

The Thief of Privacy

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Dr. Walter Belford is an authority on beating the bureaucracy, whilst living a life free of Terrocratic interference. During the twenty years plus we've known him; the good doctor has helped hundreds of our consulting referrals. We are proud to asseverate that every one is a very happy camper indeed.

In January 2003, Dr. Walter Belford granted our first interview with him, a frightening interview on how your privacy is being destroyed by your government! See <http://www.ptshamrock.com/secret/dwb.htm>

To say that interview caused considerable consternation would be an understatement. Sadly most of the doctor's predictions came to fruition.

In January 2004 the good doctor gave us the exclusive rights to publish an extraordinary thought provoking, soul searching article for our readers, "The 13th Hour!" See <http://archive.mail-list.com/ptbuzz/msg00113.html>

Then during last years holiday season, and after a three year lapse, we had the honor of being granted a cracking interview with the good doctor. For a highly revealing interview see <http://archive.mail-list.com/ptbuzz/msg00168.html>

Once again we have the privilege of sharing the doctor's discerning thoughts, insights and provocative ideas in his truly remarkable and significant report; "The Thief of Privacy."

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Due to the articles length, it encompasses our entire January 2007 newsletter issues. In view of our past conversations with, and articles from the good doctor, we believe this extraordinary report may be of great interest to you. Read on.

- PT Shamrock, January 2007

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"A strict observance of the written laws is doubtless one of the high duties of a good citizen, but it is not the highest. The laws of necessity, of self-preservation, of saving our country when in danger, are of higher obligation. To lose our country by a scrupulous adherence to written law would be to lose the law itself, with life, liberty, property, and all those who are enjoying them with us; thus absurdly sacrificing the end to the means."

- Thomas Jefferson to John Colvin, 1810

Preface

We have arrived at a crossroads in history; a turning point where America's 231 year history of expanding liberty ends, and the reversal of American constitutional democracy begins. Privacy's epitaph is being chiseled in stone as I write these words. The last chance for salvation is rapidly descending through the hour glass. Privacy destroying technologies, programs, polices and laws gain momentum like a locomotive running full speed ahead unable to be stopped, turned or slowed down as its unprecedented, unrelenting and pernicious assault on our freedoms continue unabated.

I do not presume for a moment that this appraisal on the state of privacy and civil liberties contains any definitive answer(s) regarding the thief thereof. Nor do I intend this as some do-it-yourself, take back your privacy or other similar type of "how to" book.

I do, however, believe in the individual's freedom to make their own choices, about their life. Where they'll live, how they'll live, how they'll raise their family without government interference or snooping. I also believe in the individual's ability to realize when they are being hoodwinked by government and big business. Knowledge is power and acts as a strong deterrent fighting the ongoing plunder of our freedoms.

As the years pass, it has become exceedingly more difficult for us to keep the freedoms we previously enjoyed. Therefore as sovereign individuals, or persons seeking to become sovereign individuals, we are bound to get off that abominable government locomotive. At the very least, one should get out of its way in order to preserve and hopefully regain our liberties. Being cognizant of the policies, programs and technologies that continue to defalcate our freedoms is imperative, if we are to remain and or become sovereign individuals.

The first step in any recovery program (getting better) is acknowledging there is a problem. That is the first and, in many cases, perhaps the most difficult of all steps, i.e. confronting there is a problem. Though many people in the west fail to recognize or in fact concede there is any problem regarding their lost of privacy, clearly in today's world the thief of privacy is, or should be, a very real concern as I will outline in this report.

The next step in recovery is to analyze what the problem is, in other words what ailes the patient. Amongst the maladies afflicting our privacy are the countless big business and government privacy stealing technologies, programs and laws that will be revealed in "The Thief of Privacy."

In order to rid oneself of the maladies or problem, the final step in any recovery is taking an appropriate course of action based on the diagnosis of the disease in step two. What course of action that might be is left entirely to the reader, though admittedly I outline my thoughts regarding various options and courses of action.

As with a malignant cancer, at times radical surgery might be necessary. Such an operation may require that an organ or limb be "amputated or removed" in order to prevent the cancer from spreading and to save the patients life. In many instances, if the disease is diagnosed properly, early enough and the operation is conducted in a punctual manner, the patient recovers fully and lives a normal, healthy and productive life surviving well into old age.

In other instances an operation may not entirely eradicate the disease and the disease spreads. In that event the patient's health deteriorates and eventually the patient dies.

However one thing is certain; failure to take any course of action will result in the demise of the patient, sooner rather than later.

I have concluded from my research that many of the government programs mentioned in this report are destroying democracy in America and the UK as we knew it. These programs are nothing less than a cancer eating away, day by day, week by week and month by month, at our freedoms and liberties. At the same time it is becoming latish to recover and live a normal and prosperous life. We either have to amputate and remove ourselves from this cancer or suffer the consequence, face having our freedoms annihilated.

Both America and the United Kingdom are turning into police states taking your rights and civil liberties along for the ride with their absolutism. I would like to believe that by the time any logical person finishes reading this report, they will likely concede that at least some of these government programs have or will indeed affect them in one way or another, and not necessarily for the better. [Note 1]

At what point have we arrived at in recovery, i.e. "getting better"? Perhaps we are arriving at the first step, a point where the general public is finally beginning to realize there's a problem regarding their privacy along with governments tracking and monitoring them. Whether or not it is too late to diagnosis the disease and cure it remains to be seen. Perhaps it is already too late; perhaps not as I'd like to believe that hope springs eternal.

Regardless of the above, all of us are patients afflicted with these maladies. Whether or not you agree with my analysis of these programs and the implications drawn thereof, the fact of the matter is that these programs, technologies and laws are very real and very much alive and in place today monitoring, watching and recording you're every move. Therefore it would behoove us to become as enlightened as possible about those government programs that recrudesce in order to take an appropriate course of action.

Being well informed and equipped with the right tools, knowledge, options and alternatives can empower us to make intelligent decisions, decisions which offer the highest probability of success in fending off these insidious afflictions. As such and as sovereign individuals we can recover and lead a normal, healthy and productive life free of government interference.

During the course of my research for this report, I've discovered and learnt much. One is never too old to learn something new, so in that regard I consider myself a very lucky man indeed. Some of the material and information for this report I had previously researched

already knew and perhaps even wrote about antecedently. Other material, along with some of the newer programs I discovered, frankly amazed as well as greatly alarmed me. Even the immensely well informed publisher of this report exhibited considerable dismay when they first read the material contained herein. I suspect that many reading this may experience similar anxieties as well.

It is, therefore, my desire is to pass this knowledge onto those who cherish their freedoms and liberties as I do. With the above in mind, I trust *The Thief of Privacy* will be of some benefit to you and other sovereign individuals.

- Dr. Walter Belford – December 2006

Chapter I - Knowledge is power

"If you preserve secrecy, half the battle is already won."

- Saloth Sar, aka Pol Pot

Let's face it; your life is like an open book and extremely transparent in today's world.

Today's privacy stealing technologies records every kilometer you drive, everything you purchase, every financial transaction you make, every bill you receive and pay, how much water, electricity and petrol (gasoline) you consume, what television programs you watch, what tape or DVD's you rent or buy at your local video store, and what books and CD's you purchase. These programs also reveal and record what books you read or check out at your local library, what web sites you browse, what you have underneath your cloths, what you are doing whilst inside your home, plus when, how and to whom you communicate and even when, where and how you travel, what you eat and how you pay for everything!

You have to fill out a government application form (under penalty,) and have your picture taken just to be granted one privilege or another from your government, e.g. driving. Naturally this information is supposed to be "voluntary." However fail to supply the requested information or include your (US) social security (identifying) number and you don't get a drivers license, period. The same holds true when applying for a passport or when renewing an existing passport. No 'voluntary' social security number, no passport! So much for voluntary information!

You also have to prove who you are whilst traveling, i.e. produce a government issued ID in order to fly the friendly skies, take a bus, train or even to travel by automobile on state and federal highways in today's post 9/11 world. Today people are increasingly being asked by the authorities "papers please," whilst conducting their day to day affairs. Expect this to occur considerably more frequently starting May 11th, 2008 in the united States [correct spelling – Note 2.] You'll read more about that in Chapter XVI - 2007 and beyond!

Both personal and business mail via your local post office is routinely tracked and recorded on databases. Suspicious envelopes or mail of "interest" are opened without a warrant, scanned and processed for further investigation, then resealed and delivered unbeknownst to the original recipient, or sender, of its scrutiny. Courier packages are

habitually opened and checked both inbound and outbound, even domestically within the US and UK!

I've had Fed Exp, DHL and UPS personnel open my outgoing packets, tear open the inside envelope and start to read my private correspondence, that is until I started yelling at them to stop as they were infringing on my private communications and privacy. It's one thing to see if there's contraband inside a courier packet or letter. However reading ones private communications is a bit overboard I trust you'd agree!

Biometric passports and soon to be mandated biometric ID cards will track you thousands of miles from home and record where, when and how you travel, whether or not you use a wheelchair, if you select a window or aisle seat, the type of accommodation you pay for, how you pay for it and even what kind of meals you take, i.e. vegetarian, diabetic, etc..

This intrusive surveillance and data collection of your personal habits, as well as the tracking of your whereabouts, is expanding exponentially. It has entered daily life these days. For instance, besides government and big business surveillance you also have workplace surveillance, surveillance in public places as well as on the streets. Plus there are all kinds of surveillance in business establishments and public mass transportation systems. See <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/12/17/nipswich17.xml>

Persons can have their background and very intimate details about themselves checked out unbeknownst to them by potential dates that hire a private investigator or use an internet service like <http://backgroundchecks.corragroup.com/> for just a few dollars.

Then you have parental surveillance, i.e. parents monitoring their children, house keepers, baby sitters and spouse spying on spouse and vice versa. See <http://www.opinionjournal.com/taste/?id=110008750>

Then there's facial and voice recognition technology and other biometrics, mobile-phone tracking, vehicle tracking, satellite monitoring, internet tracking, i.e. cookies and clicktrails, hardware based identifiers, transactional data, intellectual property protecting "snitchware."

Least you forget you now have very intrusive sense-enhanced imaging or thermal imaging searches that allow observers to see through everything from the walls of your home and business to the clothes you're wearing, all without your permission and in many cases, without your knowledge or a warrant! You'll read more about that in Chapter X - Guess whose coming to dinner?

Governments and big business have gone to extremes and completely overboard in tracking and monitoring you and your family. All reasonable proportion of sensibility has been lost in their undying quest for controlling you, your details and all your movements.

You are now recorded anywhere from 300 to 400 times per day on closed circuit TV (CCTV) alone, whilst you're personal movements are recorded and details stored on who knows how many hundreds, perhaps thousands of databases forever never to be deleted!

You're even being talked at and your conversations listen in on by big brother on Main Street, USA and High Road, UK in today's newly improved and safer world as governments would like to lead you to believe.

The fact of the matter is that today ones personal privacy and civil liberties continue to erode in an appalling, invasive and threatening manner conducted intentionally by big business and your government. Anyone concerned with, or who should be concerned with, their privacy and civil liberties should ponder what laws and technologies to 'protect and help us' have been enacted and are looming on the horizon soon to be forced on hundreds of millions of unwilling participants in America's and the UK's never ending war on terrorism, drugs, crime, immigration, etc..

Personal behavior and habits are being modified by government and big business surveillance. Just knowing that your activities are being recorded can have a chilling effect on ones conduct, speech and reading. Customers may find it uncomfortable knowing that a sales clerk knows their annual income or indebtedness, what you're monthly rent or house payments are, whether or not you've paid on time or if you have had any late payments and other very personal data.

Irrespective of Bush et al's debacle in the November 2006 election, 5 ½ years on from 9/11 finds us in a daunting and nearly untenable position trying to protect our freedoms and privacy, or rather what's left of our freedoms and privacy.

President Clinton (the Hillary variety,) and the UK's most likely next Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, are unlikely to change horses in the middle of the stream if elected to office, if you get my drift!

Understand that it was first lady Hillary "Rodham" Clinton who was the driving force behind the 1993 "Health Care ID Card" scheme, [see http://www.eff.org/Privacy/Medical/privexperts_ssn_medical_card_hcr_tf.letter]. Hillary's proposal once exposed drew howls of protest, so much so, that it died on the grapevine. That is unlikely to happen again if and when Mrs. Clinton is elected to the US' highest office and becomes President in January 2009 along with First Gentlemen Bill "Slick Willie" Clinton!

And why we are talking about the US' next pres, let's not forget about our Brit friends. Good old boy Gordie Brown has been patiently waiting in the wings to take over from double crosser Tony Blair for years now. The fact of the matter is that Brown supports police calls to extend a 28-day maximum limit on holding "suspected" terrorist without trial. See <http://uk.news.yahoo.com/12112006/325/brown-backs-stronger-anti-terrorism-powers.html>

And let's not forget that Brown backed Blair on each and every law that greatly diminished civil liberties along with a horrific loss of privacy for all Brit's.

As if the current diminution of Britain's civil liberties and privacy were not bad enough, the UK authorities have mandated compulsory ID cards for each and every person residing in the UK starting in 2010. That's just three (3) years from now! Even Irish nationals residing within the UK will be required to carry UK ID cards. This is law in spite of the fact that there is a written agreement between The Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom from years ago forbidding such ID cards from ever being required for Irish nationals living in the UK. So much for the UK honoring their written agreements!

Under a recently passed law, again starting in 2010, every non-EU national upon entry the UK for 89 days or longer, will be required to provide their fingers prints (count that ten fingers,) have their irises scanned plus have their picture taken digitally, all for the UK's own brand of "special visitor ID card." Refusal to provide any of the above will see that person placed immediately on the next plane out of the UK and blacklisted against future entry forever! Naturally it's all being done for the sake of saving you from the bogeymen that Blair et al say are out to get you!

Starting in 2008 (next year) all British nationals starting from age 16 applying for their first adult passport will have to attend their nearest centre where they will be subject to background checks, questioning to test their story against official records, photographs, and, before long, fingerprinting. I believe when that starts happening, public support will slide away. At least I hope it will because it should. The vast majority of people do not want to be treated like numbers or common criminals, yet governments keep ramming these unwanted ID cards and other biometric passport like products down their throats whilst heaping untold evils on them as well.

Chapter II - You're being watched

"If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that too." - Somerset Maugham

The British are the second most watched people on earth, with the dubious honor of being most watched going to the North Koreans.

Britain stands guard with more than 4 million security cameras, or CCTV's, as they call them in the United Kingdom. They're everywhere too. CCTV's can be spotted on street corners, highways, tunnels, bridges, buses, the underground or subway (better known as the tube in London,) plus trains, planes, airports, banks, the post office, department stores and small business establishments, bars, restaurants, grocery stores, newsstands, parks, outside and even inside public lavatories, churches, temples, mosques, movie theaters, banks, laundromats, ATM cash tills, and even in taxis amongst numerous other places. They are also installed on deserted roads and quiet neighborhood streets that are rarely used. And worse of all, they are even installed and being used in public toilets to spy on children as young as 4 years old, a truly shocking development. See <http://www.bdrecorder.co.uk/content/barkinganddagenham/recorder/news/story.aspx?brand=RECOOnline&category=newsBarkDag&tBrand=northlondon24&tCategory=newsBarkDag&itemid=WeED27%20Dec%202006%2016%3A55%3A39%3A070>

All reasonable sense of use has been tossed out with the baby and the bath water. The number of CCTV's and insane measures like having CCTV's spy on 4 year olds in a school toilet are growing and getting worse by the week.

Think about it; 4 million CCTV's with no end in sight! That's one CCTV for every 14 people in the UK, an appalling number of CCTV's if I say so myself!

In 2005 local UK governments started using satellite imaging to check UK homes in order to discover whether or not property owners added on or built conservatories or other room extensions. Allegedly this is being conducted in order for the government to increase the tax rate on the citizen's already exorbitant council tax or property tax bills. Never mind that building permits are required for such add-ons; never mind that most citizens are honest and have or would report any additions, the government simply does not trust or believe you and

hence they spy on you from the sky like your are some criminal or as one would toddlers in kindergarten!

Worse the UK Government has the absolute right to enter your home WITHOUT a warrant if the government suspects you have made some home improvement. This so-called inspection of your premises is for the council members (government agents) to photograph your personal property, which of course is none of their damn business and is supposedly for tax accessing purposes. Failure to allow entry to such government officials can see you fined and charged with a criminal (not civil) offense. This is, I believe, one of the most horrific examples on the breach of privacy and warrant less searches in modern British times and, in my humble opinion, is a blatant breach of EU privacy laws.

And don't believe for a moment that the Yankee authorities aren't watching you either!

Millions of travelers are being tagged as terrorists

Homeland Security Department's Automated Targeting System or the ATS program virtually captures data for every person entering and leaving the united States, even Americans. This shocking new "ATS" program records each traveler's mode of travel, whether by air, sea or land including walking across the border. All this gathered data is scored accordingly by ATS. The scores are based on ATS' analysis of their travel record and "other" data.

Among the records checked are;

- * Passenger manifests
- * Immigration control records
- * Information from personal searches
- * Property seizure records
- * Vehicle seizure records
- * Visa data
- * FBI National Criminal Information Center data
- * Dates of travel
- * Form of travel payment
- * E-mail address
- * Telephone numbers
- * Frequent-flier miles
- * Travel agency used
- * Passenger travel status

- * History of one-way travel
- * History of missing flights
- * Number of bags
- * Special services (wheel-chair needs or special meals)
- * Upgrades
- * Historical changes to the passenger's record

The program's existence was quietly disclosed in November when the government surreptitiously placed an announcement detailing the Automated Targeting System, or ATS, for the first time in the Federal Register, a fine-print compendium of federal rules. Privacy and civil liberties lawyers, congressional aides and law enforcement officers said they thought the system had been applied only to cargo. Cargo indeed. You and I are the cargo and we are considered nothing but cannon fodder for their programs!

The government shares this ATS information with local, state and other federal agencies and worse, with private businesses and overseas governments. However the traveler is forbidden from seeing their own data and or to correct any "misinformation" for forty years! Once again here is yet another piece of work from George W et al!

Source:

<http://www.charlotte.com/mld/charlotte/living/travel/16137475.htm>

Chapter III - Big brother is talking to you

"A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both." - Dwight D. Eisenhower

Just recently local UK government agencies, called councils, started installing speakers or monitors on the thousand's of CCTV's located throughout the country.

These mini me like talking big brothers verbally inform people when they have committed an offense of some sort, i.e. a minor infraction for some minuscule law. [Editors note: Mini me is the fictional midget character in the second and third Austin Powers movies; Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me and Austin Powers in Goldmember.]

For example a voice booms out at a person and instructs that person to clean up the litter their dog just made, another person to reframe from spitting on the sidewalk, another to replace a strip light he just pulled off the side of a restaurant, and a smoker to pick up the cigarette butt he just chucked on the sidewalk.

Don't think for a moment that the American authorities aren't watching and talking to you either. America appears to be following the UK's lead with this surveillance and monitoring mentality and technology. So don't be surprised if one day in the not too distant future you're riding your bicycle down a pedestrian street in any town, USA when suddenly a booming voice rings out; "Will the person in the blue denim jacket on the red bike dismount and leave the pedestrian area?"

As if big brother talking to you isn't bad enough, they're listening to you on the streets as well. UK police and councils are soon to be monitoring conversations in the street using high-powered microphones attached to CCTV cameras. The microphones can detect conversations 100 yards away and record aggressive exchanges before they become violent.

See <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0%2C%2C2087-2471987%2C00.html>

Guess whose tracking you?

By now you probably realize big business and your government are very interested in you and your habits. A single US firm, Acxiom, headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas, with other locations throughout the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Australia and Japan, now holds personal and financial information about almost every United States, United Kingdom, French, Japanese and Australian consumer. That's just one firm with hundreds of millions of person's details worldwide!

Naturally the US Government remains the worse offender when it comes to gathering information about you. The US government (as well as other governments,) maintains files and databases on every visitor, American citizen, resident and even Americans living abroad. Some, but not all, of those agencies that snoop on you are:

- The Department of Homeland Security
- Executive Office of the President
- Department of Justice (USDOJ)
- The State Department
- The Veterans Administration
- Department of the Treasury
- Department of Energy
- The U.S. Senate
- The U.S. Congress
- Washington Headquarters Services
- Superior Court of the District of Columbia
- General Services Administration (GSA)
- NASA
- The FDIC – Federal Deposit Insurance Agency
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- Federal Bureau of Prisons
- FinCEN - The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network
- SPAWAR (Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command)
- Library of Congress
- Small Business Administration (SBA)
- USDA
- Internal Revenue Service – IRS [See Note 3.]
- U.S. Secret Service
- U.S. Bureau of Vital Statistics
- Bureau of Land Management
- Social Security Administration
- Federal Aviation Administration

- U.S. Geological Survey
- Joint Spectrum Center
- Defense Logistics Agency
- Defense Threat Reduction Agency
- Office of the U.S. Courts
- National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
- The Pentagon
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation - FBI
- The US Marshals Office
- Drug Enforcement Agency – D.E.A.
- Special Weapons and Tactics - SWAT
- Office of Defense
- Dept. of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
- National Computer Security Center
- National Security Agency (NSA)
- Patent and Trademark Office
- US Parole Board
- US Federal Reserve
- Health Care Financing Administration
- Los Alamos, Oak Ridge, Argonne, Sandia, Lawrence Berkeley, and
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories
- Defense Nuclear Facilities
- Safety Board nopr.mil, osis.gov Tennessee Valley Authority
- U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard
- Everywhere DCITP (
- DoD – Department of Defense
- Computer Investigations Training Program)
- Dept. of Labor - Employment and Training Administration
- Joint National Testing Facility
- Federal Reserve Board
- Federal Trade Commission - FTC
- US Passport Office
- US Naturalization and Immigration Office
- Defense Information Systems Agency
- Small Business Administration - SBA
- Dept. of Health Education and Welfare
- Social Security Administration
- National Science Foundation
- Corporation for National Service
- Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Occupational Safety and Hazard Administration

Big brother has indeed arrived and is working full tilt to not only monitor your every movement, but more important, to change and modify your behavior and personal day to day habits so you will become "politically correct" whatever politically correct is determined to mean by big brother for their new world order.

With the above in mind (plus a great deal more,) in order to get a better grasp for what the near future may have in store for us, it would behoove us to take a good look at the past. The past often acts as a trusted guide, whilst offering an excellent peek into the future and what might lay ahead for all of us.

Chapter IV - Recent History

"Knowledge makes a man unfit to be a slave."

- Frederick Douglass

Probably the first assault on privacy and civil liberties against Americans in the twentieth century was initiated by the former life long director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover. Hoover, circa 1917, influenced by his work at the Library of Congress, decided to create a massive card index of people with left-wing political views. Over the next few years 450,000 names were indexed and detailed biographical notes were written up on the 60,000 that Hoover considered the most dangerous. Hoover then advised the powers to be to have these people rounded up and deported.

On the second anniversary of the Russian Revolution, 7th November, 1919, over 10,000 suspected communists and anarchists were arrested in twenty-three different American cities. The vast majorities of these people were American citizens and eventually had to be released. However, Hoover now had the names of hundreds of lawyers who were willing to represent radicals in court. These were now added to his growing list of names in his indexed database.

Hoover then decided he needed a high profile case to help his campaign against subversives and of course, to feed his political ambitions. He selected Emma Goldman, as he had been particularly upset by her views on birth control, free love and religion. Goldman had also been imprisoned for two years for opposing America's involvement in the First World War. This was a subject that Hoover felt very strongly about, even though he was never willing to discuss how he had managed to avoid being drafted. Hypocrisy knows no bounds!

Hoover knew it would be a difficult task having Goldman deported. She had been living in the United States for thirty-four years and both her father and husband were both citizens of the United States. In court Hoover argued that Goldman's speeches had inspired Leon Czolgosz to assassinate President William McKinley. Hoover won his case and Goldman, along with 247 other people, were deported to Russia. Hoover's persecution of people with left-wing views had the desired effect and membership of the Communist Party, estimated to have been 80,000 before the raids, fell to less than 6,000. In 1921 Hoover was rewarded by being promoted to the post of assistant director of the US Bureau of Investigation. The function of the FBI at that time

was the investigation of violations of federal law and assisting the police and other criminal investigation agencies in the United States.

Hoover was appointed director of the Bureau of Investigation in 1924. The three years that he had spent in the organization had convinced Hoover that the organization needed to improve the quality of its staff. Great care was spent in recruiting and training agents. In 1926 Hoover established a fingerprint file that eventually became the largest in the world.

The power of the bureau was limited. Law enforcement was a state activity, not a federal one. Hoover's agents were not allowed to carry guns, nor did they have the right to arrest suspects. Hoover complained about this situation and in 1935 Congress agreed to establish the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Agents were now armed and could act against crimes of violence throughout the United States.

Of course spying on American's was not limited to suspected communists. Hoover spied on public figures like Marilyn Monroe, Jack Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Beatle John Lennon and of course Dr. Martin Luther King amongst thousands of others. It is alleged that Hoover blackmailed presidents and others into granting him life long directorship of the FBI as Hoover had the "goods" on them. Naturally keeping Hoover at the helm of the FBI until he died was a dreadful mistake as history clearly reveals.

Hoover also fed US Senator Joseph McCarthy inside information about alleged 'communists' in public office and Hollywood Movie-land. During the post-war heyday of Communist witch-hunts, courtesy of Joseph McCarthy, Edward G. Robinson was among many innocent people blacklisted as Communist sympathizers. He was later cleared by the House Un-American Activities Committee (I can't help but chuckle at that name), but his career suffered greatly during the intervening time. McCarthy's witch hunt attacked Robinson and many other "American style communists," destroying thousands of people's lives, families and careers and eventually led millions to believe that communists were under every bed in the US. It was a modern day version of a "Salem witch hunt."

I'm offering this pass perspective on Hoover and recent American history because I'd like to ask you; is it possible that history may be repeating itself with massive surveillance systems and databases collecting untold trillions of pieces of information on each and every

American and visitor to the United States? Could it be a follow on of Hoover's domestic spy polices? I believe there is more than a reasonable possibility of that. Do you? Read on! [Note 4]

1960's

Privacy matters stayed fairly calm until the 1960's when a social security number became mandatory in order to open a bank account in the United States [correct spelling.] This was the case in spite of the fact that the original US Social Security law clearly stated that a person's social security number was never to be used as an identifying number.

The SSN as National Identifier

The issuance of a single, unique number to Americans raises the risk that the SSN will become a de jure or de facto national identifier. This is certain to happen starting May 11th, 2008 as you'll read in a little while. This risk is not new; it was voiced at the creation of the SSN and has since been raised repeatedly. The SSN was created in 1936 for the sole purpose of accurately recording individual worker's contributions to the social security fund. The public and legislators were immediately suspicious and distrustful of this tracking system fearing that the SSN would quickly become a system containing vast amounts of personal information, such as race, religion and family history that could be used by the government to track down and control the action of citizens. Public concern over the potential for abuse inherent in the SSN tracking system was so high, that in an effort to dispel public concern the first regulation issued by the Social Security Board declared that the SSN was for the exclusive use of the Social Security system. Just try to open a bank account or obtain a passport in the US today without providing your social security number. Oh well, so much for social security laws protecting your privacy. Source - <http://www.epic.org/privacy/ssn/>

Until the late 1930's and early 1940's one could walk into any bank in the US and open a bank account in any name without ID or anything. W. C. Fields was notorious for doing exactly that and it is alleged he opened hundreds of bank accounts as he traveled around the US and the world during his vaudeville act days. It is said that W.C. Fields used the very funny names that he was later to make famous in his movies as the account beneficiaries! See Character Names - <http://louisville.edu/~kprayb01/WCWords.html>

Even as late as the 1970's and early 1980's one could open a bank account in the UK by just popping into a local bank branch, give a name (any name,) and address and viola, you had a bank account and cheque book. No ID, no utility bills, no references, no hassles or BS asked for or given. The banks just wanted your money and your business.

Fast forward and today not only are personal visits to the bank required, but you are treated like a criminal trying to hide dirty money with all the intrusive "due diligence" compliance requirements insisted on by the banks thanks to the Yankees. One must provide several utility bills, a bankers and or solicitor's (lawyers) reference plus, plus, plus in order to open a simple bank account. Banks are even cold calling old and new customers at the home telephone number listed on file in order to verify customers are living where they say they are. Opening a bank account anywhere in today's world is much like an unpleasant visit to the proctologist. You can thank the Yankee's for this.

Chapter V - The War on Drugs

"No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation." - General Douglas MacArthur

President Richard "Tricky Dick" Nixon came along with his war on drugs circa early 1970's. What started off, perhaps with good intent, was a new federal agency that has since mushroomed into a blob like monstrosity of an agency called the DEA, i.e. the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Much has changed since former US President Richard Nixon launched his "war on drugs." Starting in 1972 with 5,550 employees and an annual budget of \$65.2 million, the 2006 DEA has tumesced into an agency with more than 21,782 known employees and a publicly announced annual budget that has swelled to \$2,415,000,000, [think trillions of dollars!] I'd suspect that with additional budget funding hidden here and there, the true annual DEA budget is significantly higher.

The U.S. government's aggressive efforts to crack down on illegal drug use have evolved in recent years to encompass everything from television programming to foreign policy. The most serious loses have been the lost of our financial privacy, freedom of movement, as well the lost of many of our rights and civil liberties.

America's Gulags

More Americans are in prison than any other country in the world including Red China. US prisons and jails added more than 1,000 inmates each week for a year, putting almost 2.2 million people, or one in every 136 US residents, behind bars by the summer of 2005. That is as many people as live in Namibia, or nearly five Luxembourg's - and it is a number that continues to rise. – Source http://www.truthout.org/docs_2006/052206R.shtml

Assuming recent incarceration rates remain unchanged, an estimated 1 of every 20 Americans (5 percent) can be expected to serve time in prison during their lifetime. For African-American men, the number is even more alarming; it is greater than 1 in 4 (28.5 percent). Source - <http://www.drugwarfacts.org/prison.htm>

"Prisoners sentenced for drug offenses constituted the largest group of Federal inmates (55 percent) in 2003, down from 60 percent in 1995

(table 14). On September 30, 2003, the date of the latest available data in the Federal Justice Statistics Program, Federal prisons held 86,972 sentenced drug offenders, compared to 52,782 at year end 1995." - Source: Harrison, Paige M. & Allen J. Beck, PhD, US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Prisoners in 2004 (Washington, DC: US Department of Justice, Oct. 2005), p. 10.

Ridiculous prison sentences ranging from 25 to 55 years are being handed out in the US today like they are candy given to children. When U.S. District Court Judge Paul Cassell sentenced Utah record producer and pot dealer Weldon Angelos to 55 years in prison, he was following the law. Judge Cassell said the sentence was unfair, but he "had to" impose a 55 year sentence, because that was mandated by law. Source - http://www.sltrib.com/ci_4798395

A report released by the justice department on Nov. 30 reported 1 in every 32 American adults -- or a record 7 million people -- were incarcerated, on probation or on parole at the end of 2005, with 2.2 million of them in prison or jail. The International Center for Prison Studies at King's College, London reported that this number was the highest of any country, with China ranking second with 1.5 million prisoners, and Russia sitting in third with 870,000. The United States also has the highest incarceration rate at 737 per 100,000 people, compared to nearest country Russia's 611 per 100,000 and St. Kitts and Nevis' 547. Source - <http://www.newstarget.com/021290.html>

The Victory Act

While Patriot Acts I and II, with III on the way, have been become law, another law, the Vital Interdiction of Criminal Terrorist Organizations Act of 2003, better known as The VICTORY Act, is potentially a very dangerous law indeed. The only victory this law will produce will be the governments bringing on the demise of your freedoms!

Amongst other serious civil liberty concerns, this bill treats casual marijuana (and other) drug possession as a 'terrorist offense' and drug dealers as 'narco-terrorist kingpins.' Since when does smoking pot make you a terrorist? That's crazy and it is these types of laws that are leading to democracy's demise in America.

Some of the Victory Acts provisions raise the threshold for rejecting illegal wiretaps. The draft reads:

"A court may not grant a motion to suppress the contents of a wire or oral communication, or evidence derived there from, unless the court finds that the violation of this chapter involved bad faith by law enforcement." Extend subpoena powers by giving law enforcement the authority to issue non-judicial subpoenas which require a person suspected of involvement in money laundering to turn over financial records and appear in a prosecutor's office to answer questions. Extend the power of the attorney general to issue so-called administrative "sneak-and-peek" subpoenas to drug cases. These subpoenas allow law enforcement to gather evidence from wire communication, financial records or other sources before the subject of the search is notified. Allow law enforcement to seek a court order to require the "provider of an electronic communication service or remote computing service" or a financial institution to delay notifying a customer that their records had been subpoenaed. Subsequent to the passage of this law, Bush et al disregarded warrants and has extensively illegally wire tapped millions of Americans telephone and other communications.

FinCEN

Arcane banking laws were enacted supposedly to prevent drug money laundering. In fact these laws led to a massive loss of banking privacy for hundreds of millions of persons worldwide.

Each and every financial transaction in the United States is placed into a government "FinCEN" database for further investigation never to be deleted. "FinCEN," the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, is a network of databases and financial records maintained by the U.S. federal government. Housed within the Treasury Department, FinCEN handles more than 140 million computerized financial records compiled from 21,000 depository institutions and 200,000 nonbank financial institutions annually. Banks, casinos, brokerage firms and money transmitters all must file reports with FinCEN on cash transactions over \$10,000. And FinCen is the repository for "Suspicious Activity Reports" which must be filed by financial institutions under the Bank Secrecy Act.

Some firms, often chosen because of their location in neighborhoods thought by law enforcement to be high drug trading zones, must report transactions involving as little as US\$750 in cash.

However the benefits of FinCEN in relation to its threat to privacy are debatable. Its value is hard to gauge, but FinCEN and the money

laundering laws it supports have been criticized for being very expensive and relatively ineffective, while bludgeoning Fourth Amendment rights.

FinCEN is also a superlative example of a government database system that can be used to investigate people instead of crimes. An investigator, rightly or wrongly convinced of the guilt of a certain party, may use FinCEN to investigate that person rather than the crime the investigator is tasked with solving. This is an inversion of the law and the proper way to fight crime, and it is very dangerous.

Source - <http://www.privacilla.org/government/fincen.html>

As it is extremely time consuming for banks and businesses to differentiate between their financial dealings of more or less than US\$10,000, ALL of their transactions are being turned over to FinCen. In other words, even your US\$500 payment to help Auntie Em with her rent is likely to be sent to Fincen along with millions of other bits of other financial transactions. And therein lays the problem.

Every bill created, every bill you pay is recorded in some database somewhere... forever. Each and every USD and other currency wire transfer around the world is scrutinized. Every ATM withdrawal each and every credit card transaction and even your payment habits are placed into countless databases and searched for anomalies, however the government wishes to define "anomalies." [Note 5]

Too many cash withdrawals at US ATM machines from overseas bank cards, especially banks from the Caribbean, will see the US authorities swoop down on that offshore banking institution and force the bank to stop Americans from using their card and other services. Even worse, as happened a few years back, the US demanded and received the names, addresses and account details and balances of thousands of US citizens using credit cards from Caribbean banks in spite of so-called banking privacy laws in those offshore locales. The US government has also successfully subpoenaed millions of credit card customer's records from American Express, Visa and MasterCard USA for tax accessing and other investigation purposes.

Today it's not usual to see the serial numbers from US\$100, US\$50 and even US\$20 bills typed (recorded) into a merchant's machine along with your purchasing details when paying for a hotel bill, purchasing an airline ticket, or simply buying products and services at local stores, etc. And not just in the US either. This is happening worldwide!

Pay off your credit card in full one month and you might face having Homeland Security come knocking at your door! Buy or sell a used car for a few thousand dollars cash and the FBI might come crashing down your door at 4am! [Note 6]

The US and the UK might look the same – people driving their SUVs to the mall or eating out at fast-food and drive through restaurants – but clearly, America and the UK have changed internally. American's and Brit's are watched, monitored and tracked from the time they wake up in the morning until they go to sleep. In fact they're being tracked and monitored 24/7 even whilst sleeping!

Today George W. Bush's and Tony Blair's grim vision of endless war abroad and the end of a constitutional Republic at home affects everyone; both Americans and Brit's as well as non American's and non Brit's freedoms and privacy worldwide. Nearly four years after the 2003 invasion of Iraq, codenamed "Operation Iraqi Freedom," with thousands of American, and hundreds of thousands of Iraqi deaths and casualties, Bush refuses to face reality and admit his War in Iraq is a total disaster. In spite of the fact that a government bipartisan Iraq Study Group report lead by James A. Baker III and Lee H. Hamilton points to America's dilemma with the administrations current policy and that is simply not working, Bush refuses to change course.

Further it's not likely that the new US Democratic controlled House and Senate starting January 6th, 2007, or the next US President or Prime Minister of the UK will change current, or curb future anti privacy and anti civil liberty laws. Nor are they likely to withdraw troops from Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere, which may have led to more instability worldwide rather than less. On the other hand, maybe that's exactly what the US and UK governments want in order to keep their "War on terror, drugs, crime and immigration" campaigns going, i.e. more instability worldwide?

In the 1991 Gulf war, Saudi Arabia was the launch pad for the American-led campaign to drive Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait. At one time there were 500,000 foreign troops in Saudi Arabia. As of the start of the New Year, 2007 sees substantial American troops in Saudi Arabia, nearly 17 years after Desert Storm circa 1990–1991.

Chapter VI - Privacy ... just a word from the past!

"The issue today is the same as it has been throughout all history, whether man shall be allowed to govern himself or be ruled by a small elite." - Thomas Jefferson

One day in the not so distant future, your children or grandchildren might ask you: "Grandpa (or Grandma,) what was privacy?"

"Privacy is the ability of an individual or group to keep their lives and personal affairs out of public view, or to control the flow of information about themselves. Privacy is sometimes related to anonymity although it is often most highly valued by people who are publicly known. Privacy can be seen as an aspect of security—one in which trade-offs between the interests of one group and another can become particularly clear." Source - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Privacy>

In 1948 when George Orwell wrote the words, "Big Brother is Watching You," London taxi drivers were not allowed to install rear view mirrors for fear of infringing on the privacy rights of passengers. One's personal privacy was pretty much respected until the 1970's when the intrusive paparazzi media and the government's "everyone is guilty" mentality took solid hold. Today the government considers you guilty until you prove yourself innocent. How does one prove their innocence? More important why does one have to prove their INNOCENCE when the written law is alleged to guarantee that, "Everyone is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law?" See

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/story/0,,1934370,00.html>

As 2007 begins, today you need to confront the reality that there's simply no privacy left in the United States, Britain, Canada, Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand period. As Scott McNealy, chief executive officer of Sun Microsystems told reporters (May 17, 1999), "You have zero privacy – Get Over it."

Government spies

In America today, paying cash for anything is frowned on and draws unwanted attention and possibly more! Governments today equate cash with criminal activity and terrorism and have been very effective in dishing out mass hysteria to the public and whipping them into a paranoid frenzy regarding terrorism.

Governments have also been extremely successful in recruiting employees from the airlines, hotels, banks, accountants, stores and even lawyers, amongst others, to become unpaid informants for the government spying on you and all of your financial and personal details and transactions. Any suspicious financial transaction, any suspicious personal behavior may very well draw unwanted attention to you along with the possibility of you being interviewed, detained or even arrested. And the government determines at random, what they define "suspicious" to mean.

Even your neighbors have been and are being brainwashed into "reporting" their neighbors for any so-called suspicious behavior, whatever they determine "suspicious" as. Now that is really scary if you are to think about it. See http://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2006/01/now_everyone_ge.html

The Men in the Crew Cuts

An old man paying cash, a praying Jew and a student reading a book on a plane are considered suspicious persons or persons of interest in today's new world order!

A well dressed gentleman pushing seventy (a Caucasian foreigner,) paid cash for his hotel bill for a week long stay at a 5 star hotel whilst visiting the US on holiday with his family. The 5 star hotel's check-out clerk contacted the front office manager, who in turn contacted Homeland Security (HS) because of that guest's suspicious behavior, i.e. paying cash for their hotel bill. HS was contacted in spite of the fact the guest gave and the hotel took a copy of his credit card as a deposit guarantee when checking-in. The result was HS' subsequent questioning of that gentleman. I know of this, because I was that man!

I was ordered to present my passport, airline ticket and detailed travel schedule whilst being "interviewed" by two HS thugs. I call them the "men in the crew cuts." HS verified with immigration my flight arrival details and checked with the airlines to confirm my onward flight itinerary, which happened to be that very morning. They also demanded to know why I paid cash and not use a credit card to pay for my hotel bill. They also inquired as to how I obtained the cash to pay for the hotel bill. Our hotel bill amounted to a middle four figure sum. I explained to the men in the crew cuts that my family and I were on an extensive around the world holiday with several additional cities and countries to visit before heading home. I didn't want my

credit card to become maxed out, as we would require it elsewhere during our onward journey. As to the cash; thank goodness for ATM cards!

Unless I am mistaken, I believe that the men in the crew cuts made photocopies of the dollar bills I used to pay my hotel bill. I can't swear to that, but whilst I was being interviewed I saw one of the crew cuts talk to the front office manager, who proceeded to take my dollar bills out of the till and take them into the back office.

As I was checking out of the hotel to return home (abroad,) the HS query caused us to miss our onward flight. As a result we experienced considerable inconvenience and unnecessary additional expense. We had to wait another day for the next available flight and also pay for an extra night at an airport hotel. Though the men in the crew cuts were somewhat courteous and thanked me for my cooperation; neither the hotel nor HS so much as apologized for their causing us to miss our flight and our subsequent discomfort and additional expense. Needless to say that well known hotel chain has lost my business forever and you can be sure we'll never visit America again.

I am confident that America is a much safer place because the Men in the Crew Cuts, after questioning me, deemed we were safe enough to depart that country. I trust my dear American readers that you will be able to sleep better tonight knowing that your government is hard at work protecting you from the likes of visitors to your country like myself, i.e. an old man and his family.

Therefore paying cash for anything in America may very well see one being required to show their ID, or worse, as with myself, being interviewed by the men in the crew cuts, i.e. Homeland Security, which by the way, wasn't a comfortable experience if I say so myself.

Orthodox Jew

A Jew nodding his head, whilst praying on a US bound flight saw him manhandled and taken off the flight because other passengers alerted the flight attendants that this person was acting suspiciously. This Orthodox Jew was removed from an Air Canada Jazz flight in Montreal for praying. The man was a passenger on a Sept. 1 flight from Montreal to New York City when the incident happened. He was clearly a Hasidic Jew," said Yves Faguy, a passenger seated nearby. "He had some sort of cover over his head. He was reading from a book. He wasn't exactly praying out loud but he was lurching back and forth."

The action didn't seem to bother anyone, Faguy said, but a flight attendant approached the man and told him his praying was making other passengers nervous. "The attendant actually recognized out loud that he wasn't a Muslim and that she was sorry for the situation but they had to ask him to leave," Faguy said.

The man, who spoke neither English nor French, was escorted off the airplane. Since when is a Hassidic Jew praying considered dangerous activity? This man was a Jew, so according to the airlines logic, all Muslims are terrorist and should be considered criminals and treated as such. Source -

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/montreal/story/2006/09/05/qc-hasidicprayeronplane.html>

A student reading Karl Marx's "Communist Manifesto" on another US flight was taken off that flight as well, as fellow passengers deemed reading Karl Marx's "Communist Manifesto" as "suspicious" activity. Has the world lost all logic and common sense? Are we beyond help and any semblance of fairness? Is everyone a "suspect" today? Are you?

Simply depositing or withdrawing a few thousands dollars cash in or out of your long held bank account could very well trigger a visit from the Homeland Security Department for further questioning. At the very least you will be placed in a database for further investigation.

In their quest to gobble up personal data about customers, merchants have turned to loyalty reward programs, such as frequent flyer, frequent shopper cards and grocery club cards. Depending upon the sophistication of the card, and of the system of which it is a part, these loyalty programs can allow merchants to amass detailed information about their customers and sell it to other interested parties. Once again, citizens are simply handing over their details in return for a few pennies discount or some ridiculous commercial offer. Governments' routinely tap into such loyalty programs for your particulars using programs like the new ATS program as previously written in Chapter II - You're being watched.

Remember what Benjamin Franklin told us more than 230 years ago;

"Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

The list can go on and on. In fact it appears to be never ending. Just read your local newspaper and you'll notice nearly everyday there are more and more attacks on our freedoms, civil liberties and privacy taking place. Ten years ago one would be hard pressed to read or hear about any such attacks.

Even more alarming is the number of journalists jailed worldwide for their work rose for the second year with Internet bloggers and online reporters now one third of those incarcerated, a U.S.-based media watchdog reported earlier this December. Freedom of the Press as well as censorship of the Press and the Internet is becoming a bigger problem these days. What most people don't realize is when these attacks on the freedom of speech, the press and privacy occur to others; the end result is that they are happening to all of us and everyone suffers. Source -

http://today.reuters.com/misc/PrinterFriendlyPopup.aspx?type=topNews&storyID=2006-12-07T193947Z_01_N07253538_RTRUKOC_0_US-JOURNALISTS-JAIL.xml

Chapter VII - Secure Flight

"The trade-off between freedom and security, so often proposed so seductively, very often leads to the loss of both."

- Christopher Hitchens in the August, 2003 issue of Reason.

Now let's consider CAPPs, CAPPs II and its replacement, Secure Flight. These are programs to check travelers against the 40,000 plus names on the government's No-Fly list, and another 30,000 to 40,000 on its Selectee list.

These types of programs contain bizarre lists; people, names and aliases who are too dangerous to be allowed to fly under any circumstance, yet so innocent that they cannot be arrested, even under the draconian provisions of the Patriot Acts I and II. The Selectee list contains an equal number of travelers who must be searched extensively before they're allowed to fly. Who are these people, anyway?

The truth is in most cases, nobody knows. The lists come from the Terrorist Screening Database (TSD,) a hodgepodge compiled in haste from a variety of sources, with no clear rules about who should be on it or how to get off it. The government is trying to clean up the lists, but, with rubbish in and rubbish out - it's not having much success.

In the event you are unlucky enough to have a common name like Smith, Jones, Adams or Patel, etc., you could very well end up on the TSD's no fly list and never get off. Don't believe me? Ask David Nelson [think Ozzie & Harriet 1950's TV.]

David Nelson - a star of ABC-TV's "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet," a family sitcom that ran from 1952 to 1966 - was stopped by a ticket agent at John Wayne Airport in December 2002 while on his way to visit his daughter in Salt Lake City for Christmas. Then he was stopped again in Salt Lake City on his return flight because the name "David Nelson" is on the government TSD's no fly list.

Or how about Yusuf Islam better known as former rock star/singer Cat Stevens.

In September 2004 United Airlines Flight 919 from London to Washington was diverted to Maine, USA after Islam's name turned up on a list designed to keep terrorists or their supporters from boarding

flights. It is hard for me to fathom that Cat Stevens was or is any threat to US security.

Even US Senator Edward "Teddy" Kennedy was on the TSD list, but, surprise, surprise, he was taken off. Do you think for a moment that if you were on that list you could get yourself taken off? If so, dream on my readers because I have a London bridge I can sell you.

Registered Traveler

Alongside Secure Flight, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is testing other similar programs under the auspices of Registered Traveler programs. There are two that I am aware of: one administered by the TSA called the Registered Traveler program, and the other a commercial program from Verified Identity Pass called "Clear." The basic idea is that you submit your biometric and other details VOLUNTARY in advance, and if you're OK - whatever that means - you get a card that lets you go through security faster. IMO, it's just another means of grabbing your biometric and other details and placing them in government and business databases. See http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/layers/rt/index.shtm as well as <http://www.verifiedidentitypass.com/clear.html>

And least you think that the UK wants to be left behind with biometric monitor screening of persons entering and leaving the UK, think again. The UK government is testing a new program that is called miSenseallclear. This program involves the forwarding of interactive Advance Passenger Information (iAPI) for analysis by UK authorities, prior to passengers boarding their flight. This system has quite a lot in common with another UK program, MiSense system. The basic principle being that it turns the departure lounge into a secure zone with biometrics governing entry and exit. Think fingerprints, iris scans and digital pictures! Source - http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/12/08/uk_biometric_air_travel/

There was a minuscule by note that I almost missed when reading up on both programs. Both the US' Registered Traveler programs and the UK' miSenseallclear programs are setup so they are "compatible" with one another! Read that dear reader to mean that both systems are setup to exchange data with one another! In other words the full details of all persons entering and departing the US and UK will be exchanged with the other country, unbeknownst to the traveler!

Heathrow's fingerprint scanners

Another program is being tested at London Heathrow airport, the world's busiest international airport. This particular goodie sees fingerprint scanners used once again, on 'voluntary' victims, I mean passengers. It purports to cut the waiting time for departures, i.e. a shortcut to get to the front of the line.

This London Heathrow airport trial lasts until 31 January 2007 and only includes two flights out of Heathrow - one to Hong Kong and the other to Dubai. It is only open to residents of the European Economic Area and applicants to the scheme will need UK background checks. Currently these programs are "voluntary." However I've never in my entire life seen a voluntary government program that hasn't turned into some mandatory program under penalty within a short period of time after being announced as voluntary! You can bet your bottom pence this is exactly what will happen with both of the above mentioned UK 'voluntary' programs.

Staying Out of Trouble

The reality today is that you might get into serious trouble just walking down the street or by trying to protect what's left of your privacy in America and not so Great Britain! For example, it's a serious Federal offense to open a mail drop in the USA with non government issued ID. You have to sign a government form under penalty of perjury when applying for any mail drop service within the USA. Lie on that government form, which is mandatory if you want to open any mail drop today in the US, and you face the prospect of up to 25 years in the pokey under the infamous Patriot Acts I and II, with Act III looming on the horizon!

Fortunately under current UK law, ID is not required in order for anyone to open a mail accommodation there. UK law simply requires that a name and forwarding address be given at the time of application for such mail accommodation service.

UK mail drop law aside, in the event you become "a person of interest" in the UK, you can be brought to the nearest police station for questioning and your fingerprints, iris scanned and DNA taken never to be deleted from police files, even for just walking down the street. For example you could be an ethnic minority walking to the corner store to purchase bread, milk or whatever. However because the police think you are suspicious or a "person of interest," they can bring you in for

questioning. Section 44 of the Terrorism Act in Britain enables police to obtain the name and address details of anyone they choose, whether they are acting suspiciously or not. Those details remain on a database forever. You'll read more about that in Chapter XV - The Pink Triangles.

Confidentiality is history

Confidentiality with you're lawyer, accountant and even you're doctor is no longer respected and also a thing of the past. Failure for any professional in America today to disclose your details, should they be demanded, can subject that professional to serious criminal action and they could end up losing their professional license to practice or worse, they might end up in prison with a thirty year sentence. No joy in that! Just ask Lynne Stewart, the 67-year-old rights lawyer who spent a lifetime helping unpopular defendants and political causes. See <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chi-0610170177oct17,1,7426222.story?coll=chi-newsnationworld-hed>

Freedom given away

Though not understanding the full importance of their actions or rather inactions, both Americans and Brit's have allowed their privacy, civil liberties and freedoms to be taken from them with but the barest of protest.

Court-stripping provisions – barring “any claim or cause of action whatsoever” – have been enacted into law in the US and UK that would deny American and British citizens *habeas corpus* rights just as it does for non-citizens. If a person can't file a motion with a court, he can't assert any constitutional right, including *habeas corpus*.

New tribunal law also applies to alleged spies, defined as “any person” who “collects or attempts to collect information by clandestine means or while acting under false pretenses, for the purpose of conveying such information to an enemy of the United States.” The definition of “enemy of the United States” has never been defined.

Chapter VIII - The Thief of Your Privacy Has Just Begun

"In 1776, 1950, or now, there's never been a golden age of liberty, and there never will be. People who value freedom will always have to defend it from those who claim the right to wield power over others. ... And, in today's world, that means more than a musket by the door. It means being an active citizen." - David Boaz

Your privacy and especially your secrets are extremely difficult to protect in today's electronic world, a world filled with phisling, viruses, hackers, phrackers, and crackers, pirates, cookies, key stroke loggers, big business and especially government snoopers.

Magic Lantern

The FBI and other government agencies routinely place key logger Trojan horses, better known as Magic Lantern, on PC's without warrants. In the 21st century it's no longer a matter of are you being watched, it's a matter of who's watching you, how you are being monitored... and what data is being collected about you and placed on what and how many databases; where are those databases and how the data, whether or not the data is correct, is being used! As Scott McNealy said, "Privacy is dead, get over it."

As you realize you're details are on more than a hundred databases. The true figure is likely to be much higher. Unfortunately one will never really know exactly how many databases contain information about us, or what information about us is on those databases. That information feds on itself and expands exponentially into God knows what big business and government blob like monstrosities all those databases are becoming, and for who knows what purpose and to what end. One thing is for certain; clearly there are tens of millions of bits of wrong data about millions of persons and the people don't know it. In fact they'll probably never know it. Further even if they did, they'd never be able to correct the misinformation about themselves in the first place!

The confidentiality of medical records

According to Twila Brase, R.N. and President of the Citizens' Council on Health Care, the lack of privacy can cost far more than money. Brase wrote a while back:

"Outside access to phone and credit card information certainly can make individuals feel vulnerable and can bring about loss of credit, identity and finances.

However, phone numbers and credit card numbers can be changed and funds can be moved to another bank. But with breaches in the confidentiality of medical records, the stakes are higher, particularly for those individuals in prominent positions.

Access to one's medical care, mental health status, and pharmaceutical use allows intruders to gain permanent information about an individual – information that can be damaging or can point to personal weaknesses.

Such medical history, diagnoses and individual tendencies cannot be changed like a credit card number. Access to this information can provide a powerful tool to influence legislation, thwart an election, make corporate decisions, decide terms of a merger or build coalitions.

Those who gain access to individual medical records through breaches in electronic data systems can wield great power over those who have the most to hide. In all likelihood, pre-election access to President Clinton's medical record may have provided evidence of his tendency to philander, thereby ending his presidential bid.

Patients and doctors need to begin to view all e-mail like a postcard, open to the world. No physician should send sensitive data by e-mail without specific written permission from the patient. Although we've just heard about one e-mail virus, there are undoubtedly others yet to come, along with intrusive devices yet to be discovered and invented.

And let's not forget Carnivore, the great eavesdropping device of the government that's now under scrutiny by civil rights and privacy groups," so noted Brase.

Recent History

The thief of privacy started long before 9/11/2001. Both Clintons started major attacks on your privacy prior to 9/11 as well as George Herbert Bush before the Clintons! Carnivore, a past example of FBI snooping software, is able to scoop up all of targeted individuals' Internet traffic, including e-mail. Carnivore is only one project aimed at destroying America's privacy. In fact, the FBI under the Clinton

administration started developing an entire series of hardware and software devices intended to monitor U.S. citizens.

Carnivore has morphed into another name and is still alive and well. Big brother is spying on you and stealing you're freedoms by illegally and without any warrant, gathering, recording and copying your entire mobile, telephone, facsimile and email communications. Even hard copy mail and couriers are routinely opened, scanned then resealed and delivered without the sender and or recipient ever realizing their mail was "intercepted and read."

The Clinton years of attacks on privacy started with then first lady Hillary and the top secret part of her 1993 health care task force.

Hillary's National ID Card

Mrs. Clinton's 1992-1993 task force drew up a plan to issue all U.S. citizens a national health care ID card. According to documents forced from the government using the Freedom of Information Act, the plan included inserting a special government-designed chip into the cards. The idea was the Department of Justice could then monitor your health care providers for fraud and abuse. In fact the actual purpose would be to monitor you wherever you presented your card.

The Clipper project, a computer chip with an "exploitable" feature, was developed in secret by the U.S. government during the George Herbert Bush's administration.

According to the documents, the snooper chip and some of Mrs. Clinton's involvement became public in 1993. One smart-card manufacturer wrote the Clinton administration and argued against the plan for the Clipper chip to be part of mandatory Hillary Clinton health care.

"Health cards are a major new market for smart cards. ... One of their greatest features is to increase the privacy of a citizen's health record," wrote John M. Taskett, vice president of Microcard Technologies, a company in Dallas.

You can bet your bottom dollar that President Hillary Rodham Clinton will have National Health Care ID cards with a Clipper Chip imbedded in them back on the agenda in 2009 or thereafter. Do govern yourself accordingly.

The Clipper Chip

The Clipper chip, however, was intended for more than just your Hillary health care ID card. The Clipper chip project also included provisions to make the super-chip required in every telephone, fax and computer made or sold in the U.S.

According to a March 1993 Justice Department memo from Stephen Colgate, assistant attorney general for administration, to Webster Hubbell, the Clipper chip was to be required by law. Colgate's memo to Hubbell details how the Clintons planned to bug every phone in America.

According to the March 1993 Colgate memo to Hubbell, "FBI, NSA and NSC want to push legislation which would require all government agencies and eventually everyone in the U.S. to use a new [Clipper chip] public-key based cryptography method."

In 1997, the Clipper project sank after years of protests and Freedom of Information requests. However, much about the Clipper project remains top secret today. The National Security Agency (NSA) refused to release the Clipper information provided to Hillary Clinton and convicted Whitewater figure Webster Hubbell until 2005.

Since that time, the Clipper Chip, like all government programs that have been found out and exposed, has morphed and its name changed. The technology of the Clipper Chip is indeed alive and well and spying on you.

Today much of your communications are being illegally monitored by the government along with the help of most US telecom and other US based companies.

The covert U.S. wiretapping program exposed by The New York Times more than a year ago continues unabated nearly a year after President Bush admitted its existence. Neither Congress nor the courts have taken definitive action against the National Security Agency program nor are they likely to. See http://www.playfuls.com/news_10_4026-Covert-US-Wiretapping-Continues-Unabated.html

In fact as I write these words, every mobile phone, color copy machine and facsimile sold in the united States has a clipper chip of sorts imbedded in it.

The fact of the matter is that people are being tracked today without the use of CCTV cameras or any other device. Mobile phones must communicate their location to a base station in order to carry or receive calls. Therefore, whenever a mobile phone is in use, or set to receive calls, it effectively identifies the location of its user every few minutes (within an area defined by the tolerance of the telephone).

The finer the cell phone zone, the more precisely a person's location can be identified.

In the United States, a 2001 Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") regulation became law which requires all United States cellular carriers to ensure that their telephones and networks are able to pinpoint a caller's location to within 400 feet, about half a block. The original objective of the rule was to allow emergency 911 calls to be traced. However the truth of the matter is that mobile phones have become efficient tracking devices on all holders.

Today's mobile phones are equipped to use the Global Positioning System, which will track you to within a few feet of where you are! With the GPS add on, social mapping for mobiles appears to be the next stage in social networking, i.e. you're exact whereabouts are known at all times.

A recent New York Times article laid it right out there on the table for you regarding mobile phone tracking. See <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/11/19/business/yourmoney/19digi.html?pagewanted=print>

As if all of the above wasn't bad enough, you have the FBI using a rather new form of electronic surveillance in criminal investigations: remotely activating a mobile phone's microphone and using it to eavesdrop on nearby conversations. Whoever can activate your mobile phone wherever you are and listen in on your and nearby person's conversations... even if your mobile phone is turned off. That's a pretty darn good reason, IMHO, for getting an anonymous offshore mobile and sim chip. Source - http://news.zdnet.com/2100-1035_22-6140191.html. You should also check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GKQBLTpnZec>

This "remote" mobile phone spying is certainly not new. It's been rumored to have being used for at least 4 to 5 years. However it is has been proven to have been in use in the UK for at least two years. See http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/magazine/3522137.stm

Within the US copier/printer industry it's been well known for years (no secret) that "invisible" IDs are imprinted on virtually all color xerographic output, from all US manufacturers and machines sold within the United States. While it can be argued how routine, intrusive, or even mundane and innocent a particular case may be, it's certainly true that people feel a lot better when they know what's going on.

Do something naughty with your color printer and the FBI or Secret Service can locate you because of the imbedded secret codes in the printer, which prints out with every color xerographic output page you create!

Chapter IX - Big Business is spying on you

"Humanity is acquiring all the right technologies for all the wrong reasons." – R. Buckminster Fuller

Spy chips are not limited to mobile phones, color copiers and other such devices. Hardware manufacturers have deployed privacy-compromising features in a wide variety of devices. The General Motors corporation has equipped more than sixteen million vehicles since some years back, with secret devices, akin to airplane flight data recorders known as "black boxes," that are able to record crash data amongst other data they wish to collect. First introduced in 1990, the automobile black boxes have become progressively more powerful along with sophisticated computer chips inside today's vehicles.

Britain has the dubious honor of being the first country to monitor every car journey. Starting in 2006 every journey by every car in the UK is being monitored. See <http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/transport/article334686.ece>

In the greater London area, the UK's version of automobile "black boxes" and similar spy technology has become mandatory as Brits have started to be taxed for each and every mile they drive. Whilst in other areas of the UK RFID chips are being inserted in license plates to do the dirty work for the government. As I write these words thousands of radio receiving stations, some as small as a one pound coin, are being installed around the UK that are or will read your license plate as you drive pass the receiving station on your way to the local pub, the store, church or whatever.

Lantern

Police and other government patrol vehicles in the US, the UK as well as other European Union Nations, have the ability to instantly track your license plate and other details. These patrol vehicles have the absolute authority to stop you under any pretense, even if you haven't committed so much as a minor infraction, if THEY think you or your vehicle is suspicious or of "interest." If a vehicle is stopped, police will be able to identify the driver and passengers and fingerprints are taken never to be deleted from government databases. This pilot program is codenamed Lantern. See <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6170070.stm>

Makers of computer chips and ethernet card adapters used for networking and for high-speed Internet access routinely build in unique serial numbers to their hardware, which can then be accessed easily over the web. Starting with the Intel Pentium III chips, each and every Intel chip has a unique identification number. Intel originally designed the chip ID to function continuously and be accessible to software such as web browsers.

However the fact of the matter is that Intel and other spy chips appear to have been to make electronic anonymity impossible. Anonymous users might, Intel reasoned, commit fraud or pirate digital intellectual property. With a unique, indelible ID number on each chip, software could be configured to work only on one system. Users could only mask their identities when many people used a single machine, or when one person used several machines. The unique ID could also serve as an index number for web sites, cookie counters, and other means of tracking users across the Internet.

The revelation that Intel was building unique serial numbers into their Pentium III and beyond chips caused a small furor. In response, Intel announced it would commission a software program that would turn off the ID function.

Giant software manufacture Microsoft, is probably more dangerous to our privacy than Intel could possibly be. As Microsoft's software is closed source, it's hard to determine what Bill Gates has installed inside Microsoft's various operating systems to spy on you. It has been alleged that Microsoft is in bed with big brother, which seems a reasonable possibility. At the very least Microsoft's software is so full of holes, bugs and security lapses, hackers and crackers are having a field day taking over thousands of persons computers for nefarious purposes, whilst spewing out Trojans and other unpleasant virus like nastiness to many thousands of other "Microsoft" users. Thanks Bill.

Cisco Systems have built "back doors" into their hardware and software systems for access by police and other authorities. Other IT companies in the US and elsewhere are following Cisco's lead. All customers' data is fully accessible without the requirement of a legally issued warrant.

Toys 'R' Us has partnered with Wherify Wireless to sell the "Wherifone," described by the company as "destined to be on children's Christmas wish lists this year (2006.)" Wherify promises it will give "on-the-go parents the peace of mind of being able to quickly

locate and communicate with their young children, while also controlling who they can call and how much it will cost." See <http://www.wherifywireless.com/>

Chapter X - Guess whose coming to dinner?

"Nothing is so permanent as a temporary government program."
- Dr. Milton Friedman, Nobel-Prize-winning economist, July 15, 1912 -
November 16, 2006

It may be that you think your home is your castle and fortress, as well as for your last stand against any invasion of privacy, but the walls of your fortress are far more permeable today than ever before. It may come as somewhat of a surprise to you, but suitably equipped observers can now draw informed conclusions about what is occurring within a house without having to enter it or being required to have a warrant to spy on you inside your home. Most of these technologies are passive. They do not require the observer to shine a light or any other particle or beam on the target; instead they detect preexisting emanations.

Thermal imaging, for example, allows law enforcement to determine whether a building has "hot spots." In several cases, law enforcement agencies have argued that heat concentrated in one part of a building tends to indicate the use of grow lights, which in turn (they argue) suggests the cultivation of marijuana. The warrantless discovery of hot spots has been used to justify the issuance of a warrant to search the premises. Although the courts are not unanimous, most hold that passive thermal imaging that does not reveal details about the inside of the home does not require a warrant.

Tell the above to the couple who were taking a steam bath in their new steam/shower bath tub. The police came crashing down their door that evening and caught them in a compromising position in the steam bath! Thermal imaging caught the "hot spots," but the hot spot was the steam bath and (?), not any marijuana growing.

These types of thermal imaging devices were installed in dozens of, at first, secret UK governments vans. Fortunately a disgruntled government civil servant, apparently unhappy with the government spying in this manner, spilled the beans about these spy vans and what they were up to a few years back and posted a picture of the vans on the internet. These vans have reportedly been seen in hundreds of neighborhoods in the greater London area over these past months.

Unfortunately the government forced the removal of those thermal imaging van vehicle pictures. However you can get a pretty good idea

of what they might look like by perusing
<http://www.mwpower.co.uk/surveillance.html>

And least you think that the good ole USA wouldn't dare conduct intrusive body searching, think again my friends. A new full-body x-ray machine was tested in December 2006 at a US airport. The "Backscatter" machine to be used at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport in Arizona will enable screeners to detect non-metallic devices and objects as well as weapons on a person's body. Source - <http://www.breitbart.com/news/2006/12/04/061204210338.yi5mw8je.html>

Smart dust

Perhaps the ultimate privacy invasion would be ubiquitous miniature sensors floating around in the air. Amazingly, someone is trying to build them: The goal of the "smart dust" project is "to demonstrate that a complete sensor/communication system can be integrated into a cubic millimeter package" capable of carrying any one of a number of sensors. While the current prototype is seven millimeters long (and does not work properly), the engineers hope to meet their one cubic millimeter goal shortly. At that size, the "motes" would float on the breeze, and could work continuously for two weeks, or intermittently for up to two years. A million dust motes would have a total volume of only one liter.

Although funded by the Pentagon, the project managers foresee a large number of potential civilian as well as military applications if they are able to perfect their miniature sensor platform. Among the less incredible possibilities they suggest are: battlefield surveillance, treaty monitoring, transportation monitoring, scud hunting, inventory control, product quality monitoring, and smart office spaces. They admit, however, that the technology may have a "dark side" for personal privacy.

Asset Forfeiture

"Private property is the most important guarantee of freedom."
- F.A. Hayek

No need to get into the government confiscation of property, as that is another report in and of itself. However that said, government confiscation of citizen's property, even those never charged with a

crime nor found guilty of any crime, has become big business for local, state and federal government agencies.

Government agencies use all of the above spy techniques and more for this nefarious purpose. Tens of billions of dollars of assets have been seized by the authorities over these last decades and there seems to be no end in sight. Police can "arrest" or seize your home, car, bank accounts and business without a trial. The government agency seizing the goods gets to keep a good portion of the loot and in fact are treating themselves to all kinds of luxuries with these 'arrests'. No wonder there's no end in sight to this craziness.

An excellent article on the subject is "Your House Is Under Arrest" by California attorney Brenda Grantland. See http://www.serendipity.li/wod/yhiua_in.html

Laws Gone Crazy

If one were to read the laws enacted since 9/11, and I doubt that 99% of the public has; in fact I doubt that the majority of US Senators and Congress has; but if you were to actually read those laws, nearly all of them go way beyond trying to stop terrorists. They are an outright assault on freedom and privacy. Hundreds of millions of innocent persons are being punished in the hopes that the government will catch a mere handful of criminals. Law enforcement today is nothing short of crazy in America. Prison sentences of 25 to 40 years for first time white collar offenders are being handed out like candy to children at Halloween. Laws today in the US have lost any semblance of being fair or reasonable. The harshness and unfairness of the crime to the sentence can not possibly be justified. Persons convicted of tax crimes are getting 15 year prison sentences for their first offense.

Many laws and programs mentioned in this report that have been enacted were supposed to be temporary laws. According to the law(s) that are used to implement programs like the former "Total Information Awareness System," now morphed into the program called Tangram, as well as Patriot Act I and II with III looming on the horizon, those 'temporary' laws and many more have, surprise, surprise, become permanent laws. Most likely they will never be rescinded. I've never seen even one temporary government privacy stealing law rescinded in my lifetime.

The hypocrisy of all this is that increasingly the US and UK government have been breaking the law to enforce the law. More so, it creates new laws in order to enforce the law(s) that benefits their agenda.

Chapter XI - Big Brother Never Sleeps

"Government should be our servant, not our master."

- Doug Guetzloe

The Clipper Chip idea morphed to monitor thousands, perhaps millions, of communications at once, and has been reborn again and again inside secret government computer labs that started in the form of "Carnivore" – an FBI program designed to monitor all Internet traffic.

Yet, the FBI Carnivore and NSA Clipper systems can be defeated with electronic scrambling and secret codes. One legal right currently held by all Americans is the right to have secret codes. Modern secret computer codes, also known as encryption, have played a significant role in protecting U.S secrets inside the Defense Department.

Today computer encryption is viewed as a form of digital alchemy, turning "golden" data into "garbage" and back again. The rule remains simple. Only those with the electronic keys can access the golden data.

"Electronic data on a disk is easy to steal, to lose, to link, to transfer, and to carry around the world. Just try to cart 1,000 paper medical records anywhere, and the difference is clear," pointed out Citizens' Council on Health Care President Twila Brase.

"Electronic data is vulnerable. Encryption can provide a measure of safety, but those who develop encryption can break encryption. It's much like the work of cryptographers and deciphering specialists during the war. As the enemy broke the code, another code had to be created," noted Brase.

FBI's Role

Today's FBI is no less intrusive into your affairs than during J. Edgar's time. In fact if Hoover were alive today, he'd probably be ecstatic to know how effective government techniques have become gathering tons of information about ALL Americans and 'subversives.'

Former Clinton FBI Director Louis Freeh led the attack on encryption [think pgp.] He opposed U.S. encryption while admitting the U.S. is under digital attack. Freeh supported the mandatory Clipper chip project to bug America. Freeh's FBI, and the FBI's subsequent directors developed the intrusive Carnivore program, and Freeh

repeatedly testified that all encryption products should be banned. In fact, Freeh testified before the Senate on Sept. 3, 1997 that the Founding Fathers "did not foresee encryption."

Obviously, that FBI director flunked history class. The fact is the Founding Fathers knew very well of codes and ciphers. Jefferson, Franklin and even Washington used codes and ciphers for personal business. Paul Revere used the same techniques that, today, the government wants to ban.

Using any kind of encryption in the state of Michigan is a felony offense with a five year prison sentence for each offense and each count. Mirror like Michigan encryption laws are pending in 29 (US) states and nearing completion and final passage into state law. Soon encryption will be outlawed throughout the United States. As Philip Zimmerman, the creator of pgp said in his famous 1991 quote;

"If privacy is outlawed, only outlaws will have privacy."
- Phil Zimmermann, inventor of pgp, email encryption software.

Chapter XII - Hung, Drawn and Quartered

"It is not the function of our Government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the Government from falling into error." - Robert H. Jackson (1892-1954), U.S. Judge, in American Communications Association v. Douds, May 1950

To be hung, drawn, and quartered was the penalty once ordained in England for treason. It is considered by many to be the epitome of "cruel" punishment, and was reserved for the crime of treason, which was deemed more heinous than murder and other capital crimes. It was only applied to male criminals. Women found guilty of treason in England were burnt at the stake, a punishment which was abolished in 1790.

Today there is a modern day version of being Hung, Drawn and Quartered for all of us and it's called Tangram.

Tangram and other horrors

In the aftermath of 9/11, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) developed a tracking system called "Total Information Awareness" (TIA), which was intended to detect terrorists through analyzing troves of information. The system, developed under the direction of John Poindexter, then-director of DARPA's Information Awareness Office, was envisioned to give law enforcement access to private data without suspicion of wrongdoing or a warrant. Everyone would be included, period. No exceptions.

The public found it so abhorrent and objected so forcefully, that Congress killed funding for the program in September 2003.

I didn't believe for a moment that would be the end of TIA only that it would morph into some other program with another name. Well that's exactly what happened. The program is now called Tangram, and yes ... it is classified. In other words we'll NEVER find out what and or who the hell is being spied on and what information or misinformation it is gathering on us!

The only way we learnt about Tangram came from a government document looking for contractors to help design and build the system.

Those government documents revealed that government's top intelligence agencies are building a computerized system to search very large stores of information for patterns of activity that look like terrorist planning. The system, which is run by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, is in the early research phases and is being tested, in part, with government intelligence that may likely contain information on all U.S. citizens and non US citizens already, residing, visiting or planning to visit America.

It encompasses existing profiling and detection systems, including those that create "suspicion scores" for suspected terrorists by analyzing very large databases of government intelligence, as well as records of individuals' private communications, financial transactions, and other everyday activities.

Do you see similarities with Tangram and J. Edgar Hoover's list of "spies" circa 1917-1972? I believe that Tangram and other similar government privacy destroying technologies are tantamount to our being considered as treasonous, i.e. our being hung, drawn and quartered.

Biometrics is entering every day life

Even George Orwell's Big Brother – 1984 would be pleased with this one. Today in the UK hiring a car now means leaving a fingerprint. And check-out staff are scanning the customers as well as the shopping. Getting your fingerprints taken would once have meant only one thing. You were helping the police with their inquiries. Now such "biometric" identification is entering the mainstream of every day life.

If you want to hire a car at the UK's Stansted Airport, you now need to give a fingerprint. This scheme started with Essex police and car hire firms, and it's not voluntary. Every car rental customer must take part. These prints and scans are stored by the hire firms - and are handed over to the police. If you protest you may be arrested, on some unfathomable suspicion, and conveyed to a police station where your fingerprints, photograph and DNA are taken. Expect to see this "policy" spread worldwide, especially in the USA.

This is a very frightening aspect that's entering everyday life. If the public stopped renting automobiles from the companies demanding such nonsense, then these demands for fingerprints would stop so fast the automobile rental companies wouldn't know what hit them.

Unfortunately I haven't heard of nor read about the slightest protest from British nationals regarding such intrusive matters as being required to give their fingerprints taken in order to hire an automobile. You can be sure to see biometrics entering every day life as with the above and spread worldwide. Once again the public gives it up, i.e. their privacy like lambs being led to slaughter without so much as a single protest that I am aware of.

Biometrics is not just about crime or fighting terrorism. Biometric recognition is also being pitched as more convenient for shoppers. Pay By Touch allows customers to settle their supermarket bill with a fingerprint rather than a credit card. With three million customers and growing in the United States, this payment system is now being tested in the UK, in three Co-op supermarkets in Oxfordshire. See <http://www.paybytouch.com/>

Mobiles & Laptops

Speaking of giving it up, in the good ole US of A, US citizens face the danger of their smart phones being confiscated ad infinitum according to a report in the New York Times last November. That report revealed that laptop computers are currently seized on a completely ad hoc basis from US citizens on re-entry into the US without "probably cause, reasonable suspicion or warrant." Therefore US citizens and visitors alike face the prospect of their mobile phones not making it past baggage check as mobiles, PDA's, notebooks, etc. store lots of information as do laptops!

Chapter XIII - Who knows what tomorrow may bring?

"Property must be secured, or liberty cannot exist." - John Adams

From my perspective, tomorrow offers a bleak future as far as our privacy and civil liberties are concerned unless we take immediate action to reverse this trend. All US and UK residents and citizens can expect ever more intrusive technologies and programs to control, monitor, record and watch over you in the future. It's highly unlikely that the governments' privacy destroying technologies will cease or be rescinded, or for that matter be curtailed anytime in the foreseeable future. Hence total surveillance is upon us! Do you remember Total Information Awareness? As I mentioned earlier it is now called Tangram.

Total Information Awareness" (TIA), which was intended to detect terrorists through analyzing troves of information. The system, developed under the direction of John Poindexter, then-director of DARPA's Information Awareness Office, was envisioned to give law enforcement access to private data without suspicion of wrongdoing or a warrant. As you are aware today warrant less searches are now routine in the United States and the UK.

In any event TIA purported to capture the "information signature" of people so that the government could track potential terrorists and criminals involved in "low-intensity/low-density" forms of warfare and crime. The goal was to track individuals through collecting as much information about them as possible and using computer algorithms and human analysis to detect potential activity.

The project called for the development of "revolutionary technology for ultra-large all-source information repositories," which would contain information from multiple sources to create a "virtual, centralized, grand database." This database would be populated by transaction data contained in current databases such as financial records, medical records, communication records, and travel records as well as new sources of information. Also fed into the database would be intelligence data.

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Well, TIA has morphed (what else is new?) and is now called Tangram, and it is classified as I mentioned earlier.

Tangram

The government's top secrecy intelligence agency, the NSA, has encompassed existing profiling and detection systems, including those that create "suspicion scores" for suspected terrorists by analyzing very large databases of government intelligence, as well as records of individuals' private communications, financial transactions, and other everyday activities.

The Tangram program, describes other, existing profiling and detection systems that haven't moved beyond so-called "guilt-by-association models," which link suspected terrorists to potential associates, but apparently don't tell analysts much about why those links are significant. Tangram wants to improve upon these methods, as well as investigate the effectiveness of other detection links such as "collective inferencing," which attempt to create suspicion scores of entire networks of people simultaneously.

Data mining for terrorists has always been a dumb idea. And with the existence of Tangram illustrates the problem with Congress trying to stop a program by killing its funding; it just morphs and comes back under a different name.

Naturally these types of programs monitor more than just terrorist. They monitor all Americans and Brits, whilst trying to adjust your behavior and personal day to day habits.

If you were to think about it, Tangram and other similar government monitoring programs, and that's what they really are, monitoring programs, are much like the movie "Minority Report" (circa 2002).... starring Tom Cruise as Detective John Anderton.

Anderton's job along with the help of a secret government program using "precogs," was to predict who would commit a crime BEFORE the crime actually happened so Anderton and other government agents could arrest the person and prevent the crime from happening in the first place. Of course in the flick Officer Anderton (Tom Cruise) becomes a criminal before he commits his crime, and Cruise tries his best to prove his innocence by preventing his 'crime,' before it happens.

Hollywood movie and precogs aside, Tangram and other similar government monitoring programs are real and are now being used full

tilt watching and monitoring you and you're loved ones every move, whilst having the effect of modifying ones behavior.

The government and others using these monitoring and profiling programs attempt to construct personal profiles in order to predict dangerous or antisocial activities before they happen. That was the premise of the movie "Minority Report," and that is exactly what is happening today in the real world with all the government monitoring and profiling programs being used with one name or another! Don't believe me? Then I suggest you read <http://www.theinquirer.net/default.aspx?article=35991>

If you know you are going to be monitored with consequence by conducting yourself in a particular manner whatever that may be, then it is highly probable you will cease to conduct yourself as you previously and normally would have. For instance it could be withdrawing cash from your favorite ATM till, traveling a particular route, chucking your chewing gum on the ground, throwing a cigarette butt on the sidewalk, kissing your spouse or girlfriend on the street corner or whatever. Just knowing that you are being monitored may very well stop you from doing what you'd normally do. The effect would be that your behavior has been modified by government surveillance just being there! And that is exactly what the government wants; to monitor and control your personal and financial movements, whilst modifying your "politically incorrect" behavior, whatever they (government) defines "politically incorrect" as being at the time.

Chapter XIV – Papers Please!

"The majority, oppressing an individual, is guilty of a crime, abuses its strength, and by acting on the law of the strongest breaks up the foundations of society." - Thomas Jefferson to P. Dupont, 1816.

On December 7th, 2004 the US Congress passed the National Intelligence Reform Act of 2004 (S.2845) also known as the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. What this amounts to is an INTERNAL passport requirement much like Nazi Germany and the former Soviet Union used to crush and control their citizens. In other words in the USA, you will be required to have on your person at all times government issued ID with biometric features, which can and will be demanded at anytime by any government official, officer, agent, etc. at various 'check points' across Amerika, including random road stops! You are now being tracked from cradle to grave.

On September 26th 2005, Deborah Davis was reading a book on a Denver bus when a guard of a nearby federal building got on board and demanded everyone show their ID. Davis refused, leading the guard to call on federal cops, i.e. Homeland Security, who then dragged Ms. Davis off a public bus, handcuffed her, shoved her into the back seat of a police car and drove off to a police station within the Federal Center. See <http://www.papersplease.org/davis/facts.html>

On November 14th, 2006 a cell phone captured video of a 23-year-old Iranian-American student brutally and repeatedly abused by UCLA police using a taser gun administering multiple taser shocks. What was the students' crime? The student, who was in the library reading, refused to show his ID to the campus police when asked! See <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3GstYOlc0I&eurl=>

With the above and hundreds of more examples, the authorities are evermore asking for ID without probable cause on demand anywhere and everywhere. There is, IMHO, every indication that there are moves afoot to implement these and even more severe measures on every major street corner and transport system in the US and not so Great Britain.

The "Tokku" are alive and well throughout the world. They're called "Tokku" in Japan, KGB in Russia, the Gestapo in Nazi Germany, Homeland Security/FBI, etc, in the states, but they all add up to the same thing, Terrocrats!

[Editor's note: The "Tokku", or The Japanese Thought Police as they were known, were the equivalent of Hitler's Gestapo. In the early 1930's before WW2, the Tokku welcomed secret communications from its citizens about other citizens. They encouraged citizens to spy on each other. A web search for "Tokku" at Google will give you a lot of interesting info about the Tokku.]

VIPER

About a year ago Federal air marshals were to expand their work beyond airplanes, launching counter-terror surveillance at train stations and other mass transit facilities. So called "Visible Intermodal Protection and Response" teams — or VIPER teams, will soon be permanently deployed to check ID's under the banner of counter-terrorism. See

http://www.house.gov/list/press/pa13_schwartz/TSAVIPERProgram.html

Least one forgets the UK is not without blood on its hands. Jean Charles de Menezes, 27, a legal Brazilian immigrant, who had spent three years of his five-year visa working in London as an electrician, was brutally and in cold-blood, murdered in an act of mindless criminal negligence by the London police with 5 bullets to the head all shot at close range. De Menezes was totally innocent and the London police never so much as apologized to de Menezes family. De Menezes crime? The police thought he was a suicide bomber. They were 100 percent wrong. See

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/attackonlondon/story/0,16132,1550565,00.html>

Rex 84 and the "ADEX" list

Did you realize that there are over 600 prison camps in the United States, all fully operational and ready to receive prisoners? They are all staffed and even surrounded by full-time guards, but they are all empty. These camps are to be operated by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) in association with 34 other federal civil departments and agencies should Martial Law need to be implemented in the United States. All it would take is a presidential signature on a proclamation and the attorney general's signature on a warrant to which a list of names is attached.

Maybe you don't think that could ever happen in the united States. I suggest you think again. A recent example was the mandatory

relocation of tens of thousands of New Orleans residents in interment camps like the Super Dome in New Orleans as well as in Utah, Texas, Louisiana and several other areas, as a result of hurricane Katrina and its aftermath in 2005.

The Rex 84 Program was established on the reasoning that if a "mass exodus" of illegal aliens crossed the Mexican/US border, they would be quickly rounded up and detained in detention centers by FEMA. Rex 84 allowed many military bases to be closed down and to be turned into prisons.

Exercises similar to Rex 84 happen periodically. Plans for roundups of persons in the United States in times of crisis are constructed during periods of increased political repression such as the Palmer Raids and the McCarthy Period. For example, from 1967 to 1971 the FBI kept a list of persons to be rounded up as subversive, dubbed the "ADEX" list.

The existence of a master military contingency plan, "Garden Plot" and a similar earlier exercise, "Lantern Spike" were originally revealed by journalist Ron Ridenhour, who summarized his findings in his revealing report/book, "Garden Plot and the New Action Army."

The move towards these kinds of database state in the US and the UK, where every offence is arrestable and DNA records of every suspect, even if later proven innocent, are permanently kept on record, is the only tool necessary to create a master list of 'subversives' that would be subject to internment in a manufactured time of national emergency.

Chapter XV - The Pink Triangles

"Ambiguously-worded laws can be used against the innocent any time." - Greg Perry

Today's national ID card is also intended to be used for this purpose, just as the Nazis used early IBM computer punch card technology to catalogue lists of homosexuals, gypsies and Jews, better known as "enemies of the state," before the round-ups began.

History has a funny habit of repeating itself. Study World War II closely on how IBM backed the Nazi Regime utilizing the Hollerith Machine. The Hollerith Machine was a punch card system that aided in cataloguing the population. This IBM technology gave the fascist, totalitarian state the much needed technology boost to increase its rate of human data processing. The goal was simple, extreme nationalism which called for the unification of all German-speaking peoples and eradicating the enemies of the state namely the Jews and other non-compliant races including gypsies and homosexuals amongst other 'enemies'.

Most people today know of or about the holocaust the Nazi's created during the Second World War. The Jews of Europe were the primary targets. However it wasn't just the Jews and Gypsies that Nazi Germany wanted to ID and eventually eliminate.

The Nazi amendments to Paragraph 175, the sodomy provision of the German penal code, dating back to 1871, turned homosexuality from a minor offense into a felony and remained intact after the Second World War for a further 24 years.

Nazi IBM computer punch cards were first used to identify gay males who were then forced to wear what was to become known as "The Pink Triangles." This was the Nazi symbol of an inverted pink triangle used exclusively to denote and "identify" male homosexuals. Once identified by the computer punch cards, those so denoted, both gays and non-gays, innocent or guilty, were forced to wear and display The Pink Triangle. Between 1933 and 1945, 100,000 men were arrested under Paragraph 175. Some were imprisoned, others were sent to concentration camps. Only about 4,000 survived the war.

Fast forward to the year 2006 and you have IBM funding the parent company of the Verichip namely Applied Digital Solutions [ADSX]. The VeriChip Corporation is both FDA approved and patented with the

owner of patent (#6,400,338) granted recently to VeriChip's manufacturer, Digital Angel Corporation, with worldwide patents pending. Read more about the Verichip in Chapter XVI following.

Section 44 of the Terrorism Act in Britain enables police to obtain the name and address details of anyone they choose, whether they are acting suspiciously or not. Those details remain on a database forever. To date, 119,000 names of political activists have been taken and this is a figure that will skyrocket once the post 7/7 figures are taken into account.

At the height of the Iraq war protests in the UK, around a million people marched across the country. However, most of these people were taking part in a political protest for the first time and as a one off. Even if we take a figure of half, 500,000 people being politically active in Britain that means that the government has already registered around a quarter of political activists in the UK.

So ask yourself do you really want to be on, or are you already on any government list? What are the lists for? What will the government do with those lists? Is history about to repeat itself? Or will governments turn to a different, yet perhaps more terrifying, direction in the future? Then ask yourself why are there numerous, yet empty prisons built and continuing to be built across America? – See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rex_84

Chapter XVI - 2007 and beyond!

"Man is not free unless government is limited." - Ronald Reagan:
Farewell Speech, 1988

It is my opinion that some of today's big issues concerning all of us is our freedom of movement both personally and financially, survival in our home or resident country, mass murder in countries like Iraq and Afghanistan under false pretense, the bankrupting and deindustrialization of the U.S. and UK economies, the destruction of American constitutional and British democracy as well as the reversal of America's 231 year history of expanding liberty.

I'm no soothsayer or clairvoyant, however the prospect for regaining or at least halting any further erosion of our stolen freedoms and civil liberties appears dim if not doubtful unless drastic action is taken immediately. As I said earlier, the thief of your privacy has just begun.

We are still in the early days of data mining, consumer profiling, and DNA databasing. However the cumulative and accelerating effect of these developments will transform modern life in all industrialized countries during the coming decade, unless we do something to stop it now.

Today if you go to a part of town where your kind isn't thought to belong, you'll end up on a list somewhere. Attend a political meeting and end up on another list. Walk into a swanky boutique and the clerk will have your credit report and purchase history before even saying hello. . . . The whole culture will undergo convulsions as taken-for-granted assumptions about the construction of personal identity in public places suddenly become radically false.

Spottings

And that's just the start. Wait a little while, and a market will arise in "spottings." For example if I want to know where you've been, I'll have my laptop put out a call on the Internet to find out who has spotted you.

Spottings will be bought and sold in automated auctions, so that I can build the kind of spotting history I need for the lowest cost. Entrepreneurs will purchase spottings in bulk to synthesize spotting histories for paying customers. Your daily routine will be known to

anyone who wants to pay a fiver for it, and your movement history will determine your fate just as much as your credit history does now. . . . Then things will really get bad. Personal movement records will be subpoenaed, irregularly at first, just when someone has been kidnapped, but then routinely, as every divorce lawyer in the country reasons that subpoenas are cheap and not filing them is basically malpractice.

Tomorrow

Unless change comes soon, it is conceivable that there will be no place on earth where an ordinary person will be able to avoid surveillance. Public places will be watched by terrestrial cameras and even by satellites. Facial and voice recognition software, mobile phone position monitoring, smart transport, and other science-fictionlike developments will together provide full and perhaps real time information on everyone's location. Homes and bodies will be subject to sense-enhanced viewing. All communications, with the possible exception of encrypted messages, will be scannable and sortable.

Biometrics

Clearly biometrics is entering mainstream and daily life. I'd expect to see biometric iris scans, digit pictures and fingerprints required for entry into most countries worldwide for all travelers regardless of nationality, during the coming decade. Japan has already started using biometric entry requirements much like their bigger cousin, America does.

Brazil retaliated against America's forcing Brazilians to have their digital pictures, fingerprints taken and iris scanned by Brazil doing likewise. However the fact of the matter is that the US government loved the idea and is requesting, off the record, copies of all Americans details that the Brazilian authorities are collecting.

Therefore it would appear to be a logical conclusion that sooner or later there will be worldwide databases swapping the biometric particulars of each and every world traveler regardless of nationality, between all countries.

Internal passports better known as national ID biometric cards will also proliferate. They are already in use in Malaysia, Singapore, all of Western Europe, and soon to be in Japan, Hong Kong, China, India

and South America. Even Australia and New Zealand are brewing its own home grown version for implementation in the near future.

Biometric passports are to continue to proliferate in spite of the fact that government issued biometric passports (and soon to arrive ID cards,) are not secure. So-called fully secured biometric UK passports have been compromised with all details of the holders revealed by a young man in the UK using a GBP 175 (US\$330) microchip reader.

More than 3 million Brits face having their 'secure' GBP 66 biometric passports compromised. It cost the UK government untold tens of millions of pounds to develop these biometric passports, yet they continually refused to listen to independent parties who kept telling them that they were insecure during development!

Gus Hosein, an expert in information systems at the London School of Economics, said: "This is stupid technology. If chips can be cloned they will be used in counterfeit passports." See <http://www.guardian.co.uk/idcards/story/0,,1950229,00.html>

As we move onto other matters, I'd expect biometric visas will be required for everyone, EU nationals, etc. for entry between all western countries, including all of the European Union, North America, Australia and New Zealand.

RFID

Possibly the single greatest danger to our privacy and freedom of movement in the future may very well be radio frequency identification chips, better known as RFID chips. RFID chips are becoming so cheap to manufacture, their proliferation is bound to see their use everywhere; in food, books, paper money, passports, credit cards, shoes, clothing, luggage and even in the human body as is happening today.

VeriChip Corporation Chairman Scott Silverman, alarmed civil libertarians by promoting the company's subcutaneous human tracking device as a way to identify immigrants and guest workers in the US. He appeared on the Fox News Channel in May 2006, the morning after President Bush called for high-tech measures to clamp down on Mexican immigrants.

Privacy advocates are warning that a government-sanctioned chipping program such as that suggested by Silverman could quickly be expanded to include U.S. citizens, as well.

The VeriChip is a glass encapsulated Radio Frequency Identification tag that is injected into the flesh to uniquely number and identify people. The tag can be read silently and invisibly by radio waves right through clothing. The highly controversial device is also being marketed as a way to access secure areas, link to medical records, and serve as a payment device when associated with a credit card.

I believe the implanting of RFID chips in humans and the subsequent human tracking thereof, will become commonplace sometime in the not too distant future, perhaps within 10 to 15 years. In fact I believe it's inevitable and simply a matter of time. All it will take is another 'disaster' of sorts to scare the hell out of the Yankees and Brits into inserting them voluntarily, naturally, at first, then the implanting into humans will become mandatory as with all government programs and policies that morph as such.

Real ID

Another intrusive program, which requires an RFID chip inside the soon to be issued ID cards, was passed into law in May 2005 and is called The Real ID Act.

Starting May 11th, 2008 if you live or work in the United States, you'll need a federally approved ID card to travel on an airplane, open or retain a bank account, collect Social Security payments, or take advantage of nearly any government service. Practically speaking, your driver's license likely will have to be reissued to meet federal standards.

The real ID Act is basically a (US) national ID card. It has an RFID requirement for all US drivers license. This federal law is 'voluntary' for all states. However failure for any state to comply with The Real ID Act and that state or states will cease to receive any federal aid.

The "Real ID" Act requires states to issue federally approved driver's licenses or identification (ID) cards to those who live and work in the United States. REAL ID requires that driver's licenses contain actual addresses, and no post office boxes. There are no exceptions made for judges or police... even undercover police officers.

It will be nearly impossible for Americans to live without such an ID card. That creates a huge incentive for citizens and residents to get IDs and for states to comply with this unfunded mandate: If they didn't, their citizens and residents wouldn't be able to get access to any of the services or benefits Uncle Sam offers. Estimates of the cost of compliance range from \$80 to \$100 million, and IMO probably much more. Though initially states are to pay for this program, the cost, naturally, will eventually be passed onto the citizens, who, after all at the end of the day, pay for everything!

To get a new approved license, or to conform an old license to Real ID, people will have to produce several types of documentation. Those records must prove their name, date of birth, Social Security number; principal residence and prove that they are lawfully in the United States.

Chapter XVII – Hello, we're from the government and we're here to help you!

"The greatest tyrannies are always perpetrated in the name of the noblest causes." - Thomas Paine

Military weapons may not be considered, by some, to be privacy stealing technology. However I for one believe that newly developed military weapons can, will and are being tested by governments in order to control crowds, i.e. those citizens who wish to exhibit their right to peaceful assembly and protest.

It took a group using the Freedom of Information Act to delve into the darker corners of military research to discover some alarming "weapons" the military has and is using. There were 14 documents - eight are available for download (see below,) and as you progress through them you can see how the Air Force's testing involved from simple experiments on a few square inches of skin into fully fledged war games. Also, the cautious approach of early tests is gradually relaxed as experimenters gain confidence in the system's supposed safety.

The group requested all testing protocols for nonlethal weapons that involved humans, and they all related to the Air Force's Active Denial System, better known as "ADS."

Take a peek at what lays in store for Americans and Brits at home in the not too distant future if you happen to be on the unwelcome end of a protest. After all, hasn't the military ALWAYS tested their latest weapons in wars like Vietnam, Desert Storm One, and now in Iraq?

Booze and ADS Don't Mix

The experiments get more bizarre as they progress. One of the experiments involved giving the subjects carefully measured doses of vodka to see if it helped them withstand the pain. See: <http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/files/weapon3.pdf> (1.4MB PDF).

ADS and Dogs

One test exposed military dog teams to the ADS' effects, apparently based on the idea that if the device is used for tasks like perimeter security, then there is a real risk of 'friendly fire' on dogs as well as

humans. See: <http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/files/weapon6.pdf> (2.7MB PDF).

Urban Testing

The testing gets serious with an assessment of ADS in an urban environment, in which a whole range of scenarios are described. These typically involve a security force dealing with a red force of aggressors and a number of noncombatant bystanders. There's a traffic control point set up, route clearance and search and rescue, all of which give some idea of what the ADS is expected to achieve. See:

<http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/files/weapon7.pdf> (5.4MB PDF).

Sunblock Won't Block ADS

Sometimes it's the incidental detail which makes fascinating reading -- like the line in FWR-2006-001-H Military Utility Assessment of the ADS in a Maritime Environment which tells volunteers to wear sunblock. It won't have any effect on the ADS, but it should stop the volunteers from blaming their sunburn on the beam's effects the next day. It also mentions that the software used for modeling the pattern of the ADS beam was originally used for checking mobile phone coverage. More importantly, it tells us the safety factor for the ADS: A dangerous dose is approximately four times what anyone can stand. (Which is fine so long as you can get out of the beam: The test protocols specifies that the beam has to be turned off if anyone ends up in the water, as combined beam reflections off the water and the hull could otherwise be dangerous). See

<http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/files/weapon8.pdf> (8.5MB PDF).

Dodge the Beam -- Win a Blender!

The most surprising setup is the one described in F-BR-2006-0018-H Effects of exposure to 400-W 95-GHz Millimetre Wave Energy on Non-Stationary Humans - it's practically a future reality game show, in which the contestants have 3 minutes to cross a 'maze-like' course and get through a combination-locked gate to escape while multiple ADS beams are used to drive them back. See:

<http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/files/weapon2.pdf> (7.9MB PDF)

The ADS testing is certainly thorough. But is it enough? Here are eight of the documents obtained by Wired News that describe human testing of the ADS. Decide for yourself.

Human Experiments of a Nonlethal Weapon: The Documents
Protocol F-BR-2005-0057-H: Thermal Effects of Exposure to 400 W, 95
GHz, Millimeter Wave Energy

<http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/files/weapon1.pdf> (17.8MB PDF)

Protocol F-BR-2006-0018-H (#NHRC.2005.0016): Effects of Exposure
to 400-W, 95-GHz Millimeter Wave Energy on Non-Stationary Humans

<http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/files/weapon2.pdf> (7.9MB PDF)

Protocol F-WR-2002-0024-H: Effects of Ethanol on Millimeter-Wave-
Induced Pain <http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/files/weapon3.pdf>
(1.4MB PDF)

Protocol FWR-2002-0046-H: Perceptual and Thermal Effects of
Millimeter Waves

<http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/files/weapon4.pdf> (2.2MB PDF)

Protocol FWR-2003-03-31 -H, Limited Military Utility Assessment of the
Active Denial System

<http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/files/weapon5.pdf> (4.2MB PDF)

Protocol FWR-2004-0029-H: Effects of Active Denial System Exposures
on the Performance of Military Working Dog Teams

<http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/files/weapon6.pdf> (2.7MB PDF)

Protocol FWR-2005-0037-H, Military Utility Assessment of the Active
Denial System (ADS) in an Urban Environment

<http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/files/weapon7.pdf> (5.4MB PDF)

Protocol FWR-2006-0001-H, Military Utility Assessment of the Active
Denial System (ADS) in a Maritime Environment

<http://blog.wired.com/monkeybites/files/weapon8.pdf> (8.5MB PDF)

Source – http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,72236-0.html?tw=wn_index_2

Chapter XVIII - Total Surveillance Society

[The purpose of the Constitution is to] “keep the government off the backs of people.” - Justice William O. Douglas

The first phrase in a Total Surveillance Society, I believe, would be mandatory RFID use for criminals in jail and or on parole. As this is already being tested in several US Federal prisons, I believe we have already arrived at this stage. Then of course sex offenders would be next in line to have mandatory chips inserted in them so they can be monitored at all times. Note that I didn't say pedophiles, I said sex offenders, which could mean anyone accused of masturbating in an X rated movie theater, [think Pee Wee Herman,] to being accused of stalking their ex.

Then the next logical phase would be RFID implantation into children. Of course it will be for your children's own safety, as you will read in a moment. That is standard government hyperbole.

The fingerprinting of children starting at birth, or at the very least, upon entering public school (age 4 or 5?) is also highly probable in the US, as it has begun elsewhere. The next obvious step would be to insert an RFID chip in your infant, child, etc. in order to protect your child from potential pedophiles, a disgruntled spouse 'kidnapping' your child, or whatever. That would certainly be a logical move on the part of the governments brainwashing apparatus in order to promote the use of RFID chips implantation for human tracking.

Now if you don't believe this is possible, may I suggest you think again because the total surveillance and tracking of children has begun and is full steam ahead as far as the government is concerned.

In Maine, USA, elementary school children have already begun having their irises scanned in order to 'protect' them (as I mentioned earlier.)

See

<http://www.bangordailynews.com/news/t/news.aspx?articleid=143451&zoneid=500>

Children's Index

UK's Socialist government led by Tony Blair, has invested GBP 224 million in a database containing the details of every child in the United Kingdom. See

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml;jsessionid=HQT5HKNRY0KRTQFIQMGCFFGAVCBQIIV0?xml=/news/2005/12/09/nchild09.xml>

This database - officially called the Children's Index - follows the horrific death of eight-year-old Victoria Climbié in 2000. She was tortured and starved by her aunt and her aunt's partner both of whom were later jailed for life.

It is hoped by the UK authorities that the index, which is due to be operational by 2008, will sound an early warning in such cases by recording health and other developmental information about all children.

The index - or those computer systems [think data bases] linked to it - will carry details of everything from vaccinations to whether a child is eating enough fruit and vegetables, or is struggling in the classroom.

This compulsory collation of such a plethora of information violates British and EU data protection and human rights law. The IT systems are also not secure, and 400,000 civil and public servants will have access to your child's and all children's information. Therefore UK ministers cannot possibly claim the gigantic database will be totally confidential. If any parent believes otherwise, I have a London bridge I can sell them!

This is an absolutely despicable program and runs adherent to everything I believe in regarding protecting one's privacy, especially children's privacy. I blame the parents and ALL adults for allowing this unabated assault, and that is exactly what it is an assault, against innocent children's privacy. Parents have once again handed over their own responsibility to the nanny state socialist/Marxist UK government and their stinking thinking bureaucrats and less than worthless leaders. You can be sure it is only a matter of time before such "indexing" of children starts in the United States.

I also believe strongly that biometric ID for all public school children will become mandatory in the very near future, both in the UK and the US. This has already been tested in both the UK and US and appears to be expanding. Governments realize that if they can brainwash the children as they are starting to, into believing this biometric ID card business and RFID chips are good for them, then all the government has to do is wait for a single generation to pass and viola, there you are; a total surveillance society without hassle.

An excellent book about RFID chips is called; "Spychips: How Major Corporations Plan to Track your Every Move with RFID." Liz McIntyre and Katherine Albrecht are the authors. They did an excellent job

drawing on patent documents, corporate source materials, conference proceedings, and firsthand interviews to paint a convincing — and frightening — picture of the privacy threat posed by RFID technology.

DNA, the last frontier

DNA is probably the last frontier for the tracking of everyone's daily lives. It is a particularly powerful identifier. It is almost unique and (so far) impossible to change. A number of state and federal databases already collect and keep DNA data on felons and others.

The US government wants a DNA sample collected from every person arrested in the United States. Under this proposal, which I believe will become law sometime in the near future, DNA information would become part of a permanent, and sizable, national database. The FBI estimated that, in 2005, law enforcement agencies nationwide made about 14.1 million arrests. Remember 1 in 20 Americans will serve time in prison during their lifetime. Many more will be arrested!

Such a plan is far from unthinkable. The Icelandic government is considering a bill to compile a database containing medical records, genetic information, and genealogical information for all Icelanders.

In the UK the police are now taking DNA from everyone, guilty or not, arrested or brought in for questioning. This DNA information will NEVER be deleted from UK government databases. Once again the UK has the dubious honor of the UK police having more DNA samples than any other country. Over 5% of the UK's population is on the National DNA database compared to Austria, which has the 2nd largest proportion of the population on its police database at just over 1%. See <http://www.genewatch.org/sub.shtml?als%5Bcid%5D=539478> Even children 12 years old or younger in the UK are having their DNA taken against their or their parents consent. See http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/news/news.html?in_article_id=397240&in_page_id=1766&in_page_id=1766&expand=true Even if found innocent in the UK your DNA is kept forever. See <http://www.privacyinternational.org/article.shtml?cmd%5B347%5D=x-347-528475&als%5Btheme%5D=UK%20DNA%20Policy>

Chapter XIX - Privacy's epitaph

"Knowledge is power and understanding that knowledge gives you absolute power over those who wish you didn't learn the truth."

- Dr. Walter Belford – Conversations December 25th, 2006

In December 2005 I wrote in my article, "The 13th Hour," "The time has come to draw a line in the sand and cross over to freedom or become a slave to the state forever." The 13th hour has come and gone. Today the sand in the hourglass is nearly depleted. Time is of the essence. Privacy's epitaph is being written by those who take it from you as you read these words. More and more people are becoming, unbeknownst to them, slaves to the state. After May 11th, 2008 millions more will become unwilling victims of a Terrocratic state. What are you going to do about it? That is the 64 thousand pound question, isn't it? What are you going to do about it?

Once again the futures outlook, as far as privacy is concerned, appears dismal if we don't act and act fast. I believe one needs to prepare themselves with the knowledge of what these programs really are, what they do, how they are afflicting us and our loved ones. Then and only then can we best determine a course of action, proceed and act accordingly.

I'm often asked for recommendations that I would make for the aspiring privacy seeker. My thoughts on this matter haven't changed much for some years, except today, time is rapidly running out for those who haven't gotten started in sorting themselves.

Privacy products, services and suppliers continue to dwindle, as the effort and costs to obtain, sustain and regain privacy become greater. With that in mind here are ten recommendations, not in any particular order of importance, I trust might guide and assist you:

1. Lower your profile. Conduct yourself in an impeccable manner. Don't conduct your affairs in a manner that will bring unwanted attention to yourself.
2. Don't do, or stop doing anything naughty.
3. Be fair and always leave something on the table for the other person. In other words don't be greedy.
4. Be squeaky clean in everything you do. In other words conduct yourself and act as if you were running for Prime Minister or president everyday.

5. Get a second passport, and try to make it a world class document if at all possible. Failing that, obtain a legal residency that will lead to a second nationality or marry a person that can offer you a second nationality via marriage to a citizenship of another country.
6. Get or start a portable trade that you can operate from anywhere in the world from a laptop computer with an internet connection.
7. Depart the country you currently reside, especially if you live in America and the UK. However do so by not breaking any laws. In this manner you will never have to look over your shoulder for the rest of your life and you'll be able to return to your original country to visit friends and relatives every year or so.
8. Financial - Be or become debt free and don't owe anyone money. Get rid of all credit card debt. Interest rates for credit cards are very high indeed, i.e. 10 to 20 percent interest per annum. Paying off your credit cards can offer you a good rate of return for your capital. Not easy to make a 10 or 20 percent return nowadays safely is it?
- 8a. Save 25% to 50% of everything you earn.
9. Always met your obligations on time and never make enemies if at all possible.
10. Last but not least be happy and healthy. In the event you are half as lucky as I am with a loyal, loving partner and family, you'll be the luckiest person around.

Chapter XX – The Times They Are a Changin’

"I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of freedoms of the people by gradual and silent encroachment of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations." - James Madison

Ask yourself; are the government protections that we (allegedly) are receiving from these invasive programs and technologies, i.e. sniffers, whiffers, databases ad infinitum, worth the total loss of privacy and our liberties? I for one do not believe they are worth that horrific cost. Here’s one very good reason why I believe these programs aren’t worth that price.

In late November (2006) 33,000 airline passengers were caught in a radiation panic after Alexander Litvinenko, a lieutenant-colonel in the Russian secret police and a fierce critic of Russian president Vladimir Putin, died from radiation poisoning in London. Litvinenko’s wife and an Italian associate he met earlier the day Litvinenko was taken ill, were also found contaminated with radioactive poisoning.

Significant amounts of radioactive polonium 210 were found in his body. The 43-year-old became ill on 1 November after meeting two Russian friends at a central London hotel. Up to 33,000 British Airways passengers are being told to seek immediate medical advice after the investigation into the death of former Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko uncovered traces of radiation on two commercial planes. Source - <http://news.scotsman.com/uk.cfm?id=1774162006>

It is unconscionable that with today’s intrusive technology, radioactive material could be smuggled onboard an international flight and into London of all places! Heads should roll and we, the citizens, should NOT be the ones to suffer any additional lost to our rights as a result of gross government incompetence in this matter. Clearly, in spite of government best efforts (?), these programs are not working and we suffer accordingly. Lord only knows what new actions against our liberties will be taken as a result of this government debacle.

The times they are a changin’

Since 9/11/2001 Americans have not only seen their freedoms taken from them in a dreadful manner, but Americans have also experienced an unprecedented devaluation of their US dollar by a whopping 35% in just five years time! Worse, all that while the united States has been handing over to communist China in excess of one trillion USD in hard

currency reserves, an astounding and IMO, an unsustainable amount of money. This trend is likely to continue according to the former World Bank chief James Wolfensohn.

During a Wallace Wurth Memorial Lecture at the University of New South Wales, Australia, Wolfensohn warned that Western nations must prepare for a future dominated by China and India, whose rapid economic rise will soon fundamentally alter the balance of power. According to Wolfensohn, within 25 years the combined gross domestic products of China and India would exceed those of the Group of Seven wealthy nations.

China is to become the world's largest economic entity by 2030, that's just 23 years from now! By 2050, China's current two trillion US dollar GDP is set to balloon to 48.6 trillion, while that of India, whose economy weighs in at under a trillion dollars, would hit 27 trillion, he said, citing projections by investment bank Goldman Sachs. In comparison, the US's 13 trillion dollar income would expand to only 37 trillion - 10 trillion behind China.

"You will have in the growth of these countries a 22 times growth between now and the year 2050 and the current rich countries will grow maybe 2.5 times." - James Wolfensohn

History reveals that governments and their programs mushroom balloon and expand exponentially at the expense of the citizens. Clearly this is what's happening in America today as reflected in Wolfensohn's predictions above.

America's policies regarding its war on terror, drugs, immigration and crime have seen, and will continue to see America's wealth transferred to Red China and elsewhere. That wealth is your wealth and your children's children wealth too!

I believe that future US dollar depreciations greater than the past five years 35% USD devaluation are forthcoming. Do govern yourself accordingly my American readers! Learning to speak Chinese and buying gold might be good bets if you wish to preserve your capital and prosper during the next 23 years.

Remember that owning and holding physical gold offshore is NOT (currently) reportable to the US authorities!

Chapter XXI - Identity Thief

"Big Brother in the form of an increasingly powerful government and in an increasingly powerful private sector will pile the records high with reasons why privacy should give way to national security, to law and order, to efficiency of operation, to scientific advancement and the like." - William O. Douglas - October 16, 1898 - January 19, 1980

The Thief of Privacy is not about identity thief. However any report regarding privacy would be incomplete without at least mentioning identity thief. The first thing we need to realize is that identity thief is a direct result of the big business and big brother programs, laws and technology written about herein.

In the united States [correct spelling] the fastest growing crime is identity thief. Nearly 1 in 20 persons have had their names stolen and the number is likely to increase dramatically as the laws, programs and technology mentioned in this report kick-in and expands [think REAL I.D. Act – May 11th, 2008.] That's what the authorities don't get; the more intrusive the gathering of your details are, the more revealing their programs, laws and technology become. As a result it will become exceedingly easier for naughty persons to steal even more identities and personal information. As there is no shortage of crooks in this world, this is certainly another reason why one should act accordingly and take the proper actions to guard and protect their privacy, or what's left of it.

Unlike in Frederick Forsyth's book and the original 1973 movie, "The Day of the Jackal," where the Jackal steals the identity of a deceased child in order to obtain a passport (in the dead infant's name,) most identity thief today is related to credit card fraud with the average lost being approximately USD 2,500. Trying to fix the problem with credit bureaus, etc. once it's occurred, is both tedious, stressful and time consuming. There is no shortage of horror stories regarding the hapless victims of identity thief.

In the UK the problem is not nearly as bad as credit bureaus and intrusive tracking is not yet as severe as in the states... at least so far. Therefore the numbers, percentage wise, of stolen identities in the UK are not nearly as appalling as in the US but are still causing considerable consternation amongst the UK authorities.

There are some interesting books about identity thief and disappearing, most of which are US orientated. However the majority

of the techniques mentioned in those types of books can be thrown out with the bath water come May 11th, 2008, less than 16 months from now. That's when the REAL I.D. Act takes effect and the social security number will be mandatory for all state drivers' licenses.

For instance Arizona currently allows a person to keep their drivers license until age 65 without having to renew it. Arizona's expiration date at age 65 will be rescinded after May 11th, 2008 when Arizona will be forced to conform to the REAL I.D. Act and all previous drivers licenses that expire at age 65, will have to be reissued under the new REAL I.D. Act guidelines, i.e. DL's expiring in 5 years, etc.

So far the old style (non picture) UK driver's license are still valid for persons up until age 70 before renewal is required. However sooner or later a new UK law will be enacted forcing such DL's to be turned in for the newer picture, biometric type driver's license that currently expires in ten years!

I believe it is very dangerous for Americans to follow some of the advice and techniques espoused by such HOW TO prevent identity thief or disappear type books.

Under new or pending laws, John Doe warrants can and in fact have been issued for private storage lockers and private safe deposit box type businesses. These types of businesses normally do not require ID (or will accept camouflage ID,) to open a storage locker or safe deposit box and can be accessed via a code or pin number entered into a security box at the entrance of the establishment. [Note 7]

In fact and here's what those establishments don't tell you, in the past certain governmental alphabet agencies have issued John Doe warrants for various privacy safe deposit box and storage locker businesses in the US. ALL safe deposit boxes and storage lockers were opened and the contents photographed, listed on an inventory sheet and or confiscated without the owners (mostly) being informed. Pity the poor SOB who stashed their valuables and very private papers in such places thinking they were safe!

So the bottom line is that in spite of thinking such businesses can still offer privacy in America, you are sadly mistaken. There is NO more privacy in America, period.

Going offshore personally and with your valuables and personal papers may be the safest route to go if you wish to obtain or maintain true

privacy. You can do it 100% legally without any current US reporting requirements and you won't have to waste your time playing games in America using or trying to use revocable or irrevocable trusts and or a Nevada Limited Liability Company (LLC) to "hide" assets, etc., all of which can be pierced by the authorities at their whim.

Remember going offshore for Americans can mean going to Canada where opening a safe deposit box at a major Canadian bank requires a passport copy only and NOT the disclosure of your social security number! But that is for a safe deposit box only. A SS number is required for Americans in order to open a bank account in Canada. Do govern yourself accordingly.

The bottom line is that in those types of HOW TO books they fail to mention the laws and subsequent consequences of Patriot Acts I and II (with III on the way.) That's a terrible oversight IMO which can greatly affect the reader. I've spent a great deal of time reading these new laws and believe I understand the consequences in the event one runs foul of them.

Such laws mandate, amongst other matters, that the "Opening, operating or use of ANY government service (and think of the thousands of government services you use in everyday life,) with NON US government issued ID is a (very serious) felony," and as such under Patriot Act I and II subjects one up to 25 years in the pokey for their first offense!

Under Patriot Act I and II it is a very serious felony in the USA to manufacture and sell non US governmental ID. In the event you are an unfortunate victim caught up in some "sting" operation in the states regarding alternate ID, then you could face serious criminal charges. Never mind that thousands of college age students use false ID, the fact of the matter is that it is against the law and they have broken it by purchasing it WITHIN the USA. It is, however, NOT currently against any existing laws to purchase alternative ID OUTSIDE the USA!

So do be very careful indeed when pursuing such ideas and so-called techniques in such "How To" books. They might sound great on paper, but in real life one may end up in very serious trouble as a result. As the age old adage says, investigate before you invest is very good advice indeed! Remember a person can learn from their own mistakes, but a genius learns from the mistakes of others! Learning from a mistake of this potential magnitude, can avoid disastrous consequences!

Chapter XXII – Conclusion

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." - Edmund Burke

As a result of my research for this report, I have concluded that unless matters change drastically and very soon, all freedom loving persons especially Americans, who wish to preserve their liberties, should expatriate from America and possibly elsewhere before May 11th, 2008. Though the Americans and Brits bear the brunt of attacks on privacy and civil liberties, Australians, Canadians, New Zealanders, Western Europeans and the Japanese are also experiencing grave threats to theirs as well. Remember whatever happens first in America, is soon to be followed elsewhere in the world!

Those so inclined should become, at the very minimum, legal residents of a country other than where they currently reside. That's not to say you can never return to your home country. However you shouldn't return as a resident of your home country after that date and after expatriating.

May 11th, 2008 is the date when The Real ID Act becomes law and the subsequent US biometric ID cards, in the form of state issued driver licenses, will start being issued and become commonplace. After that date your biometric details [think iris, fingerprints, digital pictures and eventually your DNA,] will be required for all American's soon to be ID cards (driver's license) and recorded on countless databases. American's will be required to produce this biometric ID card in order to conduct themselves in their day to day affairs.

Life will never be the same for American's after May 11th, 2008. Your details will never be deleted from those databases and Americans will be tracked everywhere in the world from May 11th, 2008 onwards... forever. Even non Americans are and will continue to be affected by The Real ID Act and America's other tracking programs. You will be required to produce this ID card in order to prove who you are, in order to receive any government benefit or service, to open or keep a bank account and in order to get a job amongst other demands. The list goes on and on.

Do yourself a favor and invest ten minutes of your time viewing a revealing, tell all video called "Papers Please." "Papers Please" can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCLu83rppmA>

I believe the crux of the matter is that we need to understand and realize that governments do not really change policies. Governments are not going to do anything to help you. They are going to maintain and expand these programs at your expense. They have their own agenda and damn the torpedo's, its full steam ahead when it comes time to implementing and continuing their agendas. In spite of the fact citizens simply don't want the ID cards in the UK or in the US; they are being rammed down your throat. At the end of the day you are going to be forced to use ID cards and pay for their horrific cost to boot with no say in the matter. Every poll taken, very interview given to the man on the street, reveals the over whelming majority of the public dislikes and distrusts these government ID cards. This is not the way a democracy is suppose to work, is it?

Nor are governments likely to put a stop to, or rescind the many intrusive programs that are afflicting us in more ways than one, i.e. a loss of 35% in the value of the USD since 2001, as well as the horrific capitulation of our freedoms. Therefore, it would be a logical conclusion that if we are to protect our savings, lives and freedoms it is we who must change, as clearly your government will not.

At the end of the day, the good news is that one can still live a life free of government interference, control and monitoring. You can be happy, make money tax free and live life to the fullest, whilst staying off big brothers radar screen. I concede that it's certainly not as easy as before. Nor is it as effortless as we'd like, but it can still be achieved... if you take action sooner rather than later by structuring yourself legally and properly. Unless you surrender to the government and are willing to become its slave, what alternative is there other than to leave? Remember there is no gain without a little pain!

For some this might require having radical like surgery performed as I mentioned in the preface. That could entail moving your ass and assets along with your loved ones from where you live and work now, and relocate to another country. Eventually that will result with another citizenship and a 2nd or 3rd passport, whilst affording you the opportunity of being able to stick two fingers at your former authorities.

For some Americans and Canadians it might mean adjusting their present lifestyle and lowering their profile considerably, financially and otherwise. Alternatively it might require that they expatriate from where they currently reside. They could become a legal resident elsewhere by obtaining legal residency in a nearby country. For

example Americans can become resident in Canada, Mexico or the Dominican Republic; Canadians may gain residency in Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Paraguay or elsewhere, etc. and so forth.

Remember becoming a legal resident in any particular country does not mean you have to stay in that country 365 days a year! I believe that point is missed by many a person. Being resident requires that you reside in that country so many days per year period and abide by those countries laws. On the other hand, if you wish your time in country as a resident to count towards naturalization, then time in country each year is naturally of importance. How much time in country each year that eventually leads to naturalization will depend on the country concerned.

If you wish to remain in the united States after May 11th, 2008, so long as you do not drive an automobile, travel by bus, train or airplane, open or retain a bank account, need a job, social security, a passport or drivers license or any and all other government services, then you might stand a semblance of a chance and be able to avoid having to get Americans soon to be Real ID Act biometric ID card. After all you can always take a taxi if you need to get here and there and can afford them. That said with tongue in cheek, after May 11th, 2008 and without a Real ID Act biometric ID card, it will likely make living ones life exceedingly difficult in America. After all, isn't that the point? The government wants to make life so difficult for you, that you'll be happy to comply with the Real ID Act in order to maintain the status quo and live life as you use to, or thought you use to. Basically what the government is saying is; "Go along and get along, or suffer the severe consequence!"

Further another important point to ponder that may help you ease into expatriating is to realize that one is unlikely to get ahead working for anyone else. Therefore starting your own portable business [think laptop computer operated business,] could be a top priority for many. What kind of business that might be is not the subject of this report. However there are numerous books on the subject, some of which can be located online at <http://www.edenpress.com/category.asp?index=1>

Why Go Offshore?

There is a litany of reasons to go offshore. However if there is any one outstanding reason to go offshore (in addition to The Real ID Act,) it certainly WOULD be taxes!

If you are successful in business, have substantial financial assets, are high profile and or well know in your community, you are a target to your government, period. I once met a former US IRS "special agent". During the course of our conversation he revealed that he went driving around town and randomly wrote down the license plate numbers of high priced luxury vehicles and other vehicles of "interest." Then he'd return to his office and proceed with a fishing exhibition. He'd check on the owner of the automobile. First he'd see if they had in fact filed a TAX return. Then he'd see if they were current and whether or not they owed the IRS money in back taxes. Then he'd delve into how much money they declared as income and if in fact the income on their tax returns (signed under penalty mind you,) could justify the cost of a luxury automobile as he originally spotted, which caused the fishing exhibition in the first place. Pity the unlucky bastard who happens to be or have been "caught" in this fishing exhibition.

The former "special agent" also stated that this type of fishing exhibition was standard operating procedure for the IRS' special agents. [Note 6.]

The tax authorities in the UK, Australian, New Zealand, and of course Canada, are no better than the tax bandits in the US. They too surreptitiously go on uncalled for fishing exhibitions and you could be the target!

Assuming you have or can obtain a decent income from a portable trade operated via a laptop anywhere in the world with an internet connection, it could be of great benefit to yourself if you were to remove you and your assets to an offshore locale. My clients have successfully conducted business via the internet in Katmandu, Ulaanbaatar [think Mongolia,] Siberia Russia and some really out of the way and in the boon dock locales in China, in addition to numerous other off the beaten path cities around the world over the years.

In the event you could earn 25% to 35% LESS offshore than you do presently, you would still be way ahead financially. And that doesn't include the added benefit of saving your ass, assets and freedoms that being offshore offers. For instance, as an American, Canadian, Brit,

Australian, New Zealand or European Union national, you would immediately save (in most cases,) a minimum of 33 percent of your current income in tax savings alone.

[Authors Note: For the sake of brevity in this section, I am calling the currency mentioned hereafter ZORDS! In other words instead of my writing US\$, CN\$, NZ\$, EUR or GBP 1,000, I will write 1,000 ZORDS, etc. Zords equals whatever currency you use where you are.

I owe the word "Zords" to my young grandson. Whilst traveling with us on a world tour and trying his best to learn what currency we were using in that particular country that day, plus trying to figure out the exchange rate, he just started calling the local money "Zords." "How many Zords to a Euro is there Granddad?" he would ask me! I really liked that word Zords, and have been using it ever since.]

Some examples

Let's say you currently earn 50,000 Zords per year. In most cases a minimum of 33% of your income is loss to taxes of one sort or another. By expatriating you'd legally save up to 16,667 Zords in taxes alone. That's a considerable savings if I say so myself. Therefore earning just 33,333 Zords offshore, the result would amount to you experiencing the same NET income you currently enjoy where you work and reside now! Toss in a higher standard of living offshore, at a LOWER cost of living than you're paying now, and clearly you can see that you would be way ahead of where you are now... assuming you made the move offshore!

If you're current income is 100,000 Zords, then double the savings, etc. The higher your income and assets, then the greater the benefits in tax savings you'll reap. Brits, European Union nationals, Australians and New Zealanders would experience even greater tax saving benefits as they are taxed at rates higher than 33%.

Americans have what is called The Foreign Earned Income Exclusion. Basically that law allows Americans to earn up to 80,000 Zords offshore without having to pay taxes on that amount. For a couple it is 160,000 Zords annually, quite a bit of earned income annually if I don't say so myself.

Amounts over those limits can avoid taxes being accessed if Americans structure themselves properly, i.e. having a bearer share company for amounts in excess of 80,000 Zords earned offshore per taxpayer.

Guilty of being rich and famous - the victimization of high profile people

I'd suggest in the strongest possible terms that you do not try to play games with the tax authorities, whilst you remain in your home country. The authorities are not stupid.

A recent example is Hollywood movie star Wesley Snipes. Snipes is in deep doo doo as he has been charged with tax fraud for not filing his income tax returns from 1999 to 2004 and conspiring with two other people to file two amended returns that claimed tax refunds of almost \$12 million. If he is found guilty, Snipes faces up to five years in prison and a \$200,000 fine per offense. That adds up to a possible 25 year sentence for Blade! See <http://www.federalcrimesblog.com/2006/10/tax-fraudwesley-snipes.html>

Wesley Snipes is just one of many high profile persons that the tax bandits have hounded, persecuted and crucified publicly in order to scare the public into paying their 'fair share' of taxes. Others in the past include:

Willie Nelson

Nicknamed the "Red-headed Stranger," country singer and actor Willie Nelson became friends with the IRS in 1993 when he settled a \$16 million delinquent tax bill. The tax evasion nightmare began in 1990 for Nelson, which cost him nearly all of his personal belongings (which fans bought at auctions and gave back to him). Nelson also released the album "The IRS Tapes: Who Will Buy My Memories," and its profits were directed to the IRS.

Woody Herman

In the late '60s jazz great Woody Herman's manager gambled away the band's income tax money. Herman told Artie Shaw, 'I'm going to be on the road for the rest of my life.' The IRS persecuted him to the point of selling his home in a tax foreclosure sale after Herman became an invalid after suffering an incapacitating stroke and was unable to continue working and therefore pay taxes any longer. However as a truly great jazz artist and human being, along with much integrity, Herman never complained and never held a grudge.

The IRS 'seized' his home and sold it for a fraction of its true worth at an IRS tax foreclosure sale, whilst Herman sat helplessly in his

wheelchair watching. Herman died not long afterwards, homeless as well as penniless as a result of the IRS selling his home of 45 years.

That was the reward his government gave Herman, one of America's greatest artists and good will ambassadors.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In February of 1960, civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested on charges of tax evasion for allegedly falsifying his income tax returns. He was acquitted in May with the support of presidential candidate John F. Kennedy.

Don King

Boxing promoter Don King was charged with tax evasion in 1991, but a mistrial was declared after one of the jurors admitted to reading an article about possible jail time for such an offense. He was later charged with nine counts of insurance fraud, of which he was acquitted.

Richard Pryor

Comedic Actor Richard Pryor tumultuous career included an arrest for tax evasion in June 1974. He served ten days in the Los Angeles County Jail for the offense, and teamed with comedian Flip Wilson to throw a benefit concert for the jail's 300 inmates soon after.

Studio 54

Steve Rubell and Ian Schrager, co-owners of Studio 54, New York's most popular club in the 1970's, were found guilty of tax evasion in 1979. They served over a year in federal prison after admitting that they kept thousand of dollars in club revenue hidden. Mike Myers played Rubell in the 1998 movie "54."

Luciano Pavoratti

World famous Tenor Luciano Pavoratti was convicted of tax evasion in 1999, and ordered to pay \$11 million to the Italian Courts. He was again accused of tax evasion by his hometown of Modena in 2001. The opera star was acquitted of the charges and spared what would have been an \$18 million fine. All of the above charges were brought against Pavoratti in spite of the fact that Pavoratti had legal residence, as well as a very expensive villa in Monaco, a tax haven.

Al Capone

Failure to pay four years worth of taxes left gangster Al Capone with multiple felony charges. In 1930, Capone was the first person

prosecuted and convicted of income evasion in the USA. He was sentenced to 11 years in prison and an \$80,000 bill. The conviction was seen as a means to charge Capone with crime since he managed to escape other charges.

Chuck Berry

Singer-songwriter Chuck Berry was charged with tax evasion in 1979. He pled guilty and was ordered to perform 1,000 hours worth of benefit shows after serving four months in prison.

Alan Freed

Disc jockey Alan Freed, who coined the phrase "rock & roll," faced charges of tax evasion and commercial bribery in 1962 after accepting money from musicians in exchange for airtime. His suspended sentence of six months and a \$300 fine would mark the end of his career. The side effects of negative publicity were such that no prestigious station would employ him ever again. He died aged 43, penniless and before seeing that he was elected into Rock & Rolls Hall of Fame.

Sophia Loren

After being charged with tax evasion in 1982, actress Sophia Loren spent 18 days in an Italian prison. Apparently, her husband's bets at sporting events weren't very profitable; he was also jailed.

Leona Helmsley

Not wanting to be one of "the little people" who pay taxes, billionaire Leona Helmsley and her husband withheld millions in tax revenue. She was sentenced to almost two years in prison along with a \$7 million fine in 1990. Rumor indicates that she had money smuggled into prison for the purpose of paying an inmate to be her servant.

In 1983, a then unknown Federal prosecutor at the time was Rudolph William Louis "Rudy" Giuliani III. I recall vividly when Giuliani indicted financiers Marc Rich and Pincus Green on charges of tax evasion and making illegal oil deals with Iran during the hostage crisis, in one of the first cases in which the RICO Act was employed in a non-organized crime case. Rich and Green fled the United States to avoid prosecution; both were controversially pardoned by the executive order of President Bill Clinton in 2001.

Like Giuliani Federal prosecutors went after the Helmsley' with a vengeance that I hadn't seen in a long time. I remember thinking at

the time," those prosecutor dudes are out to get themselves elected some public office at the expense of the poor bastards they're after.

Two esteemed attorneys, Alan Dershowitz and Robert Bork worked on Helmsley's appeal and in fact proved her innocence though the government didn't reverse the original guilty verdict. So much for justice in America! See http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1282/is_n22_v45/ai_14667462/pg_2 for more regarding this particular case.

James Traficant

U.S. Rep. James Traficant was convicted for, among other acts, racketeering and tax evasion. He was sentenced to 8 years in the pokey and is due to be released in 2010. He should consider himself a very lucky man indeed. He originally faced up to 63 years in prison. Upon release of such a sentence, Traficant would be 124 years old. Many unknown and low profile citizens face such horrendous long term prison sentences in the land of the not so free.

Spiro T. Agnew

Vice President from 1969-1973, Spiro T. Agnew pled no contest to one count of tax evasion in October of 1973. He received three years probation and a \$10,000 fine to go along with his decision to resign. I meet one of the federal attorneys involved in Agnew's tax case. He confirmed that they didn't want Agnew as President in the event that Nixon was forced to resign, which was the driving force in getting rid of Agnew

Jerry Lee Lewis

Rock and Roller Jerry Lee Lewis fought the IRS over unpaid taxes, with tax agents even showing up at concerts to seize his pay, which he preferred in cash.

The above and countless other celebrities, who had the money and the very best tax attorneys to help them, didn't make out as perhaps they thought in their tax ordeal. So think about the poor bastards that didn't have the money to fight the tax sharks! They didn't stand a change and those already convicted of "tax crimes" are likely rotting in jail as you read these words.

So the point of the above is, do not try to be funny and play games with the authorities, whilst you remain in their jurisdiction. Remember, so long as you pay all the taxes the government says you owe, and comply with all the government laws, you shouldn't have any problem.

And always remember that if you play by the governments rules, you're going to lose. Make you own rules by moving offshore, and you'll win!

Expatriation

In reference to ones finances and expatriation, there are several factors that you should be made aware of prior to moving offshore and expatriating:

1. If you're income and or total assets are 100,000 Zords or less per annum currently, think long and hard about earning 66% of your current income offshore and how you propose to earn it.
2. I would think that a current income of 50,000 Zords would be the minimum to seriously consider any move offshore. In other words an offshore income of at least 33,333 Zords would be required to maintain your current standard of living. That's about 2,775 Zords per month NET income, more than adequate for living a decent lifestyle abroad in most countries.

In fact I have numerous American clients receiving between 1,200 to 1,700 Zords per month in social security benefits and they are far better off being offshore than when they lived in America. They have a higher standard of living than the same money would afford them in their home country, with a pocket full of Zords left over at the end of the month to travel hither and yonder! One has a new bride, 30 years his junior and another is having the time of his life chasing after lovely young lovelies!

By becoming a legal resident in a country other than your current country of residence and domicile, you could always return home to visit friends and relatives. This can be accomplished above board; all visits home could be conducted legally as a non resident for a maximum visit each year of approximately 90-179 days in most cases. This period of time varies and depends on your nationality and current country of residence. Be very mindful of time in (home) country when returning for a visit. Over stay by one day and you face losing your non resident status and be subject to taxation and worse.

You will also need to be quite careful about where you are domiciled. I suggest you conduct a search on the web for a clear understanding of what "DOMICILE" is, and what the difference between residency and domicile is. This can be a tricky question and could lead to potential problems in the future if you fail to structure yourself properly.

In essence, one needs to apply themselves, have a logical plan of action and make realistic goals, then go for it. Yes you may have to make some tough life adjustments, there's no question about that. But what price are you willing to pay to be free? More important, what is the alternative if you do nothing and continue living where you are with all the pending laws and technologies soon to be heaped upon you?

It's a big world out there. Unless you get out there and explore it, you'll never know what you're missing. Nearly every one of my many consulting clients over the years that made the move offshore, are far better off today. They are happier with either a new partner, or have a much better relationship with their partner from their old world; have many new mates and new business associates; their finances are better due to little or no taxes and filing requirements. Plus an extra bonus is they are enjoying a higher standard of living than they ever thought possible or experienced in their old world. It took them time, effort and a little money, but they did it and you can too!

As Mark Twain said: "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness."

There are a cornucopia of privacy products and services available from trusted providers like the publishers of this report. Today opportunities are still available, though admittedly decreasing as I write these words.

Traveling and investing your time and efforts in a country other than your own, or where you reside now, could end up being one of your better investments. Legal residency in an offshore locale offers you the prospect of legal naturalization and citizenship, i.e. a second passport in a few years time. Throw in saving thousands of Zords in taxes, meeting new friends, having the opportunity of a fresh start plus the possibility of meeting a new partner or even marriage (fast track to residency and a second nationality,) and you have an opportunity that very few others realize.

Why Offshore Residency?

There is a litany of reasons to become legally resident outside your home country.

- Have a second home overseas in a tropical country where they can live at or visit.

- Have a "safe haven" to escape to in the event of war or any type of civil unrest that may threaten their family.
- Actually live in another country permanently, perhaps after retirement.
- Relocate to a tropical, stable, safe country where it is very economical to live in comparison with most other developed countries such as the US, Canada, Europe, etc.
- Relocate to a more "tax friendly" country where foreign earned income, capital gains, and interest income is not taxed.
- Relocate to a country where frivolous lawsuits are not recognized by courts, and assets can be truly protected through a corporate shield, without the risks of "piercing the corporate veil".
- Relocate to a country where one can begin business operations economically, and without heavy restrictions, regulations, or taxes that hinder the growth of the business.
- Relocate to a country where real estate is still affordable for purchasing homes in the city or land at the beaches, mountains, lakes, etc.
- Wish to purchase a yacht in a tax haven and have your resident country become the "base" for the yacht while otherwise living aboard and sailing the yacht to wherever you desire. The purchase of the yacht in most instances would be sufficient to qualify for residency leading to citizenship.

Residency

For instance Canadians and Americans can obtain legal residence leading to naturalization in the nearby Dominican Republic. And DR residency is quite affordable I might add! DR residency goes through faster (say 6 months) and naturalization is easier. Little of your physical presence or time in country is required in the DR! I have some good contacts there now who are very reliable and get the job done in a timely and professional manner. The country is getting better, the economy is doing well and the whole place has been cleaned up substantially from just a few years ago. I also believe that the DR passport will soon become harder to obtain and more expensive in the near future. And by purchasing property in the DR, it can expedite citizenship matters to a great extent.

Though the DR passport is not the greatest for visa free travel, visas to Schengen, etc. are no problem to obtain if you have a few thousand Zords in the bank. In the case of Dominicans, visa regulations are mainly to keep out hookers and illegal job seekers. I believe I can offer a better level of service for residency in the Dominican Republic and

access to it is much easier from North America and Europe. There are many direct low-cost flights from both European and North American countries and are available at knock down prices. One such carrier is called Condor. See <http://www11.condor.com/tcf-us/index.jsp>

Europeans can easily obtain residency in Portugal, as Portugal offers the easiest residency to naturalization program in the Western European Union. Five years residency along with learning enough Portuguese to answer a judge's questions when it comes time to become naturalized is all that is required. Naturalization in Portugal leads to a world class, worldwide visa free travel passport, one of the best passports in the world, bar none.

Portugal is also flexible as to the amount of time in country you are required to stay that leads towards Portuguese naturalization. Portugal also offers a high standard of living with possibly the least expensive living costs of all Western European Union countries. The world famous Algarve has beautiful white sand with some of the best beaches in Western Europe. The Algarve offers world class flats, condominiums, villas and estates for sale or rent. It is just a hop, skip and a jump to and from Spain from the Algarve.

Though prices in the Algarve area are not what they were a few years ago, other areas of Portugal are still offering real bargains in real estate properties.

Spain is another option as well. However Spanish law requires ten years residency before being able to qualify for naturalization. That's way too long IMHO.

Also please don't get caught with the misconception that by purchasing a Guatemalan or other former Spanish colonial country passport, that will guarantee you instant Spanish residency and eventually a Spanish Passport. That is a blatant falsehood and anyone offering such documents with that misleading information isn't very well informed.

The fact of the matter is that Spanish law dictates that a person MUST have been born in a former Spanish colony and NOT naturalized in one in order to qualify. Therefore anyone buying such instant passports is likely to get themselves into deep doo doo. Most such documents, at least that I am aware of, are made via the midnight shift method, [think after hours.] In other words a backhander (bribe) was involved with a government employee. Though such 'instant' passports might be registered on computers, they are not 100% legally issued.

In the event a blue eyed Gringo traveling on a Guatemalan or similar travel document, is stopped and questioned by immigration in Western Europe (or anywhere for that matter,) and they can't read, write or speak Spanish, an in depth investigation and calls to the host passport country would certainly be forthcoming.

Such a call to the host country would see government officials there verifying the passport holder's immigration file. What probably would be revealed in such an immigration file is that in lieu of the standard five years worth of paper normally required during residency (leading to naturalization,) only a few pieces of paper would be on file. Naturally the game is up at that point, and the passport holder would be arrested and all sorts of very serious charges could be brought against that person, including possible terrorist charges. Caveat Emptor!

France offers the best real estate bargains in Western Europe. Five years residency in France leads to naturalization and French citizenship, with probably the best or one of the best passports anywhere.

A proliferation of low cost airlines throughout Europe has been taking place over the past few years, so now one can fly to and from most any country in Western Europe in 2 to 3 hours for a hundred Zords or even much less, if you're flexible as to depart and arrival times and using out of the way airports. Easy Jet <http://www.easyjet.com/EN/Book/> and Ryan Air <http://www.ryanair.com/site/EN/> are just two of numerous low cost carriers available in Europe today. Monarch Airlines offers low cost airfares to and from the Algarve. See <http://www.flymonarch.com/cnt/destinations/algarve-flights.asp>

Canadians, Brit's Australians and to a lesser extent New Zealanders, should seriously consider expatriation. Brit's Australians and New Zealanders can easily relocate to Asia. Though obtaining a second passport (legally) from an Asia country is neither easy nor recommended other than for banking purposes [think banking passport,] Asia offers a cornucopia of opportunity for long term residency or just an enjoyable 3 month visit once a year or so.

Central and South America

I've never been crazy about living in Central or South America, though admittedly I enjoy a visit every once and a while. That said probably

most readers may be aware that Panama, Costa Rica, Paraguay and Brazil, amongst other countries in the region, offer fairly easy residency and thereafter, naturalization and passports. The cost of living in the region is modest though speaking the local lingo would be necessary in most instances.

Costa Rica

In all the years I've been in the offshore business, I have never met, known or heard of a single legal resident in Costa Rica who eventually became naturalized, and thus became a CR citizen and receive a legal CR passport.

Retiring in Costa Rica - Pensionado and Rentista Residency

If you are planning to retire, Costa Rica might be for you. If you have a pension of at least US\$600 per month or an investment income of at least US\$1,000 or more and or a similar retirement income then you may qualify for either RENTISTA RESIDENCY or PENSION RESIDENCY. This program is governed by Law No. 4812

Check with your nearest Costa Rican consulate for the latest particulars and requirements.

Panama

The Panamanian government has created several laws which enable foreigners to obtain legal Panama passports and residency. Most of these laws have been created to promote foreign investment in the country which benefits the local environment or local economy of the Republic of Panama.

Below I have briefly listed several immigration programs which offer permanent residency leading to passports, as well as several that are designed as work visas only.

Immediate Panamanian Passport Program

This program allows foreigners to obtain immediate Panamanian Passport under the condition that they make a 5 year time deposit (certificate of deposit - "CD"), at the Banco Nacional de Panama, which earns a minimum of US\$750 per month in interest income.

Tourist Pensioner Visa - Turista Pensionado

Visa Description

This visa is designed for persons whose pension from a Government entity or private corporation is \$500 or more (\$600 or more for a couple).

It is granted indefinitely and includes benefits such as a one-time exemption of duties for the importation of household goods (up to \$10,000) and an exemption every two years of duties for the importation of a car.

Private Income Retiree Visa - Rentista Retirado

Visa Description

This visa is for persons who despite not receiving a monthly pension, are no longer working and have a lump sum which may be deposited on a 5-year Certificate of Deposit with the National Bank of Panama, yielding at least \$750 a month (at current rates approximately \$225,000).

The visa is renewable every five years, so long as the Certificate of Deposit keeps being renewed.

The Private Income Retiree Visa includes such benefits as a traveling Panamanian passport (does NOT grant nationality); a one-time exemption of duties for the importation of household goods (up to \$10,000) and an exemption every two years of duties for the importation of a car. The passport needs to be renewed every five years.

For more information regarding Panama residency programs, contact the publisher at ptshamropck@ptshamrock.com

Brazil

A lot of good things can be said about Brazil. It is the regions leading economic power and there are hundreds of millions of people there. The cost of living is reasonable and outside the filthy and overcrowded large cities one can have a decent life style.

There is no shortage of lovely young lovelies in Brazil, albeit unless you speak decent Portuguese communicating can be testing and stressful at times. Living in Brazil might not be for everyone and in general not recommended. Petty crime is out of control and the kidnapping of foreigners, as well as elsewhere in the region, has become a common source of income for organized gangs.

The above said, a passport from Brazil offers an excellent low profile traveling vehicle from a respectable country. Once you obtain Brazilian residency you do NOT need to remain 24/7, 365 days per year in country. In and out traveling is quite flexible but a Brazilian citizenship at US\$100,000 might be beyond the reach of many persons.

Paraguay

I think that the Paraguay South American OPTION is something worth considering. Compared to a hundred grand for Brazil, Paraguay is a bargain.

The legal fees for a single residency in Paraguay are Eur 25,000. Husband and wife are Eur 40,000. For very large families after the second document, the price for children is less. Unfortunately children of any age must have their own passports and may not be included on parents' documents. Costs are somewhat more expensive for Asian and Middle Eastern nationals.

Paraguay Passport by Residence Program

- Passport is good for travel to Central and South America and all of Europe visa free.
- No personal income tax!!
- Free exchange of currency--can have U.S. dollar accounts
- Cheap land and a beautiful country
- Only 3 years to apply for Citizenship and Passport and on first visit down can get Cedula, Permanent Resident Card valid ten years and a Drivers license.
- Good foreign banks that with an account you can get a visa card and US dollar accounts
- Part of Mercosur, so free trade and travel to Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Associate members Chile and Bolivia

You Need!

- Birth Certificate

- Medical Certificate
- Police Certificate
- Marriage documents
- Copies of passport

2, 3, 4 and 5 you will need notarized and then a notary flag from the courthouse.

If # 4 is certified you don't need the notary. Then all documents are sent to the Paraguayan consulate to be legalized.

Asia

There is no shortage of decent countries to select from in Asia. Previously Thailand was a top choice for my clients. However recently immigration laws changed which now limit foreigners from staying in country for more than 90 days at a shot. Previously one could take a boat across the Mekong River into Vientiane, Laos for a few minutes or a night, then turn around and go back into Thailand for another 90 or 180 days, then repeat the process, etc. etc. and so forth.

However today, Thailand's new immigration law dictates that a foreigner, after staying 90 days aggregate in country, is not allowed back into Thailand for another six months. In other words you can stay in Thailand for 90 days (without a residency permit or a marriage visa through a Thai spouse.) However after staying 90 days, you have to depart the country and stay out of Thailand for six months before returning to Thailand for another 90 days.

You can thank John Mark Karr for those recent Thai immigration law changes. Karr, who claimed he murdered six-year-old JonBenet Ramsey but didn't, had been staying in Thailand easily for some years. As a result of all the negative publicity Karr brought about Thailand, i.e. how easy it was to stay in Thailand, naturally the Thai government "had to do something." That something was the above immigration law changes.

Malaysia might be a good bet for some. It has a laid back population with very favorable residency laws and offers excellent infrastructure. There are several cyber (internet) cities throughout Malaysia and starting a business is not much of a hassle. There are plenty of lovely beaches and though the country is predominately Muslim, they are very moderate and highly tolerant of Westerners. Foreigners are welcomed with open arms and wallets. The cost of living in Malaysia is

quite affordable and the bigger cities offer a respectable standard of living.

Malaysia offers an excellent 5 year residency visa called "My Second Home." The Malaysian Government welcomes foreign nationals (except Israel, Yugoslavia, Serbia and Montenegro,) to stay in Malaysia on a long term Social Visit Pass under the "MALAYSIA - MY SECOND HOME PROGRAMME" and the duration of stay is for a period of five (5) years with a Multiple Entry Visa.

If you place a 5 year deposit that earns interest of approximately US\$28,000 or 100,000 Malaysian Ringgits, voila you're Second Home free!

The requirements for this 5 year visa are easy to meet. In fact you can even apply online for this residency visa at <http://ivisa.imi.gov.my/my2home/My2Home.jsp>

The one drawback, as with ALL legal residency programs, is that the government issues an ID card for its non citizen residents. To the best of my knowledge the residency programs I mention in this report, as of this writing, are NOT forwarding such ID cards details back to the individual's home country. However as with all government policies, they are always subject to change.

For full particulars on the My Second Home 5 year visa program see http://www.imi.gov.my/ENG/im_MalaysiaMy2Home.asp

Though Singapore is clean and modern, it is too sterile IMO for anything other than a 30 day visit or so. That said Singapore is bringing to town gambling casinos a la Las Vegas style, which are bound to change that tiny city/nation state. The cost of living is certainly not as inexpensive as other Asia cities, but it is still affordable IMO, at the upper end of the cost of living scale.

Like other countries, Singapore has a residency program. See <http://www.mfa.gov.sg/sanfrancisco/pr1.html>

Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong are even more expensive than Singapore. As with Singapore, the average PT (perpetual traveler) might find it difficult in those societies to be as free as they'd like to. Other than Hong Kong and Singapore, English is no longer as widely spoken as in years pass in those countries.

Other than Bali, the rest of Indonesia is not so Western friendly, though westerns are tolerated. The cost of living is fairly reasonable but becoming resident is not recommended. Anyone considering living long term in Indonesia, unless it's in the Bali beach area, should visit and rent a place for six months before making any permanent move. The infrastructure is getting better but it is still not up to first world standards.

The Philippines offers some advantages, especially there being no shortage of lovely young lovelies readily available looking for a way out of persistent poverty. The Philippines is the third largest English speaking country in the world. That said not everyone speaks English fluently, but at least you will be able to communicate with the general population without too much stress.

Around the former Subic (US) naval base area, you can meet many former and now retired GI's. The infrastructure in Olongapo City, where Subic is located, is acceptable. Olongapo City is approximately 127 kilometers North of Manila, or at least 2 to 3 hours drive time depending on traffic, which IMO is terrible with only Bangkok traffic being worse. Manila, Olongapo City and a rare few other major cities in the Philippines offer excellent services for expats. However the rest of the Philippines in general suffers from infrastructure problems as well as having been left behind economically as other Asian nations have surged ahead financially over the last 35 years.

Millions of Filipino's, about ten percent of the population, are what is called Overseas Workers, working everywhere from the USA, to Saudi Arabia Dubai and are even maids in Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan and Korea.

My how times change. Forty years ago the Philippines was the second wealthiest nation in Asia, with only Japan ahead of them economically. Fast forward 40 years and now the Philippines is the second poorest nation in Asia with Bangladesh having the dubious honor of being the poorest!

In spite of all of the above, don't be put off visiting the Philippines as the country certainly merits a visit or possibly more! The Philippines, like most other countries, has a residency program called, "The SPECIAL RESIDENT RETIREE'S VISA (SRRV)." For full particulars see http://www.immigration.gov.ph/srrv_info.php

Basically if you deposit US\$50,000 into a Philippine government approved bank account, you'll earn some (small) interest on your money during your residency in country. The funds can also be invested into a locally approved government program, should one wish to take on the risk such an adventure in the Philippines offers.

Compared to Malaysia's \$28,000 residency deposit requirement, I personally feel that The Philippine government is asking way too much money for their residency requirement deposit. That said some of my clients have informed me that one may not need to become a legal resident there. They have informed me that one can stay up to one year in The Philippines, subject to having their visas extended every 30 to 60 days or so. Visa extensions can be handled via most local travel agencies for a fee of around US\$50 to \$75 per extension. If you plan on visiting this marvelous country consisting of 7,107 islands, be sure to obtain a 59 day tourist visa before departing home base. Otherwise you are only granted a measly 21 day stay upon arrival and extensions can become expensive and stressful after a while.

South Africa was formerly my favorite play ground. However crime is a real problem today and prices have risen considerably these past years. Therefore I regrettably have to say that a visit of up to three months can only be recommended (per year,) though owning a flat, apartment or condominium in Cape Town or Durban might not be a bad investment, especially if you are an avid golfer!

Though South Africa has a residency visa program, (see http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/services_foreigners.asp?topic=permanent) it is not recommended as staying for three months at a shot is as good as it gets there nowadays.

Some associates rave about the Baltic States, for instance Latvia or Estonia, etc. Though there are more than plenty of lovely young lovelies there, communicating in English is experienced with great difficulty and can be exasperating to say the least.

Turkey and other countries in that region, including Croatia, offer some real estate bargains with excellent villas on or near the water. However for me the language barrier and trying to get anything accomplished can be very stressful and, drawn from my own experience, mostly a waste of time. For my two euros worth, I'd rather visit those countries for a few weeks or months at a time and rent a place or stay in a luxury hotel and be looked after properly rather than

committing myself to some long term and perhaps undesirable real estate investment problems. Legal residency is not recommended unless you marry a local.

Dubai

No discussion regarding residency would be complete without mentioning Dubai. Probably one of the, if not the best bet today for legal residency would be Dubai. Dubai has more construction going on than any other city in the world. There are more apartments, condominiums and houses being built than you can shake a stick at. The infrastructure is world class and Dubai offers a relaxed, laid back city with a culture that includes hundreds of thousands of foreigners.

Though obtaining or wanting a passport from this Emirate is extremely difficult if not impossible to obtain for a foreigner, even if they are married to a UAE national, residency is easily obtainable. Starting with as an investment of US\$19,000, you can be guaranteed legal TAX FREE residency status in a remarkably short period of time. Starting a business is a piece of cake and opportunities are bountiful.

A visit to Dubai is a must for any PT or wannabe PT. An excellent report about Dubai is called "The Dubai - Tax Free Residency Report". See <http://www.ptshamrock.com/dubai.htm> for full particulars.

Citizenship via ancestry or marriage

Don't forget about the possibility of citizenship via ancestry or marriage. If you are married to or get married to a foreign national and reside in his or her home country, the naturalization process is, in many cases, speeded up and somewhat faster than the regular residency leading to naturalization timeframe. For instance, if married to a British national, naturalization could come in as little as 3 to 4 years, subject to how many are in line in front of you. France may be a better bet, as unlike their soon to arrive British ID card, France's ID card is really voluntary and offers probably one of the best if not the best passport in the world.

Citizenship via ancestry is an excellent vehicle for acquiring a second nationality and a valuable 2nd or 3rd passport. If you or your spouses parents, and in some cases grandparents, were born in Ireland or possibly a few other Western European nations, you might be able to obtain citizenship via ancestry. Ditto if you happen to be Jewish. Check with you're nearest consulate or embassy of the country in question

for their current naturalization via ancestry, religion or marriage requirements. More information about citizenship via ancestry or marriage can be found at

<http://www.ptshamrock.com/auto/passport.html>

Diplomatic Appointment & Passport

As to passports for sale, there are, to the best of my knowledge, only two countries offering a truly legitimate diplomatic appointment and passport. And that includes diplomatic passports and license tags for your immediate family as well!

Both countries are located in the Southern African region, but they are NOT South Africa. You are expected to assist the host country by promoting it and offering services. For example host a trade booth at a travel trade fair in Frankfurt, Germany; use your home or apartment as a local consulate, and host visiting dignitaries, etc. A personal visit to meet the head of state is mandatory, as the head of state and only the head of state grants any appointment. Bear in mind that this is the real McCoy, so if you want a diplomatic appointment and passport, you must be willing to give something in return for an appointment.

FYI here is the final protocol and procedure for these diplomatic honours.

1. Client pays non-refundable deposit and submits his motivation
2. Government checks docs and confirms they can do.
3. Client visits country for personal meetings and interviews
4. Government confirms appointment but does not issue
5. Documents are forwarded to client's country of residence for acceptance by that gov.
6. Resident country confirms their acceptance of client to issuing country
7. Issuing government issues official appointment to client
8. Client meets residence government and receives exequatur documentation

So if you are ready, able and willing to do something for one of these countries and are in a position to pony up Eur65,000 plus travel expenses to and from the host country, a diplomatic appointment and passport could be a very serious and profitable undertaking that could reap huge benefits for the serious player!

Cards and such

An anonymous ATM card or two came in very handy for me during my questioning from the "men in the crew cuts, i.e. the HS thugs as previously mentioned. Ditto for having an anonymous mobile phone and anonymous offshore sim chip, i.e. telephone number. Therefore you might want to think about acquiring these privacy type products as they are certainly worth their weight in gold.

A couple of trusted mail drops in several different cities and countries would be of great use for most privacy seekers. A Panama or other bearer share company can also come in handy for banking purposes. Americans may be able to get around filing requirements by using a banking passport for offshore banking purposes along with a decent bearer share company and offshore bank account with internet banking facilities.

Remember an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure. Don't be like so many who will wait until the doo doo hits the fan when it will be too late to act. They aren't "PT'ing", i.e. preparing themselves and it will simply be too late to save their arse. Subsequently they will suffer the consequence for their failure to PT, prepare thoroughly.

I have a little analogy about privacy, freedom and taxes that I like to use especially for Americans and Brits. It's sort of like the greatest ship of it's time, the Titanic. There were clear warnings of icebergs to the captain and the crew of the Titanic (think elected government officials.) Yet the captain (leaders) ignored those ice warnings and it was full steam ahead.

When the ship hit an iceberg most of the people were misled or lied to about the danger because there weren't enough lifeboats for everyone. Most of the passengers (you and yours) went down with the ship or froze to death in the icy waters, which turned out to be the greatest maritime disaster of its time.

However those that took heed of the danger EARLY enough to get their loved ones and themselves onto a lifeboat survived and went on to prosper.

I believe the same holds true today with one's loss of privacy, freedoms and devastating taxes. Those who are obtuse about what is happening to their freedoms will go down with the ship, and it will go

down one day. Sooner or later, just like every other great civilization, America will cease to be the great power it is today.

I would like to leave you with the following thought challenging quote. Considering it was made nearly 170 years ago, it is more than adjuratory to heed its advice.

"But you must remember, my fellow-citizens, that eternal vigilance by the people is the price of liberty, and that you must pay the price if you wish to secure the blessing. It behooves you, therefore, to be watchful in your States as well as in the Federal Government."

- Andrew Jackson: Farewell Address, March 4, 1837

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Notes:

1. In 1938 the united States supreme Court ruled that the "Common Law" was now "statutorized," and no longer existed as a separate system of law (that's why they'll not accept any legal precedent that predates 1938). As a result, when you appear in a "Merchant Law Court" the U.S. Constitution has no effect, and you have NO Rights! You are now under the jurisdiction of the Uniform Commercial Code! See <http://www.worldnewsstand.net/freedom/ucc1.htm>
2. The united States of America is the correct spelling and that united is not spelled with a capital "U". See <http://www.maildropnet.com/products/yourcitz.html>
3. The IRS has the power to gain full access to your bank account at any time, without your permission, knowledge or a legal warrant. See <http://www.maildropnet.com/products/buck.html>
4. The US flag with the gold trim seen at US federal court's, federal offices and federally funded schools, is NOT old glory, rather it's an admiralty flag. To see old glory, the real American flag, visit <http://www.maildropnet.com/products/notamericanflag.html>
5. Every U.S. ATM, credit card and cash transaction is being monitored by Echelon, FinCEN and other government authorities. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Financial_Crimes_Enforcement_Network

6. The IRS is only an administrative agency and has no legal enforcement power and that there is NO legislative regulation making personal income taxes mandatory. Source http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internal_Revenue_Service
7. According to in-house memos now circulating, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has issued orders to banks across America which announce to them that "under the Patriot Act" the DHS has the absolute right to seize, without any warrant whatsoever, any and all customer bank accounts, to make "periodic and unannounced" visits to any bank to open and inspect the contents of "selected safe deposit boxes." Source - <http://www.laborlawtalk.com/showthread.php?t=100405>
8. In most but not all instances, the author has indicated links to the appropriate source for reference to the point made or written about herein.