz's edition provides a powerful, albeit unintended, indictment of the UN agreement by offering this candid appraisal of the plan's totalitarian ambition. Incredibly, Sitarz admits with apparent approval that:

AGENDA 21 proposes an array of actions which are intended to be implemented by every person on Earth.... It

calls for specific changes in the activities of all people....

Effective execution of AGENDA 21 will require a profound reorientation of all human society, unlike anything the world has ever experienced — a major shift in the priorities of both governments and individuals and an unprecedented redeployment of human and financial resources. This shift will demand that a concern for the environmental consequences of every human action be integrated into individual and collective decision-making at every level.

The admission is so staggering as to require recapitulation: “profound reorientation,” “all human society,” “every person on Earth,” “every human action,” “every level,” “demand,” “require.” In short, it is an undisguised call for the total regimentation of all life on the planet.

Nevertheless, editor Sitarz continued his praise for the wondrous text, noting:

There are specific actions which are intended to be undertaken by multinational corporations and entrepreneurs, by financial institutions and individual investors, by high-tech companies and indigenous people, by workers and labor unions, by farmers and consumers, by students and schools, by governments and legislators, by scientists, by women, by children — in short, by every person on Earth.

The tyrannical implications are so stunningly transparent that it seems impossible that any nation not overtly communist could endorse it. Yet it was unanimously endorsed by every nation at the summit, including the United States. Not even Stalin, Hitler, or Mao came close to proposing anything this all-intrusive and all-encompassing.

But the hubris goes much further still. One of the most sacred totems in the UN’s green theology is “sustainable development.” The *Local Agenda 21 Planning Guide*, published in 1996 by ICLEI, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), has been an important manual for teaching ICLEI’s “local” acolytes and accomplices the “sustainability” game. It boasts a foreword from former Earth Summit chief Maurice Strong, who currently is president of the council of the UN’s University for Peace. The *Guide* asks the rhetorical question: “What is Sustainable Development?” It then provides this revealing answer:

The realities of life on our planet dictate that continued economic development as we know it cannot be sustained.... Sustainable development, therefore, is a program of action for local and global economic reform — a program that has yet to be fully defined.

Yes, that is correct; the program that is absolutely *essential* to our very existence “has yet to be fully defined.” It goes on:

No one fully understands how, or even if, sustainable development can be achieved; however, there is a growing consensus that it must be accomplished at the local level if it is ever to be achieved on a global basis.

There you have it; even though we don’t know what it is, there is a “growing consensus” that it “must be accomplished.”

Much has been written in academic terms about the meaning of sustainable development and the need to

integrate ecological and economic principles into personal and public decision-making....

However, there is no agreed definition of the concept and perhaps there is no need for one.... Thus, sustainable development is an “emerging concept” in two ways, first, because it is relatively new and evolves as we learn to grasp its wide implications for all aspects of our lives, and, second, because its meanings emerge and evolve according to local contexts.

In other words, “sustainable development” is a despot’s dream-come-true: an emerging all-purpose, open-ended, “enabling act” granting global central planners carte blanche to claim it means whatever they want it to mean.

Think Globally, Act Locally

For the past several decades, environmental activists have embraced the mantra, “Think globally, act locally.” And they have been implementing it with religious fervor — along with bountiful assistance, of course, from the United Nations and a multitude of UN-affiliated institutions, U.S. government agencies, NGOs, and tax-exempt foundations. ICLEI, which has helped initiate UN programs in hundreds of U.S. communities, works closely with UN agencies such as UNESCO, UNEP, WHO, UNFCCC, IPCC, IMF, and the World Bank, as well as the U.S. State Department, Department of Energy, EPA, U.S. Agency for International Development, the Sierra Club, Environmental Defense Fund, World Wildlife Fund, World Economic Forum, Club of Rome, Rockefeller Foundation, the European Union, and other similar entities. It also receives millions of dollars of funding from many of these same entities, thus enabling it to organize formidable “local” coalitions that often can overwhelm genuine local grass-roots opposition to UN-spawned programs.

However, the correlation of forces in this ongoing struggle may be turning in favor of freedom — though not a moment too soon. When this reporter returned from the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 and began a national tour with my book *Global Tyranny, Step by Step ... The United Nations and the Emerging New World Order*, far too few people were ready for the message. Even sympathetic radio talk-show hosts found it difficult to believe that the UN’s treaties on climate change and biodiversity, or Agenda 21, could be as serious a threat to America’s sovereignty, prosperity, and freedom as I alleged. Few could appreciate how these documents and programs crafted in some far-off United Nations conference could ever concretely impact them in their state, town, or neighborhood. That has changed dramatically, as the huge financial costs and oppressive regimentation associated with global-warming legislation, sustainable development programs, and local Agenda 21 projects have skyrocketed.

Tom DeWeese, president of the American Policy Center and a leading expert on Agenda 21 and sustainable development, says there “is definitely a major awakening underway.” “These UN stealth programs got by unnoticed and unopposed for many years, but no longer,” he told *The New American*. “Patriots in communities all across the country are getting wise to the UN programs and are fighting back. Many of the Tea Party activists have awakened to these issues. Our phones have been literally ringing off the hooks with requests for information and speakers to help in local battles against Agenda 21 and sustainable development. 2011 is going to be a very critical year, and I’m encouraged; our side is going to make some major advances on these battlefronts.”

“The growing awareness of the dangers posed by UN programs such as Agenda 21, sustainable development, and the global-warming treaties, is, fortunately causing many Americans to look more critically at the United

Nations itself,” John F. McManus, president of The John Birch Society, told *The New American*. “These are tentacles, but the UN is the octopus controlling the tentacles. And it is our government that is feeding the UN octopus with our tax dollars, which the UN funnels, through a myriad of fronts, into these efforts aimed at destroying our freedoms and empowering the UN as a global government. It’s becoming more obvious each day that The John Birch Society’s half-century campaign to ‘Get US out of the United Nations — and Get the UN out of the US’ — is right on the mark. This should be a major effort of the new 112th Congress.”

Additional FYI Resources

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A Shaky Operation Alliance - TIME Feb 23, 1987	http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,963572,00.htm
<i>Civilian and Military Law Enforcement Cooperation</i> . By John F. Awtrey	http://www.policechiefmagazine.org/magazine/index.cfm?fuseaction=display_arch&article_id=227&issue_id=22004
Database Tracks U.S. Troop Deployment Since 1950	http://usgovinfo.about.com/od/defenseandsecurity/a/troopdeploy.htm
Defense Support of Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies A Proposed Rule by the Defense Department on 12/28/2010	http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2010/12/28/2010-32552/defense-support-of-civilian-law-enforcement-agencies
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INVESTIGATION TO INQUIRE INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING JTF-6 SHOOTING INCIDENT NEAR THE BORDER BETWEEN THE US & MEXICO THAT occurred 20 MAY 1997	http://shapleigh.org/system/reporting_document/file/142/focus_documents142.pdf
Joint Force Land Component Commander USMC Handbook FM3-31 MCWP 3-40.7 DECEMBER 13 2001	http://www.marines.mil/news/publications/Documents/MCWP%203-40.7%20Joint%20Force%20Land%20Component%20Commander%20Handbook.pdf
Joint Task Force Commander's Handbook for Peace Operations	http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/doctrine/research/k516.pdf
Joint Task Force Six (JTF-6) now Joint Task Force North (JTF North)	http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/agency/dod/jtf-6.htm
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Military Support for Civilian Law Enforcement Chapter 18	http://uscode.house.gov/download/pls/10C18.txt
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Operation Alliance Kicks Off (NPS Digest)	http://www.nps.gov/applications/digest/headline.cfm?type=Announcements&id=9150
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The Posse Comitatus Act Text of H.R. 5122	http://www.govtrack.us/data/us/bills.text/109/h/h5122.pdf
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The Worldwide Network of US Military Bases - The Global Deployment of US Military Personnel	http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=5564
Timeline of United States military operations	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_United_States_military_operations
Title 10: Armed Forces - Chapter 18 - <i>Military Support for Civilian law Enforcement</i>	http://us-code.vlex.com/vid/situations-involving-chemical-biological-19221867
U.S. Border Security: A Reference Handbook	http://books.google.com/books?id=HlcD0A0w6fgC&pg=PA70&lpg=PA70&dq=JTF-6+handbook&source=bl&ots=ZGQtCdV9PB&sig=9CBiDSmDS-WdMdTg0GoMZMy5ZQE&hl=en&sa=X&ei=tmsDT4HNAqmgIQKz7vWIDA&ved=0CFYQ6AEwCQ#v=onepage&q&f=false
U.S. Security and Nation Building	http://cpost.uchicago.edu/blog/2011/09/03/christopher-preble-u-s/
United States military and intelligence bases <i>US Visiting Forces'</i> presence in Britain – a briefing	http://www.quaker.org.uk/files/Us-bases-briefing2.pdf
US Defense And Intelligence Abbreviations And Acronyms Handbook	http://books.google.com/books?id=Oya4j0hmAtYC&pg=PA117&lpg=PA117&dq=JTF-6+handbook&source=bl&ots=7KzBsjM-6G&sig=3FAb7Hi7sKmlhN2schHG61-zast8&hl=en&sa=X&ei=tmsDT4HNAqmgIQKz7vWIDA&ved=0CEMQ6AEwBg#v=onepage&q=JTF-6%20handbook&f=false
Visiting Forces Act	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visiting_Forces_Act
Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA)	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visiting_Forces_Agreement

What about all those conspiracy theories?

Well I feel that time, energy, effort and money are wasted trying to prove they are real or not. I think the best thing we can do is ask ourselves:

What had to take place to allow this particular theory to be true and how do we prevent those conditions from occurring again?

Perspective - Operation Vigilant Guard

I have received many alarming and outright threatening emails about *Operation Vigilant Guard*. Now since I have no desire to run around scared out of my wits all the time and like to put things into perspective I did my usual research thing on this.

As far I can tell **Operation Vigilant Guard** was proposed by name in 2006 but mentioned in 'mission' in the Patriot Act of 2001. It was first budgeted for by the *National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year 2007*. Between 2007 and 2008 ten to 20 states took part in any given year.

Since it encompasses US National Guard, standard US military branches (special teams like CERN and CBRN & MP) as well as civilian volunteer groups, like the Baptist National Relief Group and US defense contractors, it appears to be different states during different years participating, with states that tend to get more frequent 'natural disasters' participating each year since 2007.

It is classified as a National Level Exercise (NLE). The Vigilant Guard exercise program is sponsored by US Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) in conjunction with the National Guard Bureau (NGB). The program provides State National Guard Headquarters and supporting units with an opportunity to improve cooperation and operational relationships with their civilian, federal and military partners in preparation for domestic emergencies and catastrophic events.

The local library didn't have much on this and when you search the web 99% of all the links to the first 50 pages of search results are for 2009-2012. The 10 or so articles I found (, where I looked for local newspaper online presences, outside of the national guard link) for 2007 & 2008 were very positive and often stressed that this was to reduce the confusion, lag-time and screw-ups that occurred during Katrina. Anything after 2008 from the public media seems to be sensationalism and fear mongering ... because when you read the actual agendas on the national guard sites, the exercises are the same as previous years like 2007 & 2008 - **when hardly anyone shouted an alarm!** (Which were only a handful of Democrat sites.)

When I search various state government's hazard and or preparedness websites, *Operation Vigilant Guard* was often referred to as the way CERT (Civilian Emergency Response Teams), MARS, RACES and a whole slew of other civilian groups (including the Civilian Air Patrol) volunteers to become involved with their states emergency plans and to be prepared.



This 'operation' does NOT scare me and most certainly not like **Operation Garden Plot**, aka The **Department of Defense Civil Disturbance Plan** (18 USC 1385 Posse Comitatus Act) which is a general U.S. Army and National

Guard plan to respond to **major domestic civil disturbances within the United States and are joint military, law enforcement & civilian exercises**. The plan was developed in response to the civil disorders of the 1960s and is *now* under the control of the U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM). (*Yes, this is the same group that controls Operation Vigilant Guard so it does warrant watching.*) It provides Federal military and law enforcement assistance to local governments during times of **major civil disturbances** (specifically). The Pentagon also activated it to restore order during the 1992 Los Angeles Riots. **Garden Plot was last activated** (as Noble Eagle under NSA & later DHS) **to provide military assistance to civil authorities following the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States**.



To top it off: the concept of Garden Plot was spelled out in the Patriot Act by name: *"Oversight of these homeland security missions should be provided by the National Guard Bureau based on the long-standing Garden Plot model in which National Guard units are trained and equipped to support civil authorities in crowd control and civil disturbance missions."* Testimony of Major General Richard C. Alexander, ANGUS (Ret.), Executive Director, National Guard Association of the United States, Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing on Homeland Defense, April 11, 2002.



Since the 9-11 attack DHS has used 'Garden Plot' guidelines for other continuing "operations" and "missions" including *Fast & Furious*. **Which is why it (Operation Garden Plot) scares me way more than this Operation Vigilant Guard!**

On top of that Operation Vigilant Guard was awarded very few funds in the 2012 NDAA budget, as it is mostly a state funded NLE operation. While the new versions of Operation Garden Plot was awarded close to 1 billion from *both* the NDAA budget as well as the DOJ budget (the DOJ budget bill does not receive the public scrutiny that the DOD NDAA bill does) and is a full Federal level NLE JTF (joint task force) operation.

I will grant you this: In states like say, California (among others) BOTH operations took place as a combined event, their newspapers even listed them as such and THAT I find alarming!

One basic reality check we should all use no matter what our beliefs, is this:

If our town were devastated by something that produced mass displacement, mass casualties and mass mortalities - **What would we expect the authorities to do?**



Remember whatever this crisis is, it will NOT just hit us God fearing, law abiding citizens - it will hit the prisons and jails too ... meaning all the people running around will be a mix of “the good, the bad and the ugly”!



We would need shelter, food, water, medical, spiritual, communication, transportation, defense, safety and security - to name a few necessities.



Mortalities will need to be addressed for humans, animals, pets and livestock to reduce the spread of bacterial diseases caused by decaying bodies (not to mention the smell); we humans will want closure on our beloved pets and loved ones; escaped criminals will need to be rounded up to protect us, we will need medical attention, shelter, food, clothing and whole slew of other things to survive let alone recover.

Next consider that exercises like rappelling are part of getting into an area when access roads are not available and have been utilized, not just by the military, but in Urban and wilderness S&R for decades.



Night flying and rappelling is much more hazardous than daylight operations, especially in urban areas with all the higher buildings, electrical wires, towers and the like ... *that takes practice just to be sure our 'rescuers' do not die in the attempt!*



Now if this was you or a loved one, say; trapped on a roof with rising waters all around you – ***do you want to wait until daylight for rescue or to be rescued by untrained and unprepared personnel?***



How on earth do we expect *any* entity to do this *without* pre-planning, pre-budgeting, supply storage units, pre-housing sites (or camps) and replacement of items as they exceed their shelf life? Remember shelf life is **not** just about food and drugs it's about tires, body bags, ropes, clothing, paint, fuel and just about everything else we may need to recoup from a disaster.



Reality is that we can either have a discombobulated, unplanned and unprepared for response or we can have a pre planned, pre funded and pre practiced plan and response that coordinates civilian and governmental entities - ***in place before a crisis hits*** to actually have a chance at an effective and efficient response of help and assistance. Of course this means that ***we must keep a vigilant eye out for abuse*** of these plans, however the plans alone are nothing but simple common sense and ***not tyrannical in and of themselves.***



Bottom line: Since I have *not* and *do not*, trust the US government (at any level) any farther than I can spit, I would say it is *always* wise to keep a watchful eye out. In this case however, the various state events since 2007, **do not** appear to warrant an alarm of Martial Law or Police State from Operation Vigilant Guard, *unlike* Operation Garden Plot.



Note: *When one of my friends reviewed and double checked this writing they said:* “Excellent research and a great service to American citizens. Unwarranted panic reduces our effectiveness when our alarm is really needed. It is impossible physically, psychologically and mentally to stay on red alert all the time and often leads to missing signs that warrants our concern. Great job! :)”

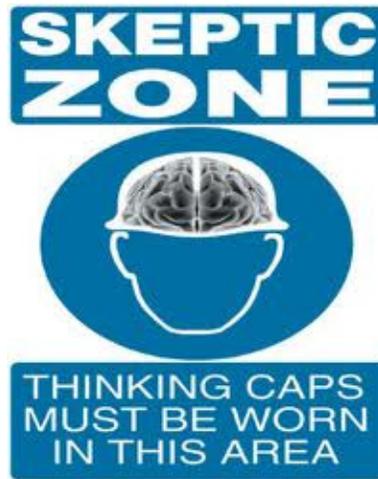
Hunting Down and Quantifying Information

“In all affairs it’s a healthy thing now and then to hang a question mark on the things you have long taken for granted.”

Bertrand Russell

(Bertrand Arthur William Russell, 3rd Earl Russell 1872- 1970 British philosopher, logician, mathematician, historian, and social critic)

People are constantly trying to get us to think like them and agree with them. I think this is a human trait that we all have. As with most things, this can be good and bad. On the good side we may learn something new, while on the bad side we may stop thinking for ourselves and end up having our beliefs blowing every which way in the wind, depending on whoever is speaking at the time.



I'm a bit of an odd duck as I rarely take things at face value or believe in coincidences. I don't trust very easily either and am a hard core skeptic. So no matter what the source of information passed to me, I research it. I try to find the 'history' of that particular subject. This enables me to strip away the media sensationalism, lying by omission, speculation, commentary, conjecture and educated guesses (propaganda), or hype, so I can see the most likely facts or truth of the subject at hand; at the very least I can put the 'information' into a realistic perspective.

*"Corruptissima re publica plurimae leges."
The more corrupt the state, the more numerous the laws.*

Jacitus, Annales

(1st century A.D, Tacitus is generally considered to be Rome's greatest historian, The Annals (Latin: Annales) by Tacitus is a history of the reigns of the four Roman Emperors succeeding Caesar Augustus.)



I absolutely hate being manipulated or coerced, nor can I stand being frustrated, depressed or mad all the time. And that is just how I would feel if all I did was scan the news on the radio, TV, newspapers and internet. Mainstream or alternative, printed or digital, audio or video; it makes no never mind; all these formats utilize the same methods to 'sell' the 'news' and manipulate our ideas and feelings.



I don't know about you, but I want to live life and enjoy it! I can't do that if I constantly fall prey to all the so called news and subversive tactics of the media and politicians. So here is how I sort through all the garbage and propaganda that is out there so I can indeed sleep well, play well and enjoy life ;-}

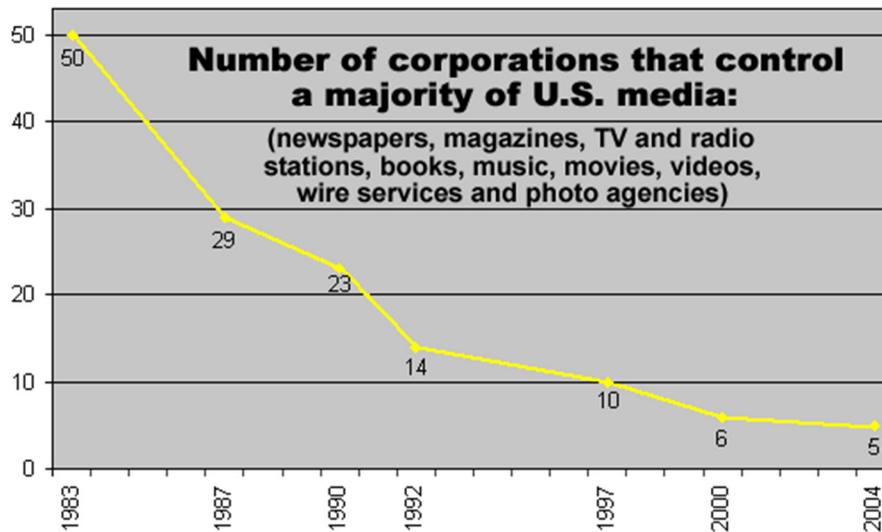
"I do not take a single newspaper, nor read one a month, and I feel myself infinitely the happier for it."
 Thomas Jefferson



Putting All Media into Perspective

Ever since the media came into existence, from the town criers to instant messages, *sensationalism* has been the number 1 requirement to 'selling' the information. For many decades the 2nd requirement was **facts**, coupled with a good dose of *restraint* on conjecture, speculation and educated guesses.

The media providers *used to* use these requirements to get the ratings they needed to keep 'subscriber' rates up and make money. **By today's standards the # 2 rule no longer applies.**



Then there are the news networks themselves. We all know that these have consolidated down into a handful of corporate entities and that most of these corporate entities have one or more political, lobby or special interest group as their primary sponsor. Hence, ***this makes for some extremely biased news reporting.*** Even more so when you add in that most of these networks are now considered primarily commentary, which is another way to say opinion, speculation or conjecture and *not fact*.

“A monopoly on the means of communication may define a ruling elite more precisely than the celebrated Marxian formula of ‘monopoly in the means of production.’”

Robert Anton Wilson

(American author and polymath, novelist, philosopher, psychologist, essayist, editor, playwright, poet, futurist, civil libertarian and self-described agnostic mystic January 18, 1932-January 11, 2007)

Ultra Concentrated Media Top Selling Brands

1 AOL Time Warner
 \$31.8 billion
 29 operations from Poland to Brazil including CNN, Time Warner Cable with 13 million customers in the US.
 24 book brands - from Time Life Books to Little, Brown and Company.
 Time, Fortune and 33 other titles with a total of 120 million readers.
 12 companies including Warner Bros (Daffy Duck) and Hanna-Barbera Cartoons (Scooby Doo). Multiplex cinemas in 12 countries.
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2 The Walt Disney Co
 \$21.4 billion
 The company wants to extend the Disney experience into almost every aspect of life. The magic never stops in Celebration, Florida, the \$2.5 billion pre-planned town built by Disney, which regulates everything from who can move in to the height of the residents' hedges.
 The Disney Channel broadcasts in 8 countries. International sports channel ESPN broadcasts to over 165 countries in Asia, Europe, Latin America.
 Other channels include Walt Disney TV, Sportsvision Australia and eight others, including St Louis Daily Record.
 Disney Publishing groups and four newspapers including The Lion King, Beauty and the Beast.
 Major US TV networks ABC television & radio and 10 television stations and 29 radio stations.
 Include Disneyland LA and Paris, Disney World Florida, MGM studios, Disney's Animal Kingdom, World Sports Complex, 27 hotels with over 36,000 rooms, two cruise ships, and the Disney Institute where professionals can 'discover the business behind the magic'.
 In 1998, ABC News discarded an investigative report that raised embarrassing questions about hiring and safety practices at Disney World.
 - Leo Bogart, Commercial Culture
 Walt Disney Touchstone, Miramax Films, Buena Vista, and four others.
 Disney Books, 18 online ventures including Infoseek, 6 music labels, several hockey and baseball teams, and 720 Disney Stores worldwide.

3 Bertelsmann AG
 \$12.3 billion
 Bertelsmann is the world's biggest publisher. Random House shifts over a million books a day in the US alone, and the company has Book Clubs across Europe, operations in South America, and is a major publisher of science titles.
 Bertelsmann Services Group - from consumer databases to call centres around the world.
 Bertelsmann Music Group (BMG) operates in 54 countries. Its US labels own in turn 200 labels worldwide.
 Heinrich Mohn, head of the German Bertelsmann house from 1921, was a sponsoring member of the SS. The company was a major printer of Nazi material during the 'Third Reich'.
 Bertelsmann AG CEO Dr. Thomas Middelhoff Employees 64,800 Revenue \$12.3 Billion

4 Viacom
 \$12.8 billion
 Viacom from the cradle to the grave: 'You can literally pick an advertiser's needs and market that advertiser across all the demographic profiles, from Nickelodeon with the youngest consumers to CBS with some of the oldest consumers.'
 CBS has 200 affiliated TV stations, and distributes its shows globally. MTV the music video channel reaches 342 million households worldwide. Viacom also owns VH1, MTV's music channel 'competitor'.
 Other major networks include Nickelodeon, Paramount and Comedy Central.
 Major owings, from Paramount to United Cinemas International, a joint venture with Vivendi Universal with 104 cinemas in Europe, Japan and South America. Blockbuster is the world's largest renter of videos with stores in 27 countries.
 PLUS over 2,000 book titles annually, 180 US radio stations, and Infinity Outdoor, the largest advertising company in the world.
 Viacom broke US rules controlling media ownership when it bought TV network CBS. Within a week, Senator McCain had proposed a change to those rules. Viacom is McCain's fourth biggest 'career patron'.

5 News Corporation
 \$13.5 billion
 Fox TV is the largest in the US with 22 stations. Hit shows include 'Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire?' There are 14 Fox companies internationally including 20th Century Fox TV.
 News Corp uses its global reach to localize its tax calculations, getting its accounts done in countries with low tax rates - as a result it paid only 6.1 per cent tax worldwide in the 4 years to June 1998.
 'Our reach is unmatched around the world. We're reaching people from the moment they wake up until they fall asleep.' - Rupert Murdoch
 FOX News, and seven other US news networks. In the UK, Sky, Sky, Sky with 150 channels and services.
 Australian channel FOXTEL STAR TV satellite service reaches over 300 million people across Asia. Phoenix satellite TV and four other channels serve much of China. News Corp also broadcasts into India, Japan, Indonesia, New Zealand, Latin America, Europe.
 HarperCollins and seven other publishing houses.
 The New York Post in the US, The Times, The Sun, and the News of the World in the UK. In Australia the company owns over 100 national and regional titles including The Australian, the Daily Telegraph, The Sunday Tasmanian, and 57 suburban newspapers of New Zealand, with 55 national and community papers, and titles in Fiji and Papua.

Other sections:
 Vivendi, better known as a colossus of the privatized water industry - from Puerto Rico to Three Valleys Water in the UK - merged with media company Scagram in 2000. Europe's answer to AOL Time Warner. Vivendi Universal has taken 'convergence' furthest - integrating film, music and mobile phones. As a telecoms giant it has big stakes in the cables and wires that deliver these services.
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 'A vast empire of broadcasting, music, movies and publishing assets, complemented by AOL's dominant Internet presence, all fed to consumers... through Time Warner's cable network. Think of it as AOL, Time Warner Anywhere, Anytime, Anyhow!' - TIME magazine.
 AOL US and AOL International (14 countries) plus eight other online ventures including Compuserve and Netscape. Time Warner Cable is trial-running a telephone service over the Internet in the US.
 AOL has 27 million subscribers. They spend an incredible 84 per cent of their Internet time on AOL alone, which provides a regulated leisure and shopping environment dominated by in-house brands - from Time magazine to Madonna's latest album.
 Theme parks, Warner Bros studio stores in 30 countries, and tied merchandise.
 The largest six media companies in the world - with just a few of their 'family brands'.
 * Biggest media mergers ever in 2000!
 * Now with record-breaking monopoly!
 'Unbridled consumerism...' - MTV's Tom Freston outlines MTV India's content.
 Bertelsmann is the world's biggest publisher. Random House shifts over a million books a day in the US alone, and the company has Book Clubs across Europe, operations in South America, and is a major publisher of science titles.
 Bertelsmann Services Group - from consumer databases to call centres around the world.
 Bertelsmann Music Group (BMG) operates in 54 countries. Its US labels own in turn 200 labels worldwide.
 Heinrich Mohn, head of the German Bertelsmann house from 1921, was a sponsoring member of the SS. The company was a major printer of Nazi material during the 'Third Reich'.
 Bertelsmann AG CEO Dr. Thomas Middelhoff Employees 64,800 Revenue \$12.3 Billion

<http://endthelie.com/2012/09/19/the-mainstream-media-merry-go-round/#axzz2RzQNhdy6>

"The media is too concentrated, too few people own too much. There's really five companies that control 90 percent of what we read, see and hear. It's not healthy."

Jed Turner

(Robert Edward "Jed" Turner III born November 19, 1938 is an American media mogul)

It helps here to listen to news from opposing sponsor viewpoints, to get both sides of the story. Now these opposing views can take a couple of formats; either direct contradiction to each other or more commonly, a lack of reporting at all by one viewpoint over the other.

"Media: 99.99% of what happens is not on the news"
 Loesje
(Dutch Fictional character "Active and International girl", b.1983)

Take Accidental Firearm Shootings: Networks sponsored by pro gun control entities will report on the number of accidental shootings that occurred in the past month or whatever. Networks sponsored by anti gun control entities will not report on anything like that all, yet alone rebuff the reports of the other network.

(often credited as Jack White III, is an American musician, singer-songwriter, record producer, multi-instrumentalist and occasional actor. July 9, 1975)



Now add in that with our techno world today, **digital forensics hasn't caught up with all our digital technology.** That means that we can **no longer validate** that video, picture or audio recording if it was generated digitally in the first place. Nope the old days of finding the negative or original cassette tape recording are gone. The truth is that anything that we see or hear today could very well be fake, unless we have seen and heard it in person, as it happened, with our own eyes.



This altered photo, used as an Internet hoax, is a composite of a U.S. Air Force photo of an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter during a rescue diver training session in San Francisco Bay and a still shot of a great white shark breaching the ocean surface. See http://www.albany.edu/news/release_9445.php

Case in point: Awhile back there was a picture going around that had this shark breaching the water and above its gaping mouth was a man on a rope ladder suspended from a helicopter. Pretty shocking picture until one takes a closer look and realizes that the proportion of the shark to the man and helicopter are off, so to be real, the shark would need to be megalodon (a prehistoric shark)!



Megalodon shark tooth with two great white shark teeth.



Model of the jaws of megalodon at the American Museum of Natural History.

In this case there were actual negatives to some of the images (if you could get your hands on them), so you can see how one was superimposed on the other with a digital photo editor.

"The United States is unusual among the industrial democracies in the rigidity of the system of ideological control - 'indoctrination,' we might say - exercised through the mass media."

ask what you can do for your country."

John F. Kennedy

Inaugural Address January 20, 1961



For legislation concerning issues important to me, I make a point to read and identify any circular references or loopholes in any bill or act. I also read any corresponding congressional research papers to see if the legislation's actions address and confirm the research or contradict it. After all it is way too easy to fool our eyes, brains and push our psychological buttons.

As a side note: I have found that legislation since the early to mid 1900's has fallen way short of excellence and is getting worse with each passing year. Today unfortunately, corruption in Congress is widespread, and the election system seems to encourage rather than deter it. Self-serving legislation has become the prevailing trend among Congressmen and Senators who make major decisions in order to preserve beneficial relationships with deep-pocketed lobbyists or corporations and maintain a long list of exclusive benefits. We now have career politicians, rather than representative constituents of 'we the people'. Politics and Government may be kissing cousins; however they are indeed two different animals. Wouldn't it be nice if our elected and appointed government officials would remember this!

"The corporate grip on opinion in the United States is one of the wonders of the Western world. No First World country has ever managed to eliminate so entirely from its media all objectivity - much less dissent."

Gore Vidal

(Eugene Luther Gore Vidal American writer, grandson of U.S. Senator Thomas Gore of Oklahoma Born: October 3, 1925-July 31, 2012)



For other issues, I search the web, go to libraries, interview people associated with the issue, try to find actual experts to the specialty in question (in person, online, library publications, etc), scan the newspapers (local, regional, national, international), and utilize the military's news (like Stars & Stripes) and base news briefs, along with government agency and department news releases, etc. I have gone to

the Library of Congress (many times), as well as various college or university libraries, on many occasions and utilize the Federal Registry (online) quite a bit too.

"The Internet is like a herd of performing elephants with diarrhea – massive, difficult to redirect, awe-inspiring, entertaining, and a source of mind-boggling amounts of excrement when you least expect it."

Gene Spafford

(Eugene Howard Spafford known as Spaf, a professor of computer science at Purdue University and a leading computer security expert. Born: 1956)



I also 'subscribe' to emails from sites that 'stand' on opposite sides of issues. This is because I firmly believe in *'keeping my friends close and my enemies closer'*. I want to compare their 'facts' and sources to the opposing sides 'facts' and sources.



Depending on the subject, I will look up the history of the issue, program, department or agency, etc. Often times what is headlined as *'First Time Ever'* is a false claim, in that it is a 'First Time' for the *newly formed* or *renamed* program, department or agency and NOT the 'First Time' for this 'exercise' or governmental action.

"If people in the media cannot decide whether they are in the business of reporting news or manufacturing propaganda, it is all the more important that the public understand that difference, and choose their news sources accordingly."

Thomas Sowell

(American economist, social theorist, political philosopher, and author born June 30, 1930)



For example: The headlines in November of 2011 were stating that the test of the national Emergency Alert System was the *'First Time Ever'* of its kind and that the president [implied suddenly NOW] had the capability to hijack all public communications networks.

Yet history shows that the president has had the capability to 'hijack' public communication networks since 1971, after an Air Force person made a very human mistake and aired the wrong tape for the regularly scheduled test of the old (analog) Emergency Broadcast System.

So the 'First Time Ever' applied *only* to the *first* test of the *new* digital Emergency Alert System and *not* to the capabilities of the president concerning national emergency notifications.

"The media tends to report rumors, speculations, and projections as facts... How does the media do this? By quoting some "expert"... you can always find some expert who will say something hopelessly hopeless about anything."

Peter McWilliams

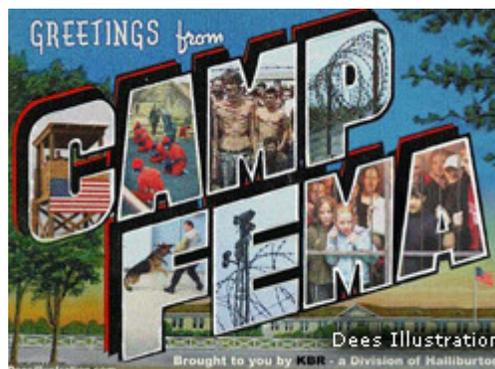
(American Writer, Born August 5, 1949 - June 14, 2000)



Another example is all the headlines about *foreign troops training with US soldiers on US soil*. This has been going on for centuries, right along with our troops training on foreign soil with other country's soldiers.

Don't believe me? Just check out all the various bills and acts regarding: International Military Education Training Programs (IMET), US International Security Assistance Education and Training or Military Bilateral Relations Training and all the programs for cross-training of all the various UN member nation militaries with UN forces.

All these training missions and drills, here and abroad, have historically been limited to squads or units of 50 or less and for no more than a month at a time. Not exactly an invasion or hostile takeover of our military and government as *implied* by the media. Again, the media did not lie, however they did sensationalize and 'lie by omission'.



Or what about the headlines on *FEMA Refugee or Prison Camps*? History here shows that today's FEMA regions and pre-designated camps and warehouses have been around since the old Civil Defense days.

In fact back then (since Civil Defense wasn't an actual department, but rather a program spread over a dozen or so departments) many of these camps and warehouses were often *unnecessarily replicated at tax dollar expense!* It was one of the reasons FEMA was created by Presidential Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978 and implemented by two Executive Orders on April 1, 1979.

So the headlines today are nothing new, the media is not outright lying, just sensationalizing and lying by omission.

"Whoever controls the media, controls the mind."

Jim Morrison

(December 8, 1943 - July 3, 1971 James Douglas "Jim" Morrison was an American singer-songwriter and poet, best remembered as the lead singer of Los Angeles rock band The Doors)



I also have some old school text books from one of my grandparents, my mother, mine and my kids that include US and World History and civics texts. Couple that with a 1st edition Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and a 1700's 'word smith' (digital copy) dictionary (A Dictionary of the English Language, sometimes published as Johnson's Dictionary 1st published on 15 April 1755) and I have a good look at how various subjects, words and history or whatever have changed over the decades.

Examples:

The term 'health care' did not exist until the early 1900's and the word 'healthcare' was not officially recognized until 1998.

The late 1800's US History text referred to the Civil War as a war over money and control of the new territories and the Supreme Court ruling giving control of the new territories founded and settled by the southern states to the northern states. By the mid-1900's text books on the Civil War say it was over slavery and the ruling of the Supreme Court giving control of the new territories to the north, spawning a 'boycott' of congress by the southern states isn't even mentioned.

The Democratic-Republican Party was the political party organized by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison in 1791-93. It stood in opposition to the Federalist Party and controlled the Presidency and Congress and most states, from 1801 to 1824. It split after the 1824 presidential election into two parties: the Democratic Party and the short-lived National Republican Party, later succeeded by the Whig Party, many of whose adherents eventually founded the modern Republican Party. In US history text books prior to the 1930's say the split occurred over the methodology to achieve its agenda and not the agenda itself and using the battle cry of 'anti-slavery' to gain support and refer to the Democratic Republican Party as the 'roots' and 'foundation' to today's Democrat and Republican parties. Yet, text books since the 1940's only refer to the anti-slavery angle and say the Democratic party stemmed from the Anti-federalists and the Republican Party stemmed from the anti-slavery movement and Abraham Lincoln. Some 'party historians' even write that the Democrat and Republican parties actually originated in colonial times. So when I look at the history of today's Democrat and Republican parties, I consider the older text books more truthful and accurate than today's.

US History text books prior to the New Deal of 1933-1934 have a different meaning for words like: Tax, Tariff and Commerce. Text books by the 1940's never refer to the original meanings of these words and only the new Supreme Court ruled interpretations that facilitated the New Deal programs.

Note: A great source of old texts and books online is <http://archive.org/index.php> and <http://www.gutenberg.org/>. Otherwise visit rare and old book stores or visit the Library of Congress in person (as ever since it started posting digital copies online, they change from administration to administration so as to NOT contradict any current administration).

Hence **any mass evacuation or relief effort takes tons of budgeting, planning and training, along with equipment, communications and staging areas** to ensure the best results. IE: The most saved human lives.

"Once conform, once do what others do because they do it, and a kind of lethargy steals over the senses of the soul."

Michel de Montaigne

(Michel Eyquem de Montaigne one of the most influential writers of the French Renaissance, thought of as the father of modern skepticism. February 28, 1533-September 13, 1592)

Considering all of these high level factors, we realize it pays to put into perspective what actions, planning and budgeting, etc., ANY authoritative entity will *need* to do in order to be successful.

So I ask myself:

- If this is a crisis we can (beyond a shadow of doubt) see coming (like a hurricane); what do you expect any authority to do about it?
- What do you expect any authority to do as a crisis hits?
- What do you expect any authority to provide after a crisis hits?
- How do you expect any authority to handle escaped and injured criminals or any new criminal acts committed post crisis?
- How do you expect any authority to handle the mass displacements?
- How do you expect any authority to handle the mass casualties?
- How do you expect any authority to handle the mass mortalities of not only humans, but pets, livestock and wildlife?
- If rescue of some kind is needed, how do you expect it to be handled and what kind of training should these rescuers have?
- How quickly should you be rescued, and what rescue priority protocol should there be?
- What do you expect any authority to do in the way of assisting in getting our lives back?

Bottom line: No matter if we are an average citizen or a large infrastructured entity, being prepared takes way more than first aid kits and insurance policies or stockpiles and monies. It takes tons of planning, time, monies and practicing too.

Before anyone flips out here realize that this does NOT mean we should just let our government go along and do what it pleases *without question*. Especially not here in the US where over the decades our government has slowly married itself to a small group of political corporate entities, and in the process enslaved the states and therefore every citizen too. ***Yet we do need to remember that certain actions by any government are not tyrannical in and of themselves.*** There is good and bad in everything and everyone.

This just means that we have to consciously counter the sensationalism of the media that is always trying to trigger our 'fight or flight' responses; our need to blame someone (or something) for our woes, along with our tendency to hate or extremely dislike people who do not 'believe' exactly as we do.

We have to remind ourselves that our country was formed on the principle of the freedom of choice, within the constraints of the 10 Commandments or Golden Rule and *not* on the principle of a federal dictatorship.



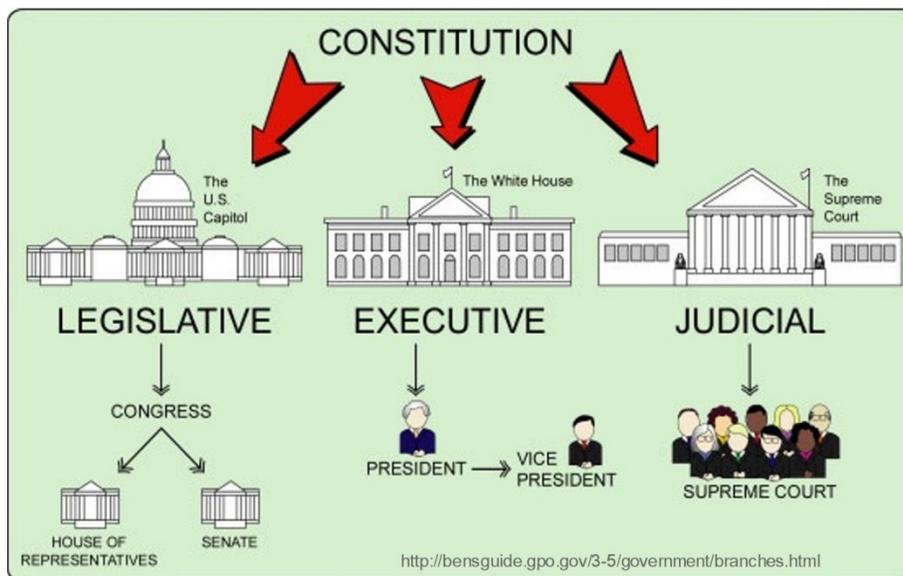
This can be achieved by striking a delicate balance between the rational perspective of the *needs* of any authoritative entity to do what we feel they should, and what would be required to do so; vs the sensationalism, conjecture and speculation of the media, along with our natural distrust of dictatorial actions of governments, including our own. This is not an easy task from any angle, yet it is vital if we wish to be a truthful, rational and logical person.

"A big problem in this world is that the idiots are convinced that they know everything and the intelligent people are full of doubts."

Bertrand Russell

(Bertrand Arthur William Russell, 3rd Earl Russell, OM, FRS was a British philosopher, logician, mathematician, historian, and social critic. May 18, 1872-February 2, 1970)

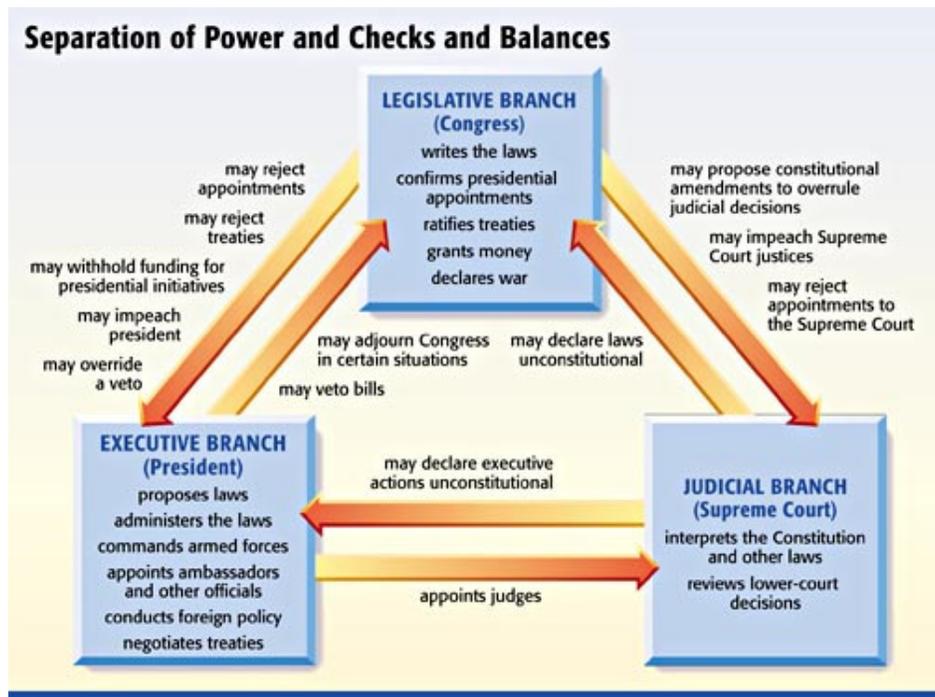
Our nation's founders set up a government with built in checks and balances, so that no one person or group of people could ever take control away from We the People.



"The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness; you have to catch it yourself."

Ben Franklin

Don't forget that here in the United States, it is us citizens that are the final 'check and balance' to our government. We are the failsafe. If we fail, the United States fails and everyone suffers.



*"The government is the best that governs the least."
 Thomas Paine*

So how DO I organize all this information and media 'button pushing' to make heads or tails out of it?

The Scientist's Manifesto

LEARN.

Not because you feel you **have to**
 but because you know you **want to.**

Be **inspired** by what you understand,
 and be **driven** by what you do not.

Use your mind to **realize** who you are
 and to help mankind reach its **potential.**

shun **IGNORANCE**
 combat **INDIFFERENCE**
 question **EVERYTHING**

and *above all...* **TRUTH.**
 never be afraid of the

Take all the information on a subject; then list all the specific information and resources in a Pro and Con list;

- find the details that ARE agreed upon by both 'sides';
- list all the contested details and their sources;
- read all the sources to each article and do the same thing with these sources.

Basically I end up with a 7 column table consisting of:

- Subject
- Pro
- Con
- Inconclusive/contested
- In agreement
- Notes
- Source(s)

*"The man who graduates today and stops learning tomorrow
is uneducated the day after."*

Newton D. Baker

(Chester Bliss Bowles, 1901-1986, Politician, Lawyer, liberal Democratic American diplomat and politician from Connecticut.)

As a result of these research methods, 90+ times out of 100 when I track these contested details I find the 'author' of the article has stated or implied *conjecture as fact*, rather than the *inconclusive information it really is*. These 'authors' tend to repeat themselves and are often quoted by other 'authors' of a similar bent that wish to 'win' at all costs. I've even seen the exact same article published from multiple sources, by the same author (just the headline is slightly different).



At this point I put the issue into perspective, which is often a Catch 22 and then make the ultimate judgment call to believe or not believe, to trust or not trust.

Which leads me to only truly 'trusting' authors or reporters that *willingly* state that a detail is inconclusive and could go either way. Or at worst, has the source of that piece of information listed, which then states it is an inconclusive detail. This is particularly true of 'scientific' studies or research. If all the parts to a scientific study are NOT present in the article, I search for the study itself; if all the parts are still not present; I flag that source as "unscientific" and treat their findings as *conjecture*, NOT scientific fact.



This is also why I have a hard time *succumbing* to sensationalized emotional tactics in the media. (Alas, I am human and don't always *immediately* succeed at this.) As with 'scientific' proof, the 'proof' in these articles (or shows) more times than not, contain *conjecture* based on, *maybe*, one tiny fact and then gain 'credence' by leaving information out (lying by omission) of the article or program.

Example: Back in 2012 one of my favorite sources had an article headline that stated that 'Government Employees Bypass the Law'. When you read the article it is easy to miss that it talks about *one local town government employee in one state*, found this loophole and took advantage of it. Yet if you follow the sources to the article and read them, you find out that it is stressed that this is *one local government employee in one state* and that the loophole was immediately closed and the employee was given an informal 'reprimand' that if this occurred again he would be fired.

The headline implied that this bypassing of the law was rampant throughout the government at all levels and the detail in the article did not stress that this was *just* one government employee at a local level in one state only. Since the headline said 'employees', the brain thinks plural, as in all or a great number of employees. It stated the facts yes, but went out of its way to avoid drawing the reader's attention to the base fact that this was just ONE small town local employee in ONE state.



I find authors or 'talking heads' that *continuously* prey upon human emotions and fears, by implying that one or two facts, minus complete supporting information (or taken out of context) and then embellished with conjecture in their presentations as facts - ***totally untrustworthy***. To me, the facts all by themselves are scary enough and I don't need them made worse or exaggerated with supposition and conjecture.

"Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

*Albert Einstein
(1879-1955, Scientist)*

Where do I get my information? I have already listed a number of sources that require a one on one, in the flesh type of research. The following table is a list of some of my online sources.

Many of these sites give you email news when you create a login to their web page. Others have actual digital newsletters that can come out daily, weekly or monthly. Some only have Social Media (which I avoid) or RSS Feeds. Others, like some of the online newspapers, you have to have a digital subscription or be a paying member and some offer none of the above so I utilize a third party software program that searches designated sites for changes that contain my specific key words and then emails me. I still have to go to the site to see this change, but at least I know a change has taken place.

For the links that take you to a Home Page; scan the page for 'register', 'login', the RSS icon or a 'Sign Up for email' box, and follow the online instructions to setup the notification.

"Learning is not compulsory... neither is survival."

W. Edwards Deming

(William Edwards Deming 1900-1993 American statistician, professor, author, lecturer, and consultant)

As a safety precaution: Create an alternate email account for these things with some other provider than your primary email account and use some other 'screen name' for this email (also make a bogus street address, pick a different city/state/zip from where you actually live) and the site logins themselves. ***This isn't the best defense from data mining and digital snooping, however it is way better than nothing.***

"Let the eye of vigilance never be closed."

Thomas Jefferson

(Letter to Spencer Roane, 1821)

** Following this source table is a general description of what to look for in scientific research and experiments.

"The American people should be made aware of the trend toward monopolization of the great public information vehicles (the media) and the concentration of more and more power over public opinion in fewer and fewer hands."

Spiro Agnew

(Spiro Theodore Agnew American politician who served as the 39th Vice President of the United States from 1969 to 1973, serving under President Richard Nixon November 9, 1973- September 17, 1976)

I must stress – these are my sources to my concerns – Yours could be something else entirely. However, if any of your concerns fall into the realm of any government entity's responsibility, then the links to these government entities will be very useful.

TNT

"Keep your friends close and your enemies closer."

Sun-tzu

(400 B.C.) Chinese general & military strategist and author of the 'Art of War'

2nd Amendment TV	Reviews, video, firearm how-to, 2 nd Amendment, preparedness. If you create a logon to the site you get email notifications.	http://www.2ndamendmenttv.com/about.html
Agenda 21 Today	AGENDA21TODAY Newsletter, Operation Paul Revere	http://americanfreedomwatchradio.com/?page_id=526

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ALBC	American Livestock Breeds Conservancy	http://www.albc-usa.org/enews_signup.php
ANTS	Americans Networking to Survive If you create a logon to the site you get email notifications.	http://americansnetworkingtosurvive.org/
APN	American Prepper Network If you create a logon to the site you get email notifications.	http://www.americanpreppersnetwork.com/
Archive of old books, etc	Archive.org is a great place to find old books, journals and publication that have been made available digitally.	http://archive.org/index.php
ARRL	American Radio Relay League If you create a logon to the site you get email notifications.	http://www.arrl.org/
AVAAZ	<p>Mostly Following ACTA (UN Internet Treaty) and Europes fight against GMO companies.</p> <p>Avaaz—meaning "voice" in several European, Middle Eastern and Asian languages—launched in 2007 with a simple democratic mission: organize citizens of all nations to close the gap between the world we have and the world most people everywhere want.</p> <p>Avaaz empowers millions of people from all walks of life to take action on pressing global, regional and national issues, from corruption and poverty to conflict and climate change. Our model of internet organising allows thousands of individual efforts, however small, to be rapidly combined into a powerful collective force.</p> <p>The Avaaz community campaigns in 15 languages, served by a core team on 6 continents and thousands of volunteers. We take action -- signing petitions, funding media campaigns and direct actions, emailing, calling and lobbying governments, and organizing "offline" protests and events - to ensure that the views and values of the world's people inform the decisions that affect us all.</p>	http://www.avaaz.org/en/index.php
BBC		http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/3813279.stm email alerts http://newsvote.bbc.co.uk/email
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<p>Change.org</p>	<p>Online Petition Forum - When you create a login you get emails on new petitions and status of existing petitions. The White House and Congress (and who knows what else) have staff that monitor these petitions. Started out to be mostly pro-progressive, however after the first year it now appears to be pro-moderate.</p> <p>Change.org empowers you to create real change in your community, city, or country. Every day, across the world, people like you start campaigns on Change.org to fight for issues they care about — and the Change.org team works to mobilize people to help them win.</p> <p>We believe that building momentum for social change globally means empowering citizen activists locally. That's why anyone, anywhere — from Chicago to Cape Town — can start their own grassroots campaign for change using our organizing platform.</p> <p>Your campaign can be about anything. From supporting curbside recycling programs to fighting wrongful deportation to protecting against anti-gay bullying, Change.org members start campaigns around thousands of different issues. To start your own campaign, just click here.</p> <p>Our mission is to build an international network of people empowered to fight for what's right locally, nationally, and globally.</p> <p>As part of our work to build social movements, we also help nonprofits grow their membership by connecting them to people passionate about their cause.</p>	<p>https://www.change.org/login_or_join?redirected=true</p>
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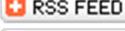
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"If you tell a big enough lie and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed."

Adolph Hitler

FYI: Information on Scientific Research, Studies and Experiments

Parts of a Science (Fair) Project

1. The Research Question

Your research question is what you hope to figure out. It is your "what if" question. You should be able to write the research question in a simple sentence. For example, "What happens to seeds if they are kept at different temperatures before they are planted?"

2. The Hypothesis

The hypothesis is what you expect to happen in your experiment. For the research question about seeds, the hypothesis might be, "higher temperatures will make seeds sprout faster."

3. The Procedure

The procedure is the plan for how you will conduct your experiment. Here are some things to think about:

- An experiment can only have one variable. That is, you can change only one condition in each experiment. For example, with the seed experiment, the variable is the temperature at which the seeds are kept before you plant them. Keep each group of seeds at that temperature for the same amount of time. Also make sure that all the seeds get the same amount of light and water after you plant them.
- How long will your experiment take? If you only have a few weeks to do your experiment, decide on a procedure that you can carry out in that time.
- Consider your "sample size." How many seeds will you test at each temperature? Allow a big enough sample so that you can have a few duds in each group.
- Once you decide on a procedure, write it down step by step. That way, you can prove what you did and can follow the same procedure if you need to repeat the experiment.

4. Parts of an Experiment

The following parts of an experiment should be included in most science projects and should be identified in the written paper. Correlations and other atypical designs are exceptions.

- The *independent variable* is the variable that is intentionally changed in the experiment, such as the temperature of the water in which an effervescent tablet was dissolved.
- The *levels of the independent variable* are the different values of the independent variable, such as using water at 10°, 20°, 30°, 40°, and 50° C. The levels of the independent variable can also be thought of as the experimental groups that are set up.

- The *dependent variable* is the variable that responds to the changes in the independent variable. For example, the time it takes for the tablets to dissolve in the different temperatures of water is the dependent variable.
- The *control* is the standard against which the researcher compares the results from each treatment group (level) in the experiment. For example, the control might be the room temperature water, which is about 20° C. In many cases, there will not be a true control. The researcher could then set one of the groups as the standard and measure the other groups against that standard.
- The *repeated trials* are the number of times the experiment is repeated to determine how the independent variable affected the results. For example, if the researcher tried dissolving the tablet seven different times in each temperature of water, he/she would have seven repeated trials. If 10 different plants are used for each treatment, then there are 10 repeated trials.
- *Constants* are the things that are kept the same each time one of the trials in the experiment is repeated. For example, constants could include the amount of water used, the brand of effervescent tablet used, the type of water used, and the fact that the water was not stirred. As many outside factors as possible should be kept constant in an experiment so that the researcher can be sure that any changes that occur do so because of the independent variable.

5. Materials

A list of all the materials needed to perform the experiment.

6. The Results

Results are the data, or information, that you collected. Your data should be in numbers. For example, let's say that some of your plants grew 1 centimeter the first week. Don't just write that the plants "look bigger"; write down exactly how much they grew.

7. The Conclusion

The conclusion is what you learned from doing the experiment. You might also think of the conclusion as a summary. In just a few sentences, your conclusion explains what happened in your experiment and whether it supported your hypothesis.

What if your results do not support your hypothesis? That is perfectly fine. You're not out to "prove" your hypothesis but to test it. Think along the lines of "here's what I thought was going to happen, and here's what actually happened." Then go on to explain why you think things happened the way they did.

"Neither science, nor the politics in power, nor the mass media, nor business, nor the law nor even the military are in a position to define or control risks rationally."

*Ulrich Beck
(German sociologist. Born: 1944)*

FYI: Science Misconceptions (<http://www.experiment-resources.com/science-misconceptions.html>)

Science misconceptions are a common misbelief, where a semi-truth or falsehood is perpetuated as scientific fact.

There are many reasons for misconceptions, many arising from bad science, but some from an oversimplification of the truth and others from urban myths that everybody thinks that they know.

Many people, even science teachers, do not fully understand the nature of science, and incorrectly portray the aims of research, and what science can actually achieve.

The main reason for this is that the philosophy of science is woefully neglected most scientific education curricula, and many scientists learn how to do experiments, but with little understanding of why, and the basic underlying processes defining the very nature of science.

COMMON SCIENCE MISCONCEPTIONS

For example, how many times, when you were a kid, did you see children's stories or schoolbooks with pictures of penguins and polar bears living happily at the North Pole? This is a misconception; polar bears certainly inhabit the artic, but no penguin has ever been there – they only live in the Southern Hemisphere.

Another famous misconception is that water draining from the bath will drain anticlockwise in the northern hemisphere and clockwise in the southern hemisphere, due to the Coriolis Effect. This is untrue, but is perpetuated in scientific textbooks as fact. These are examples of science misconceptions that people are ingrained with and which they may carry on into adulthood.

Some misconceptions are understandable – either they oversimplify complicated concepts, or they over generalize.

In children, certainly, they often construct a view of the world and are reluctant to give it up, however much contrary evidence. This is a normal part of growing up to understand the world and understand the underlying principles.

The problem is that these views often remain, and are never reviewed, so many people leave school still possessing an incorrect view of the world.

ADULT SCIENCE MISCONCEPTIONS

More serious is when adults, often including scientists, take these misconceptions on board and propagate them as truth.

Sometimes, pseudoscience becomes a misconception, where if something is publicized enough times, the general public believes it to be true.

One of the most common science misconceptions, still apparent in debate and in the media, is that science can provide ultimate proof, and that any process that science uncovers must be regarded as truth.

Science never achieves 'proof', even the most well known and basic principle is always subject to falsification, with even a single piece of evidence to the contrary able to destroy a theory.

Unfortunately, many experts still try to portray scientific findings as 'proof' or 'truth'. Any well-trained scientist would never make such a mistake, which can have serious consequences.

For example, courtrooms are one area where jurors often believe that because an expert is a scientist, with a PhD, they know everything. This is not the case, and there is never an agreement within science, nor is science always right.

Accepted principles may change over time, and be replaced by new ones as a paradigm shifts. A PhD does not a good scientist make, because they vary in quality and subject, although it is generally a reasonable guide. This has led to some serious miscarriages of justice, where jurors have taken the evidence presented by a science 'expert' as true and incorrectly convicted an innocent person.

The pediatrician, Roy Meadow, became notorious for incorrectly applying statistics to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, which led to countless mothers being incorrectly convicted of murder and neglect.

Science misconceptions can have grave consequences when lives and freedom are at stake, a long way removed from the polar bears example.

Science cannot answer anything, especially metaphysical questions about the existence of God, or the nature of ethics and morality. They are philosophical areas, and the creation debate is a good example.

Evolution cannot prove or disprove the existence of God, only give model about an underlying process in the universe. Neither can. Intelligent Design – apart from being very shaky science, it uses the bible, the verification of which can never be proved.

"We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will except the New World Order."
David Rockefeller