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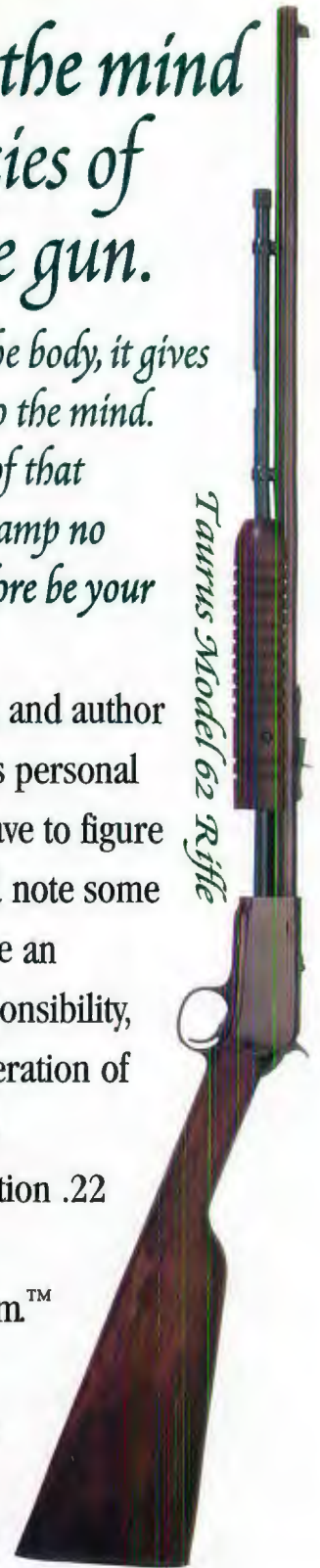
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COMMAND GUIDANCE

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The Mayoral Mafia

The lawsuits of big-city mayors against firearms manufacturers represent a threat to constitutional government. The purpose is either to "compensate" the governments for expenses "caused" by firearms, such as police overtime and emergency services, or to put the manufacturers out of business. Neither of these is a lawful objective for the Executive branch of government.

The lawful way to end an activity is for the legislature to pass a law forbidding it. The lawful way to pay for government functions is for the legislature to appropriate the funds. Reasons for this mandate are found in history.

For 473 years after the Magna Carta, in 1215, there was a struggle between King and Parliament over royal power and government revenues. At times, the Crown found independent revenues and could dispense with Parliament. The invariable result was despotic, arbitrary and unjust government.

In politics, money is power. A king with independent revenues is an *absolute* monarch.

Charles I, for example, rather than submit to Parliament's demands, repeatedly dissolved it. Without Parliament, Charles was reduced to forcing wealthy subjects to make "loans" to the Crown. Five wealthy subjects refused the loans and were imprisoned. On a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, although the Crown could not give reasons for their detention, these subjects were refused the writ and kept in prison.

Because of this continuing imprisonment, in 1628, Parliament issued the Petition of Right, which included the following two demands (among others): (1) No man should be compelled to pay any tax, or like charge, without the consent of Parliament; (2) No freeman should be imprisoned without cause.

This Parliament was quickly dissolved. Charles' attempts at independent revenues, and repeated defiance of the rule of law, led to the English Civil War, the beheading of Charles, and the dictatorship of Oliver Cromwell.

The U.S. Constitution was written to prevent legislative functions being usurped by the executive. Article I, section 1, provides that all legislative powers are vested in the Congress. Article I, section 7, provides that all revenue bills should originate in the House of Representatives. The constitutions of every state, to one degree or another, contain these safeguards. The reason is simple. We saw, in our English heritage, that to permit either of these powers to the executive would be an invitation to despotism.

The lawsuits against firearms manufacturers, by big-city mayors, seek to bypass these safeguards. The mayors do not claim that the manufacturers sold the cities defective firearms. They claim that the manufacturers should pay them money to compensate for the bad behavior of violent criminals in their cities.

Criminals have used guns to injure people. Yet, it is the *cities*, not the injured people, who claim compensation, and they claim it from the firearms manufacturers — not the criminals. These suits, which amount to extortion, are not based on any legitimate legal theory.

Instead, they seek to accomplish that which our system only permits legislatures to accomplish (i.e. either to gain revenue or to outlaw guns). In either case, the lawsuits are brought by a lawless and arbitrary band of willful and greedy men who seek to usurp a power which our system of government has wisely denied them. Should the mayors succeed, they will be able to punish — through bankruptcy — anyone they choose. Yesterday it was tobacco; today it is guns; tomorrow, perhaps, it will be sport utility vehicles.

Unless we stop them, they will continue to use the threat of frivolous lawsuits to promote an extremist agenda which cannot find support in the voting booth.

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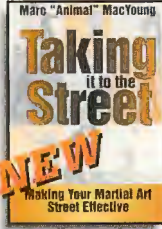
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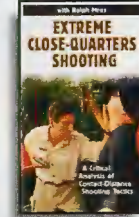
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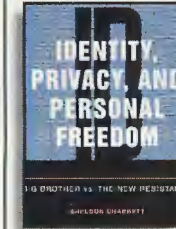


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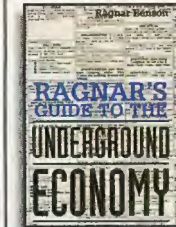


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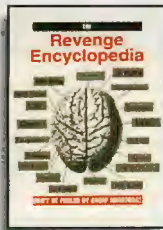


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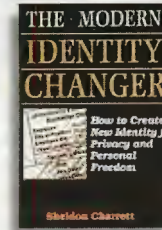


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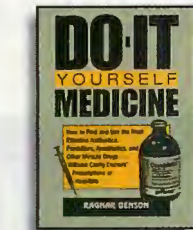
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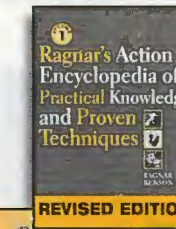


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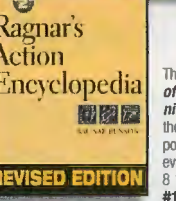


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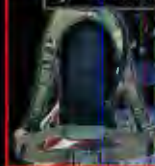
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Morelock says. "It will probably be patterned after the PARTS rules, but it won't necessarily be part of the PARTS series."

If the vehicles that short-track fans drive are any indication, truck racing should increase in popularity very quickly. According to Morelock, 53% of all Americans purchase trucks instead of cars; among race fans, it's more like 70 percent.

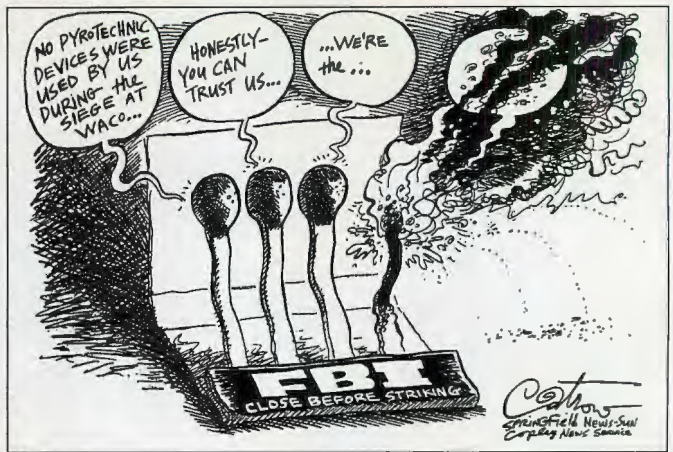
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U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright sent him a card wishing him a speedy recovery from his back operation, Primakov told the press, "I answered that truly her warm letter touched me, I also want to meet her, but at the same time she should tell the CIA that they have given her the wrong information. The operation was not on my back but on my leg," he told NTV. Primakov is reported doing well after hip-replacement surgery, and is widely favored to win Russia's presidential election in 2000, should he choose to run. Primakov was sacked as prime minister in May, and before being prime minister served as foreign minister.

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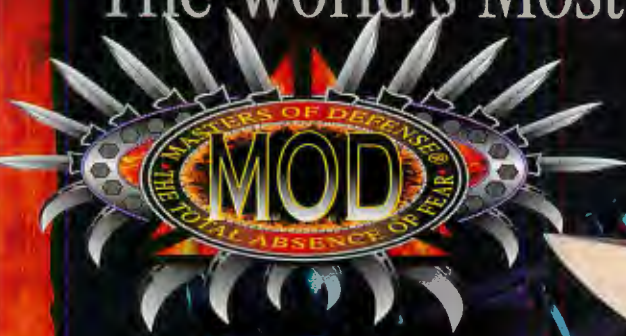
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Burmese Speed: New Drug Wars?

Burmese amphetamines are flooding into Thailand, increasing friction between the two nations that could lead to renewed fighting by Burmese rebels. Bangkok authorities say that Santi Suk, near the Burmese border, is a center for huge quantities of amphetamines, called *yaa baa* (crazy medicine), which are smuggled through the heavy jungle of the Wa Wee mountain range. It is estimated that millions of *yaa baa* tablets are smuggled into Thailand every month, and that there are some 257,000 addicts in Thailand, in addition to the 215,000 heroin addicts. A study by the Thai Ministry of Public Health found traces of speed in the blood of more than 35% of students at a middle school in Chiang Rai.

The problem of Burmese drugs has strained relations to the point that the Thai government may turn to other options to bring pressure on Rangoon, to include rearming the nearly 100,000 Karen refugees still languishing at Mae Sot, in western Thailand. In addition, publications of Shan exiles in Chiang Mai recently reported that Shan forces have been receiving arms from "their old Thai friends." The Karen and Shan are both opposed to the Wa, who control the drug trade, with the apparent complicity of the military junta in Rangoon.

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“Fighting” In Honduras

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It was a beautiful day in the tropics, and there I was assisting the forces of good hold back the forces of evil (yes, the dreaded Red Menace). You got it — minding our business on a warm Sunday afternoon, trading wild stories with U.S. Marines and Honduran soldiers.

Suddenly, the distinctive *whump whump whump* of a U.S. helicopter disturbed our rare period of relaxation. Interesting, I thought, what would a representative of Uncle Sam’s Army want today with Mrs. Villarreal’s little boy? Eager for the answer, I proceeded to the battalion’s landing pad to greet my friendly visitors. As the liaison officer with the Honduran 4th Infantry Battalion, it was my duty to stay on top of any, and all, events affecting the unit.

So, what a pleasant surprise it was when I was met by a genuine, certified, grade-A U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, one each. Of course, he couldn’t travel alone. He was accompanied by the standard-issue, fawning, brown-nosing toady buck sergeant (you former and present enlisted guys know what I’m talking about — the guy who has his nose so far up an officer’s “fourth point of contact” he has to be spoon-fed his MREs through said officer’s belly button). Considering that there were communist kidnapping and murder threats going on, this had to be some sort of big, burning issue. Thank goodness that I, a mere captain, had access to the insight of this paragon of military virtue and his toady.

I greeted the light colonel, who proceeded to stick his head into the rickety latrines on the edge of the perimeter. He then began to twitch, and asked me for my professional assessment of the day’s seemingly critical issue.

“Captain, whose shit is this?”

Not believing I’d heard this senior officer I replied, “What did you say, Sir?”

Twitching even more vigorously, as his assigned toady leered at my obvious discomfort, he said, “I didn’t stutter. Whose turds are these in our latrines? Are they Marine turds — or Honduran turds?”

I felt so inadequate — you see, never, ever, as a LRRP, Ranger, or even as a mess officer, was I ever taught *turd analysis*. Shell crater analysis, maybe — tracking, perhaps — reconnaissance techniques, most definitely. But identification of Allied feces? Never. Needless to say, I was at a total loss for an appropriate answer.



courtesy author



A victim of recurring “flashbacks” since his bush days in Honduras, Dan never is afraid to confront his demons.

He then ordered me to spend American taxpayer funds on locks and new doors for the dumpy latrines. Why, you may ask? Were there secret files of classified information stored in there? Might KGB infiltrators find out what’s really in our rations that makes us superior soldiers? Why would my colonel send me downtown during a period of Communist kidnapping and murder threats, to risk my skin to beef up the latrines? Why? So the Marines and Hondurans couldn’t use U.S. Army facilities!

You may say, “So what? Is that the entire story?” No, dear reader, it gets better, or you could say, the “Sierra” gets deeper. Still in the mega-twitch mode, with a somewhat glazed expression on his face (probably from inhaling Marine fumes — my apologies to Gomer Pyle — but it’s my professional opinion, as a graduate of the Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical School), he proceeded to really lay it on thick.

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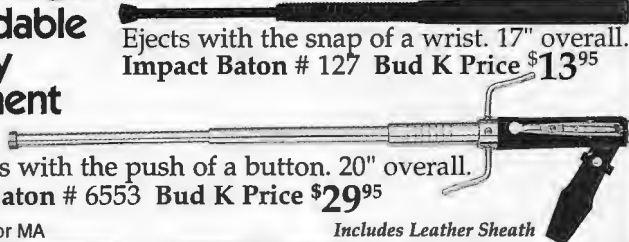
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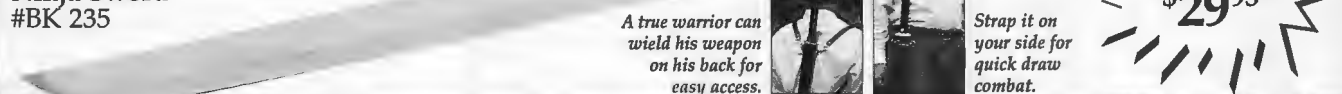
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I Was There

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"Captain, come over here and look at this grass. It's grown!"

You know, I realize my degree is in modern languages, and not biology, but I believe the process is called photosynthesis — the sun shines, the rain falls, and, *voilà*, the grass grows! So, did this guy think he had just discovered the growth process of grass? Or perhaps he was bucking for the Nobel Prize? This is what was going through my mind, but being at least half as smart as his toady, I simply answered, "Yes, sir."

At this point, he really went out of control. Switching from mega-twitch to maxi-twitch, he instructed me to demand 60 infantry troops to cut the grass in the U.S. tentage area. I was to demand it (not request it, demand it, of no less than the Honduran Battalion Commander, a full colonel who kept a loaded revolver in his desk drawer).

Have you ever dealt with somebody who hears voices you don't hear, thinks he's Napoleon and thinks he can push people around in their own country? Well, here was my opportunity. At this point, Lieutenant Colonel "Twitch" and Buck Sergeant Toady reboarded their chopper, probably to find some grease for the sergeant's nose, and discuss how to twitch in a thoroughly military manner, so that dumb grunt captains have role models to emulate. I immediately got to a phone, and informed my higher. I was told to provide an after-action report about the response. It proved to be interesting.

The responses were mixed. The Honduran commander didn't blow me away, because he liked me and felt I wasn't worth the price of a round. His staff's responses varied from, "Captain, we have soldiers here, not grasscutters," to uncontrolled laughter. The most expressive response came from my buddy, the supply officer, whose little girl called me "Uncle Dan, the Infantry Man." "You should have told him to eat a tankful of shit! You should have told him to navigate in the shit (making fishtail movements with his hands). I would have handed him a machete and told him to chop shit with it! That sonofabitch doesn't know his job! I'm going to tell you something, Uncle Dan, if you give a gringo a boost he wants to ride you like a horse!"

You can imagine my after-action report made interesting reading, and I'm assured that the colonel was hardly a happy camper when our Allies' sentiments were communicated to him.

The next time I take a trip to a foreign country for Uncle Sam, hot to trot and ready for action, I won't bother to bring a rifle.

Dan Villarreal is the son of a WW II sergeant and his Italian war bride, a Distinguished Military Graduate of The Citadel (before Yankee judges feminized it) and spent 20-plus years as an Infantry officer. ✕

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(Dateline: Los Angeles, CA) Paul Vunak is the "first choice" hand-to-hand combat instructor for many SEALS, SWAT cops, FBI and CIA agents. (The SEALS brought him in after an exhaustive search for the BEST fighting instructor on the planet.) Paul is also known world-wide as the ONLY streetfighter to take Jeet Kune Do to the next level Bruce Lee wanted it to go.

And now— Paul has finally taken ALL the bullshit out of learning how to fight for guys like you and me.

a limited "Market Test" for this breakthrough training...

You Can Learn It All Over The Next 3 Months Without Risking A Penny!

I'll explain everything in a minute. Everyone gets pretty excited when Paul goes public with his fighting skills (my office has been swamped by calls from "insiders" who've caught wind of this new stuff already). But THIS is going to shake the fighting world literally from the ground up.

2. He's also the FIRST fighter to successfully condense all the deadly "get the fight over NOW" skills of Bruce Lee, Lee's training partner Dan Inasanto (who has trained Paul early on), and Paul's own legendary streetfighting tactics down to just a

Paul knows exactly how to "viscerally implant" these skills into your mind & body...

It took him 30 years of trial and error... but after using combat soldiers, streetfighters and front-line cops as "guinea pigs", he's finally taken *three lifetimes worth of fighting skills* (his own, Dan Inasanto's, and Bruce Lee's)...

And Condensed It All Down To Just A SINGLE "Work Every Time" Fight-Ending Strategy That Requires Just THREE Simple Skills!

Even better... Paul knows *exactly* how to "viscerally implant" these skills into your mind and body in *the shortest time humanly possible*. It's an amazing advantage only a handful of student-fighters have ever enjoyed before.

And guess what? Because (if you get back to me quickly) you can be a part of

Why? Because...

1. This is the first time *ever* that Paul has chosen to publicly reveal the *deadly core* of his classified pro-level R.A.T.

fighting system — the **Rapid Assault Tactics** which he developed especially for professional military operatives who *demanded* to learn his most vicious and effective hand-to-hand streetfighting skills. (No civilians, other than you, have seen it yet).

Paul Vunak's amazing new "interactive" training system is cutting edge and allows you to learn in hours what would have taken weeks or months!

few simple moves...

3. He's packed it all into a *short* training video that uses a startling learn-it-fast "interactive" training technology. (It's high-tech video, but you need nothing more than your regular video player to use it.) With this new technology, Paul *himself* will be your training partner, using personal teaching secrets that will allow you to...

Master These Few Simple Moves Almost Overnight!

Here's what's going on: Paul Vunak has been respected for years by both the martial art magazines and the streetfighting world as probably the *best hand-to-hand fighter on the planet*. But you won't find any awards or trophies on his mantle — because (unlike the other "experts" out there) he's honed his fighting skills in the *street*, where there are no rules and no referees. The only way to survive is to *win, decisively and quickly*, every time.

That's why Paul is the **private combat instructor for Special Operations**

...learn it overnight and be able to remember it in the thick of battle...

soldiers, SWAT cops and other front-line operatives in the most dangerous real-life jobs. Yet Paul's *real* passion these days is teaching guys like **you and me** how to quickly become respected, super-skilled fighters.

Paul originally designed this **R.A.T.** fighting system for "hot duty" professionals who had **zero time to practice**, often had **no previous fighting skills**, but whose lives depended on learning a simple "**end the fight right NOW**" set of skills. They needed to:

- Learn it *overnight*...
- Be able to **remember** it in the thick of battle... and...
- **Be able to use it effectively** in fights that lasted only seconds.

What's more... *they could not lose a fight, ever*. Losing on the battlefield or in the streets against the attackers these cops and soldiers face means death or permanent disability.

To get to that all-important "**simple, easy and deadly**" point, Paul gathered all the proven fighting skills he knew of... a veritable "floodlight" of information... and effectively condensed it into a "la-

ser beam" of just a few hyper-effective skills. He's the **ONLY** fighter in the world who has the contacts, the experience and the savvy to do this. (He's also the only fighter the top military "in the trench" guys *trust*. Paul has, without question, advanced **Jeet Kune Do** the *most* since Bruce Lee died... by putting his *own life on the line*, over and over.)

This is **all-new stuff**, *never before seen* in the civilian sector. And there isn't an ounce of fat in this system...

It's ALL "Meat"!

Other systems claim to be "simple", but they really aren't. You still end up trying to master dozens of complex skills that took the teacher a *lifetime* to perfect. And if you dare try *using* those skills in an actual no-rules fight, you will end up in a nightmare of pain and defeat.

That's why the guys with the most to lose go to Paul for **REAL** training.

Paul's new "simplified" system has **passed every test** there is — in the street, on the battlefield, and in alleys and bars and personal spaces all over the planet. (The **SEALS** love it, the **SWAT** guys love it, and hardened streetfighters have willingly thrown away years of skills to adopt this new simplified fighting system from Paul.)

Yes, it's incredibly easy to learn... but more important, it's **absolutely deadly-effective to use**.

Forget about complicated, slippery submission holds, roundhouse kicks and right hooks. You don't need them. With this astonishing **new** fighting system (revealed to the public for the first time) Paul will show you — *quickly* — how to blast right through the most skilled opponent in the blink of an eye... send him reeling back in pain and confusion... and then **end the fight in the most brutally decisive manner possible**. All in the space of a couple of seconds.

How *simple* is Paul's new system, really? The ease in which you will learn these skills will stagger you. For example:

- There are **just 3 factors** in his "strategy" to understand — (1) **Blast your way into your opponent's "vulnerable" zone** like a bull in a china shop, destroying all incoming blows and kicks as you go... (2) Concentrate the fight "inside" his own effective zone, setting him off-balance by **getting right in his friggin' face so fast he can't react**... and (3) **Terminating** him with vicious efficiency.

- There are **no "defensive" moves at all**. You don't need them, and they're a waste of time to learn. Each move Paul shows you will instantly **instill horrible, blinding pain** in your opponent and **destroy** his weapons as he attempts to fight back.

- **And... there are just 3 simple "tools" to master in your fighting arsenal**. That's all you need. These 3 three "tools" are the only moves *real* fighters use in the clutch. This **reduces your learning time immeasurably**... and removes 99% of the bullshit from learning to fight to *win*.

What's more, you *don't* need to be quick... or strong... or have **any** previously-learned skills to "get" this training right away. Even better, you don't need to spend a lot of time training — this system was developed to be learned **fast** (and "retained" forever).

There's **nothing else** like this in the fighting world. It's **totally unique**... and totally created as the logical extension of Bruce Lee's outrageously successful (and flexible) Jeet Kune Do (with a few new "in your face" secrets given to Lee by an ancient Wing Chun master... which Lee NEVER revealed in any of his movies!) This is the first time ever this tactic (which Paul calls "Pressure") has been made available to the public.

It's the "**missing link**" all serious fighters have been craving for... because it allows a smaller, less-skilled and weaker fighter to instantly negate **ALL** the advantages of a larger, stronger and more skilled fighter.

Therefore, no matter who you are, and no matter who you are up against... you now have the ability to **blast through any offensive moves** he makes, causing him immense and nightmarish pain on the way... and open him up for the 3 simplest fight-ending moves you will ever learn.

Even more amazing... this is the **FIRST** video training system in *any* field that is **totally "interactive"**. **That means you train opposite Paul himself**. That's an amazing advantage for you (since only a handful of fighters *ever* get to train with Paul personally each year)...

And Virtually Guarantees You Will "Get" The Training In The Fastest Way Possible!

The basics for this interactive training method was initially developed by Bruce Lee, and used extensively by Dan Inasanto and **Muhammad Ali** — but Paul is the first to realize it can work like magic with *video*.

You'll understand immediately why

this interactive training is so powerful when you see it. It required the use of a rare \$60,000 "Steady Cam" first-person video camera designed to catch even the split-second speed of *real-time* fighting. (No other camera exists that can move and film opposing moves like this.) This "Steady Cam" took weeks to track down... because, in the *entire* Southern California area where Paul shot this video, there was just **ONE** of these cameras in existence... and just **ONE** camera operator with the advanced skills to handle it. (Even big-time Hollywood action movies balk at paying for this camera.)

But the "Steady Cam" is absolutely *critical* for the breathtaking "interactive" training you are about to experience. It allowed Paul to train *directly opposite* the camera, moving in real-time fight mode — **so he's looking you right in the eye as you train against his moves.** (An experienced fighter just told me this training — even on video — is more intense and more effective than **ANY** live training he's done in a dojo! Training *against* a famous fighter like Paul is a dream come true for him.)

It took a long time to shoot this training, and it cost a fortune... but here's the bottom line: Through this amazing *interactive* video process — used in martial arts for *the first time ever* — you now have the opportunity to...

Train One-On-One With The World's Most Respected Street-Fighter As Your Partner!

That means your "learning curve" for these new skills will be **over so quickly** your head will spin. You wouldn't be able to learn any faster if you flew down to L.A. and paid Paul to stand across from you for **personal training!** (Face-to-face training with Paul like this, by the way, would normally cost you *thousands of dollars.*)

I realize it's hard to believe that serious fighting skills like these could be learned so fast and easily... but it's the *truth.* Still, because I understand how difficult it will be to convince most guys this interactive video is the real thing...

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\$49 (Plus \$4 for shipping and handling). But you really aren't risking any money here, because...

You Have The Most Complete 3-Month Unconditional Money-Back Guarantee In The Business

That means there's **no pressure at all** for you to decide if Paul's training "fits" you as a fighter. You have an entire **3-month "test-market" period** to decide for yourself if this new interactive video process really can teach you world-class fighting skills overnight... and if you don't agree **100%**, for any reason, just send the video back and you'll be rushed a complete refund, **no questions asked.**

That's an **outrageously fair and generous offer.** But then, we've never had a video like this before. If you are at all serious about finally learning how the **"big boys"** fight to win

(every time) in the real world... then this is the **best opportunity you will ever have.** But you **MUST** call right away, before you forget. Your video package will be rushed out by return mail.

Having Paul Vunak as your personal training partner in this interactive manner gives you a tremendous advantage as a fighter. You're training opposite the **BEST** in the world. And you're learning the **most advanced fighting skills available** - the *exact* stuff the most serious and dangerous soldiers, cops and agents

It's the "missing link" serious fighters have been craving for... just 3 "deadly-effective" tools!

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But Major General Leonard Wood declared, "In my private opinion, the Lewis Machine Gun is the best light-type gun yet developed for troops in the field." By 1917, 40,000 Lewis guns were in service with the British, French, Italian and Russian armies. The British were aghast at the U.S. Army's rejection of the Lewis.

There was, however, a valid technical reason for the Lewis gun's failure to perform well in the Ordnance Board's tests at Springfield Armory. The early guns submitted for testing had locking cam

angles on the bolt body that caused unlocking while residual pressures in the barrel were still too high. This resulted in very high cyclic rates of fire and excessive component failure. In addition, this premature unlocking had the same effect as too much head space and thus increased stoppages in an unacceptable level. When Savage Arms Co. finally produced its version of the Lewis gun in caliber .30-06, which had both higher velocity and chamber pressure than the .303 British round, added dwell before bolt unlocking eliminated all of these problems.

Meanwhile, the Lewis gun went on to successful service with the British, Belgian, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Dutch, Chinese, Czech, Israeli, Polish, Finnish and Japanese armed forces during and after World War I. By the end of 1916, it was estimated that the British army fired more than 7 billion rounds through their Lewis guns. During the battle of the Somme the estimated rate of Lewis-

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In Mere Hours My Men Were Destroying 'Gurus' With 20 Years In The Martial Arts

I'm a former Navy SEAL (the US Navy's Elite Commandos) and in 1987 we were introduced to one Jerry Lee Peterson. This guy came to us from some, let's just say, 'highly credible' sources within our government. At the time the SEAL's were searching to standardize the way they taught hand-to-hand fighting to the hard charging SEAL combat platoons. We faced the same problems you face today; we didn't have twenty years to become effective fighters. Our guys needed a program, which got them to fight with or without weapons and guaranteed they could not be defeated, no matter what the attacker knew about fighting. It needed to be quickly learned and easily retained, based on natural body movement and had to work regardless of size or strength.

Needless to say EVERY martial art and fighting system we tested (and we tested them all: Karate, Kung Fu, JKD, Jui Jitsu, Sambo...) all failed the test. They either took way to long to learn, could not handle modern weapons, failed against multiple attackers or required excessive athletic coordination. More importantly these 'arts' or 'sports' were all DEFENSIVE in nature, a term we didn't know was a problem... until we met Jerry.

This guy comes in and takes 14 SEALs with very little hand-to-hand experience and announces after a few hours of training them we could put his guys up against the most highly experienced fighting gurus of the SEAL Teams. I mean some of these 'gurus' had been trained practically from birth in the martial arts. These dudes were feared within the tight community of the SEALs and anyone who has spent anytime around the "Teams" knows SEAL's fear next to nothing. But Peterson insisted and the demo went on; to the amazement of all in attendance the Peterson-trained SEAL operator DESTROYED each and every of the 'gurus' quickly and effectively. Not only that, these guys easily adapted whether the attackers used fists, kicks, grapples, chokes or weapons... it just didn't matter. Jerry's fighters seemed to just focus on taking out

the attacker (more about this in the FREE report). And you too can be just like the Peterson-trained SEAL commandos, when your armed with the knowledge of his AMAZINGLY effective yet simple to learn fighting system (more on that later).

The One True Ultimate Fighting System

So who is this Jerry Peterson dude and what can his revolutionary fighting system do for YOU? Only give you the confidence to never waste another day of your life fearing another man. Ya see this system of his wasn't developed by some ancient 'grandmaster' with some mystical (or should I say questionable) background. Nor was it something that was watered down into some 'ultimate competition' that pretends to be real yet has rules and a ref. No this system was developed in the harsh jungle combat of the Vietnam War. That's where a 19-year-old soldier was literally dropped into a horrific fire-fight after only his 3rd day 'in country' (as they say) and what did he do? He felt the paralyzing fear of imminent death taking hold of him...why? Because the 'combat training' he had received failed him... he was waiting for someone, anyone to tell him what to do, to lead him, yet no one did. So if he was going to survive this, it was up to him and guess what he did? He got mad, I mean hellfire and brimstone MAD, and right then and there promised himself he would never wait for another man to tell him what to do. He then looked and found the enemy who pinned them down, CHARGED and took them out in one smooth action. That was the dawn of Special Combat Reactionary Systems (SCARS®).

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That 19-year-old kid was Jerry Lee Peterson. He went on to serve 2 tours as a 'pointman' with 173rd Airborne Charlie Company. That unit is credited by historians as seeing some of the MOST fierce combat of that war and Peterson arguably held the most dangerous job at 'point'. It was in those jungles that he saw what a defensive mindset did to men, how it caused them to freeze and die. He survived numerous overrun situations (where the enemy outnumbered and actually overruns you) requiring hand-to-hand and hand-to-weapon killing. This was due to the revelation of what he was later to call the Offensive Mindset. The ability not to worry or fear what your enemy may do to you and only focus on what you are going to do to him.

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The Lewis gun is gas-operated, air-cooled, and fires from the open-bolt position. It uses a circular pan-type magazine, mostly of 47-round capacity, although 97-round drums were often fielded for aircraft deployment. The cyclic rate is usually given as between 500 to 600 rounds per minute. My own tests indicate the actual cyclic rate to be only about 435 rpm with military-issue .303 British ball ammo.

With a loaded magazine in place and the bolt cocked, pulling the trigger releases the bolt group which moves forward to strip a round from the pan and then chamber and fire it. Some of the propellant gases move through the gas vent in the barrel into the gas cylinder, where they impinge against the piston head to drive it rearward. Threaded to the rear of the piston rod is the rack, with a row of teeth on the underside that rotate a pinion and wind up the clockwork-type recoil spring, as the piston assembly travels back. The firing pin, which is attached to the striker post on top of the rack, moves rearward about 1.5 inches inside the straight portion of the bolt body's cam slot to leave the bolt locked until the bullet is clear of the muzzle. The rear of the striker post hits the curved part of the cam slot to rotate the bolt to the left, releasing the bolt's lugs from the locking recesses in the receiver and aligning the lugs with the guide grooves running along the inside of the receiver. After the rear of the striker post impacts against the rear end of cam slot, the piston assembly carries the bolt to the rear. This system of breech locking was later employed in the World War II German FG42 and then subsequently in the dreadful



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M60 GPMG. The cycle is repeated as long as the trigger is held to the rear or until the magazine is empty.

On 11 November 1918, the last shot of World War I was fired. By that time more than 180,000 Lewis guns were in service. The vast majority of them, 145,397 to be exact, had been manufactured by the Birmingham Small Arms Company Ltd. (BSA), Birmingham, England. Among the most fascinating Lewis guns produced by BSA were those intended for Russia and chambered for the excellent

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Just Buy A House

When Nancy Reagan waged war on drugs, she told would-be druggies to "Just say no." When the social dilemma of homelessness became all the rage, her critics quipped she'd probably offer the solution of "Just buy a house."

For shysters like Bill and Hillary Clinton, it could be just that simple. The Clintons just bought a \$1.7 million home in Chappaqua, New York, so Hillary can try to carpetbag her way into the United States Senate in style.

Only one problem: Hillary was a mediocre attorney before moving to the White House, and Bill had been a public servant working for a wage most of his life. As a result, there's no legitimate way in hell they should be able to afford to live as millionaires in a \$1.7-million home. Lenders agreed, seeing no safe way to loan the president and his wife so much money, based on their income, assets, legal bills and debts.

"Lesser mortals would have simply looked for a cheaper house, or maybe even rented for a while," writes longtime-Clinton-friend-turned-critic Dick Morris. "Not the Clintons. No, in their view, there is always someone out there willing to pay for what they want, what they believe they're entitled to. And they truly believe that they are entitled to this house."

So Hillary called up Terry McAuliffe, the top fundraiser for the Democratic party. He's also the man who invented the concept of renting out the Lincoln Bedroom for campaign cash and holding "coffee" fundraisers — which he told us weren't really fundraisers — in the White House.

McAuliffe responded to the Clintons' dilemma by depositing \$1.3 million of his own securities as collateral on the Clinton mortgage. He couldn't simply lend or give them the money, because such a gift to the president would violate federal ethics laws that prohibit excessive charity to the country's chief executive.

By using McAuliffe's wealth as collateral, the White House counsel's office claims, no ethics laws were violated. Collateral, we're told, is technically not a gift. (Oral sex isn't sex, remember?)

The Washington-based watchdog group, Judicial Watch, disagrees, and plans to sue Clinton. But we should give the Clinton's credit on this one. Because of them, all Americans of modest means can now expect to live like millionaires. Just lie and cheat, and maybe you too can "just buy a house" regardless of your socioeconomic plight. And if the Clintons are an example, the more you lie and the more you cheat — the bigger the house will be.

Taking Guns From Blacks

Black Americans beware — President Clinton wants you disarmed and helpless against anything the police, the government or criminals may do to you.

That's why Clinton announced in September a \$15-million program to buy back firearms from private owners in and around inner-city public housing projects. And to get the guns, the administration will exploit the despair facing many inner-city minority families.

The program, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, would provide grants of up to \$500,000 to police departments to buy back and destroy weapons. HUD wants police to offer up to \$50 per gun in cash, food, gift certificates, toys or tickets to sporting events.

Great. You're down on your luck, the cupboards are bare and the kids' only toys are from Happy Meals. So here come the cops, with cash in-hand. They'll give you the cash, if you give them your gun.

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Clinton's buy-back program will leave law-abiding, struggling families in the inner-city as helpless victims of crime and government abuse. That makes Clinton a racist.

Humpty Dumpty

We know Clinton loathes the Second Amendment, and has used his seven years in office to reverse our right to own guns. He's quietly eroded private property rights and constitutional protections against illegal searches and seizures. But now, it appears, Clinton has also secretly violated the First Amendment, which guarantees us freedoms of speech, the press and religion.



Back in 1996, a non-profit company called the Western Center for Journalism was audited by the IRS. The audit has continued for three years. But the center wasn't audited at random, or because someone in the IRS suspected tax fraud. Instead, the audit was initiated by the White House after the Western Journalism Center ran newspaper ads seeking contributions for the company to investigate the mysterious death of White House Deputy Counsel Vincent Foster. The center was doing its job, exercising its constitutional right and obligation to act as a check on the executive branch of government.

The center recently received a 1997 Treasury Department report about the audit after doing a Freedom of Information request. The heavily redacted report says "the audit originated from a taxpayer who faxed a letter to the White House expressing his concern over a one-page advertisement paid for by WCJ (Western Center for Journalism) that asked for contributions to investigate Foster's death."

Journalists at the center requested documents after the IRS agent in charge of the audit, Thomas Cederquist, told them the audit was a "political case" and that "the decisions were being made at the national level."

So much for freedom of the press. The message here, all media types, is clear: Comply with the wishes of the administration, or be relentlessly harassed by the federal government's most parasitic agency.

What next? Will Clinton do away with the Freedom of Information Act, to ensure his atrocities are covered up for years to come?

Clinton despises the Bill of Rights. He's spent seven years crushing it. Like Humpty Dumpty, it may stay broken forever. ❌

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Safe civilians: United Nations protection of civilians in war should be expanded significantly, Secretary-General said in list of recommendations to Security Council. He wants preventive peacekeeping missions, safe corridors for aid deliveries and greater use of sanctions. • **Heads-up:** Advanced Patriot missile destroys target rocket over New Mexico, second successful test in a row for Lockheed's PAC-3. System is meant to shield troops from short- and medium-range missiles. • **"Be a lesser slogan:"** Army likely to drop famous slogan "Be all you can be" next year. "We're just relooking our advertising and asking 'Is this the right slogan?'" says Col. Kevin Kelley, director of advertising and public affairs for the Army Recruiting Command, in the *Army Times*. • **Sex scandal:** Sgt. 1st Class Yoosuff Asad, 36, charged with sexually harassing 25 female recruits in his company at Fort Jackson, S.C.

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RUSSIA

More dead: Bomb kills at least 17 in Godonsk, bringing death toll in five recent attacks to 275 and triggering fears of political crisis. Explosion in St. Petersburg kills two, but police aren't sure it was bomb. Yeltsin orders Dagestan border sealed against 1,500 Chechen militants massed there. • **Whirly birds:** Russian Defense Ministry accelerates program to equip an experimental combat group with modified helicopters capable of night operations against armed rebels in northern Caucasus states of Chechnya and Dagestan. A total of six upgraded Mil Mi-24 attack and four Mi-8 transport helicopters will be delivered to Russian Army aviation force before year's end.

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COLOMBIA

Peace talks: Colombian delegation meets in Venezuela with representatives of Colombia's second largest guerrilla group in effort to revive stalled peace talks. Venezuela's Chavez has been seeking a role in negotiations. • **Narcs and FARCS:** Clinton Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey says Colombia may be facing a "worst-case scenario" in its war against the twin menace of narcotics traffickers and guerrilla organizations. McCaffrey dismisses the possibility of U.S. military intervention in the South American country.

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ALGERIA

Popular peace: Government claims 98% of citizens back President Bouteflika's peace moves, including amnesty for Islamic rebels who have fought long civil war. The referendum turnout was reportedly 74%, but officials have been suspected of inflating figures in the past.

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NORTH KOREA

Keep troops entrenched: U.S. should keep ground combat and support forces in northeast Asia, even if threat of a hostile North Korea diminishes. Such is the conclusion of a new study by the Army War College. Without ground forces in South Korea, China could deny the U.S. and other nations access to critical sea-lanes across the southern and western Pacific, writes Maj. Gen. Robert Scales, Jr., and Col. Larry Wortzel, in the report. Removing troops, they wrote, may also compel Japan, South Korea and Taiwan to deploy their own nuclear weapons. • **Weapons of Mass Destruction:** North Korean government continues boosting production of weapons of mass destruction, despite cuts in military training and other conventional military expenses. Threat comes at time of tremendous economic stress in North Korea, which some military advisors fear may push it toward aggression.

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PANAMA

Canal: Looming handoff of Panama Canal from U.S. to Panama is bringing about political separation anxiety in the U.S. and everything from "panic to greed" in Panama, reports *Time*. Transition comes at a time when Panama's unemployment rate is above 13% and expected to rise as U.S. closes military bases there.

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AFGHANISTAN

bin Laden: According to *Los Angeles Times*, Afghanistan's Taliban rulers secretly agreed to surrender suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden to Saudi Arabian officials two months before bombing of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar was agreeing to end sanctuary provided to bin Laden on condition he be tried only in an Islamic court and not be extradited to the U.S. Deal crumbled during same period authorities now believe the embassy attacks were being plotted.

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CHINA

Star Wars: Republic of China Defense Minister Tang Fei tells legislators that defense budget must increase from 2.6% of gross national product to as much as 3.5% to develop anti-missile defense system. • **New missiles:** Government prepares to conduct first live-fire test of its Patriot PAC-2 defense system, say news reports that quote army Maj. Gen. Wang Chao-tai. • **Shanghai Five:** Leaders of the Shanghai Five nations — China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan — meet at summit and agree to cover wider range of security-related and economic development issues. A joint action plan will be formulated and ready for next year's summit through series of consultative meetings, a declaration of the group says.

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INDONESIA

Jakarta rule: Indonesia's East Timor commander tells Japanese news agency he may set up a Jakarta-ruled canton in the territory's west. Indonesia revokes defense pact with Australia, clouding diplomatic picture.

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MEXICO

The "psychopath:" Ex-prosecutor leaves suicide note accusing President Zedillo of a role in the 1994 killings of his brother and presidential candidate, Luis Donaldo Colosio. Zedillo denies accusation. Aide calls Mario Ruiz Massieu, who killed himself Wednesday while awaiting trial in the U.S., a "psychopath."

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IRAQ

Airstrikes: U.S. and Allied aircraft continue launching airstrikes against Iraqi targets, several times each week, in retaliation for anti-aircraft fire and radar illumination of allied planes patrolling the "No-Fly zones" over northern and southern Iraq. The strikes have become so routine, says *Army Times*, they rarely merit more than passing mention in Pentagon news briefings.

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GERMANY

Force reduction: Germany's 321,000-person uniformed force will be cut by about 8,000 personnel next year, largely by reduced conscriptions, says Rudolf Scharping, Germany's defense minister. Germany, facing budget problems, still has to find about \$2 billion to pay for its Kosovo-related costs for peacekeeping operations.

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SOUTH KOREA

Long-range missiles: South Korea, Japan and U.S. plan economic and diplomatic sanctions on North Korea if that country launches long-range missile capable of reaching across the Pacific. Diplomatic and government officials in South Korea predict North Korea will test-launch a missile with a range of 1,550 miles or more; enough to hit Hawaii or Alaska.

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New jet: Iran Aerospace Industries Organization (AIO) unveils country's first indigenously-built jet engine. State TV says engine will have military and civilian uses.

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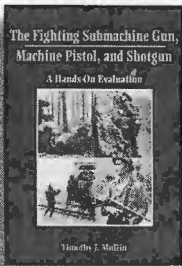
Abolish draft: Government approves proposal that will abolish draft and call for creation of professional army. Bill must be passed by parliament before it can become law.

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TURKEY

Helicopter competition: Sikorsky cuts price of its bid in Turkey's heavy-lift helicopter competition following more talks between the U.S. company and the Turkish Ministry of Defense. Sikorsky is offering its CH-53E Super Stallion. Other bidders include Boeing's CH-47D Chinook and Russia's Mil Mi-26. Turkey needs eight heavy-lift helicopters.

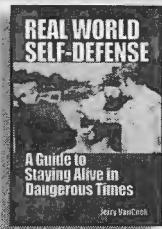
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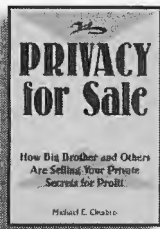
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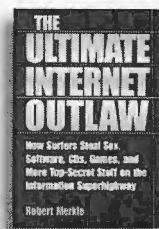
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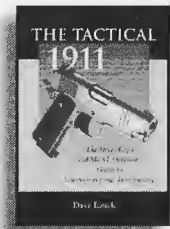
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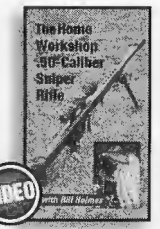
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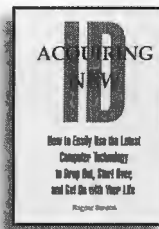
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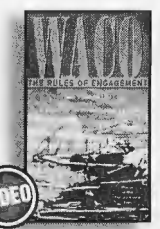
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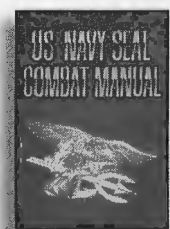


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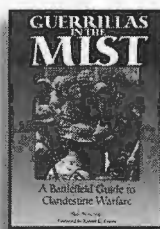
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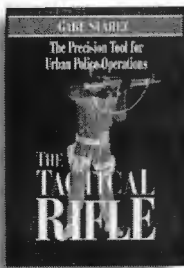
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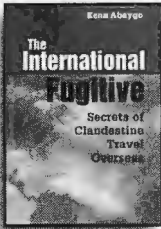
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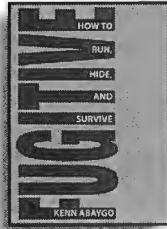
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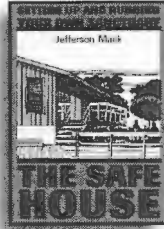
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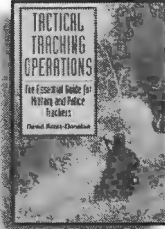
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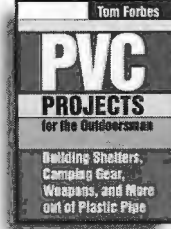
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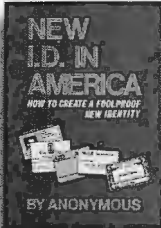
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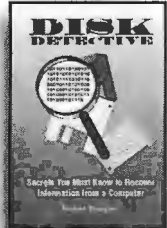


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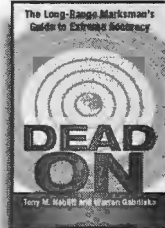
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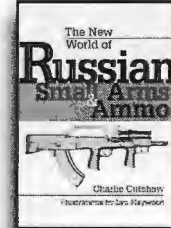
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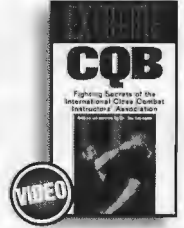
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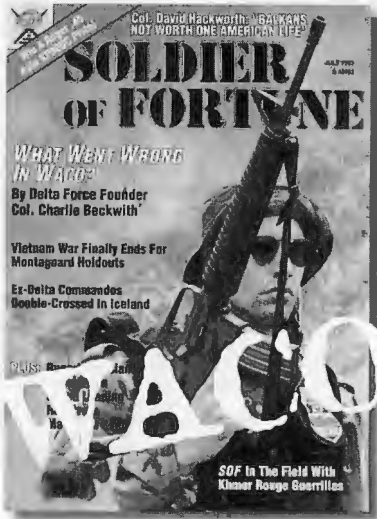
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I'll bet you people can't guess what I saw on the mass media 6 o'clock News tonight: Gee, the FBI now admits, six years later, that it *did* use inflammable gas in Waco, and *knew* it was inflammable.

Gee, they also now admit military personnel and equipment were involved, thus violating federal law via the Posse Comitatus Act, in spite of denying that all this time.

Gee, Janet Reno is pissed off!

And who exposed all this six years ago? Dedicated investigative reporters for *60 Minutes*? *20-20*? *The New York Times*? Congress? Woodward and Bernstein?

Well, not exactly.

I'm not giving you guys total credit, but good ol' *SOF* had the number of that particular government circus six months after it happened — and I've got the back issues to prove it.

Congratulations.

Lee S. Carroll
Tellico Plains, Tenn.

P.S. You can include this letter in the stack of others I'm sure you'll receive and send the entire pile to the *responsible* media outlets. It might jar their collective conscience. But I doubt it.

Lee, our most sincere thanks to you and all the other readers who wrote to crow on our behalf regarding our Waco coverage. If

we have contributed in any way to the ultimate just resolution of this abusive, horrible series of atrocities against American citizens and our rule of law, we're pleased. We'll take a stack of letters from our loyal readers over a Pulitzer Prize any time. Don't miss the coverage in this issue, too. And keep track of the ongoing civil suits over this mess: There will be matters disclosed there that will really put the rock in the federal burocracy.

Aussie Stats



What was the source for the Australian Gun Numbers printed in the October '99 issue? I would like to cite it for some research I am doing. Thanks.

Bruce Blum
Montgomery Village, Maryland

We got a lot of requests along the same line. We checked with the wino who writes the "Bulletin Board" column and this time he didn't just make stuff up like he usually does. For those too bashful to admit you read it in SOF, you may cite the source as an interview by Ginny Simone with Keith Tidswell of Australia's Sporting Shooters

Association. Complete transcript is available as "Surprise, Surprise!" in the "Archive News" section of: <http://www.nralive.com/>. We are indebted to Detective J.M. Krstolich for originally bringing it to our attention.

Quiet Counts?

I was offered an almost new Uzi 9mm, but I would have to obtain a suppressor to enable me to shoot it at any special secluded location. I was informed by many that there are sources for the tube, the inner parts or even the complete suppressor.

John Albritton
via E-mail

You're getting onto some tricky ground. Your address indicates you are in the service overseas, so you'd have to start with your unit commander and make sure such an acquisition is OK, then check with your SJA and make sure it is OK with the host country under whatever status of forces agreements exist. And you'd better get the gun, itself, cheap, as you will not be able to bring it CONUS when you rotate. Once Stateside again, existing and registered Uzis are available, as are suppressors for them, but no

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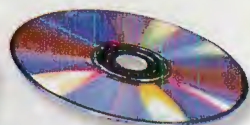
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In your article on Carlos Hathcock, you mentioned the book *White Feather*, by Chandler and Chandler. Please tell me where I can purchase it. I cannot find it anywhere.

Al
via E-mail

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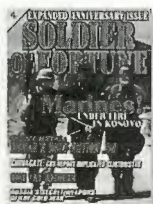
White Feather 2

Do you know of a distributor of Carlos Hathcock "White Feather" gear? I would at least like to have a ball cap with his name and feather.

Mike Hatten
via E-mail

White Feather gear is sold by Richard Carrol, at Southern Gun Works; phone: 757-934-1423. A long-time friend of Hathcock, Carrol has a good line of gear and mementos.

"Tanks" For The Correction



I noticed an inaccuracy to the tank photo, October issue page 45: the picture is of an American M-36 "Jackson" tank destroyer from WWII, an evolution of the Sherman tank. If you look at armor used in the fighting when Yugoslavia first broke up, you will see these tanks being used by Serb/Yugo units. In the article "Hungry Dragon" you listed the countries the

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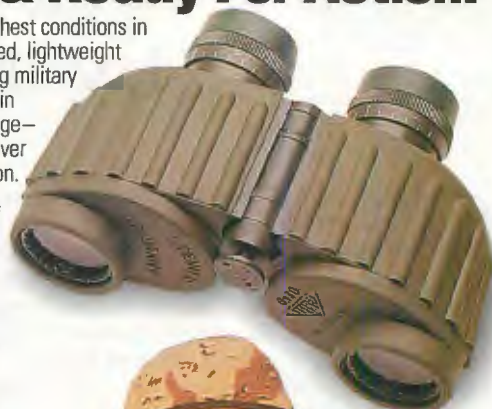
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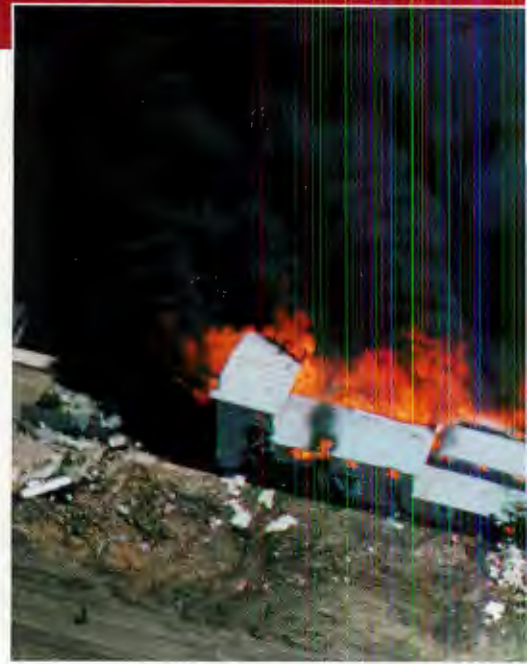
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Charles Schumer held up a copy of *Soldier Of Fortune* magazine before dozens of cameras, pinching the cover's upper corner delicately between his thumb and forefinger, as if holding the tail of a decomposing rat. Smirking at the lenses, he condemned it as "a publication not known for its veracity."

It was the summer of 1995. Weeks of hearings on the Branch Davidian disaster in Waco, Texas, by a special House of Representatives panel had turned to the question of involvement of U.S. Army commandos with federal law enforcement agents at Waco — first reported by (see "Special Forces Involved in Waco Raid," May '94).

Schumer, then a House member, and now a freshman senator from New York City, was the White House's point man among the House panel's minority Democrats when the last hearings on Waco were held in 1995. Schumer led the Clinton Administration's successful effort to divert

focus away from any questions about secret authorization to use U.S. Army SpecOps commandos in every stage of planning and execution of the government law enforcement plan at Waco, and whether such authorization broke the law.

As *SOF* has repeatedly reported over the past five years, the Army's participation at Waco began prior to the bloodily botched raid by Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms on 28 February 1993, and continued throughout the Federal Bureau of Investigation's ensuing 51-day armored siege of the religious sect's headquarters (see also "No Peace Without Justice," May '95; and "Black Suits, Badges and Bradleys," August '96).

It was with the fiery deaths of more than 80 church members — a fourth of them children — on 19 April 1993, that an ongoing cover-up of the extent of U.S. Army involvement in the Waco disaster began. Led by Schumer, the Democrats turned the hearings

away from examining government misconduct and instead diverted focus to a rehash of lurid news accounts about the eccentric and unpopular beliefs shared by Branch Davidians and their leader, David Koresh, regarding marriage, sexuality and child-rearing.

Schumer was back in the news in late August, again talking about Waco, but singing a much different tune. He claimed he was "very disturbed" to learn about possible military involvement at Waco, or that the FBI had lied about the use of pyrotechnic gas devices on the final day. In the eyes of many critics of Schumer, who is widely despised throughout the American heartland by gun-rights advocates, the New Yorker's ersatz concern about Waco while grandstanding in front of cameras illustrates what a lying hypocrite he is.

Turn Over The Rock, Watch Them Run

The Department of Defense, the Department of Justice and the FBI had been thrown

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into turmoil over reports by *The Dallas Morning News* that members of the Army's Delta anti-terrorism regiment were "up front and close" on the last day at Waco, and on that same day that members of the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team had used pyrotechnically activated canisters of CS riot control agent — contradicting what many officials, including Attorney General Janet Reno, have repeatedly denied under oath.

The reports — which, in essence, repeated allegations made by this magazine in several articles dating back more than five years — prompted an ongoing call by several members of Congress for what *SOF* also has long advocated: Reno's resignation.

The Dallas newspaper took the Delta story one step further, though, quoting a former Central Intelligence Agency clandestine services officer named Gene Cullen. As quoted by that newspaper, Cullen said that while deployed to Somalia in 1993, "he heard the detailed accounts of the military's

active involvement from 'three or four' anti-terrorism Delta commandos" Cullen was working with at the time.

"In the months after the Waco tragedy, Mr. Cullen said, he heard from associates in Delta Force that the secret unit's involvement there amounted to far more than observation or tactical discussions," the newspaper reported. As quoted in the report, Delta commandos told Cullen that their unit "had 10 operators down there, that they were involved in the advanced forward stages of operations" on 19 April.

The Dallas paper also quoted the chairman of the Texas Department of Public Safety, James B. Francis, Jr., who cited "some evidence that may corroborate" the allegation that Delta commandos participated in the assault. He said this evidence indicates that more than three Delta operators were present in Mount Carmel on the final day, as the Pentagon continues to insist, and were "possibly involved in the assault."

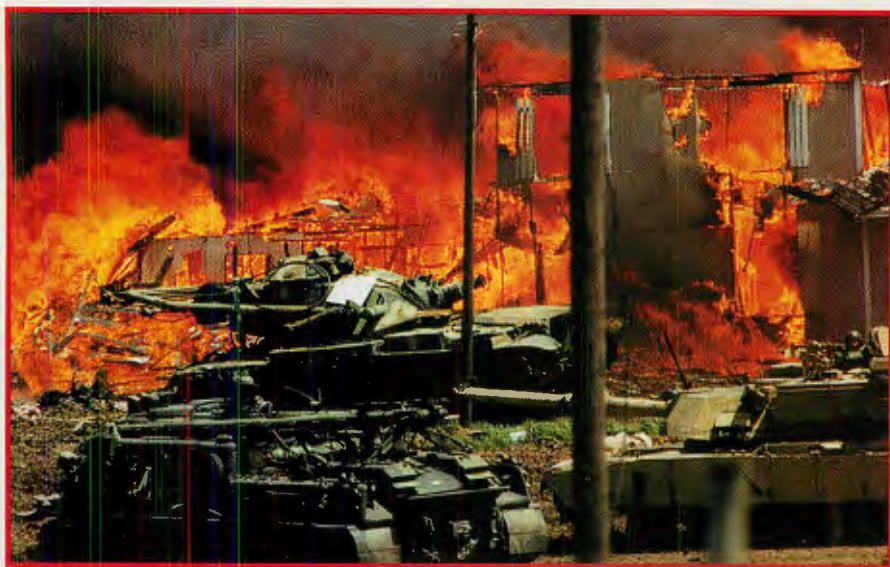
One source who spoke to *SOF* on the condition of anonymity — a government lawyer with a security clearance who is officially involved in the investigation into the Army's role at Waco — said he has seen "at least" 23 sets of travel orders for Delta members sent to Waco. He did not provide a time frame.

"When they explained to me the depth to which they were involved down in Waco, I was quite surprised. They said basically they were out there in the vehicles; the Bradleys, the CEVs," Cullen told Dallas reporter Lee Hancock. "They were active."

Since being quoted and also interviewed on television, Cullen apparently has gone to cover, perhaps having had the fear of Big Brother put into him for breaking the code of silence. He has disconnected his telephone at his home in Northern Virginia and has dropped from sight.

***SOF* Led The Fourth Estate**

Ironically, Hancock, like Schumer, had



Armor used in the final assault on the Branch Davidians included M88 armored recovery vehicle — note large oxygen bottle on deck — (foreground), M726 combat engineer vehicle (above) and M1A1 Abrams main battle tank (right). Bradley IFVs were also used.

years earlier privately ridiculed *SOF*'s coverage of Waco. By her own admission to one journalistic colleague, with whom *SOF* recently spoke, she was "practically an apologist" for the BATF and FBI in her early Waco coverage. She is now widely mentioned as a contender for a Pulitzer Prize, based on her new revelations.

Yes, the grapes are a bit sour, but this reporter is not unhappy to finally get to eat them. The magazine's record of reporting is well-known to those longtime readers who

were not fooled by the news media's regurgitation of government press releases about Waco. Because of its delayed publishing schedule as a monthly, *SOF* is at a perpetual disadvantage in competing on "breaking" news. But we got it *right*, and, several times, we got it *first*.

Highlights Of Our Many Waco Stories

- MAY 1994: *SOF* first reports the use of U.S. Army SpecOps commandos in connection with the Waco raid.

- MAY 1995: *SOF* reports new details, many gleaned from classified reports, memos and message traffic obtained from official sources by the magazine, about the close involvement of Green Berets with BATF.

- MAY 1996: *SOF* reports that Delta's commandos were "forward deployed" on the inner perimeter with members of the FBI's HRT on the final day at Waco.

SOF also recognized in its very first story about Waco that the case represented "the costliest search warrant service in history" and that the tragedy "will play a major role in determining ATF's future" (see "Gun Gestapo's Day of Infamy," June '93).

That first story also touched on the use of the military, and a federal law that requires a drug nexus in a case *before* any military assistance to civilian law enforcement agencies is allowed. The article quoted an ATF source, who told *SOF* on 29 March, that the drug lab allegation "was made up ... out of whole cloth ... a complete fabrication."

In response to routine news media questions, an ATF spokesman went on the record right after the initial raid, saying there was no suspicion of drug activity at Mount Carmel. But when then-Governor Ann Richards, of Texas, later complained that the ATF had "misled" state officials about a drug nexus, David Troy, a top-level ATF official, later changed the story, telling reporters that "evidence" of a drug lab surfaced "late" in the investigation.

To Build A Disaster, Start With A Lie

It was all a lie. There never had been a

Film At The Eleventh Hour

Mike McNulty is nothing if not single-minded. Some might say tenacious, stubborn, or mule-headed. Others will tell you he can be a royal pain in the ass. But probably no one has been more determined in the last six years in digging out the facts surrounding the unprecedented Branch Davidian atrocity at Waco, Texas, and what the federal government did or did not do.

In his apparently obsessive quest to mine the truth buried beneath the ashes of the bloodiest disaster in federal law enforcement history, McNulty has relentlessly inflicted himself, by phone and in person, on journalists, investigators, congressmen and lawyers. And, along the way, the 53-year-old Vietnam veteran has transformed himself from a work-a-day insurance broker into a controversial, award-winning independent film maker.

In that process, McNulty has become, by his own admission, "like a giant hemorrhoid" to the people who most deserve it: the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Attorney General Janet Reno and President Bill Clinton. It was McNulty's documentary, *Waco: The Rules of Engagement*, that finally rekindled recent interest in the story on the part of the mainstream news media, prompting calls for yet another round of hearings in Congress.

The Fourth Estate's initial coverage of Waco was, according to author Dick J. Reavis, "a major failure of the press in our country" — little more than an apologetic regurgitation of government sound-bites and press releases that mindlessly demonized the 80 or so men, women and children incinerated at Waco on 19 April 1993;

a total surrender of healthy skepticism to the lies and subsequent cover-up orchestrated at the highest levels of our government.

It was the radically different reporting of those events in *Soldier Of Fortune* that caught the attention of more discerning people like Reavis, who wrote *The Ashes of Waco*, and McNulty. Both acknowledge that it was what they read in *SOF* — which first reported the use of pyrotechnic gas devices at Waco and the intimate role played by U.S. Army SpecOps troops — that spurred them to dig further.

"The fact that the first reports of what really happened at Waco had to appear in *Soldier Of Fortune*, and not in the daily press, says something scary," McNulty observed. Indeed, it underscores the comfortable co-dependence between the mainstream press and federal agents that enabled dysfunctional news coverage and government *dezinformatsia*.

It was in the pages of *SOF* that McNulty first got national exposure, in his painstaking debunking of a video that purported to show an armored vehicle spewing liquid fire into the front of the battered Branch Davidian headquarters known as Mount Carmel. (see "Waco Whitewash Continues," February '94). But McNulty's analysis of film footage and other evidence raised more questions than it answered, and set him on a still-unended quest.

McNulty's first documentary, *Waco: The Rules of Engagement*, debuted at the Sundance Film Festival. While the reviews were overwhelmingly positive, the reviewers, for the most part, worked for the same newspapers whose editors had been less than enthusiastic about pursuing the story in the first place. So, the acclaim was

(right) *Softening up* the target, CEV repeatedly punches holes in structure — and, in the process, thoroughly ventilates it. (below, right) After incredible amounts of tear gas had been put into the building with no effect, FBI goes on to punch holes in the structure. Observation without conclusion: When trying to drive people out with noxious gas, the idea is to prevent ventilation, whereas if trying to accelerate a conflagration, ventilation is *necessary*.



drug nexus. Records now indicate that ATF agents Phil Chojnacki and Chuck Sarabyn made up the allegation in a meeting with Green Beret officers in 1992, after being told that would be necessary to gain further Army assistance. Chojnacki and Sarabyn were later fired — but then rehired when they suggested they might have stories to tell the news media if they remained unemployed.

In the magazine's second story on Waco, *SOF* recognized the Waco disaster as "the worst in the history of U.S. federal law enforcement," something that seemed obvious to editors and reporters, but a characterization, now widely shared, that other news media were reluctant to repeat (see "A Blundering Inferno," July '93).

In that second story, the magazine observed that "Waco's final outcome was not an isolated incident ... but a tragic, haunting echo of the repeated violent excesses ... of federal law enforcement ... The tragedies of Waco and [the Randy Weaver case eight months earlier in] Idaho will be repeated ..."

And they were, in horrifying magnitude,

quiet, and early screenings were restricted mainly to art cinemas in carefully targeted urban areas.

But then *Rules of Engagement* got nominated for an Academy Award for best documentary. Although it didn't win, the additional exposure launched a second round of screenings, and it gained an even wider audience when it aired as a cable television feature documentary on HBO. It won the International Documentary Association's top prize and became the centerpiece for the Human Rights Watch World Film Tour.

Most recently, just a couple of weeks before McNulty's appearance at the annual Soldier Of Fortune Convention in September, *Waco: The Rules of Engagement* won an Emmy Award for investigative journalism. And, with the appointment of former U.S. Senator John Danforth as a special prosecutor and a renewed congressional investigation headed by U.S. Rep. Dan Burton, McNulty is poised to release his second documentary on the subject.

Titled *Waco: A New Revelation*, McNulty's latest work promises to be more explosive than *Rules of Engagement*. At a private screening in August, in Washington, D.C., McNulty shared with *SOF* some select footage.

Some Of The Highlights

- Members of B Squadron from the U.S. Army's Delta anti-terrorist regiment were at Waco on the final day "pulling triggers," according to Steve Barry, a retired Green Beret NCO who founded and edits *The Resister*, which was first to publish details of Delta's involvement, now a primary focus of both Danforth's and Burton's investigations.

- Also, on 19 April 1993, airborne gunfire was sprayed into the rear of Mount Carmel. The issue of airborne gunfire was raised in connection with the BATF's initial raid of 28 February, and was

reported in *SOF*, confirmed by two attorneys who visited Mount Carmel during the 51-day stand-off and saw the ballistic evidence. (see "What the Feds Don't Want You to Know About Waco," October '93). Now, McNulty has obtained home video shot by a law-enforcement officer at the scene that clearly shows three bursts fired from a pivot-mounted machine gun in the open door of a Huey helicopter that swooped up behind Mount Carmel — out of view of the press — at about 0930, on 19 April.

- In the film, Captain David Byrnes, a now-retired Texas Ranger who was at the scene, raises "some questions that need to be answered" about whether "federal personnel" fired shots into Mount Carmel on the last day. This is something the FBI continues to deny, despite its own infrared video evidence that, according to numerous experts, shows ground-based automatic weapons fire directed toward the rear of the building.

- The film's narrator is none other than Dr. Fred Whitehurst, once the voice of the FBI in numerous training videos. Whitehurst, who was a top member of the FBI's once-vaunted crime lab, was fired after he blew the whistle on unscientific practices and unsound conclusions about evidence.

"We've got people in this film we could have only dreamed of last time," McNulty told *SOF*.

And, with some luck, and more of McNulty's determination, that dream may become the federal government's worst nightmare: that the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth about what happened at Waco may see the light of day.

Credit card orders for Waco: A New Revelation, may be placed by calling, toll-free: 1-877-GET-WACO. Or, computer users may go on-line and contact: waco-anewrevelation.com to order.

—J.L.P.



on 19 April 1995, when Timothy McVeigh “and others unknown,” upset over the outrageous conduct of government agents at Waco, blew up the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, the worst act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history. According to a considerable body of credible evidence, it is also an act which the BATF and FBI could have prevented, and about which both agencies are still hiding key evidence.

“Had there been an honest investigation and inquiry into Waco in 1993, and had there been justice or the appearance of justice, then clearly there would have been no Oklahoma City bombing,” said McVeigh’s attorney, Stephen Jones.

SOF also reported in its second article about Waco the allegation that pyrotechnic gas canisters were used.

“Reno said that before approving the plan she asked more questions about the potential lethality of the tear gas ... especially its potential to start a fire ... than about any other single issue. ... One federal law enforcement source well-known to *Soldier Of Fortune*



(from left) Fire breaks out and is quickly spread by steady breeze. Dry, ventilated frame structure is soon engulfed in flames. Soon, only charred rubble remains. After building — and its inhabitants — are reduced to ashes, local firefighters were allowed to pass roadblock where they had been detained “for their safety.”



Old Glory, in the saddest context yet seen, flies from Abrams tank as Davidian building is engulfed in searing flames.

contacted us while the flames still raged,” it was reported in the issue of July 1993.

“The FBI strikes again,” the source said. “I’ve taught their sniper teams. I’ve taught their SWAT teams ... Every time they really want to hurt somebody, they use tear gas. They use pyrotechnic burning devices. They do it intentionally.”

Noting that the FBI sometimes gets pyrotechnic tear gas canisters from the military, the federal law enforcement source said “they use it when they want to because it burns.”

Danforth Should Triage His Investigation

There still is no credible evidence that the government, intentionally or otherwise, set the fire that ultimately engulfed Mount Carmel in a raging inferno. *But* the oft-repeated evidence still cited by the FBI, surveillance tapes that picked up Davidians talking about setting a fire, also is not conclusive.

Those conversations were recorded

hours before the fire, at a time when armored vehicles driven by FBI agents and Delta commandos, were literally knocking the building down around the ears of the men, women and children, many of whom were trapped by falling debris. The context is questionable, because at one point, Harvard-educated attorney Wayne Martin spoke specifically of the possibility of setting tanks on fire as a means of defense.

The FBI also cites evidence of charcoal lighter, lantern fuel and other flammables spread around the building, but there is no way to tell if it was poured deliberately or spilled accidentally when containers were ruptured by the treads of the invading military armor.

As former U.S. Senator John Danforth, named by Reno as an independent prosecutor to look into the “new” revelations, begins his investigation, the question of

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In The Blink Of An Eye

Russia's Laser Attack Against U.S. Navy

by Bill Gertz

Photos courtesy U.S. Navy

The phone rang in the middle of the night at the Canadian home of U.S. Navy Lieutenant Jack Daly. "The *Kapitan Man* is inbound about to enter the strait," the watch officer told Daly over the phone from the joint intelligence center at Canada's military base near Esquimault, on Vancouver Island.

The *Kapitan Man* for years had masqueraded as a merchant vessel but actually was one of two Russian spy ships that tracked nine U.S. nuclear submarines based nearby in Bangor, Washington. Now the *Kapitan Man* was at the mouth of the 100-mile Juan de Fuca Strait, heading into Puget Sound.

Daly's orders: Secretly photograph it from above with a digital camera as part of the crew of a Canadian helicopter. It was 0330 hours, 4 April 1997. The mission was to change Daly's life — and his opinion of the U.S. government and the Navy he loved.

Daly sat in a jumpseat, hooked to a safety line on the port side of the CH-124 helicopter, as the aircraft took off about noon and flew southeast from Victoria International Airport.

"We've got an outbound boomer on the surface," Captain Pat Barnes, the pilot, announced as they reached the water. The huge, black submarine was the *U.S.S. Ohio*, which had dropped off an ill crew member at its home port, Bangor. Because its missions are secret, the nuclear sub was not supposed to be on the surface. It had just had a direct encounter with the *Kapitan Man*.

"If we had launched five minutes sooner, I would have been able to photograph both vessels in the same frame," Daly said.

Three merchant ships came into view, the *Kapitan Man* in the middle. At Daly's direction, Barnes made a single circle over the U.S.-flagged container ship *President Jackson* and then headed east for three passes of the *Kapitan Man*. After three circles, the chopper flew directly over the top of the ship. It was about 1230 hours.

"As far as I knew," Daly said, "the camera was working and the mission was successful."

"You Better Take A Look"

Daly, a foreign intelligence liaison offi-

cer, was assigned to Maritime Forces Pacific, a joint command staffed by about 1,500 Canadian defense personnel who defend Canada's west coast and work closely with the U.S. Navy.

In an informal debriefing back at the airfield, the crew reported having seen someone on the bridge of the *Kapitan Man* holding what appeared to be binoculars. A Canadian intelligence officer saw a man on

deck, his arms crossed over his head.

About 1600 hours at Esquimault, Daly handed the digital camera to U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Scott Tabor, who was trained in imagery technology and analysis. Chief Tabor downloaded the images to an office computer.

About 1730 hours, Tabor walked into Daly's office. "Are you having any problems with your eyes?" he asked.



Russian "merchant" ship *Kapitan Man* approaches the northwest U.S. coast on 4 April 1997, and is photographed by joint U.S./Canadian naval intelligence team. Canadian crew members reported seeing a man on the bridge (below) with what appeared to be a pair of binoculars. Four years earlier, an inspection of *Kapitan Man* uncovered hard evidence she was a Russian spy ship.



"Yeah, my right eye is bugging me," Daly replied. "I guess I must have gotten something in it when I stuck my head out the door because of the wind."

"Are you experiencing any kind of headache?"

"Yeah, I have a real bad headache."

"Well, I think you better take a look at this."

Chief Tabor handed him a photo. It showed a red dot of light on the bridge of the *Kapitan Man*.

"I think you may have caught a laser beam in this picture," Tabor said. "I know this is supposed to be the running-light area, but the signature of the light in this picture just doesn't look right to me."

Definitive Evidence

The former Soviet Union often used lasers for military purposes. During the Cold War, the Russians fired lasers at pilots. American air crews had been warned to don protective eye gear, but pilots spotting intelligence ships nevertheless were injured.

In 1998, Human Rights Watch obtained a declassified U.S. intelligence report that stated: "Russia leads the world in the development of laser blinding weapons."

But the use of a laser against a Canadian helicopter was not something most officials in Washington expected from America's former Cold War enemy.

"I wasn't close to being convinced," Daly recalled.

The next morning, he awoke with a sharp pain in his right eye. Looking in a bathroom mirror, he saw a large blob of blood in the white of the eye. An eye doctor in Victoria found the eyeball was swollen. That night, around 2200 hours, the phone rang. It was Capt. Barnes, the chopper pilot, and he had eerily similar symptoms.

The next day, Daly's supervisor at the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), Capt. Eric Meyers, ordered him to write a report.

White House and State Department policy-makers were alarmed because the incident could upset U.S.-Russian relations. Thus the public knew nothing about it for more than a month — until a top-secret Joint Staff report was leaked to this reporter and *The Washington Times* published a page one story on 14 May 1997.

But by about 2100 hours, 6 April, the entire military chain of command had been notified. General John Shalikashvili, then-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, ordered more information.

"A total of 30 frames were taken with frame number 16 showing definitive evidence of an emanation coming from the bridge area of the merchant vessel," the Joint Staff report said of Daly's photos. "Initial medical exams indicated some eye damage to both the pilot and the U.S. lieutenant, but none that is considered permanent." (Daly would wonder later where that medical assessment came from. More than two years after the incident, he suffers from severe eye pain and headaches. In August, he was passed over for promotion a second

time. His career was over.

And Barnes not only has eye pain but had his flying career cut short.

This incident highlights the threats posed by laser weapons and other laser devices. A classified Pentagon intelligence report issued shortly before the Balkans conflict warned that U.S. and NATO pilots flying over Serbia face the threat of laser illumination from range-finders deployed with Serbian tanks, artillery or special forces. The main danger was that Serbian forces could import blinding laser weapons or sow fear among NATO pilots and air crews through the use of lasers against aircraft, according to the secret report by the Army's National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC).



Navy Lieutenant Jack Daly, a mustang who worked his way through the ranks, had been recommended for accelerated promotion — until he became a pawn in a game of international politics.

Chief Warrant Officer Steven McCoy, the pilot of a UH-60 Black Hawk, and crew member Sergeant Juan Villareal suffered burns to the outer tissue of their eyes while flying near the Bosnian town of Zenica on 24 October 1998.

Protests, Promises

At 0130 hours, Monday, 7 April, the Joint Staff's deputy director of operations talked to Thomas Lynch, the State Department's director of Russian affairs. Lynch said State would "concur" with the Department of Defense "if we had reason to detain the vessel."

After consultations that included Gen. Shalikashvili and Deputy Secretary of Defense John White, the Coast Guard was ordered to detain the *Kapitan Man*, set to depart that day at 0600 hours. What wasn't said was that State had notified the Russian Embassy, in Washington, D.C., that a search party would board the ship. The tip-off gave the Russians time to notify their vessel so that any lasers on board could be

disposed of or hidden.

The National Security Agency later confirmed exactly that through an intercept.

When *The Times* broke the story, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns confirmed that senior officials there and at the Russian Embassy had discussed the incident before the search of the *Kapitan Man*.

"We protested this incident forcefully to the Russian government," Burns said. "The Russian government in turn promised to cooperate with an investigation." He denied any restrictions were placed on the Coast Guard and Navy search team: "We wanted there to be a full search, as did the Pentagon, as did the Coast Guard."

Mr. Burns lied: A secret State Department document proved it. An inter-agency group led by Robert Bell, President Clinton's top arms control advocate at the National Security Council, met 7 April via the Secure Video Teleconference System (SVTS).

"The nine-member boarding party has instructions to search public areas of the ship for a laser," State Department official Jonathan Kessler wrote in the secret memo on the meeting. "If the *Kapitan Man* crew is uncooperative, a second SVTS will be convened April 7 to decide on a further course of action."

The crew did not cooperate, and in a two-hour search the team "found no laser or any trace of a laser," Mr. Kessler wrote on 8 April.

A member of the boarding party later said Russian sailors confronted searchers in front of a locked compartment and denied them entry.

Free To Go

During the second video teleconference on 7 April, "the conferees could not agree on a course of action," Mr. Kessler wrote. "State and NSC [National Security Council] opted to let the *Kapitan Man* leave Tacoma. DoD — the Coast Guard did not agree — wanted to detain the vessel until tests were completed on the helo crew."

At 1215 hours, 9 April, the National Security Council set up a secure conference call among Jan Lodal, deputy under-secretary of defense for policy; James Steinberg, the NSC's executive director; Strobe Talbott, deputy secretary of state; and James Collins, designated as the next ambassador to Russia.

No military officials took part. The officials decided to let the *Kapitan Man* go. The ship sailed later that morning.

Daly and Barnes were examined and tested for several days at the Army Medical Detachment in San Antonio. Bruce Stuck, head of the medical group, told Daly there was interest in his case "at the highest levels" and that Mr. Clinton was briefed daily on his health.

Doctors discovered four or five faint lesions on the retina of Daly's right eye; they believed the cause was a "repetitive pulsed laser."

Lab tests were unable to duplicate the light seen in the photo. One possible explanation is that the Russians used a hand-held laser that combined a visible-light, red-laser "pointer" — such as is common in lecturing aids — with a dangerous, invisible-light laser.

Though Barnes had the same painful symptoms, no lesions were detected. Doctors believe Daly may have suffered greater damage because the laser's effect was magnified by the camera lens.

On 27 April, three weeks after the incident, Daly and Chief Tabor flew to Washington, D.C. for a debriefing at ONI headquarters. Daly, reviewing files, found that information he had relayed was reported inaccurately.

After lunch, Commander Joseph Hoeng, an analyst, confided: "You do not know the pressure I am under to sweep this under the rug."

"As soon as I heard those words," Daly recalled, "I knew I was in trouble. The first thought that came to my mind was that this was a cover-up."

A Mystery

The NSA intercept confirmed the Russian crew refused to allow Coast Guard inspectors to look at all areas, and that the vessel could not have been searched thoroughly within the two-hour limit.

Under later questioning from reporters, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said the boarding party was "granted access to every part of the ship to which they requested access" — except for "a library to which the crew could not find the keys." Bacon acknowledged it was possible the laser had been hidden in the library.

But, the official spokesman insisted, Daly's injuries were "not compatible with a laser having been used on the ship." Pressed to explain his unusual statement that a laser had been fired but not from the *Kapitan Man*, Bacon said: "I think you have to describe this as a mystery."

The formal Pentagon report issued to the public concluded: "The Department believes that the eye injury suffered by the American naval officer is consistent with injuries that would result from exposure to a repetitive pulsed laser. Available evidence does not indicate, however, what the source of such an exposure might have been. Specifically, there is no physical evidence tying the eye injury of the American officer to a laser located on the Russian merchant vessel."

The cover-up was complete.

Victims Of A Hostile Act

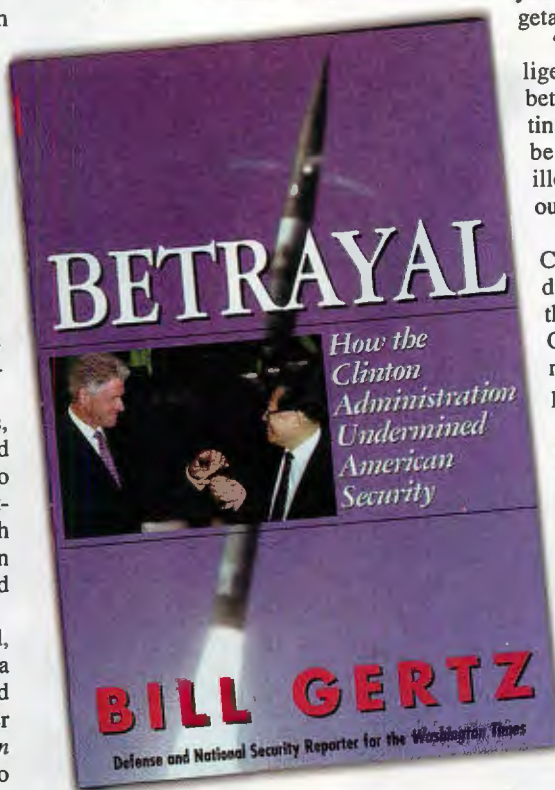
Daly believed ONI had bungled the investigation in ways that could not have been accidental. The public report was rife with errors and inaccuracies, and his efforts to get headquarters to fix them were fruitless. He was particularly upset because Defense Secretary William S. Cohen said publicly that his eye damage was temporary. Daly was ordered not to talk to reporters

about the experience.

The report did not mention Capt. Barnes and his injuries. The reason was clear: Place all the onus on a single person, discredit his account and dispose of the matter with little or no consequence.

On 28 February 1998, Daly transferred to San Diego as an intelligence officer with Marine Corps Amphibious Group 3. The Foreign Intelligence Liaison Officer program that launched the U.S.-Canada joint intelligence effort, and of which he was a part, is being disbanded.

By the summer of 1998, Lt. Daly had been passed over for promotion. In January, he got a less-than-stellar evaluation. Worse, it was suggested that he undergo psychiatric evaluation — a tactic used



against whistleblowers who make waves. Daly finally went public on 11 February in testimony before a House Armed Services subcommittee.

"In essence, this incident left Captain Barnes and I as victims of what could be argued was a hostile act in an undeclared war, an act of terrorism and, at a minimum, a federal crime," he said. The Pentagon and administration covered up the incident as part of a "coordinated effort ... by select individuals to disprove that this incident had ever actually occurred," he said.

Betrayed And Sacrificed

Today the pain affects both eyes. "Most of the time it's like a really bad toothache — a constant ache in the eyes themselves," Daly said in an interview. "On occasion, the pain resembles someone sticking a needle in the corner of my eye."

Daly, who enlisted in the Navy in 1982, is bitter. "I just want justice. I want to see somebody held accountable for the way it

was handled."

Why the cover-up? "I firmly believe it was seen as jeopardizing our relations with Russia," he said. "Bill Clinton has said he doesn't want to be the guy who blew the opportunity for everlasting peace with Russia."

A real threat to national security — Russian spying — is ongoing and ignored, Daly said. "Why should the government lie to its own people when our national security has been compromised?" he asked.

He thinks the Clinton Administration set a dangerous precedent. "The message to the Russians is: You can get away with an intentional hostile act within U.S. borders and not only will your crime go unpunished, your illegal acts will be denied and your getaway assisted by the U.S. government.

"In fulfilling my duty as a naval intelligence officer," Lt. Daly said, "I was betrayed and sacrificed so that our continuing relations with Russia would not be jeopardized, despite their continued illegal activities in our waters and on our soil.

"Secretary of Defense William Cohen not long ago stated to the press, during the Monica Lewinsky debacle, that he didn't believe that President Clinton would ever take risks with our national security. However, I am living proof that he has."

After he was passed over for a second time, Daly, a mustang who rose through the ranks, said: "I think this was an effort to get me to shut-up and go away. I'm convinced this is all part of a cover-up ordered by the White House."

The Navy Inspector General currently is investigating whether Daly was treated unfairly. Daly criticized White House National Security Council staffer Robert Bell, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott and U.S. Ambassador to Russia James Collins for their roles in letting the Russians off the hook.

"Bell, Talbott, Collins and others have given aid and comfort to the enemy, and this is nothing less than treason," Daly said.

A Navy spokesman declined to comment.

Congress Weighs In, Navy Backs Off

Representative Curt Weldon, Pennsylvania Republican, angrily criticized the Navy's decision against Daly and said he would protest it. "This is an absolute outrage," Weldon said in an interview. "He is a loyal American who had a stellar career and because he simply wants his government to protect him, he's being treated like a piece of dirt. It reflects this whole administration's attitude toward the military," Weldon said. "This administration talks a lot, but when it comes to defending the men and women in the military, they are absent without leave — AWOL."

In early September, Senator Jesse

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Ghosts In The Jungle

SOF Medical Team Finds B-26 From Bay Of Pigs Disaster

Text & Photos by Ralph G. Edens

The weather, and moods, were gloomy as the shot-up B-26 — “Lion Two” — being navigated by pure dead-reckoning toward an uncertain fate, sputtered and limped through a steady drizzle above the small town of San Jose de Bocay, Nicaragua. The pilots, Cuban exiles from Miami, Florida, Crispin Garcia and Juan de Mata Gonzales, were dazed, fatigued and highly pissed-off because of the events on this 17th day of April 1961. The great Bay of Pigs invasion had been ground to dust before their eyes. Lying dead on the beaches or contemplating nasty torture in dank foreboding cells, were their comrades, valiant Cuban émigrés to whom President Kennedy had sworn American aid to free their homeland.

The Cuban-American pilots, probably figuring they'd overflown Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua (their home base),

had altered course to their present heading. But disorientation set in, causing them to again switch their heading — this time in a direction that lead into a mountain valley and toward the looming invisible, immovable and deadly specter of Mount Olivas, 509 meters high, in the Cordillera Isabella mountain range, some 140 miles off-course from sanctuary at Puerto Cabezas.

The plane, finally out of fuel, plummeted, tore through thick vegetation, impacted with bone-breaking ferocity, and split apart, dragging the lives of the brave Cuban patriots into the annals of history.

Out of the Cuban exiles' force of 16 B-26s, all other aircraft and crews were accounted for — downed or killed in action, or safely on the ground at Puerto Cabezas, or at other airstrips.

Nearly four decades later the CIA's chronic penchant to hide, diminish and deflect the blame is still churning forth for its involvement in the disaster at the Bay of Pigs, Cuba. Yet we have witnessed almost 40 years of official cover-ups, ass-covering and blame-shifting so history would prove kinder to John Kennedy and the manufactured image of Camelot.

But recently declassified FOIA information (as well as other sources) mention that on 17 April four B-26s were shot down over the Bay of Pigs, two were damaged and a third (the one flown by Garcia and Gonzales) crashed in the mountains “near” Puerto Cabezas. (The crashed B-26 had been claimed as a shoot-down by Major Enrique Carrera-Rolas, of Castro's Air Force, piloting a Sea Fury #541.)

The CEF B-26 was our target. And we were determined not to allow any obstacle to interfere with our reaching its resting place.

The Way To San Jose (de Bocay)

Doctor John Peters and Refugee Relief International, Inc., had been visiting the

eastern coastal region of Nicaragua, near Bluefields, for the last few years. Doc and I had envisioned sending a medical team into Nicaragua after Hurricane Mitch had devastated the region on 26-30 Oct 1998, a killer storm that had destroyed many roads and bridges in Nicaragua.

Since in-country, ground-vehicle travel was nearly impossible to many areas and due to the widespread devastation the limited helicopter assets available to ferry medical teams around, getting immediate — or even timely — aid to the victims was a moot concern.

Therefore, we considered a long-range approach, looking toward early 1999 to conduct our MEDCAP (Medical/Civic Action Patrol) in Nicaragua.

Doctor Peters had been contacted by Janet Ray Weininger, daughter of Thomas “Pete” Ray, an American B-26 pilot killed over the Bay Of Pigs on 19 April 1961. (Ray's B-26 shoot-down was also claimed by Maj. Enrique Carrera-Rolas, flying T-33 #709.)

Janet had been associated with the private search made up of members from Miami Medical Teams, mostly Cuban exiles organized in the '80s to provide medical

(left) Mark Henry by right wing portion of “Lion Two.” Note the markings “FA.” (right) .50 caliber casings recovered from the crash site and map showing objective.





The Bluefields Team:

Dr. David Crowder: Surgeon /Gillette, Wyo.
 Harley Mill: Pharmacist/Battle Mountain, Nev.
 Loren Mills: Engineer/Battle Mountain, Nev.
 John Copeland: Paramedic/Battle Mountain, Nev.
 Roxanne Davis: EMT/Battle Mountain, Nev.
 Marty Casey: Interpreter /Miami, Fla.

The San Jose de Bocay/Mount Olivas Team:

Dr. John Peters: ER Surgeon/Battle Mountain, Nev.
 Mandi Peters: Student/Clarksburg, W. Va.
 Dr. Adam Weaver: DDS/Milwaukee, Wis.
 Rick Bell: Paramedic/Battle Mountain, Nev.
 Mark Henry: EMT-II/Battle Mountain, Nev.
 Don Moore: Journalist/Washington, D.C.
 Ralph Edens:/Denver, Colo.

treatment to the Contras during the Nicaraguan civil war, that had discovered the B-26. She requested that Peters personally bring volunteers from Refugee Relief International, Inc., to conduct medical relief operations for the area's inhabitants — and to attempt to relocate the wreckage of the lost aircraft.

Weininger related that many of the residents had been Contra supporters against the Sandinistas and that medical care and supplies were in very short supply. As it turned out, there were two doctors at San Jose de Bocay — but almost no medical supplies or medicines. They were literally washing and reusing disposable latex gloves. Janet mentioned that she had been donated substantial amounts of medical supplies and equipment and could have them shipped to Nicaragua for the team's use.

Supplies were sent to Nicaragua, but not in the quantities/quality she had indicated. In addition, some of the supplies she said were donated to her and sent down had actually been donated by Dr. Forrest Smith, of San Francisco, and David Crowder, from Gillette, Wy. These supplies had been picked up by truck and driven to Miami by John Copeland and Rick Bell, both para-

medics from Battle Mountain, Nev., who would later accompany the team to Nicaragua.

John Peters gave a tentative "Yes" and then went about alerting personnel for a late-February 1999 mission. As the plan came together Peters advised me of the team's personnel composition. Then we discussed the MEDCAP and opted to split the team, dispatching one team to Bluefields and the eastern coast of Nicaragua, and the other to San Jose de Bocay, where that contingent would then split again for a day's expected trek to the Mount Olivas crash site where we would gather further information and evidence (photographic and



(above) Search Team members by a portion of the fuselage of the doomed B-26, "Lion Two."
 (right) "Chino," former Contra and integral part of our security element.

otherwise) on the B-26.

Our MEDCAP in Nicaragua led us deep into the mountains 240 kilometers northeast of Managua —where the Cuban exile B-26 crashed after being shot-up over the *Bahia de Cochinos* (Bay of Pigs) invasion on 17 April 1961.

Departing Managua, after a rocky five-hour ride by pickup truck, we arrived in the early afternoon of 27 February 1999 in San Jose de Bocay, organized our gear, convened a meeting to discuss how to best utilize our supplies and personnel and readied our mule transport for the trip to the crash site. We also visited the clinic in San Jose de Bocay to get a feel for the set-up of the medical and dental MEDCAPs that would be conducted the following day by Drs. Peters and Weaver. Pedro Mores, a former Contra commander, would assist in medical procedures and translating for Peters. Doctor Weaver spoke fluent Spanish and was to be assisted medically by Rick Bell.

The Mayor of San Jose de Bocay announced via radio that an American medical team would be at the clinic the next day and would see patients starting at 0800.

Precisely at 0800, the team was met by 200-300 patients eagerly awaiting treatment by the gringo and Nicaraguan doctors and dentist.

The scene in the clinic's halls and immediate vicinity rapidly deteriorated into chaos. People jostled, pushed and clogged entryways. Each time the doors opened to summon other patients, those gathered for treatment by the "Miracle Workers" flowed to and fro like a single, agitated amoebae.

With Peters expertly overseeing his latest MEDCAP, Janet Weininger, Mandi Peters, Mark Henry, Don Moore and yours truly headed off to the crash site.

On that day, Doc Peters treated 152 patients, Doc Weaver 35 patients from whom he and extracted 252 teeth.

In Search Of A Phantom

Our search team departed by mule train from San Jose de Bocay crossing in the shallows of the Bocay River. We began our ascent into the rugged mountains to reach the crash site of this long-lost phantom.

"Chino" and Francisco, former Contras with AK-47s in tow, were the security elements for our team comprised of a serving Civil National Policeman, a half-dozen guides/mule handlers, Janet Ray Weininger, (daughter of Thomas "Pete" Ray, one of four American B-26 pilots killed at the Bay of Pigs), Mandi Peters (daughter of Dr. John Peters), Mark Henry, an EMT-II, Don Moore, a journalist, and yours truly.

Chino rode slack, Francisco alongside the National Policeman, and the guide rode point, with the rest strung out between.

Our objective, Mount Olivas, was located approximately 5 kilometers straight-line distance from San Jose de Bocay, Nicaragua. However, the trip was mostly uphill and consumed four-plus hours including three

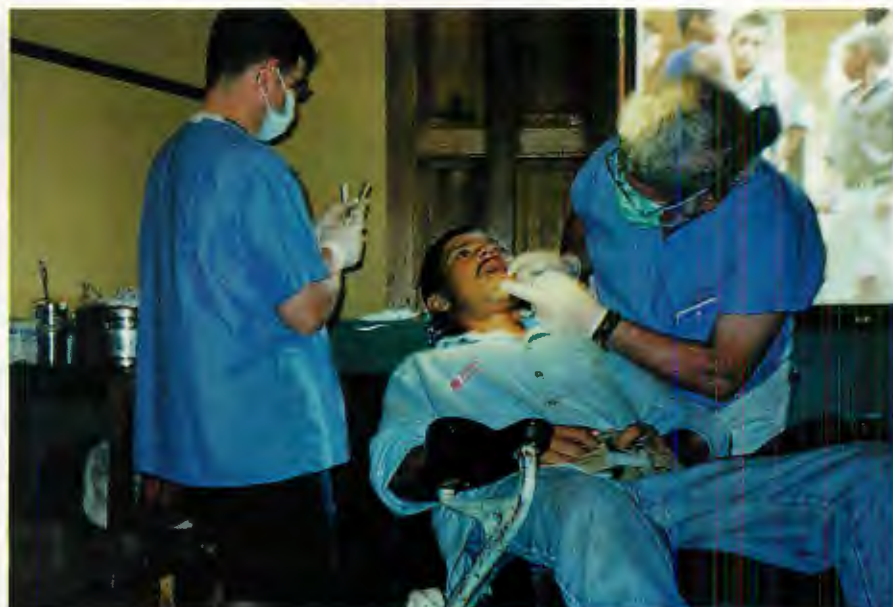
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Author (second from right) at the crash site.



Author (mounted) at jungle pit stop en route to the crash site.



Dr. Adam Weaver (left) and Ralph Edens working in their dental clinic at San Jose de Bocay.

Omega PROVEN Ground

Robar's Glock

Gaston Glock is convinced his pistols are absolutely perfect. For many they are. For a few they are not. The Glock series presents some problems for those with small hands. In addition, there are a few features that I would personally like to see either added to, or deleted from, the large-frame Glock pistols.

No one has a finer reputation for Glock modifications than Robbie Barrkman. Robbie, the president of The Robar Companies, Inc. (Dept. SOF, 21438 N. 7th Avenue, Suite B, Phoenix, AZ 85027; phone: 623-581-2648; fax: 623-582-0059; website: www.robarguns.com), is a fourth-generation native of South Africa, with considerable combat experience in the South Africa Defense Force, and an adjunct

instructor at Thunder Ranch.

Robbie pioneered the concept of wrap-around grip reductions for Glock pistols to accommodate those with small hands. With a double-column magazine stuffed into its frame, the Glock is more than a handful for those with small hands. Worst-case scenario is the massive service-size, caliber .45 ACP Glock Model 21. While this has become one of Glock's most popular models, it's too large in the grip-frame area for most women and a surprising number of men.

Soldier Of Fortune recently submitted a Glock Model 21 to Robar to provide us with a sample of the superb custom work they perform on these pistols. As I have extremely large hands, I had no need of grip reduction. However, I find the front finger grooves on the frames of the newest Glock pistols to be a distinct deficit, as they do not match the finger spacing of those with abnormally large hands. As a consequence, Robar removed them completely.

Another totally useless feature of the Glock's frame is the re-curved and serrated front portion of the trigger guard. Armed professionals do not ever hold the index finger of the support hand on the front of the trigger guard. It weakens the firing grip, and, in any event, will usually slip off at the initiation of the recoil stroke. Others and I usually just ignore this configuration of the Glock trigger guard. I had Robbie round the trigger guard, removing the hook and serrations, as it permits you to stuff the Glock in a much wider range of holsters.

A most useful Robar exclusive is the engineering and installation

of a prominent integral beavertail on the Glock frame. This important custom feature assures a quicker and more secure grip acquisition out of the holster during the draw stroke, substantially assists in control



during the recoil impulse on large-frame .45 ACP and 10mm Auto Glocks, and inhibits slide bite for those of us with large hands.

After these alterations, the front and back straps, side panels and the outside of the trigger guards were textured to give a stippled appearance. In my opinion, this offers a noticeably more secure gripping surface than that provided by an out-of-the-box Glock.

The Glock pistol's full-length, polymer, recoil-spring guide rod prevents "press checking" the pistol in the manner first prescribed by Jeff Cooper at API many years ago. As a consequence, front cocking serrations are a useful feature for just this purpose on pistols with full-length guide rods. Robar machined front cocking serrations on our M21 slide that match exactly those at the rear.

Subsequent to this, both the slide and barrel were finished with NP3. This process is a surface treatment for metals and metal alloys that provides the appearance of satin electroless nickel by combin-



ing sub-micron particles of PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene; i.e. Teflon) with autocatalytically applied nickel/phosphorus. The result is a very accurate, dry-lubricated, low-friction surface that is extremely resistant to wear. As the PTFE is evenly distributed and locked into the nickel/phosphorous matrix, when wear occurs, fresh particles of PTFE are exposed to keep the surface lubricated. NP3 has a high lubricity and low friction co-efficient. No lubricants are required on any metal surface, so treated and powder residue and carbon fouling can be easily removed with a dry cloth. NP3 has a non-reflective satin gray appearance.

To Robar's custom work we added two additional features. After you are satisfied with its caliber and reliability, no component on a handgun intended for defensive shooting is more important than the sights. Handgun sights should be evaluated by the speed with which they permit you to acquire the target with the front sight, before you press the trigger.

With this in mind, we installed a set of Ashley Emerson's "Express" sights on our Glock Model 21. The term "Express" was coined by Purdey in the 19th century. Express rifles, usually doubles, were chambered for Purdey Express Train cartridges — black powder loads that drove light bullets at high velocities. The sights most often found on these rifles consisted of several folding-leaf rear blades in the shape of a shallow "V," together with a bead-type front sight. These sights, still used by many professional hunters, provide the rapid target acquisition required when hunting dangerous game.

There is no more dangerous game than man and the Ashley Express System manufactured by Ashley Outdoors, Inc. (Dept. SOF, 2401 Ludelle Street, Fort Worth, TX 76105; phone: 817-536-0136; fax: 800-734-7939; website: www.ashleyoutdoors.com) has been designed specifically for high-stress, close-range shooting.

The rear sight is a 160-degree "V" (i.e. each leg of the "V" drops only 10 degrees from horizontal). Total width of the rear sight is 0.600-inch. Made of steel, it can be installed without modification in the Glock slide's rear sight dovetail. The corners have been radiused and the sight is completely snag proof. The vertical bar at the base of

the "V" is 0.031-inch wide and is filled with white epoxy.

The Ashley Express front sight consists of a white plastic bead, 0.110-inch in diameter, with a green self-luminous tritium insert in the center. The white dot is face-angled 30 degrees rearward from the vertical to reduce glare and prevent snagging. The top of the steel front sight housing (0.125-inch in width) has a full radius, which angles away from the line of sight at 2 degrees. This has been done to avoid corners that might block the target.

The Ashley Express System is well thought out and cleverly executed. It offers the fastest front sight acquisition I have ever used. Accuracy? More than good enough for government work. The cost is only \$90 per set. A version with vertical self-luminous tritium bar at the rear sells for \$120.

There are times when you may have to detail strip a Glock pistol in the field, and how many of us carry armorer's tools in our pocket? The RAC Glock Armorer's tool, developed by the highly respected gun writer Walt Rauch (also an adjunct instructor at Thunder Ranch), is designed to fit into the cavity at the bottom of the frame's back strap. Embedded into a polymer plug are both a steel roll pin and a small push/pry bar. The roll pin is intended for use as drift to remove the trigger pin, locking block pin and trigger mechanism housing pin. The small steel bar can be used to lift out the locking block, connector and trigger mechanism housing. It can also be used to push the ejector out of the polymer trigger mechanism housing. The tool is held securely into the frame cavity with rubber O-rings.

You can obtain the RAC Glock Armorer's Tool, which can be fitted to all models of the Glock, for \$19.95 + \$3 shipping and handling from Rauch & Co. (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 510, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444; phone: 610-825-4245; fax: 610-825-4191). Walt has also designed a machined aluminum extended magazine well that is attached to the bottom of the frame by means of the frame cavity as well. It costs \$69.95 + \$4 for shipping and handling. It will accept both drop-free and non-drop-free magazines without any alterations to the magazines.

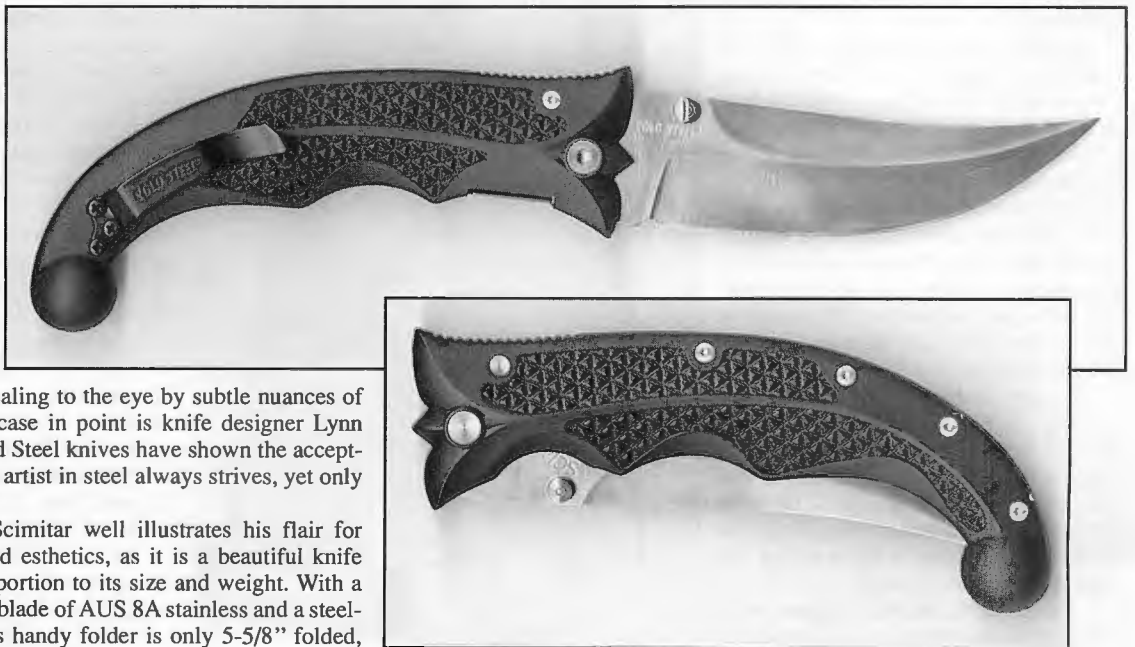
— Peter G. Kokalis

Cold Steel Scimitar

The greatest esthetic is the beauty of functional design. In other words, anything that is wonderfully wrought to work well will also look good. But that principle does not make it gilding-the-lily to make a carefully engineered

design even more appealing to the eye by subtle nuances of shape and contour. A case in point is knife designer Lynn Thompson, whose Cold Steel knives have shown the acceptable form for which an artist in steel always strives, yet only some achieve.

Thompson's new Scimitar well illustrates his flair for combining function and esthetics, as it is a beautiful knife that cuts all out of proportion to its size and weight. With a 4-inch, hollow-ground blade of AUS 8A stainless and a steel-lined Zytel handle, this handy folder is only 5-5/8" folded,



9" overall, and weighs a scant 4.3 ounces. It opens smoothly with an ambidextrous thumbstud and has a secure titanium liner-type lock. A sturdy steel pocket-clip makes it an easy carry. The balance of the piece is right where you want it, and as staff here noted as we passed it around for free feels, Cold Steel probably has the sharpest out-of-the-box knives on the market.

The wide radius of the blade makes an excellent skinner even for the small game we tried it on, and the texture and shape of the grip allows even us dexterously challenged individuals to feign skill. The point comes as close as you are likely to get to the theoretical noth-

ing. The blade is also available serrated, a good option for mariners, EMTs and others who cut cordage or fabric.

Were we to adapt a good tool as a weapon, our first choice would probably be a hammer, but this new offering from Cold Steel has the overall ergonomics, balance and form that would make it a good slash-and-thrust implement. Designed with flair but not as a novelty item, the Scimitar is as serious as a heart attack.

Recommended.

Cold Steel, Dept. SOF, 2128-D Knoll Dr., Ventura, CA 93003; phone: 800-255-4716.

—Don McLean

Belgian Airborne Rangers Knife

The Sykes-Fairbairn stiletto as designed for British Commandos of WW II is a classic of modern arms, the benchmark design against which all pure daggers are measured. Although a seminal design, it had notable flaws: The blade would break at the point and the meager bronze handle was slippery when wet, the latter a textbook example of an esthetic that was 100% with performance considerably less. This tendency for the point to break made the knife particularly attitude-sensitive in relation to the target, compounded by the symmetrical round handle that made it difficult in poor visibility for an operator to know the posture of the knife in his hand.

These problems were addressed by the late Col. Rex Applegate in concert with Fairbairn, when they redesigned the handle and blade into another modern classic, the Applegate-Fairbairn fighting knife.

Even though somewhat flawed in execution, and later improved upon, the original design was not happenstance. The same features that presented weaknesses as an implement were its strengths as a specialized weapon: The fine point was designed to easily penetrate a heavy tunic in search of the opponent's kidneys, or a thick winter uniform collar in search of his carotid artery, or between his ribs for a strike against his cardio-pulmonary system or other internal organs.

It other words, if it didn't break, the Sykes-Fairbairn was the best thrusting knife of its day.

Modern sentries, however, may be expected to wear Kevlar flak or ballistic vests in addition to nature's efficient-but-defeatable rib structures.

Until recently, the Belgian Paracommando Brigade was still using the original British Sykes-Fairbairn, but there emerged a demand for a dagger specifically more efficient against sentries wearing bulletproof or fragmentation-defeating body armor. The result of that demand is the new Belgian Airborne Rangers Dagger.

As made in France and marketed by Arsenal of France and Belgium, the Belgian Airborne Rangers Dagger either corrects or obviates any problems of the original Sykes-Fairbairn, and there is probably not a better non-projectile implement in existence for reaching the vital organs of an opponent.

Lineage to the original is apparent in the shape of the ribbed grip and the strik-

ing point on the butt, but there it ends. The deeply ribbed new grip is molded over the shank from a "live" Kraton-like material. For a knife of this design and intended purpose it is the optimum material. Like the gutters on a Sterling bolt, these deep grooves give muck and slime a place to go, so even wet and muddy or wearing wet gloves the operator's grip is secure. Whereas the original handle could squirt forward from one's grip because of its taper, the Belgian Airborne Rangers Dagger has a slight flare at the rear.

The 7-inch stainless steel blade is unique. Literature describes it as having four blood grooves — and it does; but the result is a cruci-

form blade that comes down to a theoretical point, yet retains its strength. Pressure required to pierce an object is a function of the object's resistance and the cross-section of the point of the instrument: In theory, a "point" has no cross section, and this dagger is very close to the theoretical. The ability of an instrument to *penetrate* an object is a further function of resistance caused by friction or adhesion, which in turn is dependent on the surface area. Only a purely cylindrical or triangular blade could have less cross section and less surface area than the Belgian Airborne Rangers Dagger. Unlike the original, this blade is not attitude-sensitive, and deliberate thrusts readily penetrated a Kevlar vest, car door, truck tire, POL drums, through a thin wall. So readily does this instrument penetrate it leads one to wonder if it might penetrate light armor with a hammer behind it. An anti-tank dagger? Not quite, but this specialized instrument is the very best of its genre.

The Belgian Airborne Rangers Dagger comes with top-quality nylon sheath for wear on arm, leg, LBE. Cost postpaid to North America is \$140.50.

Available commercially from Arsenal France, Dept. SOF, 54 rue Jacquemars Gielee, F-59800 Lille, France; fax: 011 32 016 813 372; website: www.us-arsenal.com; or E-mail: to negoce@us-arsenal.com.

—Don McLean ✂





WILL Y2K KRASH THE KREMLIN?

by Frank Hopkins

There was a long-standing joke in the Soviet Union that the reason everything was done on a five-year plan was to give bureaucrats four years to think up excuses to deliver in the fifth year as to why nothing had been accomplished. In a society where for 70 years it was far more important not to make a mistake than it was to do nothing, initiative and drive were the first, and costliest, victims. And initiative has been the missing element in the former Soviet Union's steps to ward off what promises to be the disastrous consequence for non-compliant societies when an industrial world run by computers rolls over to the year 2000.

How bad is the Y2K bug going to bite the CIS? How bad do you want? The well-known consulting firm The Gartner Group predicts a grim time for Russia at Y2K. The "severe disruptions" Gartner predicts in the civilian sector are not limited to, but include:

- 60% of utility capacity will be lost for the first two months (remember, fellow Siberians, this will be the dead of winter).
- 80% of transportation will be disrupted for three months.
- 50% of telecommunications will be disrupted for three months.
- hospitals will be able to deal only with emergencies for at least two months.
- financial markets will be disrupted for 30 trading days.
- banks will be disrupted for 20 business days.

You may draw your own conclusions as to how each of these individual catastrophes will effect the other, and how the ensuing synergism will likely devastate Russian society. The larger problem is, how will the Russian misery spill over onto the rest of the planet we share?

A recent U.S. Department of Commerce bulletin, by Athan Koutsouroumbas and Trevor Gunn of the Business Information Service for the Newly Independent States (BISNIS), succinctly noted that, "As 1999 draws to a close, Y2K remediation in the former Soviet Union is an issue of major concern. U.S. companies need to pay close attention to remediation efforts by government agencies and private industry in Russia. Although the problem is being addressed on many fronts, U.S. companies should be proactive in working with Russian counterparts to prepare systems for the year 2000."

Although late in the game — as in the last year of a five-year plan — the fact that they have a problem is finally being recognized by most Russian businesses engaged in commerce with the West.

Observed Professor William McHenry of the McDonough School of Business, at Georgetown University, "I suspect a lot of Russian firms have tested their PCs and, finding some that have problems, have become a lot more serious ... Quite a few business have become aware of it because there has been quite a bit of publicity. There is also widespread skepticism, though, and a huge amount of faith that they will be able to pull off some sort of repair, if needed, when the time comes."

Let Georgi Do it

Even with more progressive Russian businesses, this head-in-the-sand approach is exacerbated by a tendency to assume their Western trading partners will pull their mutual chestnuts out of the fire if necessary, rather than let their Russian counterparts drag them down. Thus, the U.S. Department of Commerce does not recommend subtlety when Western trading partners address the problem with Russian associates, advising "be direct with Russian counterparts." McHenry counsels playing hardball, "the most effective thing American firms may be able to do is forestall the situation by finding new suppliers, telling their Russian suppliers about it, and demanding information about Y2K compliance in exchange for not taking their business elsewhere."

Tough love may be the best approach for American businesses as individual entities, but with billions of foreign aid flowing from U.S. government coffers in an attempt to teach former communists the wonders of a free-enterprise system, the United States has a vested interest in seeing a capitalist system get established in the N.I.S. This is not merely to have hope of getting foreign loans repaid (most of which will be written off in any event, as most of the money has been long-since stolen by crooked former *aparatchiks* and Russian organized-crime interests), but because if a free-enterprise system can take hold, it would be self-sustaining, and an aid to a fledgling democracy. Of course, communist tyranny and capitalism are existing side-by-side in China, but it is hoped that perhaps it will be different in Russia. Besides, one vest-pocket war in the Balkans costs more than this aid to the former Soviets, so conventional wisdom around the Beltway is, it's at least worth a shot. And the bottom line is, security concerns aside, the planet is better off without a hungry, fragmented, nuclear establishment foundering in the wake of Y2K or any other enormous problem.



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The world's worst nuclear accident was a worst-case scenario arising in best-case conditions, when reactor No. 4 at Chernobyl, Ukraine, USSR, blew up and burned during a test, strewn radioactive poison across Europe in 1986. (inset) Banner — communists were always big on banners — reads, "We will fulfill the government's order!" Workers at Chernobyl were ordered to bury the poisonous chance under a concrete sarcophagus. They did, and thousands of them died from effects of radiation poisoning during the work. Although only 23 died during the explosion and fire, tens of thousands will die from the effects of Chernobyl's radiation across Europe.



AP/Wide World



The Ignalina power plant in Visaginas, Lithuania provides 80% of the tiny country's electricity. The Soviet-built, Chernobyl-style reactor is under special scrutiny as a potential hotspot for Y2K problems. Best-case problem scenario: The lights go out. Worst-case problem scenario: See Chernobyl (above).

Given an American vested interest in attempting to get Russians through the potential Y2K disaster, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), working with the Russian State Telecommunications Department (*Goskomtelekom*), has set up more than 70 "Y2K Competency Centers" throughout Russia. Their mission now is to provide consultation, and perhaps later, sympathy. Goskomtelekom also has compiled a contact list of 164 Russian Y2K remediators. They are sure to find themselves in a target-rich environment, as spreading 70 consulting centers and 164 remediators across the breadth of Mother Russia is spreading them mighty thin, indeed.

Various U.S. commercial concerns are working on the Y2K problem in Russia, as well. The Cary, North Carolina, software developer, Relativity Technologies, Inc., has been awarded a multi-million-dollar contract with Russian systems integrator Lanit Holding to work on Y2K problems in Russia. Lanit Technologies also operates one of the Y2K Competency Centers. The two companies are working together in both private and government sectors, and their current clients include the Russian Federal Government, the natural gas monopoly Gazprom, and Aeroflot airlines.

Vivek Wadhwa, CEO of Relativity Technologies, said "large companies like Gazprom have secured funding [to address Y2K problems]. ... In St. Petersburg, the phone company has tested its service and it will work fine. But, it does not possess the resources to fix the billing system. So, if you're in Russia wishing somebody a Happy New Year over the phone, you might end up receiving a multimillion-ruble phone bill." Smaller companies, however, are even more vulnerable due to a lack of funds. The quick-fix scenario Wadhwa foresees is that most noncompliant offices will be fully staffed when the clock rolls over. Considering the per capita intake of booze in Russia, that may or may not be helpful at midnight on New Year's Eve.

Petting The Bear: Too Little, Too Late?

The U.S. Department of Commerce is offering free software called *Y2K: Managing The Challenge* (in government argot, sweeping disasters are seen as "challenges," so as not to panic the body politic), in English and Russian. The CD-ROM includes a program that enables users to complete an inventory of assets that may be vulnerable to Y2K bugs, measure the criticality of business processes, develop contingency plans, and get to work at the 11th hour trying to fix them before the hammer falls. There is also a 10-minute discussion video, a software program for managing the Y2K process, a self-assessment checklist, a contingency-planning template, a user guide, and hotlinks to myriad helpful Y2K sites. This connect-the-dots approach may be particularly helpful in creating motion in folks who have been bred not to be self-starters, nor think out-of-the-box. The Department of Commerce dryly notes that, "U.S. companies should recommend this software to their Russian partners."

Commerce reasons that the best way for businesses operating in Russia to combat Y2K-related failure is to first verify their own Y2K status. An example of a company that must work with Russian partners to learn what they have planned or in the works for Y2K remediation is Exxon Ventures, CIS. Affirmed Exxon's Peter M. Cohn, "we have spent considerable effort internally in ensuring our own hardware and software have been updated to comply with Y2K requirements ... We have also worked with the banking institutions we are associated with in Russia to ensure they have implemented appropriate safeguards to minimize exposure to potential Y2K-related problems. Specifically, we requested our banks to confirm to us in writing that they indeed had met certain minimum standards regarding Year-2000 compliance."

As 1999 draws to a close, Russian finance minister Mikhail Kasyanov estimated that the government would budget \$187 million for Y2K remediation, although some estimates of Russia's potential requirements exceed that amount by 1,000%.

Armed And Dangerous

If estimates that Russia is only spending 1/10th of what is necessary are correct — and assuming that the repairs this and donated Western money are supposed to buy are actually done in time — what about the rest of the problem? In other words, who cares if 20% of the transport net and 40% of the water and gas systems still work if Y2K glitches launch 5% of the nuclear missiles or melt down a dozen more Chernobyls?

What are the odds? If Russian businesses with a personal profit at stake had to be dragged by their shirt collars into a Western-subsidized Y2K remediation scenario, what would be a logical projection of the state of Y2K affairs in a threadbare Russian military establishment?

Most guesses are: not good.

According to the Norwegian-based environmental group Bellona, Russia's Northern Fleet simply lacks the funds to deal with problems associated with Y2K compliance. This is the same Northern Fleet that periodically gets its electricity turned off by the city for not paying its power bills. Bellona warns that the fleet's warning systems could lead computers to report non-existent missile attacks. And what is any military unit trained and equipped to in the event of an attack? Why, counterattack, of course! Russia has already warned that most of the country's vital computer systems will not be ready for 2000 — not just the Northern Fleet, but throughout strategic missile forces, the air force and land forces, as well.

For comparison, note that by the end of 1999 the Pentagon will have spent \$3.7 billion just in testing and remediating American military computer systems. When you contrast that with the \$187 million Russia "plans" to spend nationwide addressing the Y2K problem throughout government, industry and the military, the potential for disaster becomes apparent. This frightening potential is exacerbated by the unique nature of military computer applications, and what can happen when things go wrong.

The Pentagon has sent computer liaison specialists to the former Soviet Union to give advice, get insight and do what can be done from the Western side to keep unplanned nuclear weapons disasters from complicating the world scene as a new millennium rolls around. But keeping in mind the ingrained Russian paranoia, carried to its highest art form among the military whose mission it is to be suspicious, just how much good can be accomplished by a gaggle of too-little, too-late liaison officers, no matter how capable and dedicated?

Remember Chernobyl? That was



Mark: H. Mliscen

Some former Warsaw Pact nuclear facilities, such as this reactor at Paks, Hungary, are kept in immaculate condition — but they told the International Atomic Energy Agency that regarding Y2K, "the planned countermeasures do not yet contain contingency considerations."



AP/Wide World

A modern, technological, nuclear navy, the Russian fleet is formidably armed — but when a navy is so broke it can't even pay its electric bills, this lends credence to fears expressed by environmental groups that the Northern Fleet's warning systems could lead computers to report non-existent missile attacks — and counter-attack perceived threats.

only one worst-case scenario, which happened in a *best-case* circumstance, and it corrupted the environs of a good part of Europe. What sort of multiple worst-case scenarios might a reasonable man project during a worst-case circumstance, such as massive computer glitches at Y2K?

Nuclear Slaves, Throw Off Your Chains ...

As atomic weapons proliferated after World War II, pundits were fond of referring to the "Genie having escaped the bottle." At least throughout this frightening-enough scenario, somebody, thus far with a vested interest in self-preservation, has controlled those nuclear Genies. But consider the Genie's illegitimate brother: nuclear reactors gone amok with nobody able to control them.

Investigations were conducted mid-year by the International Atomic Energy Agency, in several countries operating nuclear power plants and research reactors to ensure that the Y2K bug does not affect continued safe operation of these plants. Member states were contacted to exchange information regarding diagnostic and remedial programs underway, or planned, at these worldwide nuclear installations.

Some of the response to the questionnaire on the State of the International Community regarding the impact of Y2K problems on nuclear energy was mixed, at best. The international flavor makes some of the responses worth a quote:

"Germany: In German nuclear plants, the control systems of the highest level do not use computer systems but hard-wire control systems. However, other systems with relevance to safety and operational systems may be affected." (As we go to press, stories have appeared in the German press on the nature of specific problems.)

"Japan: The Japan Nuclear Cycle Development Institute (JNC) had identified some specific problems with regard to the Y2K problem, and has reconstructed some systems, and will continue to try to solve problems by allocating some budget by the year of



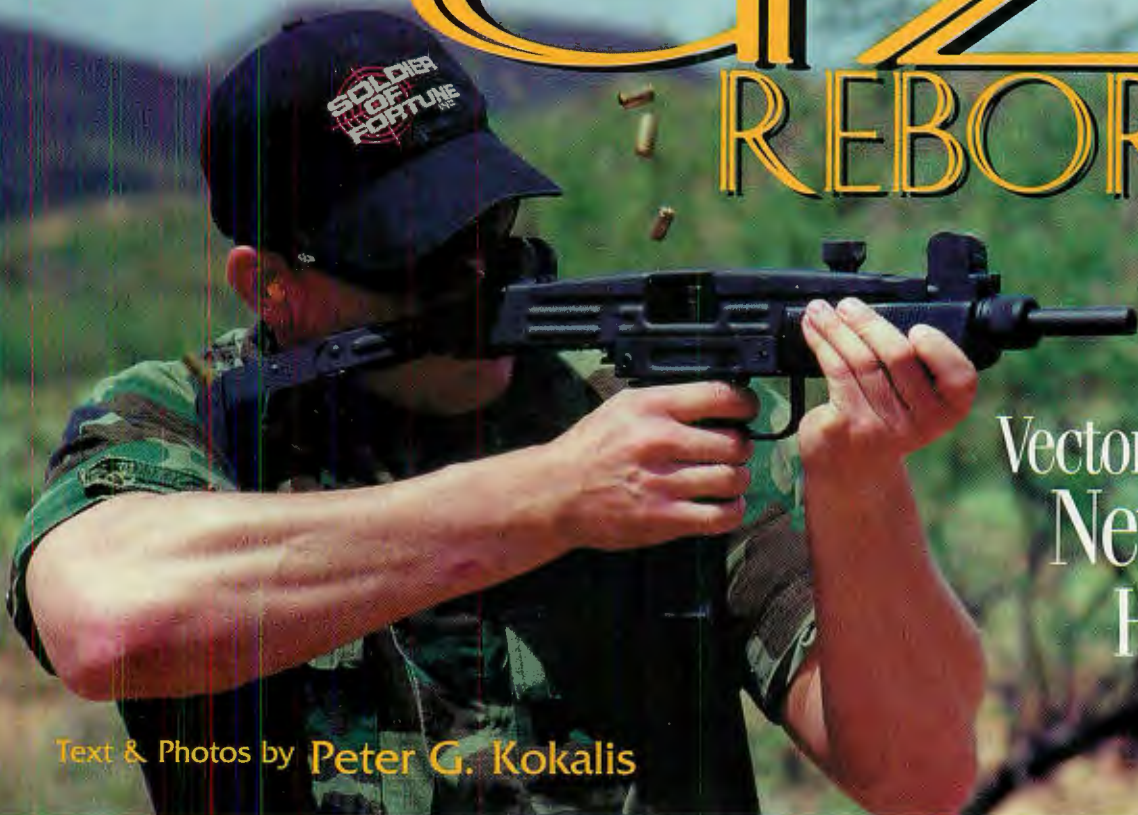
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Although most foreign Y2K fears are of the Russian Navy, here firing missiles during a Navy Day performance in Sevastopol, Russian and former-Soviet air and land forces are also technological — thoroughly nuclear — and susceptible to Y2K problems.

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UZI REBORN



Vector Arms'
New Model
HR4332

Text & Photos by Peter G. Kokalis

A quarter of a century ago the UZI was, without doubt, the most widely distributed submachine gun in the Western world. In the interim, Heckler & Koch's MP5 series has largely become the submachine gun of choice for most military and law enforcement SpecOps groups throughout the Americas and Western Europe. Even the U.S. Secret Service, so long an advocate of the UZI, recently turned them in for more modern hardware. Additionally, in recent years, more and more police tactical teams are exchanging their pistol-caliber submachine guns for short-barreled caliber 5.56x45mm carbines, such as the M4.

In the face of this, Vector Arms, Inc. (Dept. SOF, 270 West 500 North, North Salt Lake, Utah 84054; phone: 801-295-1917; fax: 801-295-9316; web site: www.vectorarms.com) has just introduced a new production series UZI submachine gun. Why? As an individual, the only MP5 available for you to buy is a registered-sear or registered-receiver gun made from a converted HK94 semiautomatic-only carbine. Factory MP5s are all dealers samples-only and available exclusively to qualified law enforcement agencies and military organizations. Furthermore, every registered-sear MP5, without exception, that I ever encountered while teaching the SMG Operators Course at Gunsite Training Center failed before it reached 3,000 rounds. Yet these weapons are selling (selling, not asking) for \$8,000 to \$9,000. Vector Arms' new Model HR4332, is manufactured from Group Industries receivers and IMI (Israel Military Industries, Tel Aviv, Israel), FN (Fabrique Nationale d'Armes de Guerre, Herstal, Liege, Belgium) and LIW (Lyttelton Engineering Works Pty., Ltd., Pretoria, Republic of South Africa) com-

ponents. It sells for only \$2,995 and is a non-restricted-transfer Title II firearm. I don't think it requires a rocket scientist to determine that an older, but completely reliable, burp gun for less than three grand is a better buy than a cobbled-up, unreliable copy of a more modern design selling for three times as much.

Submachine guns — commonly defined as shoulder-mounted, selective-fire weapons chambered for pistol cartridges — were fielded in larger quantities during World War II than before or since. During this time frame most submachine guns fired from the open-bolt position by means of unlocked blowback. They were thus easier to manufacture than more complex locked-breech machine guns. In addition, both design and manufacturing techniques had advanced to a level that permitted fabrication using cost-effective welded and pinned sheet metal stampings together with synthetic furniture. In short, SMGs provided a great deal of firepower, cheaply.

For these reasons, the submachine gun's popularity continued during the decade following the war. In Czechoslovakia, the first small arm placed into series production after the war was Jaroslav Holecek's CZ447 submachine gun, which was designed at *Ceska zbrojovka* in Strakonice and adopted as the Model 48 in 1948. In the spring of 1950, the designation was changed to the Model 23 for the fixed-stock version and Model 25 for the folding-stock variant. Both were chambered for the 9mm Parabellum cartridge. When ComBloc standardization was imposed upon Czechoslovakia, the Models 24 and 26, respectively, were introduced in 1951, chambered for the Tokarev 7.62x25mm round.



Mr. Machine Gun's 9-year-old grandson, Cody J. Kokalis, fires a burst to demonstrate the UZI's low recoil impulse.

Major Uziel's Famous Sub Gun

Shortly after this sequence of events in 1950 to 1951, Major Uziel of

the Israel Defense Force (IDF), assisted by other Israeli small arms technicians, designed what became the justifiably famous UZI submachine gun, chambered for the 9mm Parabellum round. Its single most salient characteristic, presumably taken from Holecck's SMG series, is a so-called wrap-around bolt design.

The 10.2-inch barrel extends well into the receiver, with a recess machined into the bolt body to accept the rear portion of the barrel. This requires an ejection port to be machined into the bolt body also to match that of the sheet metal receiver body. The primary advantage of this feature is compactness. At the moment of ignition, the telescoping bolt surrounds 3.75 inches of the rear portion of the barrel. Thus, by placing greater mass over the chamber — where the expanding propellant gases are generated — upward muzzle flip is moderated considerably. This system also alters the weapon's center of mass and accounts to a great extent for the UZI's excellent handling characteristics. Finally, this is an added safety factor in the event, albeit unlikely, of a blown case. The recessed breech face on the bolt has a fixed firing pin milled into its surface. A hole in the rear face of the rectangular bolt body retains the recoil spring assembly. The single-coil recoil spring and a red fiber buffer at the rear are captive on the steel guide rod. The fixed ejector, riveted to the receiver, rides in a slot milled into the bolt body under, and in back of, the breech face.

Another feature apparently taken from the Czech Model 23/24/25/26 series is the placement of the magazine well within the pistol grip assembly. This is, in my opinion, somewhat controversial. To its credit, this (in addition to the telescoping bolt) leaves the point of balance directly above the grip, provides a firm support for the magazine and supposedly aids in rapid magazine changes, using the so-called principle of "hand finds hand." These advantages, real or imagined, are counterbalanced by sacrificing any attempt at a proper grip-to-frame angle, since to accommodate the magazine's required alignment for feeding, the grip must be

Title II Firearms

The firearm reviewed in this article is a non-restricted-transfer Title II firearm. Title II firearms, which include machine guns, sound suppressors, and short-barreled shotguns and rifles are strictly controlled by the National Firearms Act (NFA) of 1934. There are almost a quarter of a million registered machine guns on the NFA log books. It is important to point out that during the 65-year history of the NFA no more than one or two registered machine guns have ever been used in the commission of a felony. This is a remarkable record matched by no other classification of firearms. "Non-restricted-transfer" means that if you, as an individual, live in a state that permits possession of machine guns, you can personally acquire the new Vector Arms UZI, providing you meet the federal requirements for an ATF Form 4 transfer (law enforcement certification, FBI fingerprint check, and \$200 transfer tax).
— P.G.K.

vertical to the bore's axis. The most advanced human engineering I have ever encountered on a submachine gun, with regard to the grip-to-frame angle, is that of the Sterling.

UZI magazines, derived from those of the Italian Beretta Models 1938A and 38/42 submachine guns are of the two-position-feed type. The staggered-column, detachable, box-type Beretta magazines are generally conceded to be among the best ever designed. Less bolt energy is usually required to strip rounds from this type of magazine. It should also be noted that the top

round in an UZI magazine is held at a slight angle with the nose up so that the primer does not align itself with the fixed firing pin until the cartridge enters the chamber. Single-position-feed magazines, such as those encountered with the German MP38/40, British Sten, U.S. M3 ("grease gun") and despicable MAC10 are more difficult to load without a tool and are sometimes not quite as reliable.

All UZI magazines are equipped with indicator holes on the sides so the rounds remaining can be seen at a glance. The standard UZI magazine holds 25 rounds. A 32-round magazine is also available and it is as reliable as the original. However, the 40-round magazine, fielded only shortly, was most decidedly not adequately reliable for combat. This problem is generic to almost all large-capacity, spring-loaded, box magazines. If you have enough follower spring pressure to hold the last 10 or 20 rounds tightly up against the magazine body's feed lips, you will usually have too much pressure when a large-capacity magazine is loaded to its maximum extent. As a consequence, until the magazine has been partially emptied there is usually too much "stripping pressure." Thus, when the bolt drives forward in counter-recoil, it meets with excessive resistance as it attempts to strip the next round from the magazine. The bolt's forward velocity can be reduced to such an extent as a consequence that there might not be sufficient forward momentum to ignite the primer.

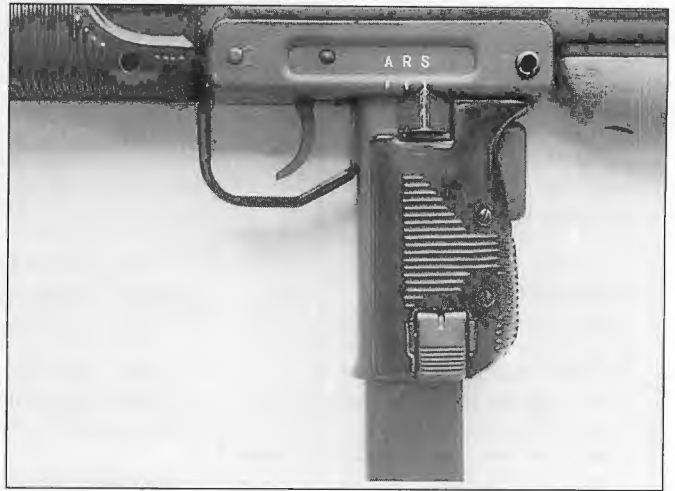
A special clip is available to join two UZI magazines together



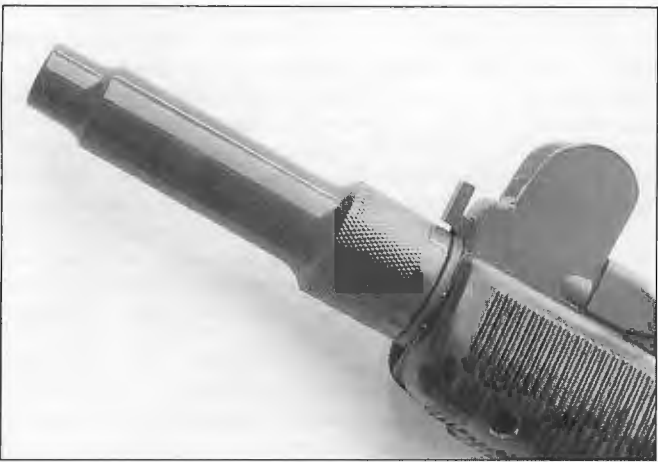
(above) UZI SMG. Left-side view with folding buttstock extended. (inset) The all-steel folding stock is hinged at two points and collapses in an accordion-like manner under the receiver.



(above) Rare vertical foregrip, made by IMI for Israeli Special Operations groups, substantially improves burst-fire hit probability. (below) An effective BFA was designed for the UZI by the Dutch munitions firm of NWM, although 9mm blank ammunition is now difficult to obtain.



The fire selector is located on the left side of the trigger assembly, just above the grip panel and has three positions for full-auto (A), semiauto (R), and safe (S). (below) Early UZIs were issued with fixed wooden buttstocks of the quick-detachable-type. Fixed buttstocks provide a more stable firing platform for any shoulder-mounted weapon.

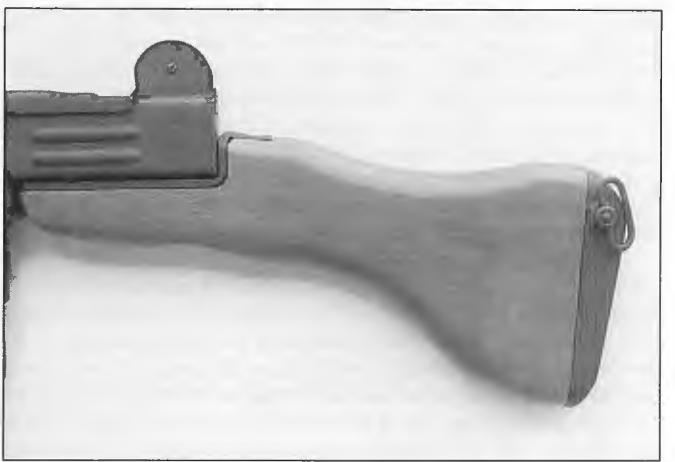


in a "L" configuration. This is useful because, when both magazines are loaded, the one not in use lies under the barrel and helps reduce muzzle climb. Then, when the first magazine has been removed and the new one rotated into the magazine well, the empty magazine lies back under the buttstock. This magazine clamp is available from Vector Arms for \$8.

Triple Safeties

The UZI is equipped with three safety systems, each independent of the others. The fire selector is located on the left side of the trigger assembly, just above the grip panel. When moved rearward to the "S" position, the trigger is blocked from moving by a curved extension on the front of the sliding selector bar. Pushed fully forward into the "A" position will permit full-auto fire, at a cyclic rate of approximately 550 to 600 rounds per minute. Sliding the selector to "R" (standing for Repetition, the British expression for single shot fire) will provide semiautomatic fire only. By design, the selector is usually quite difficult to manipulate, although over time it usually becomes easier to slide it forward or rearward. Furthermore, it's easily adjustable by tweaking the shallow V-shaped leaf spring that presses up against the slide's three detented positions. However, when in the operational area, most IDF personnel would slide the selector to full-auto and depend upon the grip safety.

The trigger is L-shaped with the short leg as the trigger itself and the long leg (or trigger bar) in a horizontal plane. It is spring-loaded and pivots on an axis pin at the junction of the two legs. Pulling the trigger depresses the trigger bar. At the end of the trigger is a pivoting disconnecter, which holds down the sear when the trigger is pulled. The unusually wide sear has two prongs, between which lies the disconnecter. In full-auto fire the disconnecter moves downward



and rotates the sear with it. The gun will fire until the trigger is released and the disconnecter rises with the trigger bar. The sear spring pushes the sear into the path of the forward moving bolt body to hold it to the rear.

In semiautomatic-fire the disconnecter is not only pulled down by the trigger bar but rotates about the curved extension on the front of the selector bar. This rotation brings the disconnecter through the sear's two prongs and the sear then rises to impinge against the bolt and stop its forward travel. To fire another shot, the trigger must be released to permit the disconnecter to rotate back up through the sear's two prongs and re-engage the sear. This is actually a very simple, but quite effective, method of operation.

Grip safeties were not uncommon on submachine guns. They were included on both the mediocre Danish Madsen M50 and the excellent French MAT49. But, a firm firing grip is absolutely essential to ensure reliable operation in high stress environments. However, this is just a matter of programming through intensive training. A lug projecting from the top of the spring-loaded grip safety's front bar on the right side of the trigger mechanism lies under the right sear prong and prevents it from moving down. When the grip safety is squeezed, its bar moves forward together with the lug permitting the sear to drop.

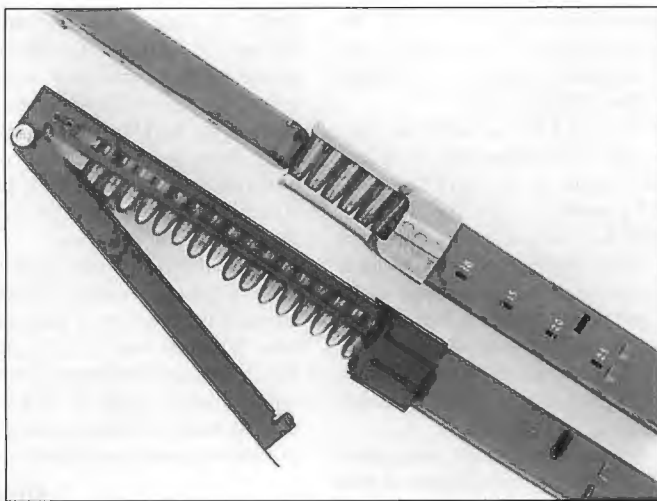
There are 13 small serrations on the underside of the receiver's top cover, next to the spring-loaded bolt-retracting slide. These serrations serve to lock the bolt if the retracting knob is accidentally released and an incomplete cocking motion results. Specifically, after the retracting handle and slide have come back 1.875-inch, they cannot go forward again until they have been retracted fully to the rear, a distance of 3.25 inches. This bolt blocking safety mechanism prevents accidental discharges if the weapon is jarred or

dropped, as sometimes occurs when hastily off loading an armored personnel carrier in a combat zone. This is an excellent feature on an open-bolt burp gun.

The flip-type rear sight, equipped with large protective ears, has peep apertures marked for 100 and 200 meters. This is a bit optimistic, since submachine guns are CQB (Close-Quarter Battle) weapons most effectively deployed at distances well under 100 meters.

The front sight is a tapered post, also with more than adequate protective ears, mounted eccentrically on a threaded base. Both windage and elevation zero are adjusted at the front sight. As the post is offset, rotating the post for windage zero will also raise or lower it slightly. Elevation adjustments will also effect the horizontal zero to a slight extent. A half-turn of the front sight post will move the point of impact about 4 centimeters at 50 meters and as much as 64 centimeters horizontally. Submachine guns are best zeroed at 50 meters and employed at that distance and less. Remember, when you make zero adjustments at the front sight you must move the front sight post down to elevate the point of impact and to the left to move it to the right. The front sight should be adjusted with the IMI tool made specifically for that purpose and available from Vector Arms for only \$7. As an adjunct to this, keep in mind that after the contact distance increases to farther than 15 meters, you should be seriously thinking about sliding the selector back to semi-auto, especially if you're shooting on the move.

While the extensive use of welded, sheet-metal stampings and high-impact plastic furniture resulted in a cost-effective weapon system (exactly what the Israelis needed in the early 1950s), the UZI exhibits a great deal of quality in both design and manufacture. As an example, longitudinal channels stamped into the receiver body's side walls serve effectively to trap debris, ensuring reliable operation under the most extreme conditions of high dust and sand, so often



Two different magazine loaders are available for the UZI. (Top) standard IDF-issue six-round loader is best used with another magazine to shove the rounds downward. (Bottom) A more sophisticated, after-market tray-style tool that loads 16 rounds at a time is considerably more efficient.

been folded and retains the rigid wood buttstock when it is installed. After this the barrel sleeve (or trunnion), another machined part, is TIG-welded to the receiver in four places. This important component supports and indexes the barrel. The front end of the barrel sleeve, 3.75-inch in overall length, is threaded to accept the barrel locking nut. The machined backplate is then welded to the rear of the receiver.

Three stamped, sheet-metal components are subsequently welded to the receiver. The barrel nut latch housing, which holds the spring-loaded ratchet that prevents the barrel nut from vibrating loose, is TIG-welded under the front sight. Both the U-shaped front and rear sight saddles are spot-welded to the receiver. Two parts are riveted to the receiver: the fixed ejector and the front sling swivel.

The Heat Treatment

All of the receiver's fixed-parts manufacturing and receiver assembly is accomplished by Vector Arms, Inc. Welds and machining marks are polished to achieve an appearance far beyond the quality of any UZI ever manufactured for military use. After complete assembly, the receiver is vacuum heat-treated to minimize reciprocating bolt wear. A modern carburizing process is used. Carbon gas is induced into the steel in an oxygen-free environment to a depth of 16 thousandths (0.016-inch). After this seven-hour process, the receiver is quenched in oil to prevent warpage. At this time the receiver is too brittle at about 60C Rockwell Hardness. Subsequent tempering brings the receiver down to 44C Rockwell Hardness. This hardens the receiver's skin, while the core remains soft.

It should be remembered that neither IMI, FN or LIW ever heat-treated their UZI receivers. The UZI was essentially manufactured by them as a "throw-away" submachine gun. The bolt will, in fact, eventually wear two deep troughs in the bottom of these receivers as it reciprocates over a period of time. Vector Arms offers a repair service for damaged IMI receivers that includes subsequent heat-treating.

After installation of the 11 welded or riveted components and subsequent heat-treating, the receiver is then ready to accept the brand new, never-issued milspec parts kit. There are a total of 74 parts in the kit. Only about 5% of the parts came from either IMI or FN. The vast bulk of the parts were obtained from LIW in South Africa, whose manufacture of the UZI was never officially acknowledged. I have examined LIW-made UZIs in South Africa and they are substantially better than those produced by either IMI or FN. By any standards LIW (or Vektor, as it is now known) is a major player in the defense field.

In addition to their more or less clandestine production of the UZI, LIW produces the CP1 compact 9mm pistol, the Z88 and SP1/2 service pistols, the R4 rifle series, several different 20mm automatic cannons, the G5 towed and G6 self-propelled 155mm

Stripping the UZI

First, remove the magazine. Squeeze the grip safety and retract the bolt and visually inspect the chamber to make certain it's empty. Allow the bolt to move forward into battery under control. Set the selector bar to "S". Depress the top cover's latch, just in front of the rear sight, and lifting it up at the rear, remove the top cover assembly from the receiver. Slide the bolt group rearward until it can be lifted out of the receiver. Pull the recoil spring, guide rod and buffer out the rear of the bolt body. Using a punch of the proper size drift out the extractor's retaining split pin.

Remove the extractor. This should be done every time the weapon is cleaned. Dirty extractors can account for serious stoppages. Rotate and withdraw the barrel nut from the receiver's threaded trunnion. Withdraw the barrel. Drift out the trigger group's captive retaining pin from the left side and swing the trigger group down and off the receiver. The magazines can be, and should be, disassembled in the conventional manner. No further disassembly should be attempted except by qualified armorers. After cleaning and subsequent lubrication, reassemble in the reverse order.

—P.G.K.

artillery, a 35mm computerized anti-aircraft cannon system, the Rooikat Armored Fighting Vehicle, mortars of all types and arguably the finest GPMG ever manufactured — the caliber 7.62x51mm SS-77, and the superb Mini SS 5.56 SAW.

Production of the UZI at IMI, FN and LIW ceased long ago. With the exception of Vector Arms, the UZI is currently manufactured only by RH-ALAN in Zagreb, Croatia, as the ERO 9.

Unloaded weight of the UZI is 7.7 pounds (3.5 kg). The 10.2-inch (260 mm) barrel has four grooves with a right-hand twist of one turn in 10 inches (254 mm). The chamber is slightly tapered as the weapon fires by means of *advanced primer ignition*, in which ignition of the percussion primer occurs while the bolt is still traveling forward and just before the round is completely chambered (almost *de rigueur* with unlocked blowback, open-bolt-firing SMGs). With the buttstock folded, the overall length is only 17.3 inches (440 mm). When extended, the overall length increases to 25.2 inches (640 mm).

The Vector Arms UZI carries an excellent, dark manganese phosphate ("Parkerized") finish. UZIs will also be encountered with a black baked enamel finish over phosphate.

Early UZIs were issued with fixed wooden buttstocks of the quick-detachable-type and with a distinctive configuration. The IDF actually used three different buttstock lengths. The Dutch contract called for a long, wooden buttstock. Original IMI wooden buttstocks, in the standard length only, with new wood and refinished hardware, are available from Vector Arms for \$85. There's no doubt in my mind that a rigid buttstock provides a more stable firing platform for any shoulder-mounted weapon.

The subsequent all-steel folding stock is hinged at two points and collapses in an accordion-like manner under the receiver. To

deploy it, simply slap the buttplate with the palm of the hand to release it from the bottom of the receiver and unfold it until it locks at both hinge points. To fold the stock, squeeze the back stock bars inward at the rear hinge point and fold the rear section upward. Then push in the locking stud on the left side of the front stock bars, at their hinge point at the rear of the receiver, and fold this section downward. Snap it back in place under the receiver. The Vector Arms UZI comes equipped with this folding stock, which is one of the most secure of its type.

Both the pistol grip panels and forearm are usually made of black, synthetic material. There is some air space between the forearm and the receiver to provide for a small amount of heat dissipation. A unique vertical foregrip is also available. Made by IMI for Israeli Special Operations groups and made of a dark gray, high-impact plastic, it fits all UZIs. In very limited supply, this rare vertical forearm is available from Vector Arms for \$60. It helps to control the weapon significantly.

UZI Accessories

Vector Arms can also supply a wide range of other accessories for the UZI. The Israeli six-round magazine loader is available for only \$8. Slip the loader over a magazine, drop in six rounds and then use the top end of another magazine, positioned sideways over the rounds, to shove the rounds downward and into the empty magazine. A more sophisticated, after-market tray-style tool that loads 16 rounds at a time can be obtained for \$35. Spare 25-round magazines, made by LIW, are available for \$15 each. Made by USA, 32-round magazines cost \$29 each.

Vector Arms offers several caliber conversion kits for the UZI. The .45 ACP full-auto kit, made by IMI, sells for \$210. IMI's semi-auto-only .22 LR conversion kit cost \$195. A full-auto .22 LR kit is also available for \$235. All of these kits include a bolt, barrel and one magazine. Extra 16-round .45 ACP magazines are \$50 each. The 16-round .22 LR magazine costs \$38. Both magazines were made by IMI.

Screw-on sound suppressors, with cutting-edge technology from Bruegger & Thomet of Switzerland — supplier to H&K in Germany and the German Army — are also available from Vector Arms. These suppressors provide greater sound pressure level reduction than any others designed for the UZI. The interior components have self-aligning interlocks that enable the operator to dismantle and reassemble the unit without alignment tools. Caliber conversion is possible by merely replacing the baffles and front cap. These suppressors screw directly onto the receiver's barrel sleeve, replacing the barrel nut. No barrel threading is required. The cost is \$450 for the 9mm Parabellum unit and \$475 for the .45 ACP suppressor. NFA rules apply.

The oddest accessory available for the UZI is a bayonet. There are two, almost identical except for manufacture. The IMI bayonet in new condition will cost you \$95. One manufactured by LIW in South Africa sells for only \$65. Both include the scabbard. Years ago, I asked two officers from the Golani Brigade of what use was a bayonet on the UZI. They indicated it was useful in herding prisoners. You go figure.

A heavy-duty, black Cordura case with a discreet rectangular configuration can be purchased for \$69. Designed and manufactured by Blackhawk Industries, it features 3/8-inch closed-cell removable foam padding, wrap-around handle straps, a detachable, padded shoulder strap, three interior magazine pouches, a padded exterior pocket and 360-degree padded protection.

An excellent BFA (Blank Firing Attachment) was designed for the UZI by the Dutch munitions firm of NWM. While 9mm blank ammunition is difficult to obtain, Vector Arms will sell you the BFA for \$25. It slips over the barrel and merely replaces the barrel nut. The IDF also fielded a grenade launcher for the UZI. It is no longer available.

I have fired many thousands of rounds through UZI submachine guns. It remains one of the most reliable designs ever fielded. The version being manufactured by Vector Arms is, without doubt, the finest UZI ever produced. It is currently the best buy in a non-restricted-transfer sub gun. I can recommend it without reservations of any kind. The Vector Arms UZI is sold with a one-year warranty on materials and workmanship. ❧

UZI SPECIFICATIONS	
Calibers:	9mm Parabellum (.22 LR and .45 ACP conversion kits available).
Operation:	Unlocked blowback with advanced primer ignition. Fires from the open-bolt position. Full-auto and semiauto capability.
Cyclic rate:	550 to 600 rpm.
Feed mechanism:	25-, 32-, and 40-round staggered-column, two-position-feed, detachable, box-type magazines.
Weight, empty:	7.7 pounds (3.5 kg).
Overall length:	With buttstock folded: 17.3 inches (440 mm); with buttstock extended: 25.2 inches (640 mm).
Barrel:	Four grooves with a right-hand twist of one turn in 10 inches (254 mm).
Barrel length:	10.2 inches (260 mm).
Finish:	Phosphate ("Parkerizing").
Furniture:	Grip panels and forearm — black, high-impact synthetic.
Sights:	Tapered post, with protective ears, mounted eccentrically on a threaded base. Both windage and elevation zero are adjusted at the front sight. Flip-type rear sight, also with protective ears, with peep apertures marked for 100 and 200 meters.
Optional accessories:	Vertical foregrip, spare parts and magazines, loading tools, bayonets, caliber-conversion kits, bayonets, screw-on sound suppressors, wooden stock, front sight adjustment tool and soft case.
Price:	\$2,995.
Manufacturer:	Vector Arms, Inc., Dept. SOF, 270 West 500 North, North Salt Lake, Utah 84054; phone: 801-295-1917; fax: 801-295-9316; web site: www.vectorarms.com.
T&E summary:	Battle-proven, open-bolt, blowback submachine gun that meets all conceivable standards of reliability. Heat-treated receiver exceeds durability of any UZI previously manufactured. The best UZI ever made, and available as a non-restricted-transfer Title II firearm.

"Vengeance Is Mine," Sayeth The Feds



FBI Mind-Set And Malfeasance At The Waco Siege

by *SOF* Staff

PHOTOS: FBI



As the sun set over the Texas prairie that last night of February 1993 the nation sat stunned. The events that unfolded that day near the peaceful town of Waco saw four federal agents and six members of an obscure religious sect shot dead, and many more on each side wounded. What had begun as a botched raid by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms rapidly escalated into the largest shoot-out in American law-enforcement history. It was also soon to grow into the greatest scandal ever faced by the country's self-anointed, premier law enforcement agency — the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

With the morning sun came the FBI, replete with loudspeakers, floodlights, the infamous Hostage Rescue Team ... and U.S. military main battle tanks. They were, by God, going to war. Those scumbags holed-up in that ramshackle church had not only killed federal lawmen, they had committed the unpardonable sin of contempt-of-cop. For this transgression the Branch Davidians, their children, and their leader, David Koresh, would pay with their lives.

Although it was now an FBI show, the on-site FBI agents were split into two camps. One was comprised of the hostage negotiators, who, for the most part, worked hard to give Koresh and his followers a dignified and survivable way out. At the other end of the spectrum were the tactical teams. Fueled by a limitless supply of testosterone, they couldn't wait for kick-ass action. In the end, brawn overcame brains and the resulting massacre, embodied in the single word "Waco," came to symbolize the darkest chapter in American law enforcement history.

Although touted by the likes of Democratic Congressmen Charles Schumer and Tom Lantos as being the epitome of righteousness, the actions of the FBI tactical teams at Waco were, at the least reprehensible, and at the most outright criminal. Had any other law enforcement or military agency conducted itself the way the FBI did at Waco its officers would be in jail!

With the potential for a PR nightmare looming, the first thing on the agenda was to demonize the Branch Davidians to such a

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Full Auto

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7.62x54R cartridge. The total number manufactured is unknown, but it was probably less than one thousand. Of these, there are no more than two or three specimens in the United States. Without doubt, the most unusual one of all is the one I now have in my personal collection.

It is reported to have been the personal property of Oliver M. Huberty, Colonel Lewis' faithful assistant. It's obvious the gun was never intended for service as it has no factory serial number. As a consequence, when the gun was registered by Huberty's family it was assigned a serial number with an "IRS" prefix by the Alcohol Tax Division of the Treasury Department. Detailed disassembly indicated the gun was completely unfired when I obtained it, and overall it is in new condition in almost every regard. Both the feed cover (just in front of the folded down rear sight) and the front of the receiver are marked "RUSSIAN". There is an "R" in a circle on the feed arm latch next to the magazine post, and on the barrel. The aluminum center discs of the pan drums are marked either "R 7.62m.m." or simply "R". The rear sight is marked "RUSSIAN PACES". This unit of measurement, called an *Arshin*, is equivalent to 28 inches. There

are no other markings to distinguish the Russian Lewis gun from the caliber .303 British guns made by BSA.

The only other unique feature of this specimen is a leather-wrapped single spade grip instead of the usual buttstock. As no bipod was provided, it can be assumed that Huberty intended to demonstrate this weapon from some type of hard mount.



Adapter consists of a bronze casting upon which the gun rests, together with a clamp that goes over the gun's jacket. Two mounting points on the base of the adapter interface with the Vickers' Mark IV tripod cradle.

In addition, I was extremely fortunate to independently obtain an interface to mount this gun on a Mark IV Vickers tripod. Incredibly, this adapter is even more rare than the Russian Lewis gun itself. Only one other specimen is known to exist, and that resides in the collection of the Enfield Pattern Room,

in Great Britain. The adapter consists of a bronze casting upon which the gun rests, together with a clamp that goes over the gun's jacket. Two mounting points on the base of the adapter interface with the Vickers' tripod cradle. It was quickly determined that the Lewis Light Machine Gun (LMG) was not properly deployed from the heavy Mark IV tripod as it is air cooled and not intended for sustained fire applications. Thus, very few of these adapters were manufactured. There are reports that the Savage Arms Co. made a steel adapter of this type for their version of the Lewis gun.

While somewhat fragile by today's standards, including its easily damaged pan-type magazines, the Lewis gun was undoubtedly the best LMG to emerge from the trenches of World War I. It weighed only 26 pounds, remarkable for its time frame, as on the other side of the line was only the clumsy, albeit reliable, German Maxim 08/15 "LMG" that tipped the scales at 49 pounds.

Lewis himself was responsible for the design of the so-called "air ejection" cooling system (aluminum fins around the barrel) and this is my principle criticism of the weapon. It was supposed to evacuate propellant gases out the front. It is my considerable personal experience that it, in fact, drives the noxious fumes directly into the operator's face. Could this have been another reason for the prevalence of gas masks in the British trenches? ☒

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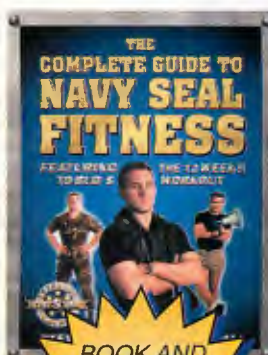
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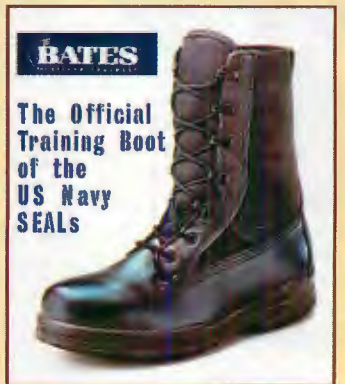
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2000." (As we go to press, Professor Vladimir Soyler, head of the research unit of the Institute of Chemistry at the Russian Academy of Science, Far East Division, warned that a spread of radioactive contamination in Chazma Bay, in the Sea of Japan, has increased 6,000% in the past eight years, since the sinking of a Soviet nuclear sub in 1985.)

"Spain: No detailed results available so far. Contingency plans possibility is contemplated."

"Finland: Contingency plans are under preparation. The vendor assurances of Year 2000-compliance are not always reliable. Making assessing and testing programs for large systems like process computer systems requires much special know-how. To find suitable time and other resources for large systems testing is challenging."

"Hungary: The planned countermeasures do not contain yet contingency considerations."

"Bulgaria: Yes, there are some specific problems concerning the embedded systems. [We have] difficulties, because some of the vendors didn't answer or their answers were not reliable."

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And what about Russia? By Western standards, Soviet-era nuclear reactors were as slovenly as the uranium-mining operations that contaminated major areas of Eastern Europe. By Western standards, they were poorly designed, poorly built with inadequate safety considerations — and since the collapse of the Soviet Empire, poorly maintained due to lack of funding. They represent a genuine recipe for disaster once the Y2K Bug is programmed into the equation. Some lessons were learned after Chernobyl, but heroically brave operating personnel may not be allowed to override and shut down whole reactors for mere safety reasons.

In situations where immediate and decisive action is required to forestall disaster, the reflexive Soviet response is denial: *Nyet* problem! Remember the news photos of the unhappy policeman feigning normalcy in Chernobyl? *Nyet* problem! Or the propaganda shot of the lady with the baby carriage strolling down a deserted Chernobyl avenue? *Nyet* problem! And all the while the reactor was melting down, contaminating Europe from Austria to Sweden.

If predictions of losing 60% of Russian utility capacity are true, and it's 40-below, winter and Y2K together may claim more residents of Mother Russia than hypothermia alone. And everybody downwind had better lay in a supply of potassium iodide pills.

An educator, Canadian Frank Hopkins is a frequent contributor on Y2K topics. He filed this report while on sabbatical in Europe. ✕

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Chinese have influenced, but missed Albania — the only Maoist socialist/communist government in Europe. On Radio Tirana they would badmouth the USSR as bad as they badmouthed the United States.

Da Troll
via E-mail

Thanks for writing, and thanks to the others who spotted the Jackson gaff (we have two tankers on staff now, but they think the M48 is an old tank). You're right on both counts, of course. Readers probably have noted the Chinese Type 68 rifles in the hands of Albanians/Albanian surrogates, which came from China during the period of military aid when they were allies. Chinese technicians were also instrumental in Albania's tooling up for all the silly pill-boxes that litter the landscape there.

Stealth Blankets

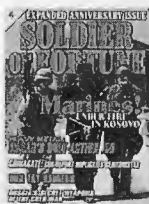
I was curious as to where I could purchase several infra-red blankets. The ones that conceal your body heat, and therefore can't be detected by infra-red sensors? Can you help? Any suggestions? I tried U.S.

Cavalry and Ranger Joe's. Thanks!

Daniel
via E-mail

Such an item is made by Corporate Air Parts, Inc., Dept SOF, 7641 Densmore Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406; phone: 818-997-0512; fax: 818-997-0478. We first wrote about their Land/Shark emergency survival bag some time ago, and they have just put on the market a model that instead of international orange (for those who want to be found), is reversible to chocolate-chip cammo (for those in an E&E mode who do not). See "Adventure Quartermaster" in this issue for a review of the new version.

Couldn't Fix Microsoft Anyway ...



How could Frank Hopkins, or whoever wrote the captions for his article, mistake installation instructions for Microsoft Office 2000 for, "a review of somebody's Y2K fix-it program, or a product named 2000?" Considering that the person that wrote that line was probably using Microsoft Word 97, I find it incredible that this mistake made it way into the magazine ...

Timothy P. Thomas
via E-mail

Either we have a problem writing reading, or you have a problem reading writing. How could Microsoft Office 2000 be described any other way than as "a product named 2000?" And, no, it was not written on Microsoft anything. The only reason an editor would ever use Microsoft is because he has to, or doesn't know better. All true professionals, and we be true professionals, use XyWrite in some form or another.

A Croc?

Re.: increased crime in Australia since the firearms ban: Reportedly, "Crocodile Dundee" — the real-life man, not the actor — came upon a police roadblock and, according to the media, began shooting. He killed two cops before going down. As he was not wanted, police are "baffled" why he began shooting.

Here's a news flash: Maybe he decided to die rather than give up his guns and go to jail. In real life, if he were anything like he was portrayed on film, and if mere possession of a gun would mean serious jail time, maybe he decided enough was enough.

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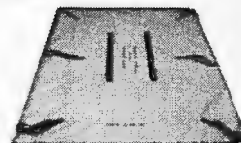
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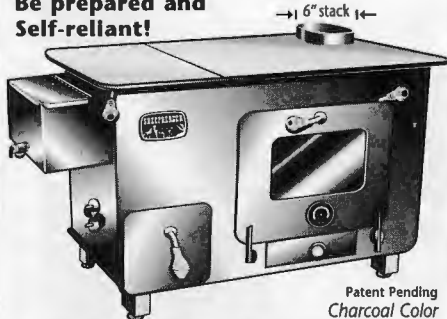
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Helms, North Carolina Republican and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, charged that the Clinton administration covered up the laser incident. "There is no doubt whatsoever that the Russian crew aboard the *Kapitan Man* blinded Lt. Daly and [Canadian Capt.] Pat Barnes with a laser," Helms stated in the letter to Defense Secretary William S. Cohen.

"Mr. Secretary ... I am amazed and dismayed with the Pentagon's mealy-mouthed and unconvincing estimate of the matter," he said. "It is beyond my comprehension how the department could admit that Lt. Daly's injuries were, in all likelihood, caused by a laser and yet insist: 'Available evidence does not indicate, however, what the source of an exposure might have been.'"

Helms stated that "the Russian Federation, while spying on U.S. nuclear submarines transiting the Strait of Juan de Fuca, engaged in a hostile action within U.S. territorial waters, causing permanent injury to a U.S. Navy officer."

"I realize this was, and is, an inconvenient fact for the administration," he said. "But the ensuing cover-up is unconscionable."

The senator noted that a joint Navy and Coast Guard search of the *Kapitan Man* for a laser device was delayed and restricted, and that the State Department tipped off the Russians in advance of the search. Also, Helms criticized Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott for his decision to allow the Russian ship to leave the Seattle area without fully investigating the incident. "All of these smack of a whitewash," he said.

The senator criticized the Pentagon for mistreating Daly. "An effort to avoid a diplomatic incident is one thing," he said, "but the ongoing effort to discredit and oust Lt. Daly, who acquitted himself and his duties with complete professionalism, must not be tolerated."

"I am deeply distressed that this qualified young man has been driven from service to his country simply because it is an inconvenience for Strobe Talbott's Russia policy," Helms said. "How can we reasonably expect America's best and brightest to make the kind of sacrifice that Lt. Daly did, when the end result is the outrageous treatment he received?"

Helms said that if Daly is forced to retire he should receive full medical benefits because of the eye injuries. "Of course, I hope the Navy will reconsider this matter and elect to retain Lt. Daly for his obvious expertise, professionalism and patriotism."

On the House side of Congress, Representative Weldon, in August, also wrote Admiral Jay Johnson, chief of naval operations, to protest Daly's treatment. Weldon said he is concerned that the Pentagon's investigation of the incident

was "a flawed, politically-motivated probe." Weldon said in an interview that the military's decision not to promote Lt. Daly is "outrageous."

"Not only do I believe Lt. Daly should be promoted for his outstanding service and record, but I believe the department should also honor him for the sacrifices he has made as a result of this ordeal, Weldon stated.

The System Sometimes Works

A day after Helms sent the 7 September letter, the Navy released the results of an inspector general investigation of Daly's treatment and found that he has been a victim of "reprisal." As a result, a special board will review his case and give him another chance at promotion and continuing his career. According to Navy officials, Navy Undersecretary Jerry Hultin ordered the removal of a poor fitness report from Daly's personnel record after the Navy Inspector General ruled that the report was unfairly critical and the result of retaliation against the intelligence officer.

"Following correction of his record, Lt. Daly will be offered a special selection board to reconsider his promotion to lieutenant commander," one official said. Navy Inspector General Vice Adm. Lee F. Gunn did not investigate the service's handling of the laser incident. He limited the probe to treatment of Daly. Complaints were first registered by Rep. Norm Dicks, Washington Democrat. The inspector general stated in a report to Hultin that Daly was improperly given a critical fitness report that affected his chances for promotion, the officials said. The fitness report gave Daly low marks for such areas as military bearing, character, teamwork, mission accomplishment, initiative and leadership. As a result of the bad report, Daly's chances for promotion fell by two categories. The poor report followed an earlier fitness report that had recommended Daly for early promotion.

The inspector general began the investigation in September 1998 and conducted interviews with Daly and Navy officials and reviewed records about the case.

The inspector general determined that "Lt. Daly's supervisor took a personnel action that was not in compliance with applicable instructions," one official said.

Daly's lawyer, retired Navy Commander Robert Rae, said he was happy with the Navy action. "It sounds to me like they are doing the right thing," Mr. Rae said.

"Jack's been very patient in going through channels. He's the one that was hurt and he expected that his country would not do something *against* him. It looks as though there were people working to end his career."

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point that they appeared sub-human in the eyes of the world. This part was easy: Simply cut off all contact with the outside world, especially the press. Herd the news media to a point 2 miles from the besieged building and feed them carefully scripted propaganda.

Part of the plan was witnessed during the first week when the Davidians, urged on by the feds, made a video tape inside Mount Carmel showing the wounds suffered by some of them during the initial firefight. However, when the tape was viewed by the FBI it didn't show the expected wild-eyed cultists. Instead, it showed a group of very real and frightened men, women and children. It put a very human face on the Davidians. Fearing the public reaction if this tape was released, it was decided to withhold it from the press. Whatever the media or the populace was to learn about Koresh and his people was to come directly from the FBI and ATF. The major flaw in this plan was that agents themselves rapidly forgot that they were dealing with living, breathing human beings. They, too, saw the Davidians as *untermenchen*.

While most people remember the distant TV images of glaring spotlights and blaring loudspeakers, cranking out everything from

the cries of bunny rabbits being slaughtered to Nancy Sinatra singing about, "Boots," "boxes of matches" and "getting burnt," few were aware of the other actions being carried out by the FBI tactical teams. For example:

- Clearly intending to terrorize the Davidians, FBI drivers of the tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles would race their vehicles toward the building, stopping short at the last moment. Sometimes this tactic failed and the wooden structure was actually hit.

- FBI tank and Bradley crews repeatedly drove around Mount Carmel mooning and extending their middle fingers to the Davidians. When complaints were made about these vulgar displays, FBI negotiator John Cox replied that the agents were simply acting from, "frustration and anguish."

- Branch Davidian, Peter Gent, killed during the initial ATF raid, was buried outside the main building in full view of the FBI. During the ensuing weeks, over protestations by the Davidians, agents repeatedly ran over his grave with armored vehicles.

- Early on in the siege, agents descended on a garage rented by the Davidians some distance from Mount Carmel. As the owner, a local banker, keys in-hand, was shoved out of the way, agents drove a Bradley armored vehicle through the building, destroying it.

A question often asked by those who fell for the feds' propaganda was, "Why didn't

they just come out?" Could it be they feared for their very lives if they tried to do so? Razor-wire was placed around the building and stun grenades "flash-bangs" were fired at anyone trying to exit. Sound far-fetched? Have a look at examples taken from the Justice Department's own document, *Report to the Deputy Attorney General on the Events at Waco, Texas — February 29 to April 19, 1993*:

- April 7: 10:00 a.m. a person tried to leave the building — FBI agents fired two "flash-bangs" at him.

- April 9: 7:03 p.m. [Koresh's aide] Schneider exits the building and walks toward armored vehicles. Agents fired a "flash-bang" near him. 7:30 p.m. another male exits the compound into the courtyard. Agents fired a "flash-bang" at him.

- April 11: 6:55 a.m. a person left the courtyard area. FBI "flash-banged" him.

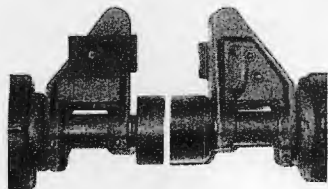
- April 15: 5:15 p.m. a male exited the compound — FBI fired a "flash-bang" at him. He went back inside, then returned a few minutes later. He was again "flash-banged."

So it went all the way up to the fatal fire on 19 April.

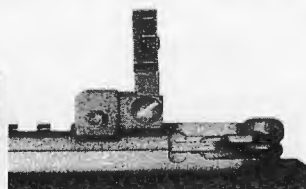
When it was over, instead of being appalled by the carnage, the ATF, like some conquering army, raised their victory flag over the charred bodies of babies, while grinning female FBI agents posed in the ashes of Waco like bimbos on a beach outing. ✕

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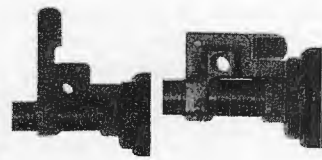
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Ghosts In The Jungle

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short water and rest breaks at isolated *fincas*. A fast, crisp jaunt, it wasn't.

Contributing to the difficulty was the erosive effect of run-off on the mountain trail, a corrugated mess with a deep center passage which caused our poor mules to sink midleg at almost every stretch that contained mud. The mountains were covered with dense varied vegetation; the locals cultivate coffee, bananas, beans, corn and other crops on their holdings.

Along the way, people we happened onto were most pleasant and cordial. The children were curious yet maintained blank, stoic expressions as our small caravan slowly passed on its upward journey.

We arrived at the small *habitacion* at the base of Mount Olivas about 4½ hours after departing San Jose de Bocay. Leaving our mules, we trudged by foot up to the crash site where we discovered a slew of "Lion Two's" wreckage — and the heavy, strange sensation of being swept back almost 40 years to that dark and death-filled day in 1961.

We and the half-dozen individuals from nearby settlements who had volunteered to accompany us commenced hacking away with machetes at the formidable weeds and overgrowth, revealing a portrait of dismay, failure and, some say, betrayal.

As we inspected and photographed the numerous pieces of the long-grounded B-26, about 100 meters from the summit, we noted that none of the pieces bore evidence of fire damage, indicating that the plane crashed after running out of fuel. It was at this location we discovered the *only* aircraft part with visible identification numbers, along with another part with the hand-painted numerals "958" on an inside portion of the aircraft. All the exiles' B-26s, as well as Castro's aircraft, bore 900-series numerals.

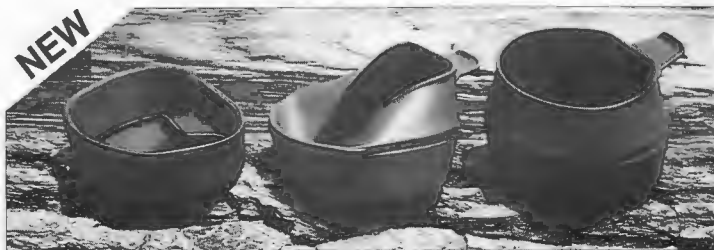
We picked up numerous .50 caliber heavy machine-gun casings (later presented to Lieutenant Colonel Robert K. Brown at the Boulder offices of *Soldier Of Fortune* magazine).

We then explored an area 75 meters to the west and farther down the mountain, where there was more wreckage from the right wing and other components. Hand-lettered numbers "958" appeared on pieces at this location, as well.

The wing component was set vertically and photographed, revealing the letters "FA (blank)", which would have been the initials FAR (*Fuerza Aerea Revolucionaria*) painted on the Cuban exiles' B-26s to confuse Castro's forces, who also had those initials on their aircraft.

"Pike Bishop" Lives

After the rugged, bone-jarring, 8½-hour round-trip by mule to Mount Olivas we neared San Jose de Bocay about 1700. Mandi Peters and I were on the lead mules



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as we sloshed across the Bocay River and eased up a slight incline toward the town.

As our sweaty "vehicles" sauntered along the main street toward our "5-Star" digs, Mandi asked if I was getting the feeling that everyone was watching us which prompted me to flash on the scene from the *Wild Bunch*, when Pike Bishop and his men were leaving the hospitably warm village with all the *campesinos* looking on. Laughing, Mandi and I kicked our mules into overdrive and galloped down the center of the street to our hotel. As we dismounted, the people were still looking, and we were still chuckling.

The following day's MEDCAP routine again commenced at 0800 with nearly 300 people anxiously awaiting treatment. During that shift, Doc Peters treated 91 patients. In the dental clinic, I assisted Dr. Weaver, who treated 32 patients and extracted 175 teeth. Actually, I extracted one, ably assisted by Doc Weaver, who pulled the remaining 174.

We continued to see patients until all medical supplies were exhausted. With this portion of the effort complete and successful we scheduled our return to Managua and the reunion with the team from Bluefields, whose mission to numerous villages on the eastern coast was also a success.

Prior to returning to the United States, we stopped off to lay the groundwork for future MEDCAPs — in El Salvador and Guatemala. My thoughts, however, remained riveted on "Lion Two" and its lonely demise.

Worker Bees Don't Set Policy

The CIA *knew* this B-26 was missing — but had not been shot down, yet the wreckage was not found for seven months. Even then the CIA chose to not recover the bodies of the pilots (which had been buried long before by locals where they had died). These pilots had died in the service of the CIA and the United States government, and their remains should have been repatriated to their families but were not because of the CIA's irrational fear and paranoia that doing so would further embarrass the Agency and the United States.

So, the pilots' remains and the aircraft wreckage languished undiscovered for 34 years until rediscovered in 1995 by a private search group which included "Pete" Ray's daughter, Janet Weininger.

Human remains and personal effects were recovered in 1998; the remains sent to the Army identification lab, in Hawaii, for DNA testing to confirm identities.

It is incomprehensible — yet so typical of the CIA and the United States Government — to entice others into their fights, or to perform their dirty work, (recall Vietnam?) and then abandon these loyalists when they constitute an embarrassment or when they no longer serve the USG's fickle and ever-wavering political interests.

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Waco: Burning Issues

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who started the fire is irrelevant.

Danforth has already made one error — his decision to exclude any examination of the ATF's role at Waco. There are many unresolved issues, including the perjury of ATF agents before Congress and during the U.S. District Court trial of 11 Branch Davidians. If the guilty aren't punished, and misdeeds have no consequences, we can be confident that agents will continue to use perjury and obstruction of justice as investigative and prosecutorial "tools."

Danforth said he will focus *only* on the FBI and the "dark questions" of whether the FBI lied about not using pyrotechnic devices and then engaged in a cover-up; and whether federal personnel directed gunfire into the building on the final day, something the FBI continues to deny.

Never Fired A Shot, Never Told The Truth

But numerous experts in Forward Looking Infrared Radar are unanimous in their analyses that the FBI's own FLIR video shows men maneuvering behind armored vehicles as they direct automatic weapons fire toward the rear of Mount Carmel at about 0930 on 19 April. If that's not conclusive, some new conventional video unearthed by independent

film maker Mike McNulty and viewed by this reporter clearly shows gunfire in the same time frame, fired from a pivot-mounted machine gun toward the rear of Mount Carmel.

If Danforth still wonders about whether the FBI engaged in a cover-up, he should study the Randy Weaver case. The FBI's refusal to release evidence was so outrageous that the prosecutor, former assistant U.S. Attorney Ron Howen, quit in the middle of the trial and did not return to court. U.S. District Court Judge Edward Lodge fined the FBI almost \$10,000 for misconduct.

Agents also lied initially about illegal shoot-to-kill orders issued in Idaho. A subsequent DoJ investigation found that the orders, issued by HRT commander Richard Rogers, were not only illegal, but unconstitutional. A headquarters agent was later fired for destroying documents to facilitate a cover-up in that case, but it was never made public what agents, or what illegal acts, were protected from exposure by the document destruction.

There are two other issues which must be resolved: perjury and the destruction of evidence by government agents.

In the Randy Weaver case, ATF Special Agent Herb Byerly lied in a letter to the U.S. attorney about Randy Weaver's criminal history; Weaver had none. But Byerly stated that Weaver was involved in drug trafficking and was a

suspect in cases involving both armed robbery and murder. In Senate testimony, Byerly lamely excused the letter, saying the false allegations were "a typo." He was never punished.

FBI snipers, the same ones who were deployed at Waco with Delta operators, also gave conflicting testimony in the Weaver case. In the Weaver case, in a closed session with Judge Lodge, sources said the snipers repeatedly invoked the Fifth Amendment while under oath. In that same case, much ballistic evidence — and an entire building containing some of that evidence — were either lost or destroyed by the FBI. There are parallels in the Waco case.

Career Miscreants

Most notable is Mount Carmel's missing front door, a piece of evidence that survived the fire, according to photographs, but then mysteriously disappeared while in FBI custody. It had bullet holes in it that could help prove or disprove the ATF's claim that they were fired on first. Surely if this evidence supported their claim, it would have been produced in court. Why did it conveniently disappear?

The similarities between the Weaver case and, eight months later, Waco should not be a mystery to an honest investigator. The same people at the FBI were in charge: Larry Potts, later promoted to

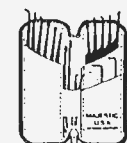
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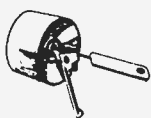
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assistant director; Danny Coulson; HRT commander Richard Rogers; and HRT sniper Lon Horiuchi.

Horiuchi played a pivotal role in the final outcomes in both the Weaver and Waco tragedies. In Idaho, it was Horiuchi who shot Vicki Weaver in the head while she was standing in her kitchen door, holding her infant daughter. And it was Horiuchi who claimed to have seen tracer fire coming from Mount Carmel on that final morning, and broadcast a code word that set in motion the final series of events leading up to the fire. Not another agent present reported seeing this tracer fire.

Others need to be put under oath and questioned, including First Lady Hillary Clinton and former Assistant Attorney General Webster Hubbell, who was the de facto boss at justice during the stand-off. A DoJ source earlier told *SOF*, as was reported, that Hubbell received his marching orders on Waco from two people in the White House: attorney Vince Foster and the First Lady. That was confirmed by a congressional source, who said transcripts of Hubbell's conversations on Waco with the White House had all portions blacked out that involved Hillary Clinton.

And what of any role played by the military, especially General Colin Powell, then-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff? The same congressional source said Les Aspin, then the Secretary of Defense, was opposed to any military involvement in any aspect of the Waco case. An Army source who was present said Powell flew to Texas just a few days after the initial failed raid at Waco, to personally debrief the Green Beret officers who led ATF training.

And The Roads Lead To Rome

In its national edition of 5 September 1999, *The New York Times* reported that it had obtained declassified documents that "show for the first time that officials at the highest levels of the Defense Department, including Secretary of Defense Les Aspin and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, were briefed by the Special Operations Command about the events near Waco."

Published Defense Department policy stipulates that the chairman's role in the chain of command is strictly limited to transmitting orders from only two people: the secretary of defense or the president. If Aspin opposed the Army's involvement at Waco, that leaves only one person who could have sent Powell to Texas to monitor the military's involvement in what some have called "our own Tiananmen Square." That person is Bill Clinton.

SOF investigative reporter James L. Pate has been covering the Waco disaster since 1993, when he first infiltrated the "secure" FBI perimeter to observe from the field adjacent to the besieged Davidian buildings. ☒

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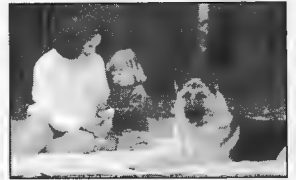


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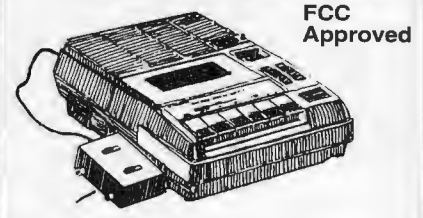
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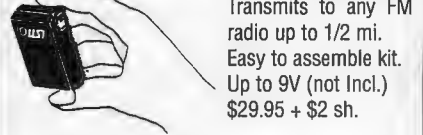
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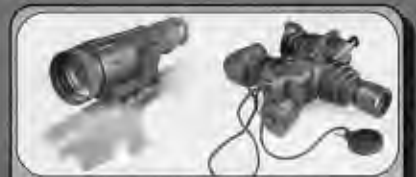


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North Korea, our most irrational, unpredictable and dangerous enemy — with whom we've been in an on-again, off-again shootout for 54 years — is back on the warpath.

If the million-man North Korean army attacks, our 37,000 soldiers in South Korea will be little more than a speed bump without immediate U.S. air, naval and ground reinforcements. They'll be squashed like a beer can flattened by an Abrams tank — just as our troops were in the summer of 1950, the last time this Red horde roared south.

Meanwhile, Saddam Hussein continues his war games in the Gulf, designed to destabilize that region. Last week, not far from our vital Saudi and Kuwaiti gas stations, U.S. fighter aircraft continued to pound Iraqi targets in the North and South No-Fly zones.

Containing both South Korea and Iraq is critical to our national security.

But because of the "Crisis in Kosovo," the required combat power was unwisely pulled from these two hotspots.

The Pentagon claims it has got the right stuff to fight on two fronts at the same time. But don't buy into that con game.

The fumbling air-and-naval campaign against a fourth-rate Serbian army proved our forces no longer have that capability. To prevail against the Serbs, the Pentagon had to strip combat assets — war toys and fighting boys — from other theaters around the globe, call up the reserves and dangerously deplete our arsenal of smart munitions.

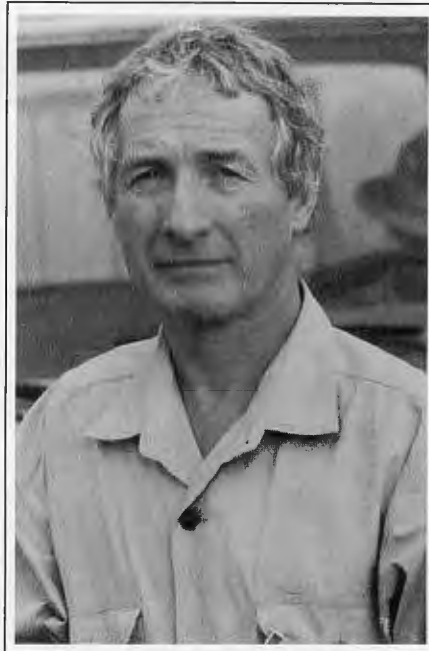
Because of the diversion of forces to the Balkans, the Pacific Command didn't have a carrier battle group at-the-ready last week when North Korea invaded South Korea's waters.

Now the U.S. Navy carrier *Kitty Hawk*, reinforced with other ships, is on its way to Korea at full-steam to react to the first North Korean naval intrusion into southern waters since the Korean War.

In the fight with Serbia, it took almost 60 days before the air campaign kicked into high gear. It took 30 days alone to move a small U.S. army task force from Germany to Albania to support 24 Apache helicopters that never got into the fight because their readiness level was so deplorable.

Now that NATO's Serbian peace treaty is a done deal, at least our considerable naval and air assets that have been tied up there can be shifted back to areas where we have pressing national security considerations.

But air and naval power alone won't hack it. It will take a



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combination of air, naval and ground troops to put down a North Korean and/or Iraqi attack.

The way things are now, the Pentagon couldn't get to those threatened theaters "firstest with the mostest" with the minimum number of ground divisions that would be needed.

The past six years of unprecedented non-vital deployments around the globe in such places as Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, and now, Kosovo have worn our troops down and stretched our forces — both in materiel and morale — like a rubber band that's about to snap, triggering the most serious readiness crisis since the "hollow force" days right after the Vietnam War.

Peacekeeping duties in Kosovo will cost the equivalent of a U.S. Army division — perhaps for decades. Units of the 1st Infantry Division are deploying there now, having just recovered from an earlier sojourn in Bosnia.

Peacekeeping missions destroy combat readiness. It's like using a fine sword to smash boulders into pebbles. After a peacekeeping mission ends, it takes at least one year, coupled with a lot of hard combat training, to resharpen the blade.

Over the last four years, Bosnian duty alone has degraded the combat effectiveness of three of the U.S. Army's 10 active-duty divisions — 1st Armored, 1st Infantry and 1st Cavalry. Soon the 10th

Mountain Division will be deployed there and it, too, will quickly lose its ability to do what it's designed to do — to close with and destroy the enemy.

We must return our armed forces to their proper role of defending our national interests and, in the case of ex-Yugoslavia, let the Europeans occupy the Balkans.

If our leaders don't soon get their priorities straight and stop mirroring the Roman Empire, our valiant warriors will again pay the grim price for not being ready when the war whistle blows.

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