21ST CENTURY ILLUMINATI

A controversial assessment of the Illuminati by one of the world’s most controversial global conspiracy researchers

ORIGINS AND THE 1990 CONTROVERSY

(Part 1)
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The Illuminati have a private board of elite, interlocking delegates who control the world’s major banks. They create inflations, recessions, depressions, and manipulate the world markets, supporting certain leaders and coups and undermining others to achieve their overall goals. The goal behind the Illuminati conspiracy is to create and then manage crises (Order Out Of Chaos) that will eventually convince the masses that globalism, with its centralized economic control and one-world religious ethic, are the necessary solution to the world’s woes. This structure, usually known as “The New World Order,” will of course be ruled by the Illuminati.

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“The most dangerous revolutions are not those which tear everything down, and cause the streets to run with blood, but those which leave everything standing, while cunningly emptying it of any significance.”

—Kierkegaard
1. THE HISTORY OF THE ILLUMINATI

In 1489 a document was produced called The Constantinople letter. This was a document authorised by the Grand Sanhedrin in Constantinople outlining a strategic plan by which the Jews could protect themselves against the growing rise of anti-Semitism which was spreading across Europe. In AD70 the Jewish revolt against the Roman Rule in Israel had resulted in the destruction of the Jewish Temple and the Great Diaspora in which the Jews migrated and fled from Israel migrating in all directions. Many Jews fled to Europe.

Over the course of hundreds of year after AD 70 the power of the Caesars eventually waned and the Roman Empire gradually waned as it deteriorated, however the Christianity that Emperor Constantine had encouraged and supported had become increasingly intoxicated with the Babylonian Paganism that had been the foundation of Roman Paganism. This cocktail of Christianity and Paganism eventually led to what is called the Dark Ages when the Church fell into apostasy giving rise to a new form of power known as Papal Rome. The Papacy with its power of influence centralised in Rome increasingly became an uncompromising power that subjected much of Europe to its yoke during the Middle Ages.

The crusades against the Muslims who themselves had captured Jerusalem after the break up of the Roman Empire led to the defeat of the Muslims and the capturing of the Holy Places in Jerusalem by Catholicism further fuelling the belief that this was a Holy War and one in which God was using the Papal Power to bring justice to the world. Part of the Catholic theology also involved a significant brand of anti-Semitism borne out of a theological belief in which the Jews being responsible for the death of Christ were to be despised and downtrodden. This lead to significant persecution of the Jews in Europe and a growing tirade of ill feeling to Jewish communities that had settled across the European peninsula.

The Letter of Constantinople was thus a strategic intent by the Great Sanhedrin to protect the Jew. Whilst there has always been a debate about the authenticity of the Protocols of the Learned Elders of Sion, there can be no debate about the Letter of Constantinople. If the Jews could infiltrate and capture positions of wealth and influence within the countries and organizations that wielded great economic power, then it would allow them to influence political decision making and public opinion and contribute to the survival of the Jews. In the letter the Grand Satraps and Rabbis told a French rabbi concerned about the wave of French anti-Semitism, to convert to Christianity as the French King was demanding, but to "keep the Law of Moses in his heart."

"Make your sons canons and clerics that they may destroy the churches.....Arrange that your sons become advocates and lawyers, and see that they always mix themselves up with affairs of state in order that by putting Christians under your yoke, you may dominate the world and be avenged on them."

The letter of Constantinople remained largely a secret anonymous document and was taken on by a secret society that had been set up called the Brotherhood of the Illuminati. The plans of the Brotherhood to progress the letter of Constantinople stayed as a concept for the next 250 years until 1776 when a meeting took place with the founder of the bank company Rothschild and several of Europe’s most wealthiest and influential families. The meeting focused on the revival and modernisation the Letter of Constantinople into a practical reality that could be implemented and ultimately result in a centralised world government with a Jewish world leader at its helm.
The influential families placed the schemes and plans into the hands of Professor Adam Weishaupt. As a professor of law at the University of Ingolstadt, Weishaupt was of Jewish ancestry, and his family had been converted to Catholicism. There is an on-going debate as to whether he had been influenced by the Jesuits. He had certainly been trained by them during his early years and had developed a strong dislike for the Jesuit Order which contributed to his strong dislike for Catholicism.

In May 1776 Weishaupt created a secret society called the “Order of Perfectibilists” which was later changed to the “Order of Illuminati.” The aim of the order was to gradually seize control of all the world’s resources and though control and manipulation of international banking, place most of the worlds wealth under the control of the most influential family network dynasties within the Order of the Illuminati. The movement was made up of influential freethinkers, as an offshoot of the Enlightenment.
Up until this time freemasonry also had their own separate agenda. The masonic lodges had existed hundreds of years prior to the Illuminati and had themselves descended from the Knights of the Templar's of Solomon who had helped Catholic Europe to resist the might of Islam and reclaim the Holy Sites in Jerusalem during the crusades in the Middle East.

When the Crusades succeeded in capturing Jerusalem, in 1099 AD, Godfroi de Buillon was offered the crown as “King of Jerusalem.” He refused, and it was instead accepted by his brother, Baldwin. Then, in 1118 AD, the order of the Templars was founded in the conquered city. The Templars, one of two of the principal order of crusading knight, along with the Knights Hospitallers of St. John, are well recognized as the typical image of the crusaders, with long white mantles, emblazoned with the equal armed red cross “pattee.”

Originally concerned with ensuring safe passage of Christian pilgrims between the port of Jaffa and the city of Jerusalem, the order was founded by a French nobleman, Hughes de Payens, and eight other soldiers, who took the name, Poor Knights of the Temple, from the Temple of Solomon, from where they were first stationed. It was recounted in occult circles is that the Templars learned from certain “initiates of the East”, a Jewish doctrine which was attributed to St. John the Apostle.

These Christians of St. John, known as Johannites, and reputed to inhabit the “banks of the Euphrates,” are identified with the Mandeans or the Sabians. The Templars were also reputed to have acquired such teachings from the Assassins. The Hermeticism of the Sabians, also preserved by the Ismailis of the Grand Lodge in Cairo, was thought to represent the preserved Gnostic teachings of Hellenistic Alexandria.

Because the Mandeans revered John the Baptist as the prophet of the ancient religion of Moses, Kurt Rudolph, noted scholar of Gnosticism, has pointed out,

“the attempt has been made to deduce from this that we have here historical traditions of the disciples of the Baptist, but this cannot be proved up to now. It is more likely that the Mandeans took over legends of this kind from heretical Christians, possible Gnostics, circles and shaped them according to their ideas.”

The “Johannite” doctrine, derived originally from Talmudic or Cabalistic sources, taught that Jesus was the illegitimate son of Mary, who as a boy, was taken to Egypt, where he was initiated into the secret doctrines of the priests of the Essenes, and returned to Palestine to deceive the people with his magic.

It was from the Mandeans that the Templars appropriated the teaching that Jesus was a false Messiah sent by the devil, for they had, as occultist Eliphas Levi described,

“two doctrines; one was concealed and reserved to the leaders, being that of Johannism; the other was public, being Roman Catholic doctrine.”

The Templars had long been rumored to have discovered a “treasure”, while stationed in Jerusalem, that made them phenomenally wealthy and powerful. And, in 1867, Captain Wilson, Lieutenant Warren and a team of Royal Engineers found strong support for these rumours. They had re-excavated the area and
uncovered tunnels extending vertically, for some 25 meters, before fanning out under the Dome of the Rock, which is generally thought to be the site of King Solomon’s temple.

Crusader artifacts found in these tunnels attest to Templar involvement. More recently, a team of Israeli archaeologists, intrigued by the Warren and Wilson discovery, reinvestigated the passage and concluded that the Templars did in fact excavate beneath the Temple. The Templars may have discovered texts that had been hidden beneath the site prior to its destruction by the Roman invasion in 70 AD, thus accounting for the mysterious appearance of the Bahir, as it was described by the Cabalists as having reached them from Palestine, “in extremely mutilated form, as remnants of scrolls, booklets and traditions.”

Once in southern France, this new mystical approach touched off not only a revolution in Jewish thinking, producing what is now known as the Medieval Cabala, but contributed to the Christian heresy of the Cathars, and from them the Templars. To deal with the Cathar heresy, at first, the Church tried conversion, by sending a number of legates into the region of Toulouse. But the local nobles protected the Cathars, and the Bishops of the district rejected the authority of the Pope’s legates. Papal legate Peter of Castelnau, known for excommunicating the noblemen who protected the Cathars, excommunicated Raymond VI, the Count of Toulouse. Raymond VI was the great-grandson of Raymond I, who led the First Crusade. Raymond I’s wife was Elvira of Castile and Leon, the daughter of Zaida of Denia, an Ismaili of the Fatimids, who had married Alfonso VI “the Brave” of Leon. Elvira had first married Roger II Guiscard. Raymond VI’s mother was Constance Capet of Toulouse, the great-great-granddaughter of Constance of Arles and Vienna. Raymond VI was himself married to Joan Plantagenet, daughter of Eleanor of Aquitaine and Henry II King of England.

Peter of Castelnau was then murdered near Saint Gilles Abbey in 1208, on his way back to Rome. As a response, the Pope, in what is known as the Albigensian Crusade, in reference to the Languedoc center at Albi, moved in to extirpate the heresy. Finally, in 1229, the Pope established the Inquisition to root out the Cathars, and in 1244, final defeat came upon the Cathars at their famous stronghold of Montsegur, when more than 200 Cathar priests were massacred by the Crusaders.

A half-century later, the Templars would come under similar suspicions. Though the Templars had grown very powerful, by 1291, Jerusalem was recaptured by the Muslims under the leadership of Saladin, and nearly all of the Crusader holdings in Palestine came into Arab control. The Templars established their new headquarters in Cyprus, but with the loss of the Holy Land, the purpose of their existence was lost. Suspicion about the order began to mount. The true allegiances of the order were in doubt, as it became generally believed that the Templars were engaged in forming secret pacts with the Muslims. This rumor seems to have been confirmed when the Order entered into an alliance with the Amir of Damascus against the Hospitallers of Knights of St. John. It is known that there were frequent examples of the Templars forging alliances with the Muslims, and that they had established contacts with the Ismaili Assassins in a plot to gain control of Tyre.

Jacques de Molay, nineteenth-century color lithograph by Chevauchet Pope Clement V came under strong pressure from Philip IV the Fair of France at this time, and in response, in November 1307, ordered the arrest of the Templars in every country a month after King Philip had every Templar in France arrested. Pope Clement V made an official announcement that the Templar’s were to be branded as heretics ordering all their properties and finances to be seized and their leader was burned at the
On March 22, 1312, the Templars property throughout Europe was transferred to the Hospitalers, or confiscated by the state. Many Templars were executed or imprisoned, and in 1314 the order’s last grand master, Jacques de Molay and his two subordinates were burned at the stake.

The Templars were charged with practicing witchcraft, of denying the tenets of the Christian faith, spitting or urinating on the cross during secret rites of initiation, worshipping a skull or head called Baphomet in a dark cave, anointing it with blood or the fat of an unbaptized babies, worshipping the devil in the shape of a black cat, and committing acts of sodomy and bestiality. Despite the fact that a great number of the knights, including the Grand Master himself, Jacques du Molay, confessed to most of these accusations, modern historians continue to apologize for the Templars, instead accusing Phillip of political ambition or greed in seizing the order’s property.

Since many of the Templars were informed on forehand of the betrayal by the French king, they fled to the port of La Rochelle from where their ships set sail to Scotland. The Templars had apparently chosen Scotland because they knew they would be immune from attack from the Catholic Church there, because King Robert the Bruce, and the whole Scottish nation, had been excommunicated for taking up arms against King Edward II of England.

At this time the Scots were fighting for their own independence against the English and Robert the Bruce of Scotland more then welcomed the Templars whose art in military warfare helped the Scots to overcome the English and maintain their independence. The Templars received protection from Robert the Bruce after the battle of Bannockburn, which took place on St. John the Baptist’s day.

The Templar force at the Battle of Bannockburn was led by Sir William Sinclair, of a family of secret Jews, whom were among the many Sephardic Jews from Spain and southern France that entered Scotland from around 1100 AD onward. The first group would have accompanied William the Conqueror and assisted in setting up the civil administration in England. Some then made their way to Scotland, around 1150, at the invitation of Malcolm III and his son David I.
The man who reportedly founded Knights Templar Freemasonry was one of James III's loyal supporters, Michael Ramsey. Ramsey was a Scottish mystic who had been hired by James III to tutor James' two sons in France.

Ramsey's goal was to re-establish the disgraced Templar Knights in Europe. To accomplish this, Ramsey adopted the same approach used by the Mother Grand Lodge system of London: the resurrected Knights Templar were to be a secret mystical/fraternal society open to men of varied occupations. The old knightly titles, uniforms, and "tools of the trade" were to be used for symbolic, fraternal and ritual purposes within a Masonic context. In keeping with these aims, Ramsey dubbed himself the Chevalier [Knight] Ramsey.

Ramsey's Scottish Masonry attracted many members by claiming that the Templar Knights had actually secretly created the Mother Grand Lodge system. According to Ramsey, the Knights Templar had rediscovered the "lost" teachings of Freemasonry centuries earlier in the Holy Land during the Crusades. They brought the teachings back to Europe and, after their disgrace and banishment, secretly kept the teachings alive for hundreds of years in France, England, and Scotland. After centuries of living in the shadows, the Templars cautiously re-emerged by releasing only the Blue Degrees through the vehicle of the Mother Grand Lodge.

Ramsey claimed that the three Blue Degrees were issued only to test the loyalty of Freemasons. Once a Freemason proved his loyalty by reaching the third degree, he was entitled to advance to the "true" degrees: the fourth, fifth, and higher degrees released by Ramsey. Ramsey stated that he was authorized to release the higher degrees by a secret Templar headquarters in Scotland.

Over time the Templars rebranded themselves as the masons because of the negativity associated with the Templars because of their excommunication by papal Rome and they eventually infiltrated the British monarchy after the death of Queen Elizabeth in 1603, who had no heir leading to King James V of Scotland becoming King of England as a distant relative. This allowed freemasonry a vehicle to use England as a launch pad for expanding into Europe and capturing the interest of many of the wealthy nobilities which gave freemasonry significant credibility.

There were several strands of freemasonry that were expanding in continental Europe in the 1700s. The most notable were the social club Anglo-Saxon Masons; the mystical Rosicrucian-style Masons who were attempting to make their brand more mysterious; and the Enlightenment social reformers of the Grand Orient of France who were involved in political movements. One style of Masonry was not the same as the next, and each had very different goals.

After founding the Order of the Illuminati, Weishaupt seized upon a strategic move. In order to spread the Order of the Illuminati and to give them more influence in the world, and because Freemasonry was akin to the Order of the Illuminati, he gradually began to infiltrate the Freemasons. In May of 1777, Weishaupt was initiated into Freemasonry, in a Lodge at Munich, Germany. Weishaupt wanted to use this Mason's Lodge to promote his world revolutionary ideas.

Up until this time the world had accepted Freemasonry as a "great benevolent society" because it appeared, on the surface to teach high morality and to do charity work. Only a few top men in
Freemasonry knew the sinister motives of the Masonic doctrine and understand what the organization was really all about.

In 1780, a man named Baron Von Knigge (code name "Philo") joined Weishaupt's Order, and soon he became a leader dividing the control of the Order with Weishaupt. Weishaupt and Knigge rapidly spread the "gospel" of the World Revolution throughout Germany. However their gospel needed protection as there was fear that if the authorities were to discover the existence of their society and found out what their real plan was they would then take steps to suppress it. With this in view, they had conceived of the idea of grafting it on to Freemasonry, which they thought would provide the cover and credibility needed to expand the concept aggressively.

In order to gain control over the Order of the Freemasons, Weishaupt and Von Knigge needed to join forces. Weishaupt hadn't made much progress with the Order of the Illuminati until he had met the high-ranking Mason, Baron Von Knigge. Von Knigge was not only a first class organizer, but he had also been admitted as a Master of most of the secret societies of his day. Von Knigge was, like Weishaupt and all the Masters or "expert occultists" of these secret societies, an expert occultist himself.

The "Plan" was to penetrate into the high levels of Freemasonry, and then to take control in directing the affairs of the Nations into an eventual One World Government. Then, the Illuminati would be a secret society within the secret society of the Freemasons. Weishaupt would then influence the decisions of Europe's Leaders from within through these concealed advisory positions. The Illuminati plan also involved getting their members into key governmental positions, so that they could control all of mankind.

The Order of the Illuminati was given a huge boost at the Masonic Congress of Wilhelmsbad held at Meyer Amschel Rothschild's castle on the 16th of July in 1782. This meeting included representatives of all of the secret societies such as the Martinists, the Freemasons, and the Illuminati which now numbered no less than three million members all over the World. This enabled the Illuminati to solidify their control over the Freemasonry Lodges of Europe and to be viewed as the undisputed Leaders of the occult One World Movement.

Historian Nesta Webster tells us:
"What passed at this terrible Congress will never be known to the outside world, for even those men who had been drawn unwittingly into the movement, and now heard for the first time the real designs of the leaders, were under oath to reveal nothing."

One such honest Freemason, the Comte de Virieu, a member of a Martiniste Lodge at Lyons, returning from the Congress de Wilhelmsbad could not conceal his alarm, and when questioned on the "tragic secrets" he had brought back with him, replied:

“I will not confide them to you. I can only tell you that all this is very much more serious than you think. The conspiracy which is being woven is so well thought out that it will be, so to speak, impossible for the Monarchy and the Church to escape from it.”

From this time onwards, says his biographer, M. Costa de Beauregard, the Comte de Virieu could only speak of Freemasonry with horror.

Around this same time, Adam Weishaupt also succeeded at forging an alliance between "Illuminized" Freemasonry and the growing Rothschild banking network. This gave the Order of the Illuminati the financial means to carry out its plans, and to multiply its influence. As a result of this alliance with the Rothschilds, it took root, it grew, it flourished, it gathered to itself more men of royal and noble titles including even the Jesuits. A number of the most prominent representatives of Freemasonry and "enlightenment" became Illuminati, including, in 1783, Duke Ferdinand of Brunswick, the foremost leader of European Freemasonry. Ferdinand was the great-grandson of George I of England, and married Augusta, a sister of George III. Other famous members were Goethe, Herder and Nicolai.
Within a short time the Illuminati had lodges all over Germany and Austria, while branches were founded in Italy, Hungary, France, and Switzerland.

However, it was the Illuminati plot to overthrow the Hapsburgs in 1784, exposed by police spies who had infiltrated the order, which led to the Bavarian government banning all secret societies, and driving the followers of Weishaupt underground. Public attention was first drawn to the existence of the illuminati and their diabolical plan for power as the result of a bizarre incident in 1785. Historical records show that a courier for the illuminati named “Lanze” was riding on a horse from Frankfurt Germany to Paris carrying secret documents relating to illuminati strategies for influencing the course of European politics. These documents had originated with the Jewish members of the illuminati in Germany and were addresses to the Grand Master of the Grand Orient Masons in Paris. The rider was struck by lightning and killed en route and all of the documents he was carrying were taken by the local police and handed over to the Bavarian government. The authorities then ordered the police to raid the headquarters of the illuminati resulting in the seizure of additional documents. The documents were brought to the attention of the governments of Britain, Germany, Austria, France, Poland and Russia.

Weishaupt's conspiracy was exposed to the Bavarian authorities by an informant, and on June 22, 1784, the Elector of Bavaria issued an edict for the suppression of the Illuminati. This has led some researchers to conclude that the Order had been broken up; that its history was therefore short-lived and meteoric, though other evidence indicates that the Illuminati merely went underground, disguised as a network of esoteric "reading societies". Nevertheless, suspicion remained that its members might still be working in secret, spreading subversive ideas, and scheming behind the scenes.

The Illuminati understanding the threat posed by Christianity also set on course a strategy to seduce many of the notable Christian leaders through an apostate theology. This apostate teaching, which was presented to Christian initiates, was explained by Von Knigge:

"Jesus Christ established no new Religion; he would only set Religion and Reason in their ancient rights. For this purpose he would unite men in a common bond. He would fit them for this by spreading a just morality, by enlightening the understanding, and by assisting the mind to shake off all prejudices. He would teach all men, in the first place, to govern themselves. Rulers would then be needless, and equality and liberty would take place without any revolution, by the natural and gentle operation of reason and expediency. This great Teacher allows himself to explain every part of the Bible in conformity to these purposes; and he forbids all wrangling among his scholars, because every man may there find a reasonable application to his peculiar doctrines. Let this be true or false, it does not signify. This was a simple Religion and it was so far inspired; but the minds of his hearers were not fitted for receiving doctrines. I told you, said he, but you could not bear it. Many therefore were called, but few were chosen. To these elect were entrusted the most important secrets; and even among them there were degrees of information. There was a seventy, and a twelve. All this was in the natural order of things, and according to the habits of the Jews, and indeed of all antiquity. The Jewish Theosophy was a mystery; like the Eleusinian, or the Pythagorean, unfit for the vulgar, and thus the doctrines of Christianity were these they were maintained, like the Vestal Fire. They were kept up, only in hidden societies, who handed them down to posterity, and they are now possessed by the genuine Free Masons."

Albert Pike was born on December 29, 1809, in Boston, and was the oldest of six children born to Benjamin and Sarah Andrews Pike. He studied at Harvard, and later served as a Brigadier-General in
the Confederate Army. After the Civil War, Pike was found guilty of treason and jailed, only to be pardoned by fellow Freemason President Andrew Johnson on April 22, 1866, who met with him the next day at the White House.

On June 20, 1867, Scottish Rite officials conferred upon Johnson the 4th to 32nd Freemasonry degrees, and he later went to Boston to dedicate a Masonic Temple. Pike was said to be a genius, able to read and write in 16 different languages. At various stages of his life he was a poet, philosopher, frontiersman, soldier, humanitarian and philanthropist. A 33rd degree Mason, he was one of the founding fathers, and head of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, being the Grand Commander of North American Freemasonry from 1859 and retained that position until his death in 1891.

An Italian revolutionary leader, Giuseppe Mazzini (1805-1872), a 33rd degree Mason, was selected by the Illuminati to head their worldwide operations in 1834. (Mazzini also founded the Mafia in 1860). Because of Mazzini's revolutionary activities in Europe, the Bavarian government cracked down on the Illuminati and other secret societies for allegedly plotting a massive overthrow of Europe's monarchies. As the secrets of the Illuminati were revealed, they were persecuted and eventually disbanded, only to re-establish themselves in the depths of other organizations, of which Freemasonry was the main vehicle.

During his leadership, Mazzini enticed Albert Pike into the (now formally disbanded, but still operating) Illuminati. Pike was fascinated by the idea of a one world government, and when asked by Mazzini, readily agreed to write a ritual tome that guided the transition from average high-ranking mason into a top-ranking Illuminati mason (33rd degree). Since Mazzini also wanted Pike to head the Illuminati's American chapter, he clearly felt Pike was worthy of such a task. Mazzini's intention was that once a mason had made his way up the Freemason ladder and proven himself worthy, the highest ranking members would offer membership to the secret 'society within a society'.

As do most occultists, Albert Pike had a "spirit guide," who dispensed "Divine Wisdom" and enlightened him regarding how to achieve the New World Order. One message that Albert Pike received from his "spirit guide," and which in reality we know to be a demonic vision, he described in a letter that he wrote to Mazzini, dated August 15, 1871. This letter graphically outlined plans for three world wars that were
seen as necessary to bring about the One World Order, and we can marvel at how accurately it has predicted events that have already taken place. This is not because the devil has powers of prophecy, but because his agents have undertaken to manipulate political events to closely follow his designs. For a short time, this letter was on display in the British Museum Library in London, and it was copied by William Guy Carr, former Intelligence Officer in the Royal Canadian Navy.

In 1871, Pike published the 861 page Masonic handbook known as the Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Pike worked out a military blueprint for three world wars and various revolutions throughout the world which he considered would forward the conspiracy to its final stage in the 21st Century.

"The First World War must be brought about in order to permit the Illuminati to overthrow the power of the Czars in Russia and of making that country a fortress of atheistic Communism. The divergences caused by the "agentur" (agents) of the Illuminati between the British and Germanic Empires will be used to foment this war. At the end of the war, Communism will be built and used in order to destroy the other governments and in order to weaken the religions."

Students of history will recognize that the political alliances of England on one side and Germany on the other, forged between 1871 and 1898 by Otto von Bismarck, co-conspirator of Albert Pike, were instrumental in bringing about the First World War.

The First World War was designed to enable the Czarist Government in Russia to be finally and completely overthrown. The new Russian government was foreseen to be atheistic and militaristic. Further, Pike specified that this new Russian Government was to be Communistic. Karl Marx had published his Communist Manifesto in 1848, exactly 22 years before this occultic prophecy through Albert Pike. Isn't it interesting that the occultic number 22 keeps popping up? The multiplier numbers, 44 and 66 also keep appearing, as you will see in a few moments. History records that this First World War did, indeed, occur just as listed, above. The Western powers in Europe, in conjunction with the United States, financed Lenin's expedition into Russia, they financed his government consistently, and we have financed Russian Communism at least once per decade since then.

Central to the Illuminati plan was the creation of a Jewish homeland, to gather Jews for the reception of the Messiah, and their ultimate rulership of the world. Palestine was in Ottoman land, so The First World
War disintegrated this major obstacle, the Ottoman Caliphate, which was finally dismantled in 1924, ending 1300 years of consolidated Islamic power.

"The Second World War must be fomented by taking advantage of the differences between the Fascists and the political Zionists. This war must be brought about so that Nazism is destroyed and that the political Zionism be strong enough to institute a sovereign state of Israel in Palestine. During the Second World War, International Communism must become strong enough in order to balance Christendom, which would be then restrained and held in check until the time when we would need it for the final social cataclysm."

After this Second World War, Communism was made strong enough to begin taking over weaker governments. In 1945, at the Potsdam Conference between Truman, Churchill, and Stalin, a large portion of Europe was simply handed over to Russia, and on the other side of the world, the aftermath of the war with Japan helped to sweep the tide of Communism into China.

History again records that the Second World War did, indeed, accomplish this objective. The war started when Germany invaded Poland, causing Great Britain to declare war on Germany. Certainly, the Pike vision of the Second World War building Russian Communism into a super power was fulfilled to a startling degree. Historians have always been mystified as to how Churchill and Roosevelt could have given away all of Eastern Europe to the Soviets, when the preponderance of power was clearly against the Soviets. Clearly, when Roosevelt and Churchill ceded all of Eastern Europe to Russia, the Communist Government of Russia, now known as the U.S.S.R. (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) completed its transition to a super power, exactly as Pike's vision had foretold.

Additionally with the Second World War, the role of the United Nations was secured, and with the so-called Holocaust, propaganda about persecution of the Jews was created to argue for the creation of the State of Israel. By it, they convinced their own people into migrating from the various countries around the world to Israel, in order to escape persecution and possible annihilation. They convinced the world, under the guise of the United Nations, to approve the establishment of the State of Israel which led to the rise of Zionism as a major political force.

"The Third World War must be fomented by taking advantage of the differences caused by the "agentur" of the "Illuminati" between the political Zionists and the leaders of Islamic World. The war must be conducted in such a way that Islam (the Moslem Arabic World) and political Zionism (the State of Israel) mutually destroy each other. Meanwhile the other nations, once more divided on this issue will be constrained to fight to the point of complete physical, moral, spiritual and economical exhaustion...We shall unleash the Nihilists and the atheists, and we shall provoke a formidable social cataclysm which in all its horror will show clearly to the nations the effect of absolute atheism, origin of savagery and of the most bloody turmoil. Then everywhere, the citizens, obliged to defend themselves against the world minority of revolutionaries, will exterminate those destroyers of civilization, and the multitude, disillusioned with Christianity, whose deistic spirits will from that moment be without compass or direction, anxious for an ideal, but without knowing where to render its adoration, will receive the true light through the universal manifestation of the pure doctrine of Lucifer, brought finally out in the public view. This manifestation will result from the general reactionary movement which will follow the destruction of Christianity and atheism, both conquered and exterminated at the same time."
At the time Pike wrote this remarkable leaflet there were five different ideologies extant on the world scene and involved in a "struggle for space and power." These were:

1. The secret ideology of the international bankers or the Illuminati as laid out in Fourth Reich Of The Rich. Their aim was the creation of a One World Government to be ruled over by the "Illuminated ones" at the top.

2. The Russian "Pan-Slavic" ideology which was originally conceived by Peter the Great and expounded in his will. This ideology called for the elimination of Austria and Germany, then the conquest of India and Persia and ends with the words: "...which will ensure the subjugation of Europe."

3. The ideology of "Asia for the Asiatics" as expounded by the Japanese. This called for a confederation of Asian nations dominated by Japan.

4. The ideology of Pan Germanism which called for German political control over the European continent, freedom from the Crown's restrictions on the high seas and the adoption of an "open door" policy in trade and commerce with the rest of the world.

5. Pan-American or the ideology of "America for the Americans." This called for "trade and friendship with all, alliances with none." Secretary of State Root stated in 1906 that, under this ideology which was given expression in the Monroe Doctrine of 1823, we are "debarred from sharing in the political aims, interests, or responsibilities of Europe, just as by the equally potential doctrine, now nearly a century old, the European powers are excluded from sharing or interfering in the political concerns of the sovereign states of the Western Hemisphere."

However the Illuminati plan for world conquest, referred to by Albert Pike, was a diabolical masterpiece of Luciferian ingenuity that would take the lives of hundreds of millions of human beings and cost hundred of billions of dollars in its accomplishment.
2. THE PROTOCOLS OF THE LEARNED ELDERS OF ZION

The book Waters Flowing Eastward by Mrs L. Fry is one of the most detailed insights into the conspiracy around a document known as the “The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion.” The reason for mentioning this is because throughout the rest of these reports we will make reference to the protocols.

The story of how this document emerged began in 1884 when the daughter of a Russian general, Justine Glinka, was in Paris obtaining secret political information to be communicated back to Russia. She employed a Jewish assistant, Joseph Schorst, a member of the Mizraim Lodge in Paris. Schorst offered to obtain for her a document of great importance to Russia, on payment of 2,500 francs.

She forwarded the French original, accompanied by a Russian translation, to the Tsar in St Petersburg, but it was suppressed by those under obligation to wealthy Jews. The Tsar never received it, and Glinka was eventually banished to her estate in Orel.

Glinka gave a copy to Alexis Sukhotin, who showed the document to two friends, Stepanov and Professor Sergius A. Nilus; the former had it printed and circulated privately in 1897; the second, Nilus, published it for the first time in Russia in 1901, in a book entitled The Great Within the Small. At about the same time, a friend of Nilus, G. Butmi, brought a copy to England, where it was apparently deposited in the British Museum on August 10, 1906, although denied by the British Museum.

Meantime, through Jewish members of the Russian police, minutes of the proceedings of the Basle congress in 1897 had been obtained and these were found to correspond with the Protocols.

In January 1917, Nilus prepared a second edition, revised and documented, for publication. But before it could be put on the market, the revolution of March 1917 had taken place, and Kerenskii, who had succeeded to power, ordered the whole edition of Nilus' book to be destroyed. In 1924, Prof. Nilus was arrested by the Cheka in Kiev, imprisoned, and tortured; he was told by the Jewish president of the court, that this treatment was meted out to him for “having done them incalculable harm in publishing the Protocols”. Released for a few months, he was again led before the GPU (Cheka), this time in Moscow and confined. Set at liberty in February 1926, he died in exile in the district of Vladimir on January 13, 1929.

A few copies of Nilus's second edition were saved and sent to other countries where they were published: in Germany, by Gottfried zum Beek (1919); in England, by The Britons (1920); in France, by Mgr. Jouin in La Revue Internationale des Societes Secretes, and by Urbain Gohier in La Vieille France;
in the United States, by Small, Maynard & Co. (Boston 1920), and by The Beckwith Co. (New York 1921). Later, editions appeared in Italian, Russian, Arabic, and even in Japanese.

The Protocols gained widespread recognition upon their translation into English, in 1920. They soon became notorious. Esteemed newspapers such as The Times and The Morning Post (whose Moscow correspondent Victor E. Marsden was responsible in 1921 for the translation used in this document) covered the story in numerous articles, much to the chagrin of world Jewry, who immediately began the propaganda bandwagon rolling. They not only denied that the Protocols were a Jewish plot, but also that there was any plot whatsoever.

Since the publication of the protocols there have been many attempts to discount The Protocols as a fraud and that it is a racist document that was created to stir up anti-semitism feeling across Europe. We are also told that *The Protocols of Zion* is a hoax, a "proven forgery" concocted by the Tsarist Political Police (the Okhrana) to incite anti-semitism and discredit revolutionaries. However what was meant by "forgery" because this is the crux of whether the content of the document could be taken seriously.

The first and official attempt to discredit the protocols consisted of three articles published in The London Times (August 16-18, 1921) by Philip Graves. According to Graves, the protocols were a crude, chapter-by-chapter plagiarism of Maurice Joly's *Dialogue in Hell Between Machiavelli and Montesquieu* (1864). Graves "expose" of Protocols appeared in August 1921 when Zionists were pressing the League of Nations to turn Palestine into a Jewish homeland under British Mandate.

So it's important to understand here that the accusation of forgery is more to do with an accusation of plagiarism. So is this accusation substantiated?

The author of Protocols does select a few passages or references from Dialogues that appear unaltered or in different form.

For example, the Dialogues' say: "Everywhere might precedes right. Political liberty is merely a relative idea. The need to live is what dominates states as it does individuals."

In Protocols this becomes, "From the law of nature right lies in might. Political freedom is an idea but not a fact, and one must know how to use it [political freedom] as a bait whenever it appears necessary to attract the masses ... to one's party for the purpose of crushing another who is in authority." (Protocols 1)

Graves leaves out the last part to make the resemblance seem greater than it is.

Dialogues (7) say, "Revolutionary ferment which is suppressed in one's own country should be incited throughout Europe."

In Protocols (7) "Throughout all Europe ... we must create ferments, discords, hostilities." There is no reference to suppressing these in one's own country.

There are several more examples and what this proves is the author of the Protocols is not a forger creating a hoax, but a conspirator forging an original work to create the basis of a strategy which would then underpin the development of how societies would be transformed during the twentieth and twenty first century.
Both “Dialogues” and “The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion” belong to the “immoral school” of political theory. Machiavelli pays homage to a long list of rulers “who are progenitors of my doctrine.” Both preach “might makes right”, “good” comes from evil, and “the end justifies the means.”

But the similarity ends there. The tone of the Dialogues is dry and theoretical. It is a debate between fictional political theorists: Montesquieu a champion of democracy and Machiavelli, a champion of tyranny. Dialogues is considered a critique of the reign of Napoleon III. Montesquieu asks how to quell the spirit of anarchy in society. Machiavelli prescribes a “monster called the state” which maintains a democratic artifice but is actually controlled by the “Prince.” On the other hand, the tone of Protocols is frankly conspiratorial and subversive and pays homage to Lucifer. Protocols is a “strategic plan from which we cannot deviate without running the risk of seeing the labour of many centuries come to naught.” (Protocol 1)

The fact also remains that since the apparent publication, world events have unfolded exactly according to their description - surely this should be proof enough that a plan such as the Protocols exists. Even if one wants to believe that the Protocols are simply a rework of an existing work, the truth remains that the strategy of the Protocol is being followed.

The protocols systematically lists all the steps that are necessary to establish the New World Order and its ultimate leader. Jean Baptiste Hogan in the book Holy Blood, Holy Grail says on page 193,

The Protocols are organized as follows:

- Blueprint for world domination;
- Advent of a Masonic Kingdom;
- A king of the blood of Sion, of the Dynastic roots of David;
- The King of the Jews will be the real Pope;
- The world ruler will be the patriarch of an international church.

"In a word, to sum up our system of keeping the governments ... in check, we shall show our strength to one of them by terrorist attempts and to all, if we allow the possibility of a general rising against us, we shall respond with the guns of America, or China ...” [Protocol 7, World Wide Wars, Paragraph 6]

"... the secret societies were planning as far back as 1917 to invent an artificial threat ... in order to bring humanity together in a one-world government which they call the New World Order.” [”Behold A Pale Horse”, p. 27]

Global Terrorism is obviously the “threat” created to achieve the New World Order. It is through terrorism that governments have justified the use for increased electronic surveillance and monitoring of electronic communications. It is because of terrorism that global intelligence agencies such as the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency (DARPA) are now heavily involved in collaborating with Google, Facebook and other social media technology providers as a means to have access to and monitor the profiles of billions of people across the planet.

"... The gentiles are a flock of sheep, and we are their wolves. And you know what happens when the wolves get hold of the flock? ..... There is another reason also why they will close their eyes: for we shall keep promising them to give back all the liberties we have taken away as soon as we have quelled the enemies of peace and tamed all parties ..... It is not worthwhile to say anything about how long a time they will be kept waiting for this return of their liberties .....” [Protocol #11 -- The Totalitarian State]

"... we must create ferments, discords and hostility ... by our intrigues we shall tangle up all the threads which we have stretched into the cabinets of all States by means of the political, by economic treaties, or loan obligations. In
order to succeed in this we must use great cunning and penetration during negotiations and agreements, but, as regards what is called the official language, we shall keep to the opposite tactics and assume the mask of honesty and complacency. In this way the peoples and governments of the gentiles, whom we have taught to look only at the outside whatever we present to their notice, will still continue to accept us as the benefactors and saviours of the human race." [Ibid., Emphasis added]

“These laws will withdraw one by one all the indulgences and liberties which have been permitted ... and our kingdom will be distinguished by a despotism of such magnificent proportions as to be at any moment and in every place in a position to wipe out any ... who oppose us by deed or word.” [Protocol 5 – Despotism and Modern Progress]

As previously mentioned, when the Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion were first discovered, Freemasons and Zionist Jews everywhere screamed and complained that these 24 Protocols are a hoax, a forgery, even a blood taint against the Jews. But then came the brutal and barbaric Communist Bolshevik Revolution in Russia and its captive republics, led by covert Masonic Jews, Lenin, Trotsky, Kaganovich, and others. The cruel and sinister crimes of the crypto-Jew revolutionaries seemed to have jumped off the pages of the Protocols. The Red Terror, with its torturous massacres of innocent people, its monstrous gulag concentration camps, and the setting up of a Jewish dictatorship, also followed the agenda of the Protocols as did the persecution everywhere of Christians and churches. The entire world witnessed horrors that were a direct result of the heinous prescriptions laid out earlier in the Protocols.

By the time Hitler rose to become Chancellor of Germany, the Jewish Communists, Lenin, Trotsky, Kaganovich, Yagoda and others had already carried out the most diabolical and gruesome holocaust and series of death purges ever perpetrated on a suffering humanity.

Thousands of Gulag prison camps, mobile gas chambers, and blood-spattered police interrogation centers were in full operation throughout the Soviet Union. According to noted Russian researcher Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (author of The Gulag Archipelago), some sixty-six million men, women, and children were arrested, imprisoned, bludgeoned, tortured, and executed. Still, Lenin kept howling at associates: More...More blood...More terror. Do it! Now!

This was their “Bible,” their operating manual. Its prescriptions had emerged from centuries of meticulous research and experimentation. Its conclusions had been tested by the Rothschilds, the Warburgs, by Marx and Hegel. Never had a manual of discourse so perfectly meshed with the labyrinth rules and laws set forth in the rabbis’ Talmud. The Protocols were Pure Babylon, authored by human devils inspired by Beelzebub, Azazel, and all the other demons from the bottomless pit.
3. 1990 INCIDENT RAISES THE ILLUMINATI PROFILE

Steve Jackson (born c. 1953) is an American game designer who is a 1974 graduate of Rice University, where he was a resident of Baker College before moving to Sid Richardson College when it opened in 1971. After working for many years at Metagaming Concepts designing such games as Ogre and The Fantasy Trip, he left to found Steve Jackson Games (SJ Games) in the early 1980s. He designed many of the games published by SJ Games, such as Car Wars, GURPS, Munchkin and many others.

He is often mistaken for a different Steve Jackson, a British gamebook and video game writer who co-founded Games Workshop. The confusion is exacerbated by the fact that while the UK Jackson was co-creator of the Fighting Fantasy gamebook series, the US Jackson also wrote three books in this series (Scorpion Swamp, Demons of the Deep, and Robot Commando), and the books did not acknowledge that this was a different Steve Jackson.

His best-known games include GURPS, the "Generic Universal RolePlaying System"; Munchkin, the irreverent game of dungeon crawling; Chez Geek, the game of apartment life; INWO, the trading card game of world domination; the original Illuminati game on which INWO was based; Car Wars, about battle on the highways; and OGRE, the classic simulation of future war.

On the morning of March 1 1990, without warning, a force of armed Secret Service agents – accompanied by Austin police and at least one civilian "expert" from the phone company – occupied the offices of Steve Jackson Games and began to search for computer equipment. The home of Loyd Blankenship, the writer of GURPS Cyberpunk, was also raided. A large amount of equipment was seized, including four computers, two laser printers, some loose hard disks and a great deal of assorted hardware. One of the computers was the one running the Illuminati BBS.

The only computers taken were those with GURPS Cyberpunk files; other systems were left in place. In their diligent search for evidence, the agents also cut off locks, forced open footlockers, tore up dozens of boxes in the warehouse, and bent two of the office letter openers attempting to pick the lock on a file cabinet.

The next day, accompanied by an attorney, Steve Jackson visited the Austin offices of the Secret Service. He had been promised that he could make copies of the company's files. As it turned out, he was only allowed to copy a few files, and only from one system. Still missing were all the current text files and hard copy for this book, as well as the files for the Illuminati BBS with their extensive playtest comments.
In the course of that visit, it became clear that the investigating agents considered GURPS Cyberpunk to be "a handbook for computer crime." They seemed to make no distinction between a discussion of futuristic credit fraud, using equipment that doesn't exist, and modern real-life credit card abuse. A repeated comment by the agents was "This is real."

Over the next few weeks, the Secret Service repeatedly assured the SJ Games attorney that complete copies of the files would be returned "tomorrow." But these promises weren't kept; the book was reconstructed from old backups, playtest copies, notes and memories.

On March 26, almost four weeks after the raid, some (but not all) of the files were returned. It was June 21, nearly four months later, when most (but not all) of the hardware was returned. The Secret Service kept one company hard disk, all Loyd's personal equipment and files, the printouts of GURPS Cyberpunk, and several other things.

The raid, and especially the confiscation of the game manuscript, caused a catastrophic interruption of the company's business. SJ Games very nearly closed its doors. It survived only by laying off half its employees, and it was years before it could be said to have "recovered."

Why was SJ Games raided? That was a mystery until October 21, 1990, when the company finally received a copy of the Secret Service warrant affidavit – at their request, it had been sealed. And the answer was . . . guilt by remote association.

While reality-checking the book, Loyd Blankenship corresponded with a variety of people, from computer security experts to self-confessed computer crackers. From his home, he ran a legal BBS which discussed the "computer underground," and he knew many of its members. That was enough to put him on a federal List of Dangerous Hoodlums! The affidavit on which SJ Games were raided was unbelievably flimsy . . . Loyd Blankenship was suspect because he ran a technologically literate and politically irreverent BBS, because he wrote about hacking, and because he received and re-posted a copy of the /Phrack newsletter. The company was supposedly raided simply because Loyd worked there and used its (entirely different) BBS!

As for GURPS Cyberpunk, it had merely been a target of opportunity . . . something "suspicious" that the agents picked up at the scene. The Secret Service allowed SJ Games (and the public) to believe, for months, that the book had been the target of the raid.

In early 1993, the case finally came to trial. SJ Games was represented by the Austin firm of George, Donaldson & Ford. The lead counsel was Pete Kennedy. The judge gave the Secret Service a tongue-lashing and ruled for SJ Games on two out of the three counts, and awarded over $50,000 in damages, plus over $250,000 in attorney's fees. In October 1994, the Fifth Circuit turned down SJ Games' appeal of the last (interception) count . . . meaning that right now, in the Fifth Circuit, it is not "interception" of your e-mail messages when law enforcement officials walk out the door with the computer holding them.

What follows is the perspective from Steve Jackson Lawyer, Peter D. Kennedy

On March 12, 1993, a federal judge in Austin, Texas decided that the US Secret Service broke the law when it searched Steve Jackson Games Inc., and seized its bulletin board system and other computer equipment. The decision in this case has been long-awaited in the computer world, and most observers have hailed it as a significant victory for computer user's freedom and privacy.
I had the fortune to be one of the lawyers representing Steve Jackson and his co-plaintiffs. During the course of the lawsuit, I met many people passionately interested in the issues the case raised. I watched and listened to the discussions and arguments about the case. I've been impressed by the intelligence of the on-line world, and the interest that computer enthusiasts show -- especially computer communication enthusiasts -- in the law. I've also been impressed and distressed at how the Net can spontaneously generate misinformation. Steve Jackson has spent untold hours correcting errors about him, his company, and the case on both the Net and more traditional news media.

The decision in the Steve Jackson Games case is clearly a significant victory for computer users, especially BBS operators and subscribers. I hope to give a simple and clear explanation for the intelligent non-lawyer of the legal issues raised by the case, and the significance and limitations of the court's decision.

The facts. By now, most people interested in the case are familiar with the basic facts: On March 1, 1990, the Secret Service, in an early-morning raid, searched the offices of Steve Jackson Games. The agents kept the employees out of the offices until the afternoon, and took the company's BBS -- called "Illuminati" -- along with an employee's work computer, other computer equipment, and hundreds and hundreds of floppy disks. They took all the recent versions of a soon-to-be-published game book, "GURPS Cyberpunk," including big parts of the draft which were publicly available on Illuminati.

On March 2, Steve Jackson tried to get copies of the seized files back from the Secret Service. He was treated badly, and given only a handful of files from one office computer. He was not allowed to touch the Illuminati computer, or copy any of its files.

Steve Jackson Games took a nosedive, and barely avoided going out of business. According to Jackson, eight employees lost their jobs on account of the Secret Service raid, and the company lost many thousands of dollars in sales. It is again a busy enterprise, no thanks to the Secret Service (although they tried to take credit, pointing to the supposedly wonderful publicity their raid produced).

After months of pestering, including pressure by lawyers and Senator Lloyd Bentsen (now, as Treasury Secretary, the Secret Service's boss) the Secret Service returned most of the equipment taken, some of it much the worse for wear.

By then, Steve Jackson had restarted Illuminati on a different computer. When the old Illuminati computer was finally given back, Jackson turned it on -- and saw that all the electronic mail which had been on the board on March 1 was gone! Wayne Bell, WWIV developer and guru, was called in. He gave us invaluable (and free) help evaluating the condition of the files. He concluded, and testified firmly at trial, that during the week of March 20, 1990, when the Secret Service still had Illuminati, the BBS was run, and every piece of e-mail was individually accessed and deleted. The Illuminati files the Secret Service had returned to Steve Jackson left irrefutable electronic traces of what had been done -- even I could understand how the condition and dates of the e-mail files showed what had happened, and when.

THE LAWSUIT

Suing the federal government and its agents is never a simple thing. The United States can only be sued when it consents. Lawsuits against individual agents face big legal hurdles erected to protect government officials from fear of a tidal wave of lawsuits.

Amazing as it may sound, you cannot sue the United States (or any federal agency) for money damages for violating your constitutional rights. You can sue individual federal agents, though. If you do, you have to get past a defense called "qualified immunity" which basically means you have to show that the officials violated "clearly established" constitutional law. For reasons I can't explain briefly, "qualified immunity" often creates a vicious circle in civil rights litigation, where the substance of constitutional law is never established because the court never has determine the Constitution's scope, only whether the law was "clearly established" at the time of the violation.
The strongest remedies for federal overstepping are often statutes which allow direct suit against the United States or federal agencies (although these are less dramatic than the Constitution). Fortunately, these statutes were available to Steve Jackson and the three Illuminati users who joined him in his suit against the Secret Service.

**THE LEGAL CLAIMS**

The Steve Jackson Games case was a lot of things to a lot of people. I saw the case as having two basic goals: (1) to redress the suppression of the public expression embodied in Steve Jackson’s publications (including his publication via BBS) and thereby compensate the company for the damage unnecessarily done by the raid, and (2) to redress the violation of the privacy of the BBS users, and the less tangible harm they suffered.

The individual government agents involved in the raid were sued for constitutional violations -- the First and Fourth Amendments. The Secret Service was sued under two important laws which embody the same principles as the First and Fourth Amendments -- the Privacy Protection Act of 1980 and provisions of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986. There were other claims, but these were the core.

After the case was pending a year and a half and all discovery completed, the government moved to have the claims against the individual defendants dismissed, claiming qualified immunity. This motion (usually brought early in a case) guaranteed that the trial would be delayed by over a year, because even if the government lost its motion, the individuals could immediately appeal. In December, 1992, the tactical decision was made to drop those claims, rather than suffer the delay, and proceed promptly to trial on the claims against the Secret Service itself.

**THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRIVACY ACT**

Two provisions of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (or ECPA) were paramount in the suit. The plaintiffs claimed the Secret Service violated two provisions -- one prohibiting unjustified "disclosure and use" of e-mail (18 U.S.C. Sec. 2703; the other prohibiting "interception" of e-mail (18 U.S.C. Sec. 2511(1)).

The parties’ positions were fairly simple, and laid out well before trial. As for the Privacy Protection Act, Steve Jackson claimed that his company’s publications, both in book form and on Illuminati, were obviously "work product" protected by the Act, and the government had no right to seize them, and therefore owed him money for the damage the raid caused his business. The government replied claiming that (1) Steve Jackson Games’ products are not the type of publications protected by the PPA; and anyway, (2) the Secret Service didn’t know that Steve Jackson Games was a publisher when it raided its offices; and even then, (3) the Secret Service didn’t mean to take the books, the books just came along when the computers and disks were taken.

As for the e-mail, Steve Jackson and the other BBS users claimed that the seizure, disclosure, and deletion of the e-mail was both an unlawful "disclosure and use," and an "interception" of electronic communications in violation of the ECPA. The Secret Service replied that (1) there was no "interception" because the e-mail was just sitting there on the hard drive, not moving; and (2) the Secret Service didn’t read the mail, but if it did, it was acting in good faith, because it had a search warrant authorizing it so seize Steve Jackson Games’ “computers” and to read their contents.

**THE TRIAL**

When the individual defendants were dropped, the case quickly went to trial. The plaintiffs opened their case on January 29, 1993. The trial took the better part of four days; the witnesses included now-familiar names: Timothy Foley and Barbara Golden of the Secret Service, William Cook, formerly of the U.S. Attorney’s office in Chicago, Henry Kluepfel of Bellcore, Steve Jackson and the BBS users Elizabeth McCoy, Walter Milliken and Steffan O’Sullivan, and WWIV master Wayne Bell.
At trial, Judge Sparks was introduced to the labyrinthine E911 investigation. We also set up and ran Illuminati as it looked on March 1, 1990, and Steve Jackson walked Judge Sparks through his BBS, lingering on discussion areas such as "GURPS Old West" to give the Judge a taste of the scope and breadth of BBS publication and communication which the Secret Service had shut down. The judge appeared upset by the callous and suspicious manner in which the Secret Service had treated Steve Jackson, and with the Service's apparent disregard for the effects the raid might have on the company.

THE DECISION

Judge Sparks decided the case in February, 1993, in a long written opinion. The full text of the opinion is available on the Internet at ftp.eff.org, and on Illuminati itself. I recommend all sysops and BBS users to read it, as it is one of the very few legal rulings specifically addressing bulletin boards and electronic mail.

First, the bad news: Judge Sparks accepted the government's argument that the seizure of the BBS was not an "interception" of the e-mail, even mail that had not yet been read. Essentially, he decided that the definition of "interception" implicitly means "contemporaneous with the transmission"; that is, for there to be an interception, the government must position itself in the data stream, like a conventional wiretap. Since the e-mail was temporarily stored on the BBS hard drive, he held there was no contemporaneous interception.

Ruling that there was no interception means two things. First, the plaintiffs did not receive the $10,000 minimum damages a violation of the "interception" law provides, even though the judge found the Secret Service had not acted in good faith. More importantly, it lowers the standard for seizing BBS e-mail -- and threatens to lower the standard for the seizure of all electronic communications which reside long enough in computer memory to be seized (which is most all computer communications, as far as I understand it). To "intercept" wire communications you need a court order, not just a routine search warrant. This ruling (which technically only applies in the Western District of Texas) means law enforcement is not limited in its seizure of BBSs by the higher standards required of wiretapping.

Now, the good news: the plaintiffs won the "disclosure and use" argument under the ECPA, getting back most of what was lost in the "interception" decision. First, Judge Sparks found the obvious: that while the Secret Service had Illuminati they or their agents read and deleted all the e-mail on Illuminati, including the plaintiffs' mail -- persons the Secret Service admittedly having no reason at all to suspect of any illegal activity.

Next, he rejected the Secret Service's argument that its agents were acting in "good faith." While he didn't list all the reasons, quite a few are supported by the evidence: the Secret Service's investigation was "sloppy", he said, and there was no attempt to find out what Steve Jackson Games did as a business; the Secret Service was told the day of the raid that the company was a "publisher," and refused to make copies or return the files for months after they were done reviewing them; and the Secret Service apparently allowed the private mail of dozens of entirely innocent and unsuspecting people to be read and trashed.

The judge ruled that Steve Jackson, his company, and the three Illuminati users who joined Jackson in the suit were each entitled to an $1,000 award from the government, as provided by the ECPA. The Privacy Protection Act was pretty much a clean sweep. While the judge and Steve Jackson still differ over how much money the raid cost the company, the court's ruling was squarely in Jackson's favor on the law. Although unconventional, the court found that Steve Jackson Games' publications were clearly covered by the Act, should not have been seized, and should have been promptly returned.

At trial, the Secret Service agents had freely admitted they knew nothing about the Act. Former U.S. Attorney William Cook claimed he knew about it before the raid, but decided (without any investigation) that Steve Jackson Games wasn't covered. The Privacy Protection Act (unlike the ECPA) allows no "good faith" excuses, anyway, and since the Secret Service was repeatedly told on March 1 and afterwards that the company was a publishing business there was no defense for the seizure of "GURPS Cyberpunk" or the other book drafts. Most of the over
$50,000 awarded in damages was due to the violation of the Privacy Protection Act.

Steve Jackson Games publishes traditional books and magazines, with printed paper pages. Is the BBS operator who publishes only on-line articles protected, too? It's a question Judge Sparks did not need to address directly, but his opinion can and should be read to include the on-line publisher. The court's opinion includes the BBS files as material improperly seized, and the Act specifically includes work product in electronic form. Publishing via BBSs has become just like publishing a "newspaper, book, or other form of publication..." -- the only source of news many people get.

If the Privacy Protection Act is broadly understood to encompass electronic publishing (as it should) it should provide meaningful protection to innocent sysops whose boards may be used by some for illegal purposes. It should prevent the "preventative detention" of BBSs -- where boards are seized in investigations and held indefinitely -- which seems to be one crude means used to attack suspected criminal activity without bothering to actually prosecute a case. It should also force law enforcement to consider who the actual suspect is -- for instance, in the recent spate of seizures of BBSs for suspected copyright violations. The Privacy Protection Act should prevent law enforcement from seizing a sysop's board who is not suspected in engaging or condoning illegal activity.

Despite the reasons provided by the authorities for why they took such abrasive action, decades later debate still rages at why the authorities would seize Steve Jackson's property especially in light of the fact that Jackson had been the originator and producer of one of the most controversial board games ever released.

The Illuminati New World Order (INWO) board game is played with a deck of special cards, money chips (representing millions of dollars in low-denomination unmarked banknotes) and two six-sided dice. The game itself is based on the concept of Illuminati societies that struggle to take over the world. The Pocket Box edition depicted six Illuminati groups: The Bavarian Illuminati, The Discordian Society, The UFOs, The Servants of Cthulhu, The Bermuda Triangle, and The Gnomes of Zürich. The deluxe edition added the Society of Assassins and The Network, and the Illuminati Y2K expansion added the Church of The SubGenius and Shangri-La.

The world is represented by group cards such as Secret Masters of Fandom, the CIA, The International Communist Conspiracy, Evil Geniuses for a Better Tomorrow, California, and many more – there are over 300 official cards available. Every group and Illuminati has some Power, Resistance and Income values; most of the world groups have an Alignment. The game is written with the usual SJG humor. The game uses a multitude of conspiracy theory in-jokes, with cards such as the Boy Sprouts (where sinister youth leaders influence the world leaders of tomorrow), the Orbital Mind Control Lasers, the Mafia, two headed Anti-Nuclear Activists, or Trekkies.

Special cards represent unexpected phenomena and features, for example increasing Income or Resistance of a group. The game is played in turns. The primary Illuminati (player) activity is taking control of groups. During an attack to take control, the attacker must overcome the Resistance of attacked groups with combined Power of his groups (affected by Alignment of attacker and attacked), money spent, and influence of special cards. The attacked group can be defended by spending money and special cards by other players (especially by the controlling Illuminati if the group is already controlled). After a successful attack to take control, the card is placed (along the special markers) next to Illuminati, or another already controlled group forming a power structure.

However the most controversial aspect of the game is that Jackson’s issued playing cards of his card
game “Illuminati New World Order”, have correctly predicted future events which have come to pass years and decades after its release. Others share an undisputable similarity to events spoken of not only in the Bible but also literature of secret societies regarding coming earth changes needed to bring about a required one world government.

How did Steve Jackson know the Illuminati Plan so precisely? In fact, was this the reason he got a surprise visit from the Secret Service, who tried their best to shut him down and prevent him from publishing his game. Why were they very interested in his files entitled, "Illuminist BBS".

This game was in the beginning stages in 1990 and was finally published in 1995, becoming an award winning best seller. With these dates in mind, many of the cards incredibly seemed to mirror events that took place many years later after the game was released.

In 1986 the trilogy won the Prometheus Hall of Fame Award, designed to honor classic libertarian fiction. The books also received laudatory reviews and comments from Publishers Weekly, the American Library Association's Booklist magazine, Philadelphia Daily News, Berkeley Barb, Rolling Stone and Limit. The Village Voice called it "The ultimate conspiracy book ... the biggest sci-fi-cult novel to come along since Dune ... hilariously raunchy!" John White of the New Age Journal described it as:

An epic fantasy...a devilishly funny work ... shimmers with illusion and paradox that provides delight after magical delight ... a farcical black tragicomedy that turns out to have been written by you and me ... it strips away illusion.

The Fortean Times was also enthusiastic, whilst acknowledging the difficulties many readers would have attempting to follow the convoluted plot threads.
4. 21ST CENTURY ILLUMINATI AUTHOR PROFILE

The author behind this report is none other than Henry Makow (born November 12, 1949) a Canadian conspiracy theorist, author, columnist, and inventor of the board game Scruples. Makow was born in Zürich, Switzerland. As an infant, he moved with his family to Canada, settling in Ottawa. At the age of 11 he began to write the syndicated advice-to-parents column "Ask Henry," which ran in 50 newspapers in the early 1960s and was published in book form in 1962.

He received his Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of Toronto in 1982, and lives in Winnipeg. In 1984, he invented Scruples, a game of moral dilemmas which was translated into five languages and sold seven million copies worldwide.

Makow postulates a hidden hand shaping modern history according to a long-term occult (Satanic) agenda. He argues that democracy today is a charade and serves as an instrument of social control; the mass media generally stifles information and channels thought; and popular entertainment degrades us and diverts the audience from what is really happening.

He believes the Protocols of the Elders of Zion are authentic and are the blueprint of the New World Order. However, he believes they represent a small cabal of Masonic Jews who have no regard for the true law of Moses, central bankers who direct organized Jewry, but not Jews in general. He argues that programs espousing "tolerance," "multiculturalism" and "diversity" are social engineering by this powerful cabal.

One of the most dramatic of incidences in recent years has been Henry Makow’s standoff with David Icke and Jeff Rense (two other prominent global conspiracy researchers) where Makow believes that they are actually agents of disinformation in mixing truth with error, especially in regards to David Icke and his views on Christianity.

21st Century Illuminati is an explosive insight into the workings of a powerful group formerly known as the Order of the Illuminati. Controversial, provocative and eye raising, this report smashes through the hype and smoking mirrors to present an uncomfortable experience for those who seek truth about the work of the Illuminati in this modern era.

"...We aspire to corrupt in order to govern... We have taken from the people all the gods of heaven and earth...their religious faith, their faith in monarchy, their honesty and their family virtues..."

(Giuseppe Mazzini, 1805-1872, Founder of Italian Freemasonry and the Mafia)

“The most dangerous revolutions are not those which tear everything down, and cause the streets to run with blood, but those which leave everything standing, while cunningly emptying it of any significance.”

—Kierkegaard