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Dear Mr. Baggio,

Wondered what had happened to you.

The third book is out, see enclosed, and the fourth will be soon.

It is entitled "Oswald In New Orleans". Parallel is doing it.

The effort to suppress is stronger, more unified, more determined, but even more an expression of hysteria. Its two most sinister aspects are the misinforming of editors (where the SP's stuff was most effective, for they read that) and the confusing of people generally.

Good luck in your new venture.

On Colonel Castorr, I am satisfied

the story is not at all as the record

makes it appear to be. His politics are

those of the right But I am certain he is

not the Colonel of Nancy Rich's story and there is no evidence of which I am aware

that he was engaged in gun-running. Prior to scheduled publication of the New Orleans

book he was in touch with me and he and his wife have both been very helpful. It is

exactly as I said, the federal agents should have simply phoned him. Had they, there

would not be the record justifying our suspicions but, I am convinced, a wrong record. In fairness to him and his family - and not to adversely affect what I am trying to do, for they are helping and have been very helpful - I'd very much appreciate it if you would make no mention of him. The whole story is too long to tell here and now, but please take my word for it that from him and his wife we have obtained valuable and I believe accurate information on aspects of the story that could not have been obtained from anyone else. It is a fascinating aspect of the story and is confirmatory of what I have few sources on. Here is added detail of the most interesting kind. If you say these things you may interfere with the help he is and will be giving. If you say anything else you'll be doing an injustice. Therefore, I reiterate, please make no mention of him. I think you cannot without harm. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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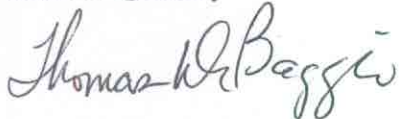
Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Just getting around to WHITEWASH II. It's as great a piece of debunking as WHITEWASH was. Congratulations.

Have you heard from Col. Robert Castorr?

You seem to have been Jim Garrison's chief investigator.

Warm regards,



Thomas De Baggio  
editor

## LETTER to the people of the world

### Deadly and mindwarping radiation that nobody's talking about

According to a rather fantastic story, Midwestern farmers, before FCC began regulation, were able to plug into their radio antennas for all the free electrical current they could use.

The cause of all this juicy electrical energy was reputedly the high-powered transmitters used by some early radio stations who were broadcasting nationwide. Output wattage of the huge transmitters was so great that houses for miles around were electrified, so the story goes. Nobody in those days considered the slopping of this excess energy as pollution, though small stations beefed because the Power Lords rode through their weak signals.

Farmers thankfully rigged their antennas and, comfortably illumined, celebrated the modern world. It was a great boon, they believed, Besides entertainment, Radio was Useful. They continued to enjoy this beneficence until FCC put a stop to it by placing regulations on maximum wattage output. Sadly, after regulation and the triumph of the weak, the plow hands sat on their lumpy griselda through the coallamp flickering nights. Little did they know the long wait for Rural Electrification.

This story is, perhaps, apocryphal. It is just as certainly part of Midwestern mythology.

But now new and disturbing stories are being told concerning health hazards from modern Very High Frequency (VHF) and Ultra High Frequency (UHF) transmitters located around growing numbers of cities.

The long-wave frequencies of normal radio broadcasting which so briefly benefited Midwestern farmers are relatively harmless to the human body, researchers report. However, the shorter the wave-length the more dangerous does it become.

These dangerous radio waves as well as the nonlethal pass with ease through almost all non-metallic substances, including the human body. Nothing unshielded is free from their penetration. There is increasing concern over dangerous

and unseen contamination, bolstered by a number of scientific studies delving into side-effects of microwave transmissions.

A well-known bodily danger from intense nonthermal microwave overexposure has been damage of particular organs. The eyes and testes are particularly susceptible. A permanent cataract or temporary sterility can result from extreme irradiation. In a University of California study, sponsored by the U.S. Navy and Air Force, Dr. C. Susskind investigated dangers faced daily by microwave and high-frequency transmitter workers. In his tests, Dr. Susskind used microwaves near the same frequency radiated by local UHF television, however, at a much higher power than what might be encountered a mile from the average transmitter. The doctor found: "About three times as many irradiated mice had cancer of the white blood cells as the controls; and about four times as many irradiated mice exhibited testicular damage. . ."

In another study the German researcher, W. Bergman, found irradiation from upper region UHF, near the radar wave-length on the radiation spectrum, "affect circulation, respiration, temperature control, water balance, and sugar concentration in the cerebro-spinal fluid, electroencephalograph readings, sleep and consciousness awareness." One of Bergman's fellow researchers also found: "Persons working near short-wave transmitters complain of excitability, psychologically increased irritability, general fatigue, etc. Symptoms disappear promptly when the subject is removed for some time from the field."

For thirty years UHF workers have been reported susceptible to these symptoms. The reports have come from varying sources but they have been consistent. Bergman also cited research that showed "patients who had recovered from neuralgia and neuritis and who were in the vicinity of short-wave transmitters, in some cases sensed

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## Svetlana, CIA and property rights

The Sunday London papers arrived and I pawed through them after further thoughtful words on Svetlana Alliluyeva's autobiography which the London firm, Hutchinson, published last week in a Russian language version. This Russian version was the "authorized" version hurried into print when another London firm, Flegon Press, threatened publication of its own Russian version, apparently obtained through underground channels and unknown to Miss Alliluyeva.

Apparently there have been Russian language copies floating about London's Fleet Street for months, but editors have sworn off these versions fearful of ensuing legal battles with publishing firms who paid astronomical sums for a manuscript they had never been allowed to see. (The Observer copped Press rights in Britain and Hutchinson got the book rights.)

But to my surprise The Sunday Times had no story on the incident, no review of the Russian authorized version. Were they falling down on the job or was there some other answer that eluded quick rationalization? Page three of The Observer brought the answer:

"Hutchinson decided, owing to the circumstances of the Russian-language edition publication, to ask Fleet Street's literary editors not to review Svetlana's book until the publication of the English edition in October.

"All complied with the request except those of the

London Evening News, the Daily Mail and Daily Express. On Friday reviews appeared by Olga Franklin in the Mail (reprinted from the Evening News) and by John Crueseman in the Express."

So goes censorship, property rights and profiteering in Britain.

But the story does not end there. Much more is in this complex story. Though she was advised against coming to the U.S. by several friends who feared that she would become a pawn of the propaganda masters, Svetlana came anyway. Apparently her friends' predictions have come true. The recent London incident is only one of a series of encounters which Svetlana and her book will undergo.

It is tragic that Stalin's daughter has allowed the CIA to handle book-publishing rights through a Liechtenstein-based front, Copex International. (The reason CIA likes to work through Liechtenstein fronts is because persons who organize companies in that country can remain anonymous. Government authorities are not even allowed to inspect the books. Secrecy here is almost absolute.) This mistake will doubtless lead to further complications as well as giving certain credence to charges that over one-third of her memoirs were rewritten at the request of U.S. government officials or their representatives after the publisher, Harper and Row, had the type set.

## Union racism: historicity continued

A scant twenty years after bloody separatist-slavery turmoil during the Civil War the American Federation of Labor proudly exhibited its racist credentials. One of its first post-founding actions was to devise union labels to show which goods were made by white American workers.

Unfortunately labor unions are not much better today. They don't advertise their discriminatory policies quite as obviously, but they remain nevertheless.

Several days ago the printing company that published both of my previous papers, UNDERGROUND and The Washington Independent, approved a union contract. The twist here is that the contract was not union sponsored. The printshop's management had desired union

representation for its employees. After the approval vote, however, it was discovered that the Baltimore local to which the shop should belong would not admit them. The excuse was that there were too many Negroes working in the plant. The effect of the rejection by the union local has been to establish a new local primarily for the print shop employees. There are a number of white workers employed by the company though they do not constitute a majority. The general manager of the plant, a Mississippi Negro who has worked his way up through the ranks, has been at odds with Washington typographical unions for a number of years because of their apprentice programs which discriminate against black workers.

## CIA AS BOOKREVIEWER

Strange things happening in the book world.

Rumor has it that the Virginia Kirkus book review service might be a CIA front.

Stated purpose of the company is to aid harried booksellers who want prepublication reviews to determine whether they should stock the book.

Story of CIA involvement begins several years ago when the Kirkus business was sold. Seems that now nobody can

ascertain who it is that bought it.

A study done by a bright Washington guy dug up some interesting data on the reviews they've been peddling since new management took over. Lowdown shows that books concerning government policy are reviewed favorably only if they preach administration line. Others are found wanting. Evidence inconclusive as to whether fiction or other nonfiction is considered in this light.

## They've done it! Synthetic boo: legalization closer

There are three outstanding events of the past week that illustrate the quickly and quietly changing official view on the illegality of marijuana. All three are hopeful signs that legalization is not far off. Indeed, the process for repeal has begun within the highly complex bureaucratic structure of the government itself. But it will be laboriously slow. The bureaucracy is a funicular calamity.

Outshining the slow bureaucratic and legislative progress is the brilliant breakthrough achieved by the chemist Dr. Rafael Mechoulam, a 37-year-old Israeli. Mechoulam, after several years of struggle, has managed to synthesize the essence of marijuana. Not only that, he has been able to produce this compound, minus delta one tetrahydrocannabinol, in a fairly easy laboratory manipulation. The chemist is now able for the first time to concoct on a large scale a potent brew of turn-on, a marijuana high from a chemical. (To the chemically inclined, I direct attention to the instructive, jargonistic recipe contained in the August 16, 1967, issue of the Journal of the American Chemical Society.)

Working in tandem, the scientist and officials of government most concerned with health problems and drugs from a humane standpoint the Health, Education and Welfare Department, may be able to grab control away from the bully mentality of the Bureau of Narcotics. (The Narks have always been openly suspicious of scientific endeavor in this field.) A move is currently underway to take control away from the tightfisted Bureau, guardian of, by their own estimation, Morality, Reason, The American Way and The Laws of the Land (also these selfsame instituted by and for them). The new maneuver would not, however, legalize pot but place it under control by the FDA as a "dangerous drug." This would make violation a misdemeanor rather than a felony.

This can be seen, peculiarly, as an advancement. It is a small but important signal that the liberalization movement has achieved wide support among bureaucrats as well as citizenry. Such a scheme has been in the governmental works for years. It may finally prove a success. Although in the past the Bureau, at its mention, has always been able to frustrate HEW designs. The Federal Narks have guarded their turf with a carefully modulated jealousy. (It is important for all the investigative branches of the government to show that they have been working hard when appropriation time rolls around. The small, easy cases come in handy for this. In the last fiscal year the Bureau of Narcotics had an excess which had to be spent, rather flippantly some feel, in order to keep the same level for next year. Before hippies began making headlines the

Bureau worked very close to the chest toward the end of its financial year.)

On the congressional scene there are also a few pleasant scents. It has been known for a long time by social insiders that the prevalence of pot smoking at parties in Washington was increasing. It has now reached a certain acceptance even amongst congressional aides. In fact a few congressmen, though they could not qualify in any sense of the word as "heads," have been known to blow from time to time. However, courage, ever lacking in the mangy political breed, is absent in Capitol Hill Cloakrooms. There is presently neither Representative nor Senator with the guts to propose a marijuana legalization bill. A few of the braver ones, with mock bravado in their hypothalamus, have announced privately that they would vote for such legislation if some one else would propose it. As yet there is not much self-interest in the cause.

But the first step toward legalization has been clearly outlined by Washington officials. It is one of education—reeducation if you wish. Harry Anslinger's copy-beautiful leviathan must be slaughtered, they feel. On the other hand it is not all that simple. They will not be satisfied, with less than a complete and thorough investigation of marijuana. Custom aside the bureaucrats are not appeased with the experimentation done to date. Mechoulam's synthetic boo will immeasurably aid the compilation of this necessary data. It is assured that they will be certain of the scientifically calculated effects of marijuana on every nerve and cell in the body before it is sanctioned. In this they will doubtless be performing a much slower prognosis than they have with such laboratory concoctions as birth control pills or polio vaccine—not to mention the fact that they will have much less formidable foes than the tobacco lobby to fight. The new synthetic will make it possible for researchers to control their tests with more accuracy. As well, this new chemical essence will also prove a clever stratagem to throw in the face of the nefarious plan former Bureau of Narcotics boss Harry J. Anslinger and his henchmen conspired on, an international treaty outlawing marijuana. (See SPECTRUM, July 15, 1967.) It effects the use of grass in countries where it is now legal as well as countries where it is not sanctioned, but at the cultivated source, not the laboratory. Already, in the hothouse of the mind, active imaginations are at work dreaming the exotic names the labels of legal boo will carry.

# Government: Like a pregnant girl on a bicycle — when will she deliver?

a slightly painful tingling, even though the disease had not been manifest for years."

Another study by University psychologists, Dr. Susan Korbel of the University of Arkansas and Dr. William D. Thompson of Baylor showed further evidence that microwaves effect behavior. Studying just such low intensity radiation as dumped into city atmospheres by UHF transmitters, their joint study finds that "behavior, especially in learning, emotional personality phenomena" is affected—especially over long-term doses. Their research, although on test rats, used radiation reportedly comparable to intensities found ten to twenty miles from transmitters such as might be next door to you. The Korbel-Thompson test rats were given a 47-day workout. Varying frequencies in the UHF range were used on them. The researchers found that irradiated rats in the initial stages became more active than nonirradiated ones. However, after the first twenty days, irradiated rats steadily became less active than their non-irradiated counterparts.

These tests show that there is need for more concern from the governmental agencies who control the airwaves. Indeed there seems to have been, until very recently, almost a total lack of alarm on the part of the guardian bureaucrats. This government regulatory apparatus has been predictably shy in investigating and setting standards for irradiation from even common household devices. The case of the 90,000 General Electric color television sets with defective tubeshielding which threw out deadly x-rays 600 times over the acknowledged "safe level" has started a chain of events exposing the inefficiency of these agencies.

Questions have arisen over why more time was not given to investigating these radiation health hazards. The miserable and alarming specter of radiation deaths in the early day of x-ray experimentation hangs likely a sickly smog over this recent episode. But it is hardly because eager bureaucrats were caught unaware. Government propaganda makes all sorts of boasts, basting the lies in their own bilious juices, asserting with fatherly assurances that everything is under control while behind the scenes worried bureaucrats sweatout the accusations and scapegoatworry of their bosses. However they are confident that if fired or forced to resign, a position awaits them in the very business over which their agency was intended to hold regulatory power.

Really, its the harmless things they care about. It's the illusion that necessitates their existence. The bureaucrats are blobs. They couldn't care less about you and me. Their secret is that they can't protect anybody from anything. It's the small potatoes they butter with their rancid, officious enforcement of tiddliwink regulations. If the truth were out there would be such a monopoly conflict of interest scandal that the government itself, not just the administration of Lyndon Johnson and his midnight henchmen, would be rocked to its foundation. But it is unlikely that any such benevolent catastrophe might afford the powerless protection. It is an axiom and the essence of government allied with their cohorts in monopolistic bigbusiness capitalism that the power to conceal is increased in direct proportion to the immensity of the crime. It becomes a secret of the womb, this matriculation of corruption.

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