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MILITIAS: A GROWING DANGER

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Preface

The American Jewish Committee, founded in 1906, is America's oldest human relations agency. It fights anti-Semitism and bigotry, promotes pluralism and intergroup relations, and seeks to protect America's democratic traditions.

We issue this background report on the militia movement now, in early April, 1995, with a sense of urgency. While this movement is not a clear and present danger to American society, it is quickly spreading and has all the ingredients to lead to disaster: an ideological caldron of disaffection, hate, conspiracy and violence brewing a fast-growing grass-roots movement with documented ties to hate groups. Some people connected with this movement advocate killing government officials. They may attempt such an act.

This background report is compiled from press accounts, militia documents, postings on the Internet, and information from such groups as the Northwest Coalitions Against Malicious Harassment, the Montana Human Rights Network, the Coalition for Human Dignity, the Environmental Working Group, and Political Research Associates.

All the information gathered to date suggests that the government and many in the press do not yet understand the seriousness with which this movement should be taken. It is AJCommittee's hope that this backgrounder and its attached documents will help wake up many.

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INTRODUCTION

"Civil war could be coming, and with it the need to shoot Idaho legislators." So said Samuel Sherwood, leader of the Blackfoot, Idaho-based United States Militia Association on March 2, 1995, after meeting with Idaho Lt. Governor Butch Otter. Sherwood amplified his views in a conversation with the Associated Press on Friday, March 10, 1995. According to the AP, Sherwood believes that "some Idaho lawmakers may betray Idaho and cling to Washington, D.C., hence the need to shoot them, he said. 'Go up and look legislators in the face, because some day you may have to blow it off,' Sherwood said."¹

In little over a year, since the coming to light of the Militias of Montana (MOM) in February, 1994, a well-armed,² and dangerous anti-government,³ militia movement has been spreading with lightning pace across the country, "preparing for war with the government."⁴ It is the common viewpoint of organizations and researchers who monitor this movement that militias have either direct or indirect connections with organized white supremacists⁵ and are using new forms of communication⁶ such as the Internet,⁷ faxes, national shortwave radio, and video, to share their information and warfare training exercises.⁸ The militias constitute a new manifestation of violent hate-group activity that targets not only the traditional victims — racial and religious minorities — but even moreso, government and government employees.⁹ The first person murdered by a militia member may well be a country clerk,¹⁰ a postal worker, a deputy sheriff,¹¹ a tax collector,¹² an FBI agent or US Marshal,¹³ a firefighter,¹⁴ a forest service employee,¹⁵ a FEMA worker,¹⁶ an elected representative — in fact any representative of government or anyone perceived as opposing the militia and, therefore, seen as doing "the work of government."¹⁷

Already judges have been threatened with death, as have state workers — and even a state legislator's seven-year old son.¹⁸ "County workers have been

instructed to dive under their desks with a telephone in hand if anyone storms [their offices],” reports the *Missoulian*.¹⁹ According to one researcher, militia members on the Internet “at one point said they were going to march on Washington and arrest Congress at gunpoint,”²⁰ and, in fact, an alert was issued by a militia group calling not only for the arrest of members of Congress, but also their “trial for Treason by Citizen Courts.”²¹ “Blood will be spilled in the streets of America,” says a militia leader. “It’s inevitable.”²² According to the *Arizona Republic* “a militia group obtained the names and home addresses of all federal officers [in Mississippi], prompting U.S. agencies to post a nationwide alert.”²³ According to the same article, “a [Tennessee] man, anticipating armed battle with a one-world government, amassed an arsenal . . . When local police pulled him over for drunk driving . . . he pulled a pistol and wounded two officers before one shot him in the head.”

Some estimates suggest that there are now over 10,000 people connected with the militia movement, in over 30 states.²⁴ In just the last few weeks people associated with militias have:

- 1) shot at police officers,²⁵
- 2) gathered to try to down a national guard helicopter,²⁶
- 3) been arrested in armed confrontations (one in an armed raid on a courthouse by people whose accomplices were waiting outside with assault rifles with bayonets, thousand of rounds of ammunition, radio equipment, plastic handcuffs, and \$80,000 in cash, gold and silver [as well as bogus \$3 bills with President Clinton’s portrait]),²⁷ and
- 4) calmly explained how they might need to kill government officials.²⁸

Even after such acts, militia members apparently feel comfortable enough to have their meetings notices listed in local papers.²⁹ And, amazingly enough, a Montana mayor aligned with this movement recently declared his town a “freeman enclave” and then deposited \$20 million in bogus “freeman” money in a local bank.³⁰

The threat of militia violence has also frightened citizens away from participating in the political process. A Montana newspaper reports that “[s]ome [Montana] residents, fearing for their safety, have stopped attending [land use and other community] meetings altogether, allowing a vocal minority to dictate public policy.” Mike Murray, a county commissioner in Montana, says that “[w]e were recently advised by law enforcement authorities that it’s

not wise to have our addresses listed in the phone book . . . Sadly, people who want to be involved in government are being discouraged from participating, so we're losing the best and brightest we've got."³¹ A member of a California militia tells his audience, "If your board of supervisors tries to do something you don't like, show up. They're going to assume someone in the back has a rope."³²

Some militias also claim to have connections to local law enforcement³³ and military personnel,³⁴ and say they are training with heavy weaponry stolen from US military installations.³⁵

Because militias are a new and dangerous threat to law and order,³⁶ because they are organized around the country and are using the phone lines (the Internet, faxes) and the radio airwaves for organizing, it is imperative that this new movement not be viewed as a localized problem, but as a national one.

BACKGROUND

White supremacist and anti-Semite John Trochmann formed a militia in Montana (called "MOM" for "Militia of Montana") in February, 1994. In less than a year these groups, directly or indirectly connected to the white supremacist movement, have cropped up around the country. Hundreds of people have attended meetings, even in small communities.³⁷ Many of these truck drivers, accountants, housewives, lawyers, farmers, doctors, loggers, and barbers are preparing to fight the government — with heavy arms³⁸ — because they believe their freedom is at stake.

Why? Because the government laid siege to the Branch Davidians at Waco. Because the government attacked Randy Weaver in Idaho. Because the United Nations is expanding its military role. Because of the Brady Bill. ("Gun control is for only one thing," militia members say, "people control.") Some speak of government plans to shepherd dissidents into 43 concentration camps (mysterious numbers on the back of road signs, some say, are for this purpose, or for providing information to invading troops³⁹). Some claim that the government plans to murder more than three-quarters of the American people. Or that unmarked black helicopters are poised to attack them and sometimes threaten people by focusing lasers into their eyes; that Hong Kong policemen and Gurka troops are training in Montana wilderness in order to

"take guns away from Americans," on orders from the Clinton administration⁴⁰; that UN equipment is being transported on huge trains and that Russian and German trucks are being shipped to attack Americas; that "international traffic symbols are used in America as a tool for foreign armies so they will be able to easily move through the country";⁴¹ that there is a plot to give the North Cascade range in Washington state to "the United Nations and the CIA";⁴² that urban street gangs, like the Bloods and Crips, are being trained as "shock troops" for the New World Order; that "[Military troops are lining up [to invade] on the Canadian border,"⁴³ that "the federal government has implanted computer chips in government employees to monitor citizens;"⁴⁴ that "those who want to take over the world are changing the weather;"⁴⁵ that House Speaker Newt Gingrich is part of a "global conspiracy" to create a one-government New World Order;⁴⁶ that on a specific date the government is going to raid militias around the country.⁴⁷ Isolated kooks? They share their paranoia on the Internet. Type alt.conspiracy or talk.politics.guns.⁴⁸

The researchers who track militias believe that anti-Semitism is the philosophical basis on which much of this movement rests (it claims that Jews and "international Jewish bankers" are behind a repressive "New World Order"⁴⁹). The idea of ordinary people being victimized by secret government "conspiracies" reflects the tenor, if not the content, of the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

Nonetheless the targets of the more extreme militia groups are not exclusively, or even primarily, Jews or other minorities. Environmentalists are also vilified.⁵⁰ But most despised are government officials. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, a court clerk in California was pistol-whipped by militia members because she wouldn't file one of their Posse Comitatus-like writs. According to the Rural Organizing Committee, elected officials on the local level have been forced, by armed militia members who pack their meetings to enact ordinances they know are illegal under threat of death. Some county officials have reportedly been intimidated into forgoing re-election, potentially leaving the field open to white supremacists who are in the leadership of this movement in various places.⁵¹ (A few local elected officials have supported the militias. State Senator Charlie Duke of Colorado said that US Senator Hank Brown of Colorado is "owned" by Washington special interests. "I think [Brown] should be very careful when he comes back to the state. Most of Colorado is armed."⁵² Idaho Secretary of State Pete

Cenerussa — at a meeting where a militia leader told his audience that “there will be blood in the streets” if a judge issues an order restricting access to a forest — said that Idaho “was planning to confer legal status on the militia once it reaches 10,000 members.”⁵³ On the other hand some local newspapers are starting to editorialize against politicians legitimizing the militia movement.⁵⁴)

Even though the quantity and quality of conspiracy theories and bigoted views may vary from militia to militia, they all share an anti-government animus. That paranoid animus — that the federal government is criminal and that militia members are protecting the Constitution — is not to be underestimated. One possible explanation for this new phenomenon is that, since the fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War, the anti-Soviet focus of the extreme right has been directed toward the American government. Jews are seen by many of the leaders of this movement — who share their ideology with new recruits who might have been attracted initially by issues like the Brady Bill — as the evil force behind government. And these militia members are not talking about change from the ballot box alone — many are enamored by the prospect of change through bullets, explosives, and heavy armaments. It is not unreasonable to surmise that this blend of anti-Semitic and anti-government paranoia and guns will result in tragedies.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The attachments make the case that this is a dangerous movement with an ideology of contempt for government laws, including criminal laws. It is urgent that law enforcement agencies understand the threat and begin to share strategies and information. Militia activity is not provided for by the Second Amendment. Private militias are in violation of paramilitary training laws, state constitutional provisions that reserve the right to form a militia to the state, and possibly other provisions of state and federal law.⁵⁵

CONCLUSION

In the words of Ken Toole, president of the Montana Human Rights Network, “We can’t conduct public business in an atmosphere of fear.”⁵⁶ Many articles in the appendix document that fear, as does an extraordinary

Resolution of the Idaho legislature finding that "public statements threatening civil war and the infliction of bodily harm upon public officials are outside the realm of [First Amendment] rights."⁵⁷ On the grass-roots level across the country, the militia movement is harassing its opponents, threatening law enforcement officials, stockpiling weapons, and spreading paranoic rumors on the Internet. It is time that state and federal officials understand not only the danger of this movement, but also from a more parochial vantage point, that government employees across the country are going about their tasks while there are people planning just when to target them in their cross-hairs. And these are people who are prepared to shoot at the slimmest indication of government action — they may believe that the firefighter coming to put out the suspicious fire in their barn or the member of the Forest Service counting rainbow trout in a nearby creek are part of an invasion force.

Laws must be enforced, and, where not in place, enacted, to make organized armed citizens militias illegal. All people have a right to state their claims and organize in the marketplace of ideas; no one has the right to intimidate others with a choking atmosphere of fear, violence, and threat.

The separately printed Appendix to this document contains reports and articles showing the severity and immediacy of the problem. The appendices reflect information relating to militia activity in thirty-five states:

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- 78: Washington, California, Idaho, Montana
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- 81: Montana
- 82: Idaho, Montana
- 83: Montana
- 84: Washington, Montana
- 85: Texas, Montana, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Michigan, Colorado, Virginia
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- 98: Washington, Montana
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- 117: Arizona
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² See Appendix 2, excerpt from March, 1995 *Esquire*, in which Trochmann, a militia leader, admits owning .50-caliber weapons which will "down helicopters . . . [and] stop armored personnel carrier[s]," and hints that he has even more powerful weapons. p. 82. Re helicopters, see also Appendix 25. See also Appendix 43, in which the *Sunday Telegraph* reports that on "a division-sized [militia] network in north Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico that includes serving officers of the US military. . . . Weaponry has been leaking like a sieve from US armouries. The clandestine division has conducted exercises in West Texas using mortars and grenade launchers." See also Appendix 52, re a militia member arrested with "three loaded assault rifles, several handguns, 700 armor-piercing bullets, knives, gas masks, night-vision equipment, a two-way radio, and notes about police activities." See also Appendix 54, in which an Idaho militia leader says he "sees no threat from a militia unit owning tanks and artillery." See also Appendix 103, in which the militia's desired state of arms is described as "equal to anything we might be opposed by."

³ Almost all militia-produced material is vehemently anti-federal government. In the attached appendix, see articles referenced in bold, for example, Appendix 104, an article entitled "U.S. Government Initiates Open Warfare Against American People." See also, for example, Appendix 110, a reprint of material from the Militia of Montana.

⁴ Appendix 25, quoting Trochmann, p. 82. Also see Appendix 46, quoting militia member saying "[B]ullets might be as valuable as gold and silver one day."

⁵ For example, see Appendix 120, about an organizer for the Militia of Montana distributing anti-Semitic Christian Identity literature. People who are part of the white supremacist and militia movements travel to help organize other militia groups around the country. For example, see Appendix 97, announcing a Dallas "Preparedness Expo" during which several people associated with militias and/or white supremacist groups (such as Bo Gritz) are scheduled speakers. See also white supremacist literature at Appendices 115, 116. (And see also Appendices 98 and 109.)

⁶ Paranoid of government infiltration, some militia documents suggest "countermeasures" as well as "words you should stay away from when talking openly in public or on the phone." These include: "ammunition," "assault," "attack," "body armor," "bullet(s)," "carbine," "explosives," "gun," "kevlar," "machine gun," "mini-14," "rifle," and "sniper/sniping." See Appendix 101.

⁷ See Appendix 42. Also Appendix 88, an internet posting of "How to Activate the Constitutional Militia in Your Area." And Appendices 89-94, 97.

⁸ See, for example, Appendices 67, 88-92

⁹ Some militia groups also are arming to combat abortion rights. See, for example, Appendices 11, 25 and 74, suggesting that alleged murder suspect John Salvi, who killed abortion clinic workers, had connections to the militia movement.

¹⁰ See Appendix 64, reporting that a militia member "has given warning to Ravalli County authorities, threatening to seize the courthouse." See also Appendix 81, on emergency ordinance banning weapons from courthouse after militia members arrested.

¹¹ "Law enforcement at every level, federal, state and local, is out of control and civilian militias are a natural response to that threat," says a man writing to USA Today in support of militias. See Appendix 38.

¹² See Appendix 27. Update from Montana Human Rights Network. Red Beckman, a leader in the Montana Militia movement, is quoted during his testimony before the Montana legislature in support of HB 160. He termed the IRS a "terrorist organization."

¹³ See Appendix 27. Update from Montana Human Rights Network. Red Beckman, a leader in the Montana Militia movement, is quoted during his testimony before the Montana legislature in support of HB 160. "The bill, sponsored by Aubyn Curtiss (R-Fortine), would require federal agents to get written permission from the county sheriff before making searches, seizures, or arrests in the county. Failure to do so would result in kidnap, trespass, or theft charges against the federal agent."

¹⁴ "If troops invade this valley, he [Trochmann] believes they'll come disguised as firefighters." Appendix 25, p. 81

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¹⁶ "[S]ome supporters of the movement worry . . . that the government — operating under a secret scheme drawn up by the Federal Emergency Management Agency — is poised to implement martial law. . . . [All militias] agree on one fundamental principal: The US government can no longer be trusted to defend and protect the Constitution." Appendix 59.

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²⁰ See Appendix 42.

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³⁷ According to the Montana Human Rights Network, eight hundred showed up in Kalispell, Montana, 300 in Spokane, Washington, more than 300 in Big Timber, Montana.

³⁸ See footnote 2, *supra*.

³⁹ See Appendix 48.

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⁴³ See Appendix 48.

⁴⁴ See Appendix 62.

⁴⁵ See Appendix 71.

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⁴⁷ See Appendix 86, detailing the background of a hoax of such a raid supposedly designed for March 25, 1995.

⁴⁸ A question about a militia posting even came up during a television program with House Speaker Newt Gingrich. See Appendix 63.

⁴⁹ See Appendix 44. See also Appendix 108, re anti-Semitic literature distributed at meetings.

⁵⁰ See, for example, Appendix 111. Also see See Appendix 98, regarding threat with noose to member of Audobon Society at public hearing.

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