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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: January 07,1996 16:51:04  
To: STEVE GOLDING (NSVD53A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

The thing that bugged me about the persecution of Mrs. Helmsley was the cancellation of the old American axiom: "It can't happen here."

In America We the People used to be protected from an arbitrary government by the Constitution, but over the centuries this protection broke down "for reasons of State." The overriding principle of government changed from "individual rights" to "State Power." And they let us know of these new rules by putting people like Mrs. Helmsley through the grinder. The income tax amendment was held by the Supreme Court to take precedence over our 5th amendment right not to incriminate ourselves. We MUST submit a tax form and we MUST sign it under penalty of perjury. If we refuse to sign it we are prosecuted for filing a frivolous tax return. Any information contained in the tax form can be used as the SOLE evidence against the filer. He has no Constitutional protection.

With Mrs. Helmsley, I understand, the tax form was as thick as a pile of NYC phonebooks and prepared entirely by accountants and merely signed by Mrs. Helmsley (as if she read and understood what was there.) But it was her FORCED signature that did her in. If they can do this to her they can do it to us all. Yet another reason for Revolution.

As Ayn Rand observed, the reason the government makes so many laws is that sooner or later all of us will break at least one and that gives the government the "right" to put the hook in, to have power over the individual.

As Ben Franklin observed, we must all hang together or we'll all hang separately.

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To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEVE GOLDING (NSVD53A)

Rick, the thing that amazed me about the prosecution of the

Helmsley's is that these are people who employ many thousands of people, who all pay taxes, who always gave a blank check to the IRS with the instructions "You fill in the amount." and who really didn't think they'd done anything "wrong." Intent is always germane to the crime. I don't know if Constitutional Law was broken by Mrs. Helmsley's prosecution (Harry's being severed). What I do know was that it was mean spirited and nasty and hinged on her personality. Personality has no place in the courtroom. The merit of the charges should be on the evidence and I have got to think what were those jurors thinking other than "let's get even." Leona Helmsley went to jail because she is Leona Helmsley. And because Rudy Guiliani was building a political career. You have an interesting arguement and I wonder if the govt. thought about the negative repercussions, given the state of the people right now in that everyone is fed up to govt. intrusion and taxation. I would like to discuss this with you more but I am heading to bed. I just got out of the tub after spending the last 52 hours straight at work. No, Mrs. didn't make me :> We are in the middle of a strike by the Maintenance & Service Employees Union whose contract expired at midnight on December 31st. So all the porters and cleaners walked off the job. When the snow started falling, there was only one other manager and a supervisor to handle the 3-4" an hr. snowfall, stock bathrooms, pick up garbage, clean the lobby and keep the tower running. So I went in to help and was just able to get home. So I am tired and not thinking very clearly. I will get back to you.

Steve, Still awaiting the fullest possible accounting from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam 1/9/96 10:54PM ET

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: January 09,1996 08:42:39  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: CARL ODOM (LGJA28A)

Rick, really a great post to Steve.

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Posted: November 29,1995 22:59:31  
To: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Since July 4th 1776.

A close paraphrase of the Declaration of Independence:

When ANY government becomes oppressive of the right of the People to life,liberty and the pursuit of happiness, it is the right of the People to alter or abolish that government and create a new one.

Alter or abolish means violent Revolution. At the time Mr. Jefferson penned these words and the founding patriots endorsed them We the People had been shooting the imperialist oppressors for one year two months and fifteen days.

They understood their words meant DEATH to the Redcoats and they understood their actions were the embodiment of the "Laws of Nature's God."

And they also understood in the King's eye they were doing treason, but as Dr. Franklin said: "We must hang together else we'll hang separately."

Whoever denies the Declaration of Independence is doing treason to America.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: November 29,1995 00:53:21  
To: RICK FARLEY (FTRB61A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Rick, Reason is a Republican rag.

Reason should be a way of thinking.

The Republicans "think" they can win by default. But their rotten "philosophy" simply outlasted the Democrat's rottener "philosophy." There is nothing to Tanner's thesis that isn't simple partisanship. Don't let him fool you.

The voters "revolted" like a stomach revolts. They puked all right but only half of what was making them sick. The other half is coming next year, (and boy, will Newt have egg on his face!)

Intelligence is the ability to make distinctions.

The Republicans are not intelligent because they cannot

distinguish between the two types of capitalism: Wall Street and Main Street. Their knee-jerk reaction is that if it has a dollar sign it is automatically good.

They are wrong. Main Street built this country and now, with the fall of the Democrats, Wall Street has a free hand to demolish it. Luckily for We the People we still have the right to violent Revolution. Its our last hope.

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To: RICK FARLEY (FTRB61A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Nero educated while Rome burned.

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Posted: November 29,1995 23:43:23  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)

Rick

1. The ruling document for the United States of America is the United States Constitution, not the Declaration of Independence.
2. The United States Constitution provides for peaceful revolution thru election and, if necessary, amendment.
3. Violent Revolution rarely leads to something better than what we have currently. 1776 was an exception.

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Posted: November 29,1995 11:14:38  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: RICK FARLEY (FTRB61A)

I think education is much better than violent revolution. It takes longer but it's better in the long run, unless of course the proponents of the omnipotent state demonizes and eventually outlaws the educators, which is happening now.

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Posted: November 29,1995 01:44:34  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)

Rick

Since when do "we" have the right to violent revolution.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: November 30,1995 21:58:42  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: CAROLE HAMMAN (ZDJH65A)

RG>>>>Whoever denies the Declaration of Independence is doing treason to America.

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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.  
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Yes treason was committed in Oklahoma City by an alleged mad man who forgot that 169 people had unalienable Rights. And if in your attempt to justify this "violent revolution" as our last hope I believe more is to be feared by the self proclaimed protectors of the Declaration of Independence than anything the USG could ever do.

Carole in Oklahoma City

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: November 30,1995 23:32:24  
To: CAROLE HAMMAN (ZDJH65A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Carole, I think you be reading tooo much into my words.  
Try not to be so paranoid, you'll enjoy 'm better.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: November 30,1995 23:48:48  
To: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Stephen:

1. The Constitution is the document that created the government, replacing the previous government under the Articles of Confederation which replaced the next previous government, the monarch.

The Declaration of Independence is the document that created the Nation.

Governments come and go; the Nation is what's important. The Constitut}on is man made; the Declaration, an expression of Natural Law, comes from God (and is so acknowledged in that document.)

Which would you say, Stephen, is the higher authority? The present government is not working as it should. We must take back our fate and adhere to the values and principles that made us a Nation.

2. The Constitution has a Bill of Rights, the Second of which provides the MEANS for Revolution.

3. 1776 is a model.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 01,1995 21:14:57  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: CAROLE HAMMAN (ZDJH65A)

No Rick I just read your words, they spoke for themself.

As for enjoying them...don't count on it. As for paranoia, try rereading your own zosts. Nice try tho'.

Carole in Oklahoma City

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Posted: December 01,1995 02:50:23  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)

Rick

As far as I know, the Declaration of Independence has never been given canonical status. Thus the U.S. Constitution has the authority.

The second amendment talks about a well-regulated militia, not about an armed uprising. I would interpret it to be defensive only and not to support violent government overthrow. Anyway, it is a difficult amendment to read. Who and how are the militias regulated? 1776 was lucky. Looked what happened when the French tried it soon after; they got Napoleon. Look what happened when the Russians tried it -> Communist dictatorship. Cuba -> Castro.

I think we were very lucky in 1776 that we had some exceptional leaders. What would have happened if George Washington had wanted to be President for life?

Second Law of Thermodynamics says that order is not made from chaos.  
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Posted: December 02,1995 15:37:40  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: CARL ODOM (LGJA28A)

Good post, Rick. And may I add a quote:

IN COLONIAL TIMES WE SUFFERED UNDER A CORRUPT, OPPRESSIVE, ELITIST, TAX-HUNGRY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND WE REVOLTED SO THAT 218 YEARS LATER WE CAN SUFFER UNDER A CORRUPT, OPPRESSIVE, ELITIST, TAX-HUNGRY DOMESTIC GOVERNMENT.

David Brinkley in his autobiographical DAVID BRINKLEY tells the sad tale of how the ELITISTS got in power. id is something every American should read.

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Posted: December 04,1995 07:20:29  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: CARL ODOM (LGJA28A)

Rick, liberals don't mind trashing the Constitution because they believe that the end justifies the means. So, if we don't have a nation governed by Constitutional law, then we'll have a nation governed by whatever group of thugs that happen to be in power at a given moment. Liberals couldn't care less about the Constitution so long as they get their dreamy agenda.

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Posted: December 08,1995 01:21:17  
To: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Actually Revolution is a great way to improve a government.

Take for example Hong Kong, which is scheduled to be sold out to the communist dictators of China on July 1st 1997. This decision was reached by treaty between Britain and China with NO regard to the human (Natural) rights of the People of Hong Kong.

Today the People of Hong Kong are in the same position viz Britain as was the People of America in 1776. A Revolution then assured our freedom. Would not a similar Declaration of Independence by the People of Hong Kong serve the same purpose? A free Hong Kong is a definite improvement in government over what is, and what is to come.

American politicians of both parties have not the courage or integrity to do the right thing and suggest to the People of Hong Kong that emulating the American experience of 1776 would save their souls. American politicians are owned by Wall Street and Wall Street makes big bucks (much of which finds its way back to the politicians) from dealing with China and they'd rather not risk these profits by antagon-



izing the communists, and so they willing allow a relatively free People to be sold into communist enslavement. In this way the U.S. government has disavowed the principle that made us free and great and that in itself is grounds for Revolution.

The minute the cold war was over the U.S. government reversed its long term policy of opposing communism. Korea, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Vietnam, Angola, Nicaragua, Afghanistan and other communist regimes were actively opposed by Washington and 58,000 American names are memorialized on a Wall in Washington for having given their lives to save the People of Southeast Asia from communism, but now the government is willing and eager to see the handover of the six million freedom loving capitalists of Hong Kong to the tyrants of Tiananmen in order for a few Wall Streeter to get richer.

A government willing to do this deserves to be overthrown. If we continue to condone this behavior they will continue to sell-out American workers in order to employ cheap labor Chinese to produce the highly profitable goods sold at Wal-Marts etc.

The U.S. government is SUPPOSED to help ALL Americans, but since they now serve only the rich, the rest of us wiwi come out ahead financially from the overthrow.

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Posted: December 08,1995 10:25:30  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: WILLIAM SIMPSON (AWHJ15B)

Do I detect your support of the revolution of the proletariat over the wealthy, affluent upper class? Sounds pretty familiar to me. Oppose communism with the same! How long have you been studying Marxism? Better recheck the figures of the Marxist economy, it don't work! And your call for the overthrow sounds like a broken record, it won't work either.

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To: RICK FARLEY (FTRB61A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

And don't forget half the dues paying members of the communist party USA during the Hoover years were FBI agents. Our tax dollars at work!

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Posted: December 08,1995 21:51:21  
To: WILLIAM SIMPSON (AWHJ15B)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Marxism doesn't work, of course! But neither does Wall Street capitalism (except for the connected few- those that don't get downsized in the latest multi-billion dollar merger.)

What does work is Jeffersonian/Main Street capitalism, not as efficient, admittedly, as Wall Street, but HEY! it built this country. America has been bled by decades of looting by a combined anti-American force, the Washington/Wall Street Axis. Concentration of wealth in Wall Street is just as debilitating to democracy as is the concentration of power in Washington. We need to forget Marx and Rockefeller and get the American culture and economy back to the Jeffersonian Ideal.

An overthrow worked quite well in 1776 and when 95% of the American People realize they are currently being screwed by the greedy (and incompetent) ruling class a genuinely cathartic Revolution will occur.

The ruling class can fool some of the People all the time and it can fool all of the People some of the time, but it can never fool all the People all the time. (Which is not to say they don't try and that is why we must hold tight our guns.)

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To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: RICK FARLEY (FTRB61A)

I wonder how many real people belong to these groups once you weed out the federal informants and agents? What was funny was when during the hearings the story was told of how one federal informant tried to entrap another federal

informant into a crime.

I wonder were those folks are who speak of the right of privacy in regards to abortion? Is that the only time we have a right to privacy from our government?

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To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: WILLIAM SIMPSON (AWHJ15B)

You have said a lot of things in that last note to me, and many of them cannot be dismissed. However, while it is one thing to say there "ought" to be a revolution, I will never support that notion. There exists many ways, in which the con artists can be brought to justice. We need to concentrate on those areas first. But do something, look up the history of companies moving overseas for cheap labor, tax subsidies, etc. You will see that it goes back even before the fifties, way back. And no one then really did much about it either.

Bill, 12/09/95 04:37 pm (AWHJ15B)

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Board: NEWS BB  
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To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEVE GOLDING (NSVD53A)

Rick, I do not know that Revolution in Hong Kong would work to the peoples benefit. China recognizes that it will have to deal with Hong Kong differeny than it has its own people and the World will not stand for the repression of Hong Kong because it is one of, if not the, busiest points of business in the world.

As far as your Wall Street thesis goes, I've got to chuckle. Wall Street is fairing so well that they are extending leases to businesses that goes for about \$18.00 per square foot, .53 cents psf for electric, no commercial occupancy tax and no escalations. That translates to Wall Street being in trouble.

DC is controlled by DC; nothing more. Big business all over the United States has its hands in the cookies jar and influences every major decision coming out of Dee Ceit.

The government of the United States doesn't have thing one

to say about Hong Long, Rick. By Treaty signed years ago, Hong Kong was to rivert BACK to Chinese authority in 1999, I believe, not 1997. If riverting back to China means that Chinese authorities are going to repress those people and businesses, then how would you figure that Wall Streeters would get richer from this? If anything, it would cut into their bottom line...

I love people who blame the govt for everything. Ever hear of unions, Rick? Remember Pan American World Airways, the flagships of thuhUnited States? Remember Eastern Airlines, Rick? They weren't put out of business by govt. tariffs but by the unions.

Unions that dictate to employers that people who can't speak the language or does not have the education necessary, for whatever reason, to perform "suit" jobs, must be compensated at exorbitant rates with benefit packages that most management do not enjoy.

A professional goes to school for approximately 16 years and makes say \$50,000.00 per year. A Freight Elevator Operator in Local 32B-J makes \$45,000.00 base plus overtime, plus clinic days, plus birtrtays, plus getting their shoes paid for by the company, in many cases-meals and their overtime pay plus their base becomes \$60,000.00 annually and they work less hours than management.

When an engineer has to be paid to hang a picture in your office that you are thoroughly capable of hanging, but because union rules dictate only a union member of local 94 can do that, then something is wrong.

And it ain't the govt. that is dictating this particular policy, Rick, it is the unions.

Wall Street doesn't dictate to the unions either. Many a business has been put out of business because it could no longer afford to keep paying and paying and paying for halfast work. Whatever happened to an honest days pay for an honest days work?

You can hold the govt. accountable for many, many things, but the loss of American jobs isn't one of them. We are a country of inventions and inventors; but those things that we invented, like cars, are made better and cheaper by foreigners because of the unions.

If you really think that you will come out any richer by the so called overthrow, I think you may want to consider the plight of those in Cuba.

Steve, Still awaiting the fullest possible accounting from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam 12/9/95 5:10PM ET

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Board: NEWS BB  
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To: WILLIAM SIMPSON (AWHJ15B)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

"The wealthy carve out their own niche" by using their wealth to bribe the corrupt politicians to pass laws that will benefit the wealthy. These laws then bring them further wealth which they then use to bribe more corrupt politicians and to shape public opinion in the media.

In 1980 Reagan/Bush promised not only to balance the budget, but to also pay off the national debt, then "only" about \$500 billion. After 12 years of this Reagan revolution the debt was eight times as much, or four TRILLION dollars! The rich got richer and the poor got guns. Reagan/Bush made this happen by cutting taxes and increasing government spending while going into hock with the banks and putting off on future generation the cost of this gigantic (and LEGAL) looting of America.

But just because something is LEGAL doesn't make it RIGHT.

Corrupt politicians make corrupt laws and idiotic "law enforcers" blindly bust heads.

The last time we had a really good economy, one in which mothers didn't HAVE to work to make ends meet was during the Eisenhower Administration. During this period the average corporate executive earned 17 times what the average factory worker or office clerk in his company made. Today the executive manages to loot his company (legally of course) to the tune of nearly 100 times. To finance this greed the executive looks for ways to cut corners such as by using computer technology and especially by sending American jobs to cheap labor third world countries.

So not only do We the People have to pay for the national debt run up by politicians in search of "contributions," we also have to pay for the luxurious lifestyle of the few wealthy and politically connected insiders who are sending American jobs and capital out of the country and who are wasting billions and billions of much needed capital to consolidate their corporate power with mega-mergers and downsizing. All legal and all un-American.

There used to be a saying by frustrated folks caught in the middle: "There ought to be a law."  
But now, as we head into the next century, William, a new slogan will arise: "There ought to be a Revolution."

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To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: WILLIAM SIMPSON (AWHJ15B)

This ain't 1776 anymore, and times, they is a changin!  
Mayhaps that this mumbo jumbo class warfare stuff is also a bit dated. As we head into the next century, either you move with it, or be left behind.

There has always been the wealthy, the middle, and the poor. The wealthy carve out their own niche, the middle takes the work, and the poor, if times are good, are helped along. It is the lazy who drain the lifeblood of all others. They neither contribute nor help, they only take.

Your too busy pouting about the wealthy. Leave them be, they can do for themselves. The suckers are those who think that they can lie, cheat and steal their way to riches, only to find that in these times, they may most likely get caught somewhere along the line. The lazy, whether wealthy or poor, will either lose what they have, or face harsher times.

But you attribute far too much to Wall Streeters. They are also working to get what wealth is to be had. And most do it honestly. Since when is it a crime to make it big working Wall Street? Either work for what you can earn, and then make what you earn work for you! Forget this nonsense that other's are all so busy ripping you off. And that they are all of the government and Wall Street!

The ones ripping you off, are those who defraud the insurance and force rates up, take unearned entitlements, use bribery, defraud major corporations with phony claims, and other sorts of get rich quick enthusiasts.

Your class war idea is a deadend roadway with no rest areas. When you see illegal activity, whether rich or poor based, then take the necessary action to correct it. Otherwise your also part of the problem, and no solution. Ranting and raving about the wealthy is nowhere! Government is not a problem, nor is it a solution, it is a means. Either support the means, or stay out of the way.

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To: WILLIAM SIMPSON (AWHJ15B)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

William, history shows us that companies didn't need to go overseas for cheap labor. They conspired with the government to bring cheap labor here. The great immigration movement at the turn of the century was for this purpose and to dilute the growing power of the union movement here. There has always been competition among workers just like among businesses, but the businesses realize they have a vested interest in holding down labor so they work in concert to achieve that result.

Less than a decade ago Sen. Pete Wilson was working to let

in as many Mexicans as possible because it was in the interest of his major backers to do so. When it became apparent to the Republicans that they could get more votes from bigotry in this area they reversed their position without batting an eye.

Now with so many jobs leaving this country the workers left behind have to struggle in competition with each other to take care of their families. That's why we have so many scabs. This is all calculated by the ruling class to benefit the ruling class.

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To: RICK FARLEY (FTRB61A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Remember Watergate? The burglars got caught because of a tape that was placed to prevent a door from locking. A security guard came along, found the tape and removed it and then went about his business. 45 minutes later he came back and found "somebody" had put the tape back. He called the police who came and arrested the burglars and the rest, as they say, is history. But that "somebody" was never identified.

The question is if a tape was needed to keep a door unlocked how was the locked door reopened to put the tape on the second time? If the burglars had the key to open the door in the first place they wouldn't have needed to use a tape. Yet the tape WAS used. By whom? My guess is it was placed there by "someone" who knew of the burglary and wanted the burglars to get caught, but didn't want his own identity revealed. So he did something to catch the attention of the guard, and he did so twice.

Remember April 19th, 1995? That was the day Tim McVeigh got arrested. I suppose it's possible that because he was nervous he was speeding and because he was anti-gov't he removed his license plate. Possible but not likely. Anyone with the smarts to build a bomb should also be smart enough to not attract attention. Plenty of folks speed in Oklahoma but they generally have license plates.

My guess is that McVeigh might have done the bombing but that someone in the government law enforcement community had advance knowledge of this event. But they attained this knowledge through illegal means (say an illegal wiretap) and if they had acted on this information to prevent the bombing it would not have held up in court. In addition they would have ruined their careers by exposing the illegal means they

used to get the information, they would have subjected themselves to possible criminal prosecution, and they would have further humiliated an already humiliated and dis-credited law enforcement agency.

So they decided to bite the bullet and let the bombing go ahead, while removing their own personel from harm's way. (Rick, has there evr been an honest accounting of the whereabouts of the ATF agents assigned to the Murrah Building that day?)

They further figured a disaster like this would harm their detractors around the country so they positioned themselves in such a manner to reap politicaland public relations benefits from the event. And most importantly, they removed Tim McVeigh's license plate to facilitate his capture, (and perhaps even salted his car with anti-gov't literature.) If McVeigh wasn't captured in this manner they probably had back-up plans that would point in his direction without revealing the illegal activities of law enforcement.

In other words, McVeigh's door was taped.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 10,1995 21:52:08  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)

Rick

Read the Daily Oklahoman of April 20. Reporter Judy Kuhls interviewed two injured ATF agents on the street outside the building.

Lori Osborn knows several and has testified to their whereabouts.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 10,1995 17:53:10  
To: STEVE GOLDING (NSVD53A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Steve, the world WILL stand for repression in Hong Kong



because it stood for repression in Tibet and it stood for the massacre in Tiananmen Square. In this world money is thicker than blood. China has already announced it will NOT honor the recent democratic changes in Hong Kong and that it intends to act as communists have always acted.

Wall Street already prospers and benefits from human rights abuses in China. China never paid back the billions it appropriated from Western firms after tht takeover in '49 and China reneged on all the obligation of the previous government. Yet Westerners are lining up to do deals and make loans to this regime. Wall Street knows this is a reliable government now. It makes the trains run on time and that is very conducive to a good business climate. Wall Street couldn't care less about what happens to People or to freedom as long as the profits roll in and the People act like consumers.

The original 99 year lease (set to expire in 1997- Macao goes in 1999) was with a government at least THRIVCE removed from the present one. Times and circumstances change. No one a century ago, even in his worst nightmares could foresee the brutality of state communism. Western democracies have an obligation to see to it their actions cause no harm but the Conservative British government under Thatcher went ahead and sold out the six million. And WE acquiesced. We did not protest, we endorsed appeasement, just like Chamberlain at Munich. Indeed we endorsed this coming tragedy in law: In October 1992 President Bush signed the U.S.-Hong Kong Act of 1992 (S1731) which had been co-sponsored by many Republicans and Democrats and passed by a VOICE vote. This Act gives legal approval of the U.S. government to the sell-out, and it occurred only 10 months after Bush announced the end of the cold war and the beginning of the New World Order. For more than 40 years we had been fighting communism and then we Westerners suddenly decide to hand over on a silver platter the six million.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 10,1995 18:16:53  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: G SILVERDAHL SR (VAJU98A)

Good post RG-

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Board: NEWS BB

Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 10,1995 20:49:30  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: WILLIAM SIMPSON (AWHJ15B)

Ok, you seem to have covered the early years, and the later years. But you seem to have missed a few along the way. Those years after the "great migration" and before the 80's. If you dig back into that time era, you will find many publications on "runaway shops". This is no modern phenomena at all. It predates your age I hazard a guess.

I do not fault any business concern who rightfully makes such a move, but as with Zenith, when it locked the gates in Chicago some years ago, 3,000 people lost out on their jobs, pensions, and benefits.

This new era, will see many businesses relocating overseas. Some have even relocated here. German, Swiss, Japanese, etc. DO we really want to isolate ourselves by not allowing free enterprise? I think not! I pray not!

Bill, 12/10/95 05:50 pm (AWHJ15B)

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 11,1995 01:45:10  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: RICK FARLEY (FTRB61A)

I go along with most of what you say, but with the news of this sting it sounds as if the federal agents involved didn't want the bombing to occur. Maybe it was the federal informant who wanted the operation to be completed for whatever reason, such as gaining financial support for his leftist "hate group fighting" organization.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 11,1995 23:04:54  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEVE GOLDING (NSVD53A)

Rick, there was most definitely an "honest" accounting of where the ATF Agents were that day, including the ones that were hurt and including their AIC.

Nice try, no ceegar.

Steve, Still awaiting the fullest possible accounting from  
the Socialist Republic of Vietnam 12/11/95 10:11PM ET

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 11,1995 20:05:01  
To: STEVE GOLDING (NSVD53A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Steve, Union members may outnumber corporate executives,  
but that doesn't mean they have power. In the current  
incarnation of democracy in America money, not votes, buys  
power.

We may have been a Nation of inventors, but all the cushy  
perks created by executives for executives dulled their  
business sense. Detroit didn't go belly up because of  
unions, but because myopic executives couldn't/wouldn't see  
what was coming.

All during the sixties Detroit abdicated the economy car  
market to the Germans- (remember the ubiquitous Volkswagon  
Beetles? They were everywhere in America but Detroit  
hadn't the sense to get into that market because the big  
ticket chrome monsters meant big profits for the executives  
and that was all they could think of, the immediate present)

Unions didn't blind the executives, greed did. But the  
worker and his family must pay for the executive's mistakes.  
Workers are on the unemployment line while the executive  
continues to pull down a mill a year. These people are so  
dishonest that even when they make bum decisions and their  
company loses money they still reward themselves with fat  
checks, bonuses, expense accounts etc, simply because THEY  
(not unions) have the power of the purse. And when it was  
discovered that laying off workers made stock prices go up,  
they did so with gusto, without a thought for the larger  
picture, and they rationalized this by claiming their job  
was to benefit the shareholders, who, lo and behold, were  
also themselves!

Henry Ford's genius was to pay his workers enough that they  
could afford to buy the cars they built. (He also saw that  
by doubling the industry wage standard for his workers there  
would occur labor agitation among his competitors, also to  
Ford's advantage.

But ultimately paying a decent living wage to workers helped  
create the great American middle class. This resulted in  
the 1972 watershed election in which for the first time in  
history more union workers voted for a Republican  
presidential candidate than the Democrat. This position was

consolidated in 1980 and 1984 but the greed and the shortsightedness are turning union workers back to their roots. (The Republicans think bigotry is the ticket for votes, but historically Americans always vote their economic interests.)

Even the first oil shock of 1973 didn't wake up Detroit and that is what led to the Japanese success in our market.

So we might be great inventors, but if we don't stay alert and open-minded someone else will better exploit our inventions.

And the government didn't have to actively do anything to create this mess. They just took their bribes from Wall Street and the FOREIGN lobbyists. Yet another ground for Revolution!

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 11,1995 19:12:06  
To: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Stephen, I recall the early reports after the identification of McVeigh using words like "miraculously" and "ironically" the "intended victims were not in the building."

Maybe the agents were injured by flying glass while in a donut shop down the street.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 11,1995 21:33:41  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)

Rick

Incidentally, the intended victims that were talked about were the FBI, not the ATF, since Special Agent Ricks headed the Waco operation.

The FBI offices were located some distance from the Murrah Building.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 11,1995 23:04:52  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEVE GOLDING (NSVD53A)A)

Boy Rick, I am gonna like playing with you! Now don't take offense, this here is a playground and I like to play so let's dance a little, shall we?

You are very GOOD. That was excellent. I really enjoyed it. Totally Bogus, but it was the words. Didja ever catch the movie Eddie and the Cruiser's, where Michael Pare tell's Tom Berringer, "Words and music, word man, go like this..." and he crossed his fingers. Well, Rick, ya got the words, so let's see if it can become music.

You blame the executives from Wall Street for the demise of our country? For reducing our exports to be jobs? You blame the executive and their greed, and not the workers who watch the clock, who have insane union rules that makes it fiscally impossible to get a decent days work in return for the exhorbitant pay that they get?

When the janitors in the public school system cannot be fired from their position by a principal, SOMETHING IS WRONG.

When that very janitor has a contract that says he mops the school classrooms 3 times a year for an average yearly salary of 60,000.00 SOMETHING IS WRONG.

When that janitor does not have to open the school doors until 8 AM and some kid is banging on the door at 7:45 screaming that people are coming to kill him and that janitor stands on the other side of the door looking at his watch while that kid is getting stabbed to death, SOMETHING IS WRONG.

When unions can put businesses out of business like uHEY did Pan American and Eastern and damn near did the NY Daily News and the NY Post, SOMETHING IS WRONG.

When you want to pass a wire from one end of a radiator to another and you ask the porter that is standing there anyway to just hold that wire and he tells you union rules forbid him to, that you have to call an engineer, SOMETHING IS WRONG.

When you have to pay an engineer 200.00 for the 3 minutes it took to hang a picture in your office, SOMETHING IS WRONG.

When you cannot exhibit your wares in convention centers because the carpenters union turns a 300.00 charge into a 3000.00 charge, SOMETHING IS WRONG.

The responsibility of management is to make sure that the company is viable and competitive and if that competitiveness hinges on paying someone 25.00 per hour or 10.00 per hour, which way do you think that company is

going to go?

In a time when ALL business is cutting back, trimming budgets and consolidating, unions are still getting their birthdays off, SOMETHING IS WR\_ZG.

Yes there is greed in many companies, especially in the Insurance industry, but there are also lazy workers who fall back on union rules to get out of doing something and instead of backing the employer up, the union sticks it to the employer; instead of freezing wages or giving back some benefits in return for others, the unions want no freezes, no givebacks and more. Well the gravy train has rolled in to its last stop and now it is reality time.

Something is drastically wrong when someone spends 16 years or 20 years educating themselves to have a job making less money than that 9th grade dropout freight elevator guy who pushes buttons all day, SOMETHING IS REAL WRONG.

See ya on the playground, Rick.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 11,1995 21:31:36  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)

Rick

There is not any donut shop down the street. I know that for a fact because I know the area very well (except that I missed the opening of the Athenian restaurant).

So your suggestion that the agents were in the donut shop down the street is a bunch of unadulterated garbage.

sjl

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 12,1995 00:24:17  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: WILLIAM SIMPSON (AWHJ15B)

There is a lot of evidence that the alleged intended victims, the ATF, were in the building. It is also known that a few were across the street in the courthouse, and another few out in the field, going about their duties.

You might at least do deeper research on all of this

before making certain erroneous assumptions.

Bill, 12/11/95 09:24 pm (AWHJ15B)

Oh God, here we go again...pass the aspirin Steve...

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 12,1995 21:15:21  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)

Rick

I don't think anyone would argue with you that the ATF  
screwed up the first part of Waco. .

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 12,1995 19:47:54  
To: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Stephen, I think I know that Greek restaurant. Its called  
"Socrates' Dis-Course." The blue-and-white-plate  
special is "Rhetorical Statement." Check it out.  
Its real tasty and goes down a lot easier than  
unadulterated garbage, of course.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 12,1995 21:13:59  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)

Rick

I think it is disgusting the way you made fun of the Athenian  
Restaurant. You obviously don't know it.

It was a restaurant that was opened 6 months prior to the bombing by a hardworking couple here in Oklahoma City. They put a lot of money into the building (it had been abandoned for years). The upper floors were rented, I believe, to a State Agency. One of that agency's employees was killed in the blast.

I forget the name of the people who owned the building but I think you owe them an apology.

sjl

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 12,1995 20:16:27  
To: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Stephen,

It wasn't Ricks who headed the Waco operation. He was just a gofer, a public relations spin doctor whose pleasing "bedside manner" was vital to dis-informing the People, the low man on the fascist totem, the FBI's designated liar. The real evil-doer (at least on site) was Jamar.

Picture in your minds eye American Democracy as a fine Swiss watch, a family heirloom. Picture a thief coming along and stealing it. Picture the thief claiming he deserves the watch because he has proved his worthiness by amassing lots of dollars, and whats more he has a "private" security force with the "proper" legal documentation (badges and guns) to "protect" his "property."

Suppose you want to recover what was stolen. What's wrong with sledge-hammering the skulls of the thief and his pit bulls?

Incidentally, the FBI only screwed up the second part of Waco, the original screw-up was ATF's, (not to be confused with the DEA who were at the time busily scurrying around trying to cover-up their murder of Donald Scott in Malibu.)

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 13,1995 22:40:15  
To: STEVE GOLDING (NSVD53A)



From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

You must be from the great City of NY, Steve. Wow! \$60000 for a janitor. I noticed when I visited my old P.S. a kindergarden classroom had been converted to an office to accomodate a least a half dozen new employees to run the school. When I was there it was run (quite well) by the Principal, her secretary and one able janitor. What could have happened over the years to warrant this increase, I don't know, but I do know that in America today people are quite proficient at spending other People's money, whether its the taxpayer's, the consumer's or the stockowner's. In NYC the top politicians have just voted themselves a raise that is MORE than the entire yearly income of the average New Yorker. And then they raised the subway fares by 25 cents to pay for it. That's \$2.50 a week more for folks who are earning the minimum wage. Yet it was politicians who agreed in the first place to the janitors union contract and it was business executives who agreed to the other contracts you refered to. Nobody forced them to do it.

But it was someone else's money they were handling so they could afford to be profligate, and they soothed their own consciences with golden parachutes etc.

But NY is the most unionized state in the Nation and everywhere else the unions are in decline. Just this month workers at Caterpillar in Peoria came off the picket lines after 18 months winning exactly nothing.

Nationally, the unionized workforce is just 13% They just don't have the oomf to assure their members a decent wage and they can't even get a Democrat President to keep jobs in this country. How can you possibly believe such a bunch is responsible for the "demise of our country?"

The people who control the purse are the people with the real power. Unions just try to see to it that the otherwise powerless worker gets his fair share, because the greedy executive ain't gonna just give it up.

In the matter of union give backs, you may recall when Chrysler was in trouble good ol' Lee Iacacca magnanimously agreed to compensation of \$1 a year. Lots of headlines and good press for this PR genius and the UAW agreed to various cutbacks to keep in this spirit of generosity. Owen Bieber, the Union President was given a seat of the board of directors in return but was canned as soon a Chrysler was out of trouble. The workers didn't get back what they had given up but ol' Iacacca suddenly found a \$5,000,000 "bonus" in his xmas stocking. And now he's getting sued by Chrysler!

An interesting tidbit I came across about the responsibility of management: When corporate law was first established in the U.S. in the 1830's the laws specifically separated ownership from management. That is, the owners (stockholders) of a company would hire managers to run it.

They were forbidden by law from making decisions other than to hire and fire management. The managers worked under salary and were forbidden by law from owning stock. This was supposed to protect everybody's interest and keep all parties honest. But over the years these barriers gradually broke down (or were broken down) so today a company's coffers are open to whoever has power, and that's MANAGEMENT not labor. The worst labor has done was try to enlarge the holes to get a greater "trickle down."

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 14,1995 02:08:13  
To: STEVE GOLDING (NSVD53A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

"Some folks will rob you with a six-shooter,  
While others use a fountain pen."

I know the fella who said this is from Oklahoma,  
but I ferget if he is Will Rogers or Woody Guthrie....

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 14,1995 22:11:35  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEVE GOLDING (NSVD53A)

Personally, I'd rather be robbed by someone with the sixgun. I've been robbed too many times by a fountain pen and it is so much more expensive...

Steve, Still awaiting the fullest possible accounting from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam 12/14/95 9:58PM ET

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 14,1995 22:11:33

To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEVE GOLDING (NSVD53A)

Yessir, I am from the great City of NY, Rick. Last time I checked, that is where Wall Street is as well, although with telecommunications being what they are today, they might've moved it!

I do not know the national stats on union workers and what percentile of the work force they make up.

But Eastern Airlines wasn't based in NY, they were based in Miami. Delta Airlines is based out of Atlanta-Hatfield Airport and they've laid off most of the true Delta workers because they took on Pan American workers and the union dictated what they should be paid (although Delta was the only non-union airline); so the union put workers out of work so that their members would be saved. Talk about greed.

Yeah, the mayor voted himself a 30,000 dollar raise. He voted a 20,000.00 raise for his commissioners and deputies and between a 15-21% raise for other management personnel of the City workforce. But raising the subways by a quarter for it? No, I don't think so Rick. I take the subway every day, unfortunately, and it was the governor's boys that voted for the increase in the subway fare hike, but we'll save that for later.

The mayor voted himself as well as those in management a raise--the first one in 7 years. What percentage do the unions get on a per year basis, do you know? I don't agree with the raise that they voted--not the dollar amount--but I am not against them getting a raise. The cost of living keeps rising and they have done a good job, Rick.

Now let's get back to that 22% hike that the MTA voted on the subways. They did that against the mayor's wishes. It was Gov. Pataki's way at getting back at the city that did not vote for him; another way of taxing the city. He cut the Transit subsidiary by 500 million dollars, while raising the commuter trains from upstate and LI by 15 and 12% respectively. The tolls on the bridges and the tunnels into the City bring in 75% of the revenue and yet only 14% of that revenue finds its way into NYC.

The subway system comprises 81% of the ridership of the public system in the entire state and yet only 18% of the revenue finds its way back to city coffers.

Metro North passengers pay 60% of their trip; PATH riders pay only 25% of their trip and city riders pay 82% of their ride. If the money generated by the city was kept in the city, then NYC would be in the black and we would have a surplus left over to burn. The blame for this goes to the governor.

Politicians didn't negotiate the contract for the janitors, the Board of Education did--a separate entity by City Charter.

When you say that nobody forced them, try running a business in NY or anywhere when your workers are on strike

and other unions "honor the picket line". You either pay the piper or you join the ranks of the unemployed. It is naive of you to think that they coulda said, "We won't take this anymore." You either agree or you go out of business. In other areas, that's called extortion. Maybe if we could get the commercial buildings to go non-union, or the newspapers, or the painting companies, etc., etc., etc., we could have union workers coming off a picket line winning nothing, but in reality that won't happen here. No one could afford that.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 14,1995 02:11:00  
To: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Gosh Stephen, I just thought you were waxing metaphoric.....

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 14,1995 23:36:25  
To: STEVE GOLDING (NSVD53A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Steve, Is it true the rumour I heard that the politicians in your neck of the woods have passed/are passing laws that require NY citizens who purchase goods or services in another state to pay NY sales tax? And that revenue agents now have access to credit card records to enforce this law? If so, this goes farther than even King George would dream.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 14,1995 02:11:59  
To: STEPHEN LEVINE (MAKB53A)  
From: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)

Stephen,

Its no fun not to argue.

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Board: NEWS BB  
Subject: ANTI-GOV'T  
Posted: December 17,1995 16:10:22  
To: RICK GOMBAS (CHHL71A)  
From: STEVE GOLDING (NSVD53A)

Rick, there was a flurry about NYC residents going to a particular part in Jersey (where sales tax is 3%) where Guiliani attempted to have agents stalk these stores and record the license plate of the NY cars. But it fizzled out. They tried and failed to get us to pay the additional sales tax in an effort to stop NJ from luring customers over there.

Yeah it was stupid and rediculous and NY'rs refused to pay. Don't forget that although Guiliani is a pretty decent mayor, he was first the US Attorney for the Southern District of NY and he enjoyed seeing his name in the paper as many times as he could get it there. Controversy brings press. Any type of press.

Revenue agents do not have access to credit card records as it would violate the right to privacy act passed by the feds. I suppose it worked to a degree on those people that this fiasco struck fear in, but hey, whatever works. Can't blame the guy for tryin.

Steve, Still awaiting the fullest possible accounting from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam 12/17/95 1:23PM ET

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