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RNC INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

October 09,2003

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION (Bands Against Bush)

- The website "RNC NOT WELCOME" posted the following:
 - Bands against Bush Show at the "Knitting Factory" (74 Leonard Street NY, NY.)
 - October 11, 2003 - 8pm
 - Several bands will perform and political speakers and videos will be shown between musical sets.
- The website www.bandsagainstbush.org which was promoted on the "RNC NOT WELCOME" web site, indicates concerts will be occurring on this date in "ten cities"(including Seattle, Washington DC, Bay Area, Boston) across America and one in Ireland.
- Activists are showing a well-organized network made up of anti-Bush sentiment; the mixing of music and political rhetoric indicates sophisticated organizing skills with a specific agenda. **Police Departments in above listed areas have been contacted regarding this event.**

TACTICS AND METHODS USED BY ANARCHISTS

- Copy of "tactics and methods used to defeat police at demonstrations", which was prepared by a local Georgia activist was obtained from REDACTED
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RNC SHUT DOWN COALITION SUMMIT

- A group called “RNC Shut Down Coalition” sent out e-mails promoting a summit between all activists groups planning to demonstrate at the RNC.
- The summit was to take place **Saturday, October 11, 2003, at 6 PM at “Psuedo” located at 600 Broadway NY, NY (sixth floor)**
- The objective of the summit is to form a consensus based coalition among all protest groups.
- The established activists groups in the NYC area are balking at attending the above-mentioned meeting citing little knowledge of group calling for event **Will continue to monitor.**

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ANTI- RNC GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED

- **RNC Not Welcome Committee, United For Peace and Justice and Counter Convention.org** have scheduled a general meeting for Anti-RNC activists on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 at 1900 hours, at the Judson Memorial Church, located at 55 Washington Square Park South. This event is being promoted as a **networking meeting** for those activists planning to demonstrate at the RNC.

UNITED FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE NEW YORK

- This group is organizing buses to travel to Washington, DC on October 25, 2003 to demonstrate against "The Occupation of Iraq".
- On that date the above coalition is urging "**tens of thousands of activists**" from around the country to gather in Washington, DC to express opposition to the Bush administration's war against Iraq.

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CALIFORNIA

- Two bombings took place recently in California:
 - The first August 28, 2003 at the Chiron Corporation in Emoryville, California
 - The second September 26, 2003 at the Shaklee's Corporation headquarters in Pleasanton, California.
- **"The Shadowy Revolutionary Cell,"** formerly known as **"The Animal Liberation Brigade,"** took credit, asserting targets were chosen because they did business with **Huntingdon Life Science.**
- **The pipe bombs were planted in the early morning hours and included shrapnel (nails) components.**
- No injuries or arrests.

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FRESNO, CALIFORNIA UNDERCOVER DIES IN ACCIDENT

- Fresno Sheriff Deputy Aaron Kilmer dies in an off-duty motorcycle accident.
- Newspaper obituary identifies deceased and runs photo.
- Cammille Russell, President of **Peace Fresno Anti-War Activist Group** recognizes photo as a person who has attended her group's meetings.
- Sheriff's Office refused comment citing sensitive nature of deceased officer's assignment.

RNC PHILADELPHIA 2000

- Attached is a synopsis of key events that occurred during the July, 2000 Republican National Convention in Philadelphia Pennsylvania

FTAA CONFERENCE QUEBEC CITY 2001

- Attached is a synopsis of key events that occurred during the Free Trade Area of the Americas summit in Quebec City, Canada in April, 2001.

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LESSONS FROM QUEBEC SUMMIT OF THE AMERICA'S 2001

The third annual Summit Of The America's convened in Quebec City, Canada on April 19 to April 22, 2001.

- The session brought together the heads of state from thirty-four of the thirty-five countries that comprise North and South America (Fidel Castro was not invited) to sign the Free Trade Area Agreement which would eliminate tariffs between countries who sign while setting standards for workers' rights and the ecology.

SECURITY

- The Royal Canadian Mounted Police were responsible for security, supervising a force of 6,500 officers drawn from Canadian law enforcement, supplemented by 1,250 members of the national armed forces.
- The cornerstone of the security plan was to surround the area of the city where the event was taking place and where the delegates were staying with three miles of security fence, consisting of a three-foot high concrete barrier with an eight-foot chain link fence attached. The majority of the security personnel were inside the fence to maintain order.

THE ANARCHIST PLAN

- In the months leading up to the Quebec event, American activists designated Burlington, Vermont as a jumping off location. The New York group, "ya Basta," planned to cross the Akwassane Indian Reservation into Canada.
- On April 17, 2000 members of various New York City activist groups boarded buses heading to Burlington, Vermont.
- Upon arrival, housing was provided and the activists engaged in a number of teach-ins and training sessions regarding tactics.
- At the same time activists/anarchists from around the world began to descend on Quebec City and take up residents in tent cities under roadways.
- On April 19, 2001, approximately 450 people boarded passenger vans and private autos and departed Burlington, Vermont with a State Police escort headed towards the Akwassane reservation where they attempted to cross into Canada.
- The activists attempted to cross a bridge on foot from the reservation at Cornwall, New York into Canada, but were stopped by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Only 100 activists gained entry.

QUEBEC CITY ACTION

- On April 20, 2001 at 1500 hours – 1,000 predominately members of **Black Bloc**, attacked the fence at Rue St. Patrice. They succeeded in toppling the fence and

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storming the compound, attacking the police with sticks, pipes, bottles and slingshots, etc. The police responded by firing CS Gas at the rioters.

- The anarchists used the following:
 - Backpacks containing water and vinegar to counter the effect of the CS gas.
 - Military surplus smoke grenades and molotov cocktails.
 - Banners and placards affixed to sticks and pipes that were used as weapons.
 - They donned swimming goggles, gas masks and bandannas in preparation for conflict with police.
 - Family channeled radios and cell phones were used to communicate during the demonstrations.
- At 2100 hours, after firing **"500 canisters of gas,"** police arrested 106 rioters; three police officers sustained injuries.
- On April 21, 2001, in the morning hours, hundreds of buses containing American Union workers entered Quebec City for a scheduled march. Black Bloc anarchists attempted to join the march but were stopped by security personnel and steel workers.
- At 1400 hours, a crowd of 3,000 activists, 300 of who were Black Bloc, attacked the compound at Rene Levesque Blvd.
- Police responded with hundreds of canisters of CS Gas, rubber bullets and water cannons.
- The anarchists countered with **"smoke grenades, molotov cocktails, bricks and slingshots loaded with rocks"**.
- The anarchists broke windows and vandalized vehicles, focusing on police cars, stealing police uniforms and equipment.
- The rioting lasted into the early morning hours. 483 rioters were arrested; thirty-six police officers were injured, five requiring hospitalization.
- On April 22, 2001 calm was restored to the city. At 1900 the last delegation for the Free Trade event had left.

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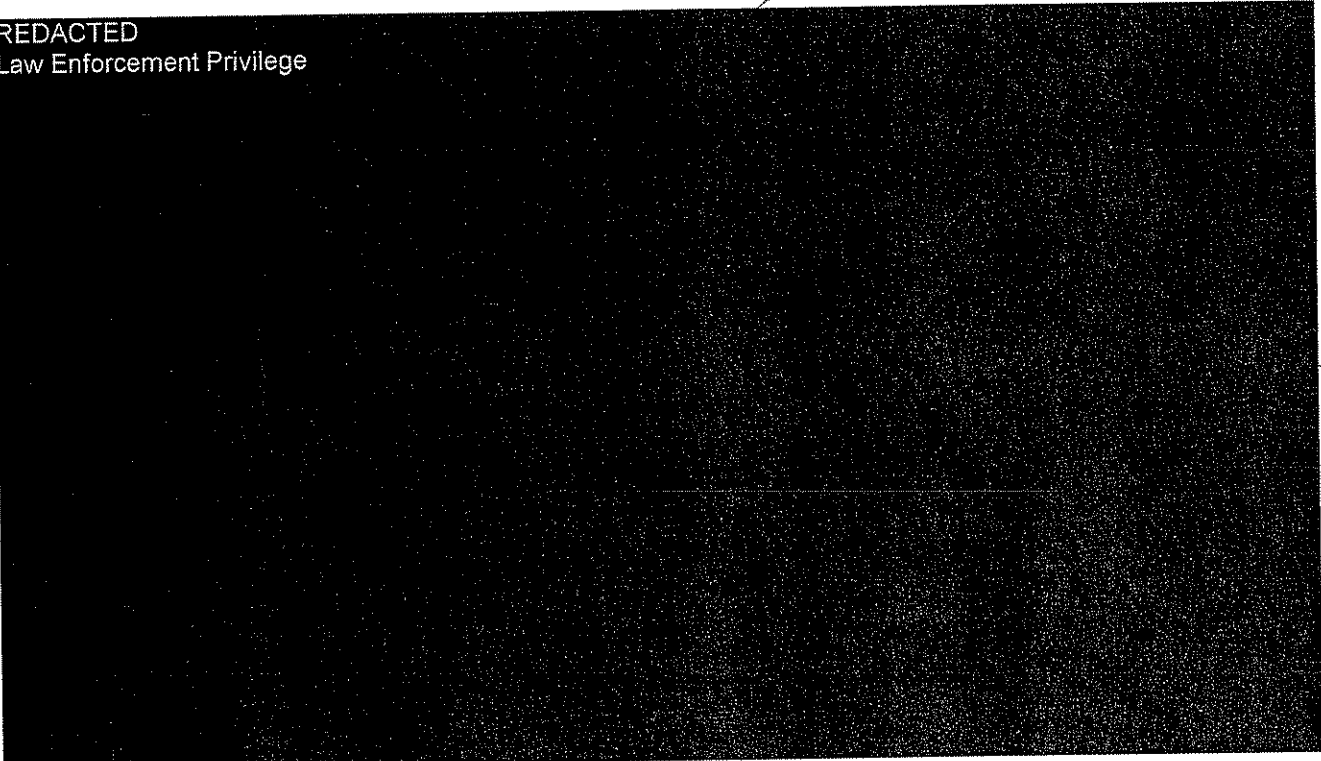


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ACTIVIST VIDEO

- San Francisco Video Activist Network presents a video covering the events of March 20, 2003.
- Demonstrations on that date against the war in Iraq shut down the financial district in San Francisco.
- **TACTICS SHOWN:**
 - Bolts and screws thrown at police. ✓
 - Activists locked together with "Sleeping Dragon."
 - Intersections shut down during rush hour.
 - Mainstream media representatives assaulted.
 - Spray painting television reporters camera lens.
 - Yelling so television reporters can't report live.
 - Black Bloc anarchists trash various locations.
 - Placing hay on the roadway and putting it on fire.
 - Using dumpsters to form barricades.
 - Activists on bicycles shut down highways.
 - Professional editing of video indicates high-level organizational skills.
- Attached is video.

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ACTIVIST CAMERA TIPS MANUAL

- Video taping police during political demonstrations.
- The manual provides basic overview of tactics that activists/anarchist use for video taping police at demonstrations.

- **TACTICS USED:**
 - **Assembling a team to provide support for video taping**
 - **Designate team member runner to leave set with tape.**
 - **Using video cameras to deter arrest.**
 - **Document police conduct/use of force.**
 - **Learn police riot tactics**
 - **Carry extra tapes and batteries**
 - **Leave camera running at all times**
 - **Tapes should be labeled "Attorney Work Product & Privileged and Confidential"**
 - **Use of tape during courtroom testimony**

SURVEILLANCE PHOTOS "BLACK BLOC" (obtained from our intelligence sources)

- Photo 1 - Anarchist counter surveillance team
- Photo 2 - Body Shields
- Photo 3,4,5,6- Black Bloc at demonstration

GENOA G-8 SUMMIT 2001

- There were 181 arrests from G-8 Summit.
- Tecs checks were conducted and revealed that eight of the arrested have entered the United States since the event.
- Three of the following arrestees resided in the United States:
 - **Maryland – male 28 yrs old**
 - **Oregon – male 25 yrs old**
 - **Oregon – female 23 yrs old**
- Tecs – Treasury Enforcement Coordination System.

ACTIVIST LODGING (obtained from our intelligence sources)

- Activist post web-site listing Tri-State area campsites, recreational vehicle parks and hostels for those planning on protesting the RNC.
- **Attached is web page.**

UPCOMING ACTIVIST RNC EVENTS

- November 12,2003
 - Meeting St. Marks Church (Manhattan).

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- Topic: Police and the RNC.
- United For Peace And Justice – will provide a bus to Miami for those wishing to protest the FTAA.

FLYERS

- Attached is the latest **RNC NOT WELCOME** flyer.

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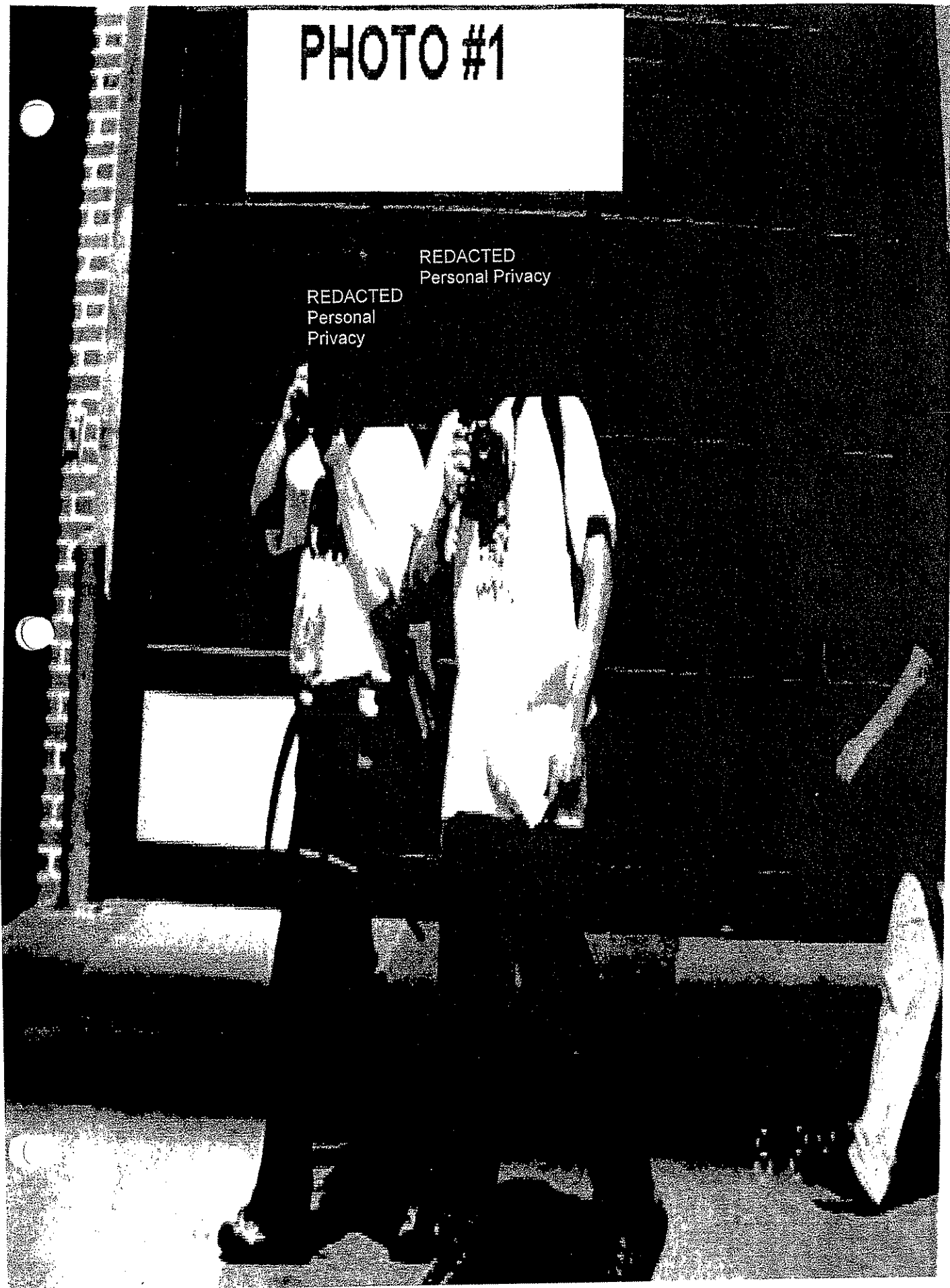


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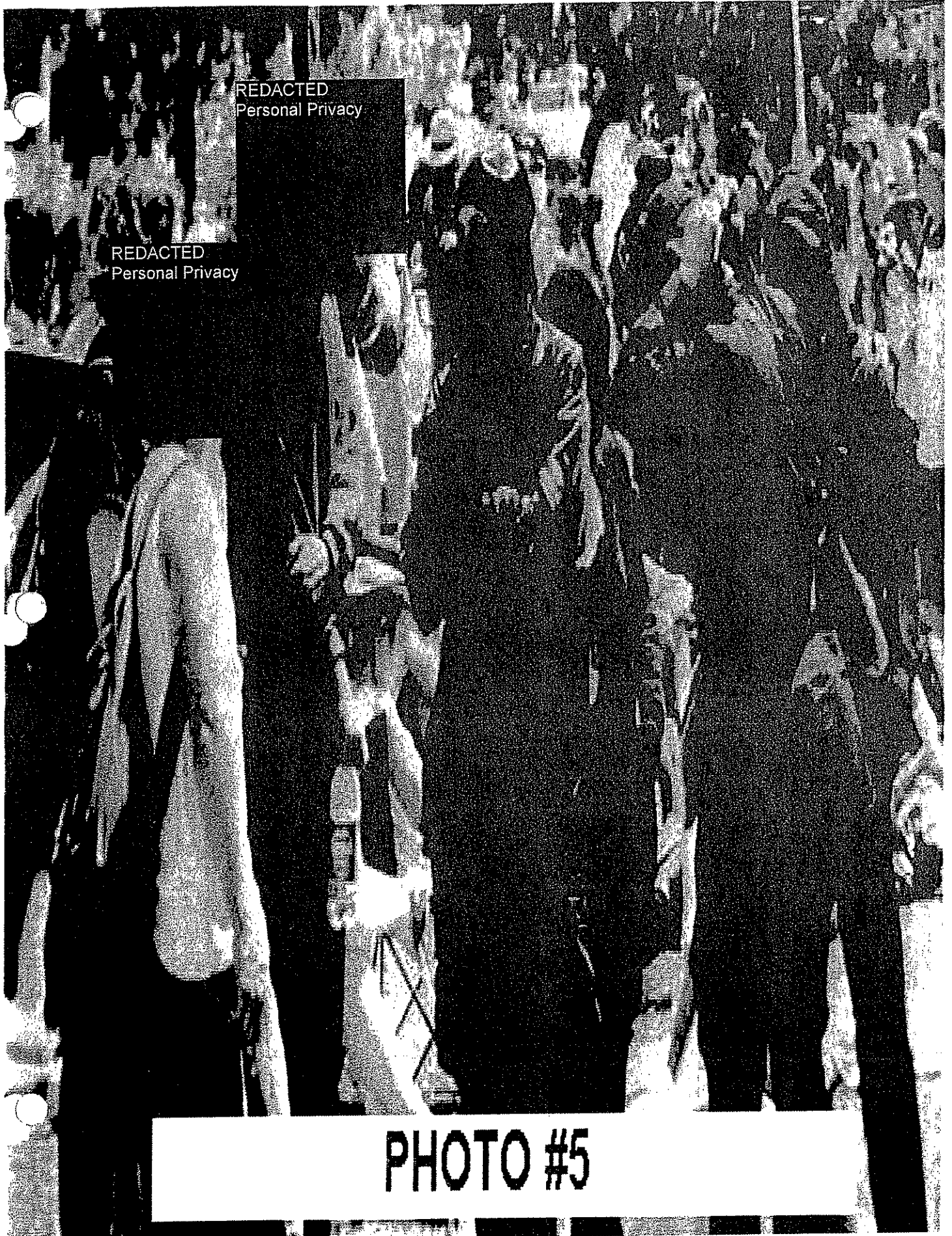
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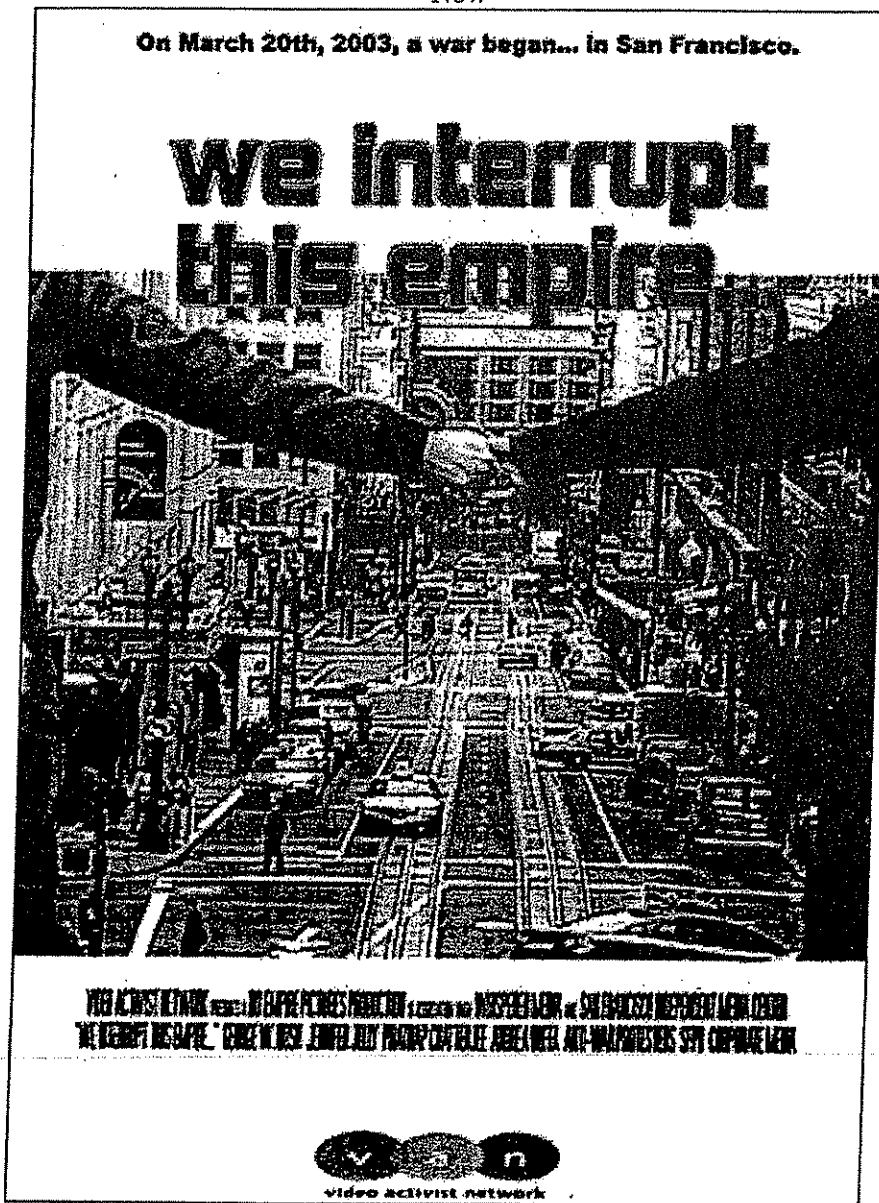
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Upcoming Screenings:

SF Bay Area: Sunday, Nov. 9 at 3pm at The Parkway

More Screenings Listed on our Screenings Page

A Trailer is Online Now. Press Materials and Tapes are also Available Now



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Note: New York State Parks has these

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- Taticnic
- Catskill
- Palisades
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Long Island (NY): Campsites are available at Heckscher, Hither Hills and Wildwood State Parks

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That would be end of Dec. 2003 / early Jan. 2004.
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"NO RNC" MEETING (obtained from our intelligence sources)

- Held at 241 Thompson Street on November 11, 2003
- Participants discussed ongoing organizing of **unions, community groups, anarchists and peace groups** to come together in order to oppose the RNC in NYC.

NOT IN OUR NAME (obtained from our intelligence sources)

- The activist group **Not In Our Name** is organizing an effort to bring one million people to NYC during the RNC to protest.
- Setting up training for the following components of direct actions:
 - Media
 - Medical Training
 - Legal Issues
 - Cyber Activism

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POLICE ARREST EIGHT AT ANARCHIST GROUP HEADQUARTERS

- On Sunday November 16, 2003 at 0215 hours, police responded to 968 Atlantic Ave, the headquarters of Critical Resistance.
- Officers from the 77 Pct. observed a male consuming alcohol in the street in front of the above address.
- The officers requested identification from the male who refused and started to chant causing people to exit the above address.
- The ensuing crowd became belligerent and additional units responded. Eight members of the group **Critical Resistance** were arrested.
- Those arrested were charged with Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, Obstructing Governmental Administration and Inciting to Riot.
- **Activists web sites are portraying events as unprovoked police brutality where the police smashed up a benefit for the organization.**

THEM AGAINST THE WORLD, PART 2 (NY Times 11/16/03)

- Activist target **Miami Free Trade Area of Americas** Conference to be held on the week beginning November 17th, 2003.
- The article focuses on Lisa Fithian, female, age 42, who has orchestrated **Direct Action** tactics at the following protests:
 - **Seattle - 1999 WTO**
 - **Prague - 2000 IMF World Bank**

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- Washington, DC – 2000 IMF World Bank
- Genoa – 2001 G8 Summit
- New York City – 2001 WTO
- Cancun – 2003 WTO
- Quebec – Summit of the Americas

- Fithian states she has been arrested over 30 times since 1986.
- Lisa Fithian, along with female activist, Starhawk, founded **Root Activists Network of Trainers (RANT)** to organize groups of protestors.
- Fithian states, in reference to her endeavors, **"I create crisis because crisis is the edge where change is possible."**
- In regard to the FTAA Conference in Miami, Fithian has suggested the use of direct action tactics to:
 - **Block Miami Airport.**
 - **Prevent delegates from arriving at the conference center.**
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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (obtained from our intelligence sources)

- **Critical Mass** – Bike riders who protest in large numbers by riding very slowly primarily in rush hour traffic to disrupt traffic. They target automobiles in the urban environment.
- The following members of critical mass were arrested on March 29,2003 in Baltimore, Maryland and charged with Disorderly Conduct and Second Degree Assault.

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- **Critical Mass has a chapter group in Baltimore City, www.criticalmasshub.com. They will often organize bus trips to carry demonstrators to protests occurring in NYC.**

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By AUSTIN BUNN

On a rain-soaked October night in Miami, the police have commandeered downtown. It is midnight, and patrol cars cordon off the streets of run-down delis and dollar stores. Dozens of black-clad officers maneuver and bullhorn in the distance, practicing their tactics. "We're expecting about 70,000 to 100,000 protesters to come down here in November," says a beat cop, guarding a corner from his squad car. "Our guys are doing exercises all around."

A few blocks over, at a red light, Lisa Fithian pulls her compact rental car behind a squadron of city police cruisers. Hers is one of the few civilian cars in this area, certainly the only one carrying an advance guard of that human wave heading for Miami. While most people have been ushered out of the downtown area, the 42-year-old Fithian wants to go into it, to do reconnaissance with three fellow activists. Weeks from now, she will be marching in these streets, and the police will no longer be practicing. Since it is difficult to find our way about, Fithian decides, boldly, to follow the cruisers. "You know," she says, "it's kind of nice to tail the cops for once."

When, like Fithian, you have been arrested some 30 times, the police become less of a fearful authority than antagonists in a battle you just can't wait to begin. Fithian, who lives in Austin, Tex., has been involved in planning protests in Seattle, Washington, Prague, Genoa, Quebec City, New York, Sacramento and Cancun, and she has come to Miami in advance of the Free Trade Area of the Americas meeting that will start Nov. 17. Her intention is to scout the city -- to understand the layout, to meet with every local activist group willing to meet with her and to plan how to "derail" the negotiations.

"For want of a better word, I'm a professional at this," she says. "My eye is trained. I walk through a city, and I see a parking garage, and I think, That'd be a great place to drop a huge banner, or I see an open restaurant, and I think, That'd be a good place to escape to if things get crazy. Sometimes places will tell me what they want."

What Miami wants, Fithian says, is crisis. This week, representatives from the 34 countries in the Americas (minus Cuba) will meet at the Intercontinental Hotel to broker the world's furthest-reaching free-trade agreement, known among critics as "Nafta on steroids." The premise of the Free Trade Area of the Americas is to expand 1993's Nafta agreement from the three original countries (the United States, Canada and Mexico) all the way through South America. To Fithian and others, the Free Trade Area of the Americas is a corporate land grab created by a nondemocratic institution that is stamping out indigenous culture and threatening the environment as it goes. While delegates will hammer out details inside, hundreds of different N.G.O.'s and social-justice groups and thousands of union members will march and rally outside, on the other side of what will assuredly be a heavily guarded metal fence, on Nov. 20.

Fithian will join them, but she doesn't care too much about the march. It doesn't need her. It needs numbers. Direct action -- to physically "shut it down" -- is her calling. Blocking the Miami airport,

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preventing delegates from getting inside the conference center, ripping a hole in the protective fence — these things need her. Anticorporate globalization protests like this one will attract everyone from agitprop puppeteers to Quakers to rowdy anarchists who would love to see a Starbucks on fire. Fithian stands in a willful, but not reckless, middle ground. She is peace-oriented but not passive. Destruction of "illegitimate" barriers is fine with her as long as it's nonviolent (a line that can be hazy) and not a senseless publicity stunt (also hazy).

So you don't go to Fithian when you want to carry a placard. You go to her when you want to make sure there are enough bolt cutters to go around. The tradition of direct action is civil disobedience staged at the "point of power": civil rights era sit-ins on segregated Woolworth's stools or Act Up "die-ins" during speeches by Food and Drug Administration officials. But since the enemies in the global social-justice movement are transnational corporations ("like on the 14th floor of some office building," said one activist) and the abstractions of liberalized trade policy, trade meetings like this one provide the most tangible target. For a handful of days, activists like Fithian work to create "dilemmas": situations that might force the police, the delegates and the media into recognizing their dissent. "When people ask me, 'What do you do?' I say I create crisis," she says, "because crisis is that edge where change is possible."

Miami offers real stakes. The city is bidding to become the hemispheric headquarters for the Free Trade Area of the Americas, and "if we create enough brouhaha," Fithian maintains, "we might be able to undermine that city's ability to host it, and that would be a big win." Miami officials are taking no chances; they recently received an \$8.5 million federal boost from the massive Iraq war bill to plan security for the trade meeting.

Cruising around the deserted downtown, Fithian finally spies a cluster of armored police vans and officers down a blocked street. Parking the car, she counsels her passengers to leave their ID's behind and walks determinedly toward the police. At the corner, 20 officers, wielding plexiglass shields and tear-gas guns, are rehearsing with a group of beefy fake protesters in civilian clothing. The riot police notice Fithian and in seconds force her into a corner. A nonuniformed sergeant in a Marlins shirt steps to the fore. "What are you doing here?" he yells. "This is a secure area!"

"We're citizens," Fithian answers calmly. "We have a right to walk these streets."

As the argument escalates, the police pull the rest of us aside and threaten us with jail. With the exception of Fithian, we take this news with nervous, humbled nods. Fithian, on the other hand, gives it right back. "So you're saying that just by coming down here where businesses are closed that we're breaking the law?" she says. "Get a load of that. That's just wild." She demands names and badge numbers, which are all eventually provided.

"We're just trying to protect the citizens and training to protect this city," says Sgt. Mario Hernandez, Badge No. 4048. "That's all."

"Yeah, but you're intimidating us," Fithian responds. The sergeant throws his hands up in the air. "Come on," he says. "You're intimidating me!"

On Nov. 30, 1999, thousands of street protesters, trained and organized days in advance, divided and occupied 13 intersections around the Seattle conference center, where delegates to the World Trade Organization were trying to meet. When the police tried to disperse them with tear gas and pepper spray, they were joined by others from a much larger, separate march of 50,000 unionists, who broke free and joined the civil disobedience.

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A small number of "black bloc" anarchists -dressed in black and kerchiefs to hide their faces -- notoriously smashed windows all over downtown Seattle, obscuring the more peaceful efforts. About 500 people were arrested, including Fithian, and amid the chaos, the W.T.O. talks collapsed.

That may very well have happened anyway; representatives from the developing countries simply refused to participate in a negotiating process they considered rigged against them in the first place. But within the anti-corporate globalization community, Seattle was a tremendous victory, a watershed, the metaphor for the movement. The direct action "took this institution out of the dark and put it on the front burner," says David Solnit, a Bay Area organizer and carpenter. "All of a sudden, people knew there was a W.T.O. Who could say that in 1998?"

In the eyes of many activists, the greater success of the battle of Seattle was the validation of their decentralized, leaderless model. Loosely inherited from the anarchists who fought in the Spanish Civil War, "affinity groups" committed to holding specific sectors and consensus-based "spokescouncils" directed the affinity groups. When the police swept one group away, another took its place. "No centralized leader could have coordinated the scene in the midst of the chaos," a Bay Area activist named Starhawk wrote in a widely circulated essay titled "How We Shut Down the W.T.O." "Our model of organization and decision-making was so foreign to their" -- the police's -- "picture of what constitutes leadership that they literally could not see what was going on in front of them."

But each mobilization since Seattle -- from the marches against the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund on April 16, 2000, to the W.T.O. protest in Cancun this September -- has had to contend with a critical lack of surprise. Fences, a heavy police presence and pre-emptive arrests have all become standard procedures. Six hundred activists were rounded up the day before the "A16" protest against the I.M.F. and World Bank, and on July 20, 2001, in Genoa, Italy, where 100,000 activists gathered to protest the G-8 summit, 200 officers raided a school that was serving as a dormitory and alternative media center, arresting 92 people. The first morning of a W.T.O. mini-ministerial protest in Montreal in July, 342 activists were rounded up many blocks from the site of the march, in the designated nonviolent "green zone."

Just as the global social-justice movement entered the conversation, the terms of the conversation changed irrevocably. The post-Sept. 11 Patriot Act has given government agencies wide latitude in preventing terrorism, such that the notion of pre-emptive arrests gets promoted as a prudent safeguard. Rallies and marches, even huge ones, can be ignored. In February, when somewhere between 6 and 10 million people worldwide marched against the invasion of Iraq -- the largest synchronized global dissent in history -- President Bush casually dismissed it, saying, "You know, size of protest, it's like deciding, Well, I'm going to decide policy based upon a focus group."

The possibility of shutting down a summit meeting, as it was shut down in Seattle, seems to be increasingly remote. Still, Fithian says, direct action "has the most possibility for change in the quickest amount of time." Given the new reality of heavily prepared security forces, how do activists do something that doesn't end up merely highlighting their own powerlessness?

Lisa Fithian doesn't want to be the center of attention. In our conversations, she would often ask, "You're talking to other people, right?" (I was) and then emphasize there are 1,000 other Lisa Fithians -- global activists-trainers-organizers equally as important as she. There are no leaders or spokesmen or women, just clusters of voices acting in coordination, though not necessarily in concert. The politics of the global social-justice movement are as fragmented and as postmodern as the technologies that helped give it life. "That's the nice thing about being a hydra," one eco-activist told me. "They can't assassinate

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our leader."

But I kept seeing differently. In Miami, I went with Fithian to visit a group of eco-activists who wanted to build a "permaculture" garden near the protests. "Hey, I saw you in that documentary from Prague!" said one, standing on a pile of fresh earth. She smiled at the spark of celebrity. "Oh, yeah, I was training like a madwoman." Fithian listened closely to their plans for compost demonstrations and vegetable gardens, but she wasn't offering anything except that, by the fact of her visit, they had taken on a bit of her momentum. "We're meeting with everybody down here," Fithian said to them, "and so we're learning a lot." These are the key words in Fithian vocabulary: learning, sharing, offering, meeting — words that put everything into a process. "She just swings into town and gets everything rolling," an eco-activist told me.

I saw this in Cancun as well. When I first met her there in September, on the third floor of a dilapidated storage building, she was part of a conversation about the tactics for the impending W.T.O. protest. She was almost twice the age of most people in the room, dressed in Texas, khaki pants and a tank top that read "Art and Revolution." This was a building she had searched for and rented for \$1,800, and the options under discussion were things that she had been thinking about for more than a year, as opposed to pretty much everyone else there. To say that Fithian is not a leader is an admirable political idea, but it's not entirely honest.

As a teenager in upstate New York, Fithian was a troublemaker. "It wasn't unheard of for the police to come by my house and talk to my mother," she says. In high school, she started an underground newspaper, *The Free Thinker*, to cover issues like littering in the cafeteria. She went to Skidmore College, where she led marches through the administration buildings to protest, among other things, the cutting of a nursing program. When she heard Abbie Hoffman speak, she said to herself, This guy is a sexist pig, but I should go work for him, and she did. Her first arrest came when she unfurled a huge banner that read "No Contra Aid" facing the Federal Building in Boston. "We tried to get arrested like 10 times, and they just wouldn't," she says. "But then I ended up for three days in the state penitentiary — my feet and hands shackled. It was really powerful. At least we did end up teaching the inmates songs by sliding words under the doors."

Then the arrests really started taking off. She tried a shutdown of the C.I.A. in 1987, when 600 people were arrested. Eight hundred were rounded up at a gay and lesbian rights action she organized outside the Supreme Court, and another 500 were arrested at a commemoration of the assassination of Oscar Romero, the El Salvadorean archbishop, in front of the White House in 1990. Jail, in some ways, has been a networking opportunity for her. She met Starhawk in jail during Seattle, and the collective they formed, RANT (Root Activist Network of Trainers), raised the money that financed most of Fithian's trips. These days, after working in the labor movement through the 90's, Fithian pays her rent via short-term consulting gigs, helping to "escalate" laundry-worker strikes in Las Vegas and public-service shutdowns in Boston to, as she says, "create the political climate for settlements." It is an ideal role for the nomadic Fithian in that escalation doesn't require home-grown leaders as much as catalysts with tactics. She can fly in, "move the energy," as she says, and then join the fight.

The W.T.O. protests in Cancun were, in a way, a real test for Fithian and the global social-justice organizing model. Cancun offered no local taproot of activists, an unpredictable crowd size and an unfamiliar police force. As the last warm-up before Miami, Cancun needed to look like escalation. But with so many unknowns, it was at risk of disintegrating into noise.

In midafternoon in Cancun, the room at the convergence center was oppressively hot; it was, after all,

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an airless storage space with just two small windows, two barely working fans and Mexican blankets hanging from the walls. About 75 activists in alternating levels of excitement and heatstroke sat on the tile floor. This was the headquarters -- information center, puppet-making space, chill zone, networking spot -- with many taped-up signs recommending local hostels and vegetarian restaurants and making requests like "Some of Us Dirty Kids Need Clothes -- What Do You Have?"

With trade delegates arriving the following day for the W.T.O. meeting, Fithian laid out the possible direct-action plans, code-named "Justicia" (Spanish for justice). Of all the ideas for the W.T.O. protest in Cancun that never materialized -- the pirate radio station, the five-mile parade of thousands to the doorsteps of the W.T.O. -- Justicia was the most audacious. The city of Cancun is wholly separate from the narrow strip of land known as the hotel zone, where the W.T.O. conference was taking place. The hotel zone joins the city at just two juncture points: Kilometer Zero, near downtown, and Kilometer 22, at the far end of the strip near the airport. Kilometer Zero had been code-named "Pachanga" (after the Latin music style), the W.T.O. conference center "Ballpark" and the Cancun airport "Justicia."

The idea was to block the airport road as the delegates were arriving. Fithian had actually taken groups out to the airport, looking for access routes through the mangrove jungle. There were an estimated 1,000 international activists in the city and about the same number of students expected to arrive by bus from Mexico City that night. Could the buses be used to block the road? Could students create an altar in the highway to force the police to let them either block traffic or be photographed dismantling a "sacred" space?

Fithian carries with her the authority of experience, and when there is no hierarchy, that is a supreme authority. She obviously wanted Justicia to work, but it was a "logistical nightmare" and Fithian knew well enough to detach herself from the decision-making process. One necessary skill of operating inside an antihierarchical structure is learning to let go of your best ideas and to find instant enthusiasm for the next one. So when the group, through a torturously slow, open debate, elected to make Pachanga the location, Fithian went right along. "We will be able to create an alternate world at Pachanga," she ended up saying. The police were setting up a barricade between town and the hotel zone, but that would actually be an asset for the protesters. The fence would interrupt "the sense of normalcy" and provide a rallying point. There would be a march, a Mayan ceremony in three languages that involved corn and water and dirt and then an attempt to flip the fence.

With a plan in place, Fithian then asked, "Who wants to facilitate the next spokescouncil meeting?" It's not a position with any power -- you keep the agenda moving along, making sure the will of the group gets articulated -- but it is essential. There was no answer. "Then you'll keep seeing the same people up here time and time again," Fithian said. More silence. She wanted to give up the center, but for the moment, there were no takers.

"People can deny it, but there will always be leaders and followers," Fithian told me later. "The question is, How do we create an organization that is nonauthoritarian and nonhierarchical?"

The paradox is that, in Cancun, it was the union of Korean farmers -- the most traditional, patriarchal and hierarchical group there -- that ended up impressing almost everybody. Nearly all men, they dressed in red-and-white outfits, marched to a drumbeat and carried a giant dragon that they used to ram the fence at Kilometer Zero. "They are totally hard core," a "black bloc" anarchist named Randy told me with awe. (And this guy actually "rode the rails" to Cancun, hoboing it all the way from Pittsburgh.) Even anarchists could appreciate the Koreans' crisp lines and top-down precision.

The horror of actual crisis, the suicide of a 55-year-old South Korean farmer named Lee Kyung Hae at

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the fence, took everyone by surprise. But the total numbers in Cancun were low, around 8,000 protesters total -- more than 6,000 Mexican farmers, 1,000 Mexican students and the rest internationals -- not enough to take much of a political charge from Lee's death. As we milled around at the barricade for a second day in the crushing heat, an activist from Montana turned to me and said, "Sometimes the march is the most demoralizing thing."

Fithian, meanwhile, seemed to be constantly in transit, urgently biking from one location to another. When I asked her to describe a typical morning in Cancun, she replied, unaware of how it sounded, "I met with the Mexican farmers and then met with the students and then with the farmers again, and then I went down to Kilometer Zero, where the Koreans were camped out, and we had a meeting with everybody where we decided, 'Let's keep meeting.'"

For the Americans I spoke to, there was a genuine sense of disappointment in the crowd size. "Before I came, I wanted to see 100,000 people here from 60 countries and the airport shut down," said Nick Wright, a 30-year-old Bay Area construction worker and activist who had flown in. "The worst-case scenario was just 5,000 people showing up. Essentially, that's what happened."

Before I went to Cancun, I had been warned that it would be "different" and not representative of the anticorporate globalization movement -- that many protesters were staying home for fear of being detained at the border or that they simply planned on making Miami in November and not Cancun. At the same time, the global social-justice movement has two strains: the "global north," which is largely white and fighting on the level of policies and argument, and the "global south," which is anything but white and fighting on the level of livelihood. Cancun was a chance to see the mixing that is the inevitable future of the movement.

But hardly anyone in the mobilization actually lived in Cancun: the students came from Mexico City, 48 hours away by bus; the farmers, from farther; and the American and Korean activists, beyond that. So the integration could only be provisional. If part of the premise of the global movement is that it allows activists to "radicalize" a new community no matter where the institutions go, it makes a terrible kind of logic that the institutions would choose places where there is no community, places like Cancun's hotel zone. Beyond that, there is a fundamental trickiness to bringing together a farmer who lives on a few dollars a day and an activist who can afford the \$400 flight to join him, and it's not strictly class. "At the beginning, we asked the Mexican coordinators, What are your action plans?" Fithian says. "And it was clear they had no plans. That's part of the way Mexicans organize: you just show up, and you do stuff."

In the end, for the activists, this is what winning looked like: about midway through the week of protests in Cancun, word spread for people to converge in front of the W.T.O. conference center as the delegates were leaving for the day. Getting that far into the hotel zone required passing as tourists, so activists sneaked in wearing trashy Cancun T-shirts and carrying plastic, yardlong margarita glasses like college students on spring break. On a whistle call, a group of about 75 activists -- internationals like Fithian and Mexican students -- rushed into the middle of the road outside the conference center. Some sat down, others danced while the news photographers took pictures, tourists looked on confusedly and the traffic stopped dead. After days stuck haplessly under the surveillance of the police, the action was vindication, a quick, nonviolent redistribution of control.

The next day, the South Koreans fashioned a massive rope, and the crowd used it to rupture a section of the barricade. But nobody went through, which, it turned out, was the strategy. "This is what I call the art of action -- you need a beginning, middle and an end," says Fithian, who helped plan the fence maneuver. "If we had attempted to march to the conference center, that would have been a losing

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strategy. The cops were there, with guns. People would have been hurt, and the 'story' in the press would have been a melee. So how do you end it? The police thought their job was to close the road down. Our job was to open it."

But was this anything more than symbolic fodder for the countless photographers, journalists, filmmakers and documentarians vulturing around the hole in the fence? The next day, when it became clear the W.T.O. meeting would collapse, jubilation erupted among the activists. A block of 21 countries, including Brazil and China, had refused to negotiate until the United States and Europe agreed to drop their "trade distorting" agricultural subsidies (neither did; the talks fell apart), and one rebel delegate told one N.G.O. that "it was because of the protests that they could stand strong," Fithian says. But the diplomatic standoff had been announced before the W.T.O. meeting even began, just as another one looms this week for the Free Trade Area of the Americas. In Cancun, it wasn't that the protesters had created the predicament; it seemed more as if they had merely entered one, assembled there and made some resounding noise.

To Fithian, she couldn't not be there, handing out bolt cutters to women who cut through the fence in a prearranged feminist action. Once you go to a summit meeting and throw your lot in, not going to the next one equates to admitting failure. "Every choice you make is choosing to liberate something or oppress something," she says. "We have a role that is damage control to undo all the oppression. It's our obligation."

After our night with the police in Miami, Fithian is making a daylight tour of downtown, calling real-estate agents about renting a new convergence center for the coming activists. The location has to be close enough for people to walk to and from the fence, "since we know they can mess with public transport whenever they want to," she says. Though officials in Miami are bracing for as many as 100,000 people, she would be thrilled by a turnout of 30,000.

Most of the possible buildings look barricaded or squalid. Driving with her, I have a strong sense of the ceaseless responsibility of trying to remain at the front line of this struggle — or rather, of trying to set everything up so that there would be a front line. Fithian lives in Texas, her cellphone area code is Los Angeles, in four days she'd be in D.C. for a march, and though she barely knew this area, she had to try to scout out a place for puppeteers and trainers for a whole lot of change to happen. She has articles she would like to write and a vague notion for a book (one chapter would be called "Lessons From a Summit Hopper"), if only she could stop moving from one summit meeting to the next.

When I asked her what she does when she's not protesting — just how exactly she pays her rent — she says, "I was just trying to figure that out." She takes a minute and says, "Well, I hope to finish my pond and garden."

A real-estate agent calls back and wants to know why she needs two floors and 5,000 square feet for just a month. Is it some kind of party? "It's for an educational project opposed to the F.T.A.A., for art-making and workshops," she says. There's a little silence. "We hope you won't discriminate, because we'd like to exercise our rights." They talk a bit more, and she hangs up. She's been having a lot of calls like this. "He thought that the F.T.A.A. would help the U.S. and Latin America in the long run, but maybe not in the short run," she says, immediately preparing to make another call. She smiles. "But he did say he'd come to one of our workshops and maybe learn different."

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RNC INTELLIGENCE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Key findings

- Two separate incidents in England
 - A reporter for a British tabloid who was able to secure a job at Buckingham Palace with false identification and was within meters of President Bush
 - A second incident a male acting suspiciously near Buckingham Palace. When stopped he was found to be wearing body armor and a covert radio. He also had plastic "KWIKCUFFS" a medic kit, a center punch and shotgun license. Individual claims to be employee at Buckingham Palace.
- These two incidents give us insight into two areas
 - The need for extensive background checks of individuals who will be in close proximity to national leaders who will be employed by certain venues
 - External security at public locations must remain vigilant to possible infiltration by extremist elements
- The main theme of the various anarchist groups remains focused on organized disruptive tactics to be utilized during the RNC. They continue to disseminate this material through a variety of methods (internet, meetings, pamphlets, etc.)

BLACK BLOC TACTIC

- Three stages of operations, Close, Semi-Open, and Open, are employed, increasing in degrees of inclusiveness to outside participants.
- Use of three layers of clothing; one for pre-activity concealment, one for action and the third for eluding the police.
- Weapons used in the past have ranged from basic props to sling shots and Molotov cocktails.
- Reliance on communication devices.
- Detailed preparation prior to event.
- Instructed not to carry any identification and be prepared to give false information.
- Legal preparedness.
- Employ means to estimate and counter police activities.
- Discuss actions after the event, pass on information acquired.

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RNC INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

November 27, 2003

SECURITY BREACH BUCKINGHAM PALACE

- A leading British tabloid newspaper, The Daily Mirror, revealed that an undercover reporter using fake references had succeeded in getting a job as a footman/servant at Buckingham Palace.
- The reporter, Ryan Perry, had been working there for two months and his duties gave him access to the Royal Chambers.
- The newspaper pulled the reporter out of his undercover assignment after President Bush had arrived in London.

BLACK BLOC

- Not a group, but a tactic used by anarchists to conduct illegal activity during a large demonstration.
- When Black Bloc is used, participants wear **dark clothing, without logos**, in order to look indistinguishable from one another.
- This type of activity has evolved into the primary weapon used by anarchist groups to disrupt major events including:
 - **Seattle 1999 – WTO**
 - **Washington, DC – IMF**
 - **Prague 2000 – IMF**
 - **RNC 2000 Philadelphia**
 - **DNC 2000 Los Angeles**
 - **Quebec 2001 – Summit of the America's**
 - **Genoa 2001 – GA Summit**
 - **Montreal 2003 – WTO**
 - **Miami 2003 – FTAA**
- The Black Bloc can be broken into three types:
 - **Open Bloc** – Goals and strategies are discussed at these meetings, which are open, allowing for the largest group of participants. Illegal activity is minimal.
 - **Semi-Open Bloc** – The organizing takes place in secret between people who know and trust each other. On the day of action, members of the **Semi-Open Bloc** allow outside participants who are dressed in black to join in the action. Illegal activity is greater.
 - **Close Bloc** – Participants prepare in secret and do not welcome any outsiders during the action. Illegal activity is at its highest level.

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- To participate in the **Semi-Open** or **Close Bloc**, an individual has to be vouched for by a known activist. **One example: Each person at a meeting puts a hand on somebody they know and trust, at one point everyone in the room should be touching, then the meeting can begin.**
- If someone is not touched at the meeting, then further steps are immediately taken to identify that person.

EQUIPMENT USED BY BLACK BLOC

- **Participants in the Bloc arrive at the demonstration dressed with these three layers. Upon a given signal the outermost layer is taken off, masks are donned and the Bloc is activated. After the illegal activity, the Black Bloc anarchist will peel their dark clothing off in an effort to elude the police.**
- **Clothing** – Participants from the Bloc are instructed to wear three layers of clothing:
 - **Outermost layer** – Regular clothes to be worn at the beginning of the demonstration before Black Bloc is activated.
 - **Middle layer** – Black Bloc clothing to be worn when engaged in illegal activity.
 - **Last layer** – Regular clothes used for escape from police.
- The Black Bloc participants have used the following as weapons in the past:
 - **Large Puppets**
 - **Gasmasks**
 - **Spray Paint**
 - **Placards and Shields**
 - **Rocks**
 - **Slingshots**
 - **Molotov Cocktails**
 - **Ladders**
 - **Bags of Urine**
 - **Barricades**
- **Communications** – The anarchist rely heavily on communication to coordinate their activity. The following types have been used in the past:
 - **Hand radios**
 - **Cell phones (point to point, text messaging)**

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- **Police scanners**
- **Flags**
- **Drums**
- **Codes for internal announcements**

INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO ANARCHISTS

PREPARATION

- Scout the area before the event.
- Make note of escape routes and dead ends.
- Try to determine where the police will muster.
- Identify possible targets.
- Establish a meeting point for the bloc.
- Designate a time and place for possible regrouping.

ANARCHIST CHECKLIST FOR ACTION

- Don't carry anything that is illegal.
- Don't carry your identification or address book.
- Have a plan to go to the hospital (fake name and SS # needed).
- Write your lawyers phone number on your arm.
- Once together, stay tight, spatially, keeping police out of the ranks.
- Scouts (**not in black**) are in front of the block relaying information concerning police movements.
- If police enter the crowd, obstruct their path, prevent arrests, making it seem accidental.
 - **If you find your group surrounded by police decide where their line is thin and then, in a tight formation (link arms), charge that point in an attempt to divide the police line.**
 - **Stay aware of those around you. Undercover agents may be easy to identify (pairs of big men with two day beards, nice watches and communication equipment).**
- As the Black Bloc action unfolds be aware that escape is the conclusion of a successful action. Don't get caught. Use the confusion of the crowd to your advantage. Once you're out of your Black Bloc clothing, the subway or a taxi can easily be your vehicle to freedom in order to fight for another day.

AFTER THE ACTION

- Gather your group at a safe time and place.
- Have everybody share how they are feeling.
- Discuss and critique what had happened.
- Draw your conclusions and pass that information onto other groups.

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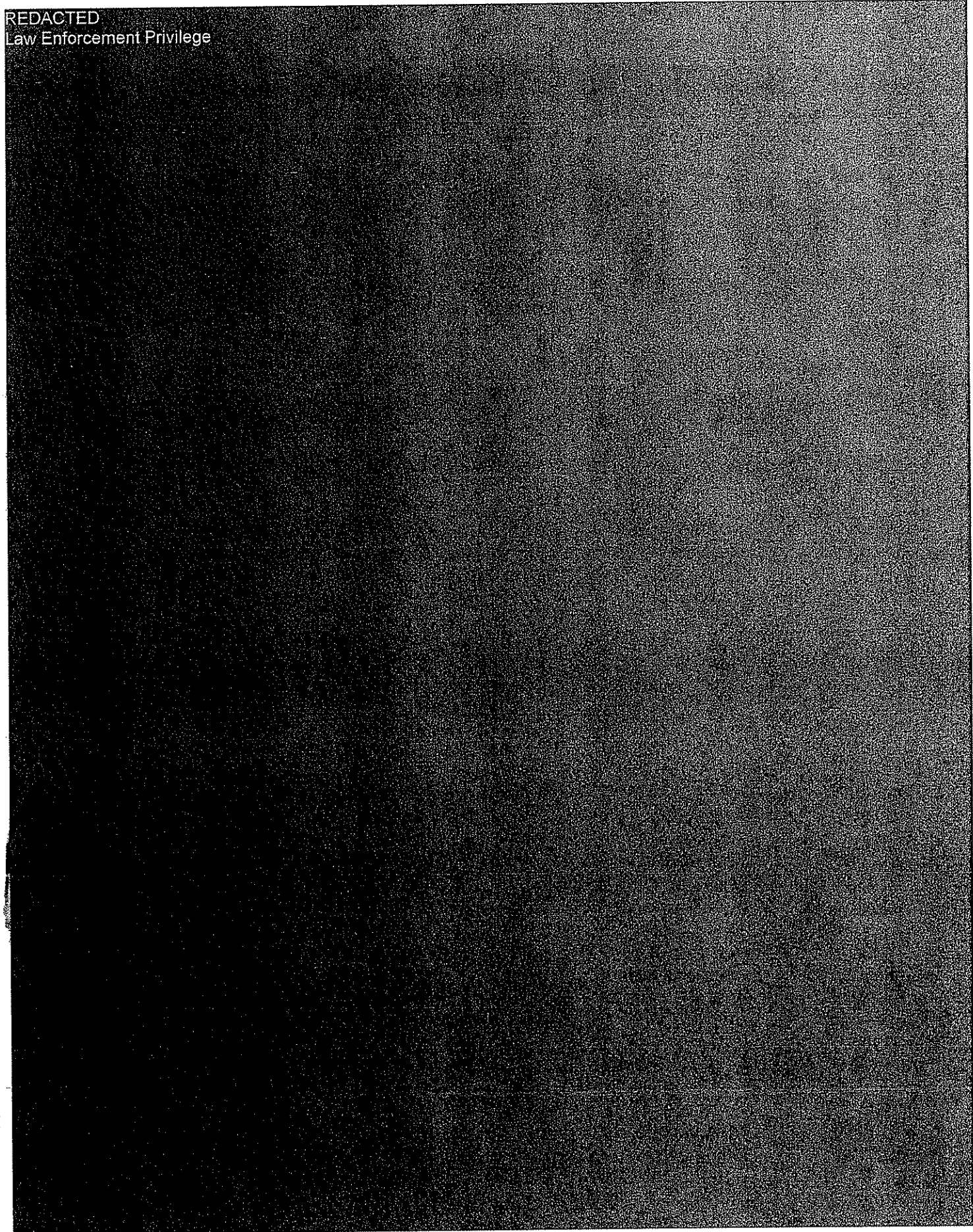
- The ideas you come up with may be used for the next blow we strike against capitalism. **"Make the next blow a killing one."**

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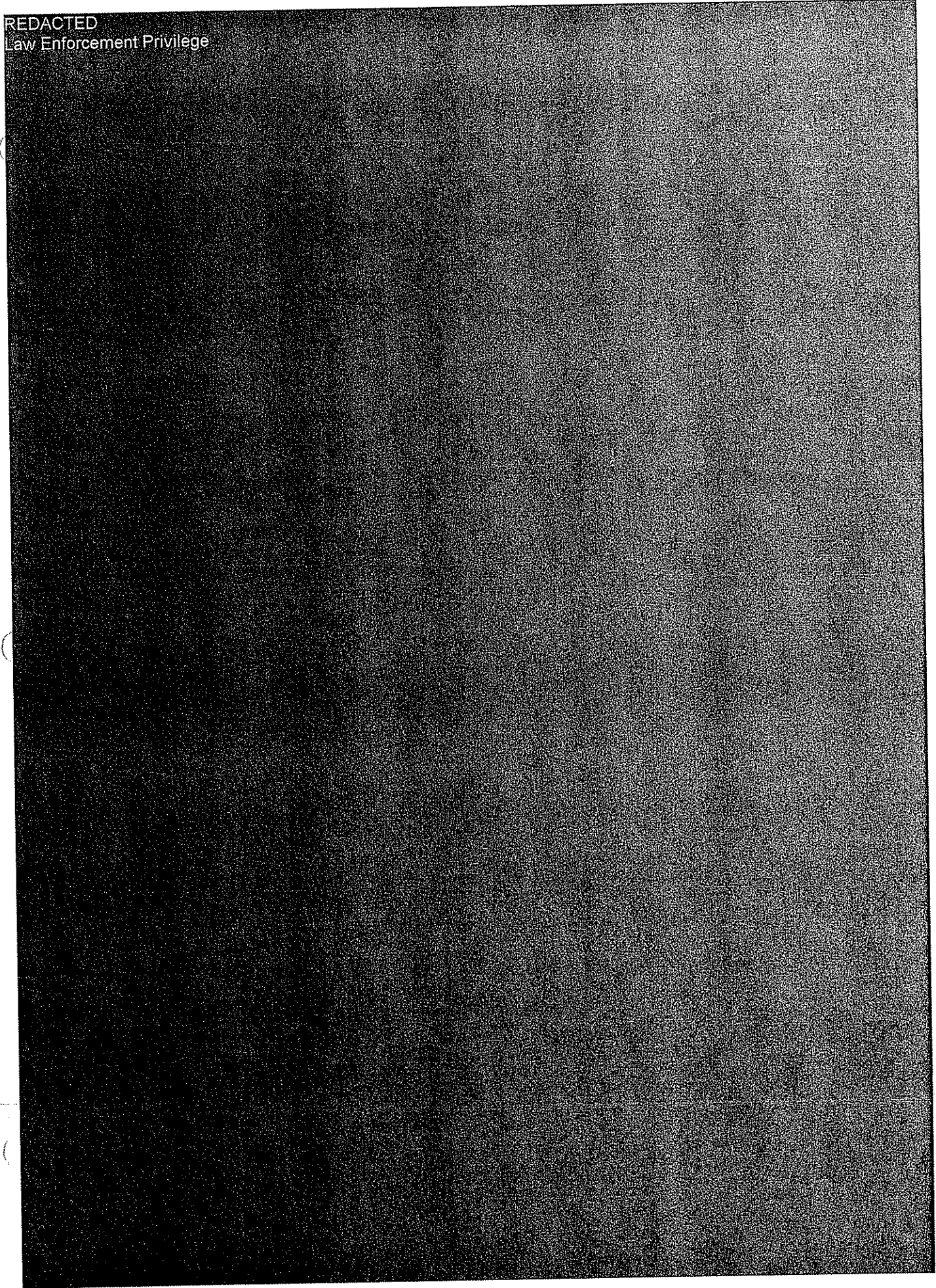
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RNC INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

December 4, 2003

PRESS CONFERENCE AND DEMONSTRATION AT ONE POLICE PLAZA

- **"Campaign to Demilitarize the Police for the RNC"** will hold a press conference/demonstration at 1200 hours on Wednesday, 10 December 2003, at One Police Plaza.
- The purpose of the event is to demand disclosure of, and put a stop to, police militarization.
 - The group contends that Police Departments have become increasingly militarized in an effort to repress protest actions.
- The approximate number of participants is unknown.

PROPOSED TECHNOLOGY FOR DIRECT ACTION PROTEST REGARDING THE 2004 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

- Current intelligence suggests that bicycles may be used during **"direct action protests"** during the August 2004 Republic National Convention.
- The proposed bicycles will be equipped with the following:
 - Aerosol-Chalk Painting devices.
 - Enables mobile text graffiti capabilities at strategic locations.
 - Chalk to be used as opposed to paint to avoid prosecution of criminal mischief.
 - Wireless Internet web cameras.
 - Enables live video feed via Internet website.
 - To monitor police response and action.
 - To report on protest status.
 - Enables rapid communication via email.
 - Global Positioning System
 - Enables real-time updates of bicycle/protestor position.
- Prototypes will allegedly be tested prior to August 2004 during **select** protest demonstrations in New York City. It is unknown at this time what future demonstration(s) have been selected.
- An assessment of **"wireless hotspots"** in the area surrounding the 2004 RNC site will be conducted for mapping purposes.
- Tactics utilized by members of this Department during direct action protests prior to the 2004 RNC will be studied to modify protest strategies accordingly.

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- Local activist groups supporting this project include, but are not limited to:
 - **United for Peace and Justice**
 - **Counter Convention**
 - **Why-War.com**
 - **NYC Independent Media Center**
 - **Reclaim the Streets**
 - **RNC Not Welcome**
 - **Act-up**
 - **Surveillance Camera Players**

- Photo's included:
 - **Wireless Web Cam Bike**
 - **"The Magic Bike" – contains laptop computer & GPS system**
 - **Remote control "Graffiti Aerosol Dispenser".**
 - **Example of "Graffiti" produced by these devices.**

ACTIVIST GROUP FROM BERKELY CALIFORNIA TO PARTICIPATE IN RNC PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS

- Intelligence information indicates that the California based activist group, known as **"Rise-Up,"** will participate in protest demonstrations during the 2004 Republican National Convention.
 - Approximately 20 members of **"Rise-Up"** recently traveled to Miami and participated in FTAA protests. It is unknown at this time what type of actions during the FTAA demonstrations they participated in.
- The information also suggests that members of **"Rise-Up"** are relocating to the New York City area to participate in the planning of upcoming RNC protest demonstrations.

STRATEGIES UTILIZED BY THE "DIRECT ACTION NETWORK" DURING 1999 WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION PROTESTS IN SEATTLE

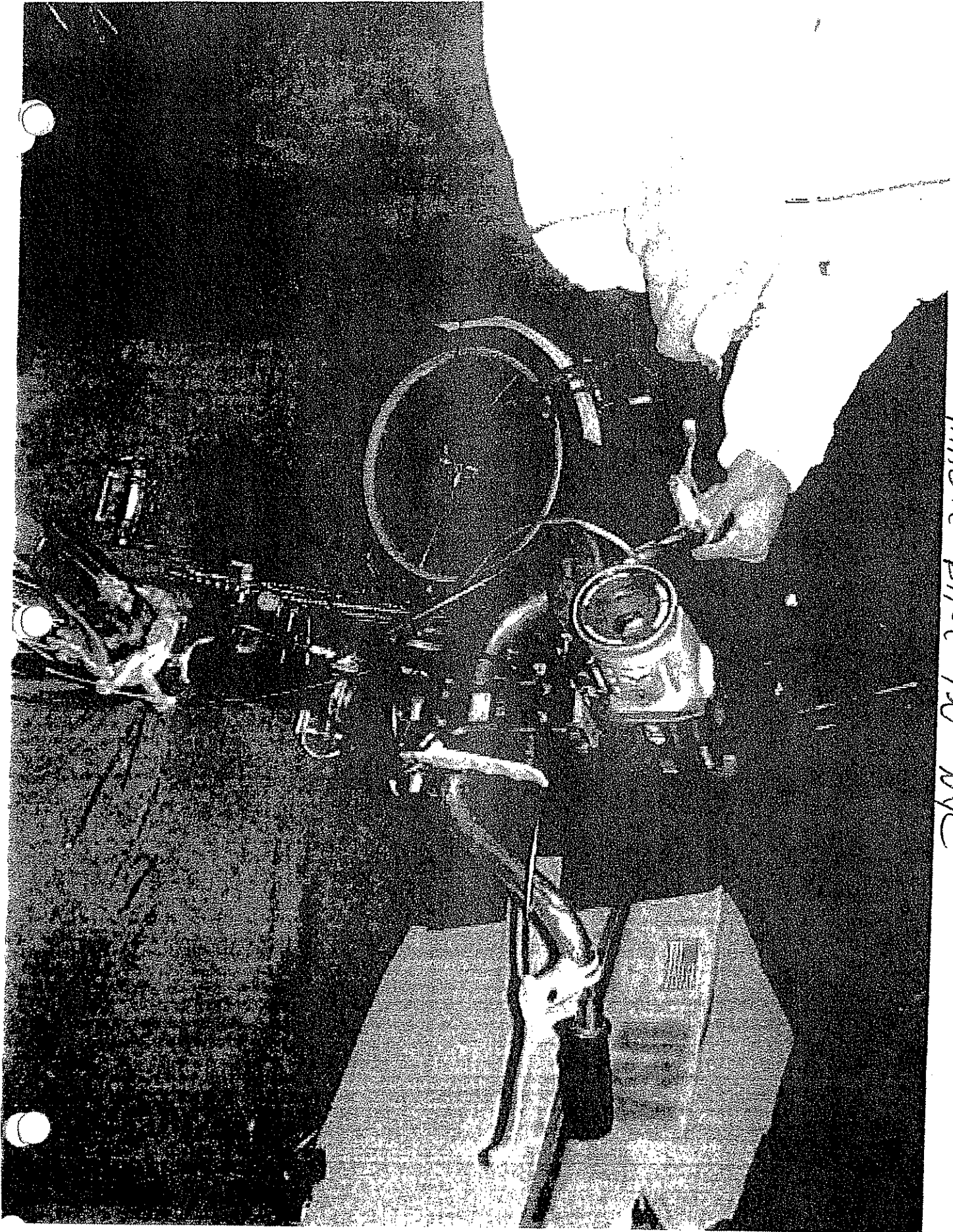
- The Direct Action Network deployed protesters in three phases:
 - **Phase 1** – penetrated target area via "swarming" to conduct civil disobedience (i.e., block intersections) and get arrested.
 - **Phase 2** – supported/protected the first phase via passive protesting and avoided arrest.
 - **Phase 3** – the remaining members of phases 1, 2 participated in a permitted event.
- Communication devices used:
 - Cellular phones.

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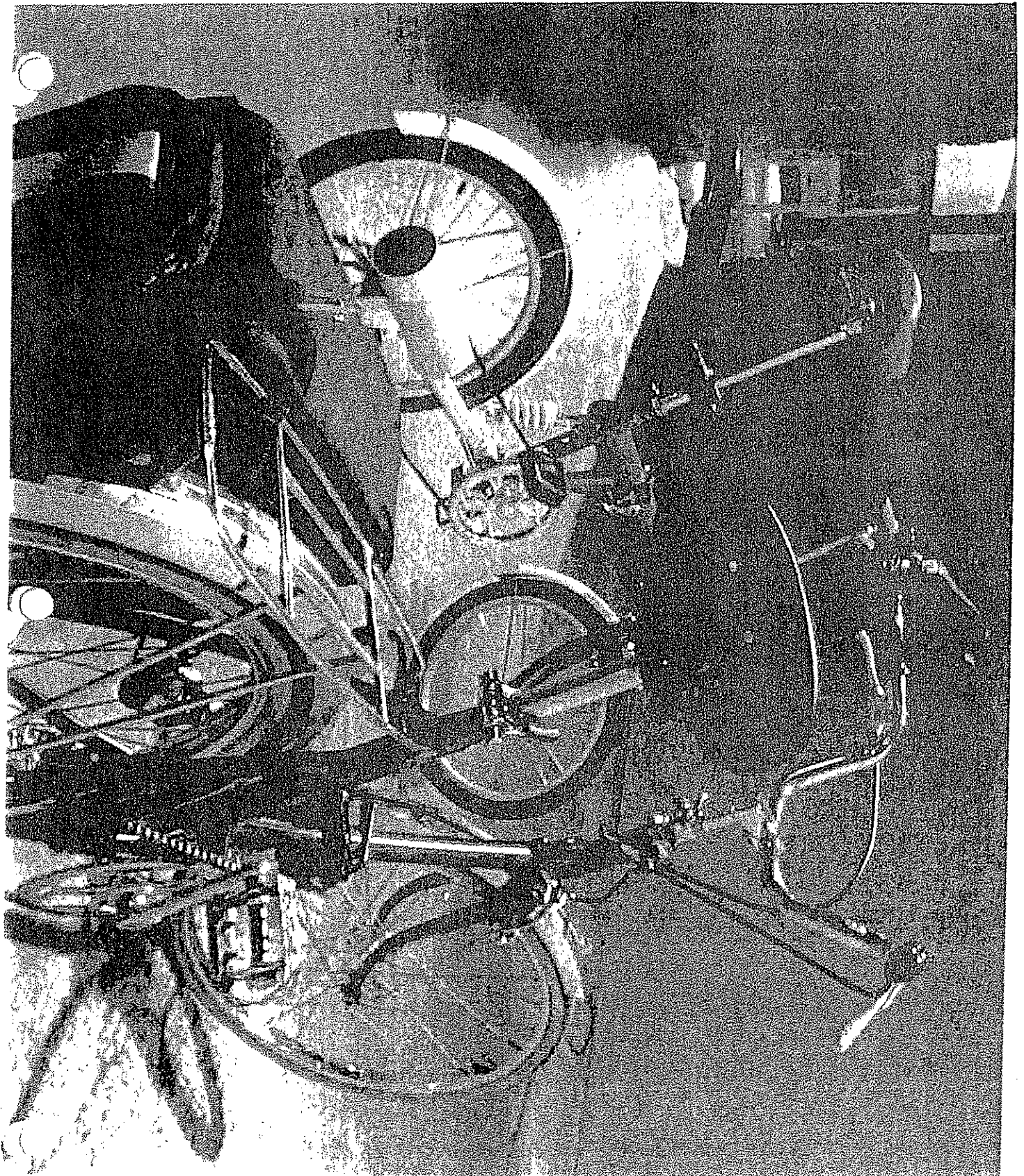
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- Nextel phones were replaced when original system went down.
- Point to point radios.
- Police Scanners.
- Palm Pilots.
- Laptop Computers.
- Wireless text messaging devices.

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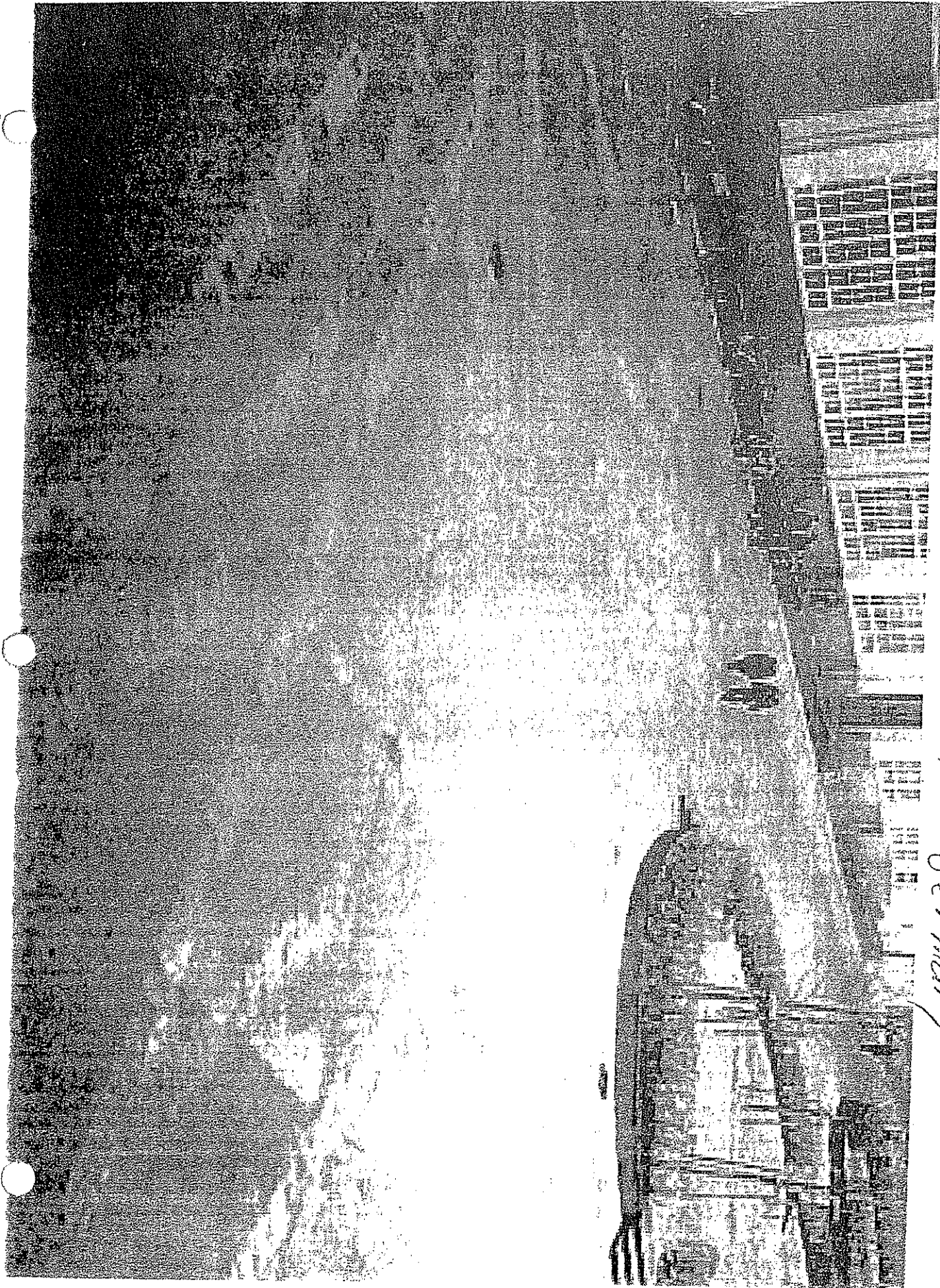


MAGIC BIKE IN NYC



Graffiti write -
CROATIA





Graf, H. Winter in Germany

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11 December 2003

Key Findings

- Animal rights groups known to use nail bombs will likely be participants in protests regarding the 2004 Republican National Convention.
- 18 of the anti-Bush protestors arrested in London have U.S. ties.
 - 15 of the 18 have U.S. addresses, including one NYC address.
- Independent Film maker intends to document RNC protest activity.
- Anti-war demonstration to take place in multiple cities, including NYC, on 20 March 2004.

A.N.S.W.E.R. (ACT NOW TO STOP WAR AND END RACISM) TO SPONSOR EVENT IN NEW YORK CITY - MARCH 2004

- On 20 March 2004, at 1200 hours, the group intends to gather in Times Square for a demonstration, and then conduct a march to the United Nations Headquarters.
- **A.N.S.W.E.R.** is organizing events in the following cities for the same date/purpose:
 - **Washington, D.C.**
 - **Los Angeles, California**
 - **San Francisco, California**
- The purpose of the event is to mark the first anniversary of, and protest against, the United States military action Iraq.
- At present it is unknown how many people will participate in these events.
- A flyer advertising the event has been attached.

ACTIVISTS ARRESTED DURING PROTESTS DURING PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE TRAVELED TO THE UNITED STATES

- During the Presidential visit to the United Kingdom, 78 persons were arrested during anti-war/anti-Bush protest demonstrations.

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ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS UTILIZE "NAIL BOMB" TACTICS

- Current intelligence indicates that animal right activist groups intend to participate in protest demonstrations targeting the **2004 Republican National Convention**.
 - It is anticipated that RNC delegations representing states that are proponents of wildlife hunting, such as Alaska, will be the target of animal rights protests.
- As previously reported in the 10/23 RNC weekly; in late August, 2003, an animal-rights activist group calling itself "**Revolutionary Cells -- Animal Liberation Brigade**" claimed responsibility for attacks against companies allegedly tied to Huntingdon Life Sciences (a British based animal testing laboratory company).
 - On August 28, 2003, the Chiron Corporation, located in Emeryville, California was bombed twice.
 - On September 26, 2003, the Shaklee Corporation, located in Pleasonton, California, was bombed.
 - The devices utilized were composed of 10lbs. ammonium nitrate strapped with nails.
 - **Daniel Andreas San Diego**, M/W, **REDACTED** a known animal rights activist from California, is wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for his alleged involvement in the bombing attacks.

ACTIVIST GROUP "NOT IN OUR NAME PROJECT" MOBILIZING ACTIVISTS FOR 2004 RNC PROTESTS

- Recent intelligence indicates that the activist group "**Not In Our Name**" intends to mobilize activists from as far as Seattle, Washington to participate in anti-RNC protest actions.
- "**Not In Our Name Project**" is a national network of individuals and organizations opposed to the alleged "injustices" done by the United States government in its anti-terrorism measures.
- Recent events in which "Not in Our Name Project" have participated in include:
 - New York City, 11/02, protested speech given by Collin Powell.
 - New York City, 12/02, rallied for Bill of Rights.

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INDEPENDENT FILM MAKER INTENDS TO DOCUMENT THE RNC AND RELATED PROTEST ACTIVITY

- Jonathan Jackson, an independent filmmaker is seeking to produce a film documenting the planning and execution phases of protest activity targeting the RNC.
- Jackson operates Liberty Films out of his residence, **REDACTED**
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- A press release flyer produced by Jackson to promote his endeavor is attached.

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Liberty films and Sureel present, THE RNC IN NYC...



In Aug 2004 the Republican National Convention will be held in New York City for the first time ever. With fifty thousand visitors expected, of which fifteen thousand are media personnel, and the largest police department in the nation, security will be intense. Also, how will the city deal with a mass organized demonstration planned to coincide with the convention.

Premise

10 months prior to the convention, an office of highly professional party members has been set up to manage, organize and implement what could be the biggest political and media event the city has ever seen. "Inside this highly politicized office space, the departmental management team have the massive undertaking of making this convention a success for the city and their party.

"Outside" of this Manhattan office and in many communities of NYC local activist groups routinely organize, meet and take action. Some of the organizations attending are Not in our name, Anarchist-NYC, Bring them home Now, Peace Williamsburg, United for peace and justice, War resisters league, Bean and NYC aids housing network.

Joining the groups in their meetings and activities, the film will inform the viewer of these organizations structure, inner workings, and RNC protest plans. Yielding support on local and national issues these groups often join major demonstrations organized by larger organizations for major demonstrations.

"Behind the scenes" we will reveal how large and small activist groups think and routinely organize from protesting a local firehouse closure, direct action groups, to major demonstrations.

Although these political entities have extremely different resources and agenda's we will seek to document their organization, structure and inner workings as they prepare for the RNC. Going beyond the election and issue politics the RNC will test the means and effectiveness of these distinct entities when it comes to garnering support and avoiding inner conflict.

In between the high-pressured moments of the executive management team in this isolated Manhattan office we will reveal how large and small activist groups

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think and routinely organize. By looking from "inside" the convention office in Manhattan we give the film a timeline up to the day of the convention, in which to integrate the activist groups as they also debate and organize for the convention themselves.

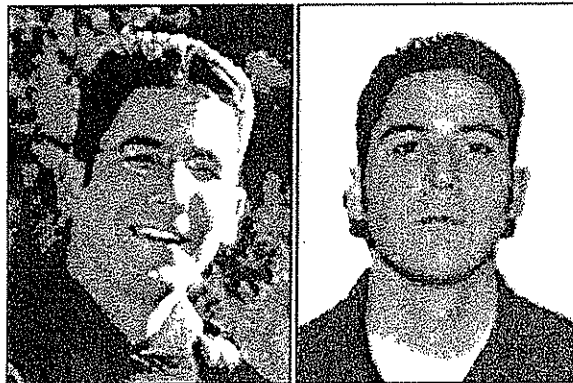
As life goes on for the convention office, activist groups, residents, and businesses the NYPD have bigger issues to prepare for, security, safety and public order issues. To cover the external affects the RNC will have on Manhattans businesses' and residents we will get interviews with restaurant and hotel managers in the Madison Square Gardens area. and local residents, with on the street interviews.

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MALICIOUSLY DAMAGING AND DESTROYING, AND ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY AND DAMAGE, BY MEANS OF EXPLOSIVES, BUILDINGS AND OTHER PROPERTY

DANIEL ANDREAS SAN DIEGO



Aliases: Andreas San Diego, D. Andreas San Diego, "Andreas"

DESCRIPTION

Date of Birth Used:	February 9, 1978	Hair:	Brown
Place of Birth:	Berkeley, California	Eyes:	Brown
Height:	6'0"	Sex:	Male
Weight:	160 pounds	Race:	White
NCIC:	W994991658	Nationality:	American
Occupation:	Unknown		
Scars and Marks:	None known		
Remarks:	San Diego is a known animal rights activist with ties to animal rights groups. He wears eyeglasses. San Diego has traveled internationally. He is known to possess a 9mm handgun.		

CAUTION

Daniel Andreas San Diego is wanted for his alleged involvement in the bombings of two corporate offices in California. On August 28, 2003, the Chiron Corporation, located in Emeryville, was bombed twice. Then, on September 26, 2003, the Shaklee Corporation, located in Pleasanton, was bombed once. A federal arrest warrant was issued in the Northern District of California on October 5, 2003, charging San Diego with maliciously damaging and destroying, and attempting to destroy and damage, by means of explosives,

<http://www.fbi.gov/mostwanted/alert/sandiego.htm>

10/10/2003

March 20, 2004 GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION

ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE
U.S. BOMBING AND INVASION OF IRAQ



BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW!

END THE OCCUPATION!

MONEY FOR JOBS, HEALTH CARE HOUSING & EDUCATION NOT FOR WAR & OCCUPATION

On March 20, 2004, protests will take place all around the world on the one year anniversary of the U.S. bombing and invasion of Iraq. People are organizing on a global scale to demand an end to the occupation of Iraq and an immediate withdrawal of U.S. military forces from the country.

Since the invasion began, hundreds of U.S. and British soldiers and unknown thousands of Iraqi people have been killed. The Iraqi people have clearly stated that occupation is not liberation - that they want the foreign soldiers occupying their country to leave not tomorrow, but today. Growing numbers of U.S. soldiers and their families are calling to bring the troops home now. Increasing numbers of people in the United States are helping to build a movement against the occupation as they fight cuts to education, healthcare, job programs, housing and other social service programs.

New York City

12 noon

Times Square

March to the UN

212-633-6646

Leaflet issued by
A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition
www.InternationalANSWER.org

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18 December 2003

Key Findings

- “Act Up New York” plans on sponsoring a large-scale march and demonstration targeting the RNC on 24 August 2004, in Times Square.
 - Members of “Act Up Philadelphia” and “Act Up Washington D.C.” plan on traveling to NY to participate.

- On 15 January 2004, Councilman Charles Barron plans on attending a rally at an unknown location to demand a change in venue for the RNC, unless the RNC indicates that it is willing to address issues regarding HIV/AIDS, housing, and welfare.

- Closeout: The “Campaign to Demilitarize the Police” demonstration held on Wednesday, 10 December 2003 at One Police Plaza, resulted in approximately twenty participants at peak without any incidents.
 - The purpose of the event was to demand full disclosure of NYPD planning for the August 2004 Republican National Convention.

- Information received from **REDACTED** groups have used counter surveillance techniques in the past:
 - **Operation Copwatch** - Intensive effort by extremists to identify police entities; uniformed police officers, undercover officers, prisoner processing facilities, and police stations.
 - **Photographing Law Enforcement Agents** - Prior to protest action, photographs of suspected law enforcement officers are taken by extremists and uploaded to the Internet.
 - **“Marking” of Law Enforcement** - Extremists attempt to “mark” identified undercover law enforcement officers with ultraviolet paint or by shooting them with paint ball guns. The undercover officer’s location and identity is then disseminated throughout the extremists’ communication network.

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“ACT-UP NEW YORK” ANTI RNC PROTEST DEMONSTRATION

- The group plans to sponsor a large-scale march and demonstration targeting the **August 2004 Republican National Convention. (RNC)**
 - The event is tentatively scheduled for 24 August 2004
 - Three contingents of Act Up New York will converge on Times Square (42nd Street/ Broadway) on the day of the event. The three starting locations are tentatively set for:
 - Harlem State Office Building
 - Union Square Park
 - Cadman Plaza Park
 - Members of Act Up Philadelphia and Act Up Washington, D.C. will travel to New York City to participate in the event.

- New York City Councilman Charles Barron will formally announce his candidacy for Mayor of New York City during a rally tentatively set for 15 January 2004.
 - A demand for a change in venue for the RNC will also be made by the Councilman, unless the RNC indicates that it is willing to address issues of the impoverished, such as HIV/AIDS, housing, and welfare.
 - Further information regarding the rally, such as time and location is not available at this time.

ACTIVIST GROUP “CAMPAIGN TO DEMILITARIZE THE POLICE” PRESS CONFERENCE/DEMONSTRATION HELD WITHOUT INCIDENT

- The event was held on Wednesday, 10 December 2003, in front of One Police Plaza.
 - The purpose of the event was to demand full disclosure of NYPD planning for the August 2004 Republican National Convention.
 - There were approximately twenty participants at peak.
 - The event was held without incident.

UPDATED DIRECT ACTION TACTICS/METHODS

- **Improvised Projectile Weapons:**
 - **“Tiki-Torch”**
 - Soup or small coffee can attached to the end of a stick approximately four feet long.

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- Open end held in an upward position and filled with a flammable substance (gasoline, lighter fluid, fuel, etc...)
- A rag may be added to act as the wick.
- Contents of the can are lit and the device is raised high above the head.
- The device is then swung forward, causing its contents to hurl toward the target and anything in its path.
- Effective at 30 to 50 feet.
- In the past, substances have been added to the fuel causing it to adhere to the target.
- **“Super-Soaker”**
 - Popular toy water gun.
 - Reservoir capacity of up to two gallons.
 - Can be used to spray:
 - *Flammable Liquids*
 - *Chemical Irritants*
 - *Homemade pepper spray*
 - *Urine*
 - *Paint*
 - Potential uses of this device during direct action protest demonstrations:
 - Spray liquid directly at police officer.
 - Spraying a circle around police lines with a flammable liquid and igniting it.
- **Eggs**
 - Extremists punch small holes in eggs and drain the contents, replacing with harmful fluids.
- **Field Weapons**
 - Used to attack the police, or prevent or deter police response.
 - Examples of such weapons/materials:
 - *Slingshots*
 - *Yarn, Wire, or Fishing Line*

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- Strung repeatedly around light poles at all four corners of an intersection creating psychological and physical barrier to the public and advancing officers.
- ***Oil, Marbles, Ball Bearings***
 - Spread on roadway and used to cause responding foot, motorcycle, and Mounted Units to lose footing and fall.
- ***Rolling Barrels***
 - This involves filling drums with water or cement then rolling them into Police lines to slow the response of police.
- ***U-Shaped bicycle Locks***
 - Used to secure persons to vehicles, fixed objects, or other persons. As trained, most persons employing this tactic maintain a key somewhere on their person regardless of their claims.
- ***Tri-Pods***
 - Consists of 3 pipes between 10'-20' in length and can be quickly erected into a freestanding structure.
 - The extremists scale the structure, straddle the apex and secure their neck to it with a noose. If improperly removed from the tripod, the protestor could fall and hang to death.
 - These incidents are videotaped for media purposes and the materials used may be stored at construction sites or transported to the site via protest "puppets" or "Trojan Horse" parade floats.
- ***Sleeping Dragons or Concrete Sleeves***
 - Involves the use of fortified sections of pipe (plastic or metal) approximately three feet in length with a metal pin driven through the center. Some type of securing device (d-ring, locks) is anchored in the center. Some type of securing device (d-rings, locks) is anchored in the center of the pipe. A strong cord looped over the pin and around the wrist is all that is needed to secure the extremist to the Sleeping Dragon. Once the device is secure, the extremist cannot be easily moved.

(Note: This method is a popular and extremely effective civil disobedience and civil disturbance tool. In nearly all circumstances the extremist can release themselves at any time.)

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- **Counter Surveillance**
 - ***“Operation Copwatch”***
 - Intensive effort by extremists to identify police entities, including, but not limited to uniformed police officers, undercover officers, motor pools, prisoner processing facilities, and police stations.
 - ***Photographing Law Enforcement Agents***
 - Prior to protest action, photographs of suspected law enforcement officers are taken by extremists and uploaded to the Internet.
 - ***“Marking” of Law Enforcement***
 - Extremists may plan to “mark” identified undercover law enforcement officers with ultraviolet paint or by shooting them with paint ball guns. The undercover officer’s location and identity is then disseminated throughout the extremists’ communication network.

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RNC INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

December 23, 2003

A Coalition Of Anarchists That Operate Under The Auspices Of The "New York City Anarchist Tribes" To Begin Martial Arts Training.

- Announced via the internet that they will be conducting Martial Arts Training for activists who are planning to engage in future civil disobedience.
- The seminar is specifically designed with a focus on protecting yourself against excessive force tactics utilized by police and military personnel.
- The first training session which is scheduled for Saturday, January 11th 2004, at 1100 hrs, at The World Martial Arts Center which is located at 427 Broadway, NY, NY.

Activist Plan Anti-RNC Demonstration On January 15th 2004 (Martin Luther King Birthday) At Madison Square Garden.

- The International Answer Center is coordinating the above demonstration, which has been endorsed by a wide spectrum of activist groups.
- The protest targets the RNC, the War in Iraq and the Bush administration.
- NYC council members Charles Baron, Bill Perkins and Larry Seabrook have endorsed this event.
- Activists groups who have also endorsed include:
 - NYC Aids Housing Network
 - New York ANSWER
 - Arab Muslim American Foundation
 - Activists for the Liberation of Palestine
 - Queers for Peace and Justice
 - 1199 Bread and Roses Cultural Project
- Protest organizers are describing the event as an early mobilization against President Bush and the RNC.
- Organizers plan to assemble outside the Garden at 1630 hrs and rally to 1900.
- Unknown at this time amount the size of demonstration.

New York City Grassroots Media Conference

- The event will take place February 27th –29th in NYC, exact location to be announced.
- Workshops on developing the skills needed to create distribute and organize alternative media for the upcoming events including the RNC.
- This event is being organized by the following:
 - The North Star Foundation
 - The Independent Media Center
 - NYC Indy Media

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➤ **Bands Against New York**

- The above mention media are consistent in their Anti-Bush, Anti-RNC sentiment.

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30 December 2003

Key Findings

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- On 29 November 2003, the “Constitutional Rights Enforcement and Support Team” (C.R.E.S.T.) Yahoo Group was started. The following violent rhetoric was stated in this site:
 - “The C.R.E.S.T. will rise up against police brutality and give the police or the National Guard a taste of their own medicine if they tread on the civilian population and they will be given the same measure that they dish out.”
 - “Many people who join this group will die, be wounded or jailed.”
 - **“Some of you may be forced to shoot some constitutional rights usurpers who were “just doing their job” and some of them will have families.”**
 - “The team will be on stand-by at every protest and will defend protestors against police brutality whether or not they are C.R.E.S.T. members.”
 - At present, there is *no significant intelligence* contained in recent communications made by members of this group. It remains unclear if subscribers are supporters or merely curious. Updated information will be reported as it becomes available.

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- On 11 January 2004, the “New York City Anarchist Tribes” will be conducting Martial Arts training for activists who are planning to engage in future civil disobedience at the World Martial Arts Center, located at 427 Broadway, NY

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06 January 2004

Key Findings

- The group claiming responsibility for a multiple hoax bomb incident in Montreal is believed to have NYC ties.
 - The leader of the group suspected in the incident has visited the “NYC Direct Action Network” in the past.
 - The devices were constructed with the following materials:
 - Wax candles
 - Alarm clocks
 - Wiring
 - Brown paper bags
 - Holiday bottle gift bags
- Anti-RNC benefit concert is scheduled at the Siberia Bar, located at 356 40th Street, NY, on 12 February 2004.

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- As of this writing, over 80 groups intend to participate in anti-RNC protest activity.
- The 2000 DNC in Los Angeles attracted 35,000 attendees. There were 209 protest related arrests; 57 Felonies and 152 Misdemeanors.
- Activists file lawsuit in response to NYPD tactics used during the 15 February 2003 anti-war protest.
 - The lawsuit targets searches, barricades and the use of the Mounted Unit.

HOAX BOMBS IN MONTREAL BELIEVED TO BE LINKED TO GROUP WITH NEW YORK CITY TIES

- Six devices were placed at four luxury condo construction sites and two condo sales offices on 5 January 2004, in Montreal.
 - *Comite Anti Gentrification* claimed responsibility, stating the purpose was to draw attention to the plight of the poor and homeless and to halt condo construction in the area.
- Local law enforcement suspect links to the anti-globalization movement and *Convergence Les Anarcho-Communists (CLAC)*.
 - Jaggi Singh, leader of CLAC, has visited with NYC Direct Action Network and has lectured extensively in the Northeast.

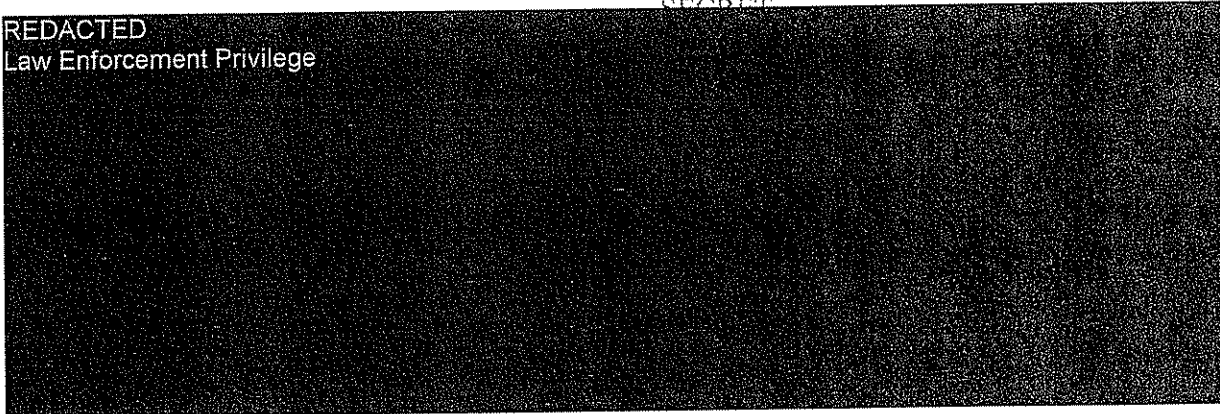
“RNC NOT WELCOME” BENEFIT CONCERT TO BE HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY IN NEW YORK CITY

- Concert will be held at 2000 hours on Thursday, 12 February 2004 inside “Siberia Bar,” located at 356 W 40th St, NY, in the confines of the Midtown South Precinct.
- Ticket price is \$5, with proceeds benefiting “RNCNotWelcome.org.”
- Organizers of anti-RNC direct actions will allegedly be present to address attendees.

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80 ACTIVIST GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2004 RNC PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS

- Over 80 activist groups/organizations are planning to participate in the 2004 RNC protest demonstrations, according to the Indymedia Internet website.

SYNOPSIS OF 2000 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

- Held in the Staples Center in Los Angeles, California from 14 August to 17 August 2000.
- 35,000 total attendees
- 209 total arrests
 - 57 Felonies
 - 152 Misdemeanors
 - Charges included, but not limited to the following:
 - Making a False Bomb Report
 - Assault With A Deadly Weapon (ADW) On a Peace Officer
 - Possession of a Gravity Knife
 - Possession of a Sap
 - Carrying a Concealed Weapon
 - Possession of Explosives
 - Possession of Dangerous Fireworks

NEW YORK CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION'S POLICE TACTIC LAWSUIT

- A lawsuit was filed on 19 November 2003 in the name of three activists who attended the direct action protest in midtown Manhattan on 15 February 2003.
- The three activists are:
 - Gutman, Jeremiah – claims that he was prevented from participating in the event and was allegedly injured by NYPD mounted units.

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- Stauber, Ann – claims that she was prevented from leaving a “pen” by members of this Department assigned to disorder control during the above described event.
- Conrad, Jeremy – claims that he was prevented from participating in the above described event, was allegedly injured by NYPD mounted units, and was detained in a department vehicle for several hours, without heat, light, etc.
- The following are the five police tactics that the lawsuit alleges were used during the protest:
 - The use of barricades and police officers to close sidewalks and streets leading to demonstration sites, denying public access to demonstrations.
 - The use of horses to forcefully disperse peacefully assembled demonstrators.
 - The use of pens made of interlocking metal barricades to confine demonstrators.
 - Searching of bags and possessions of people seeking to attend demonstrations and being forced to enter NYPD pens.
 - Prolonged detention of demonstrators charged with minor offenses in vans without access to food, water or bathroom facilities.

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16 January 2004

Key Findings

• **MODERN COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY TO BE OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE DURING UPCOMING RNC PROTESTS**

- Widely available advanced communication technology will enable protestors to react more readily to the actions of law enforcement personnel.
- Cell phones, radios and wireless laptops offer real time information.
- Disruption of law enforcement communications is a real possibility with the availability of cell phone transmission jammers.

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• **COLORADO UNDERCOVER IDENTIFIED AMONG PROTESTORS**

- Protestors have become aware of undercover officers in their midst following arrests.
- The officers have either been recognized from their uniformed duties or a determination was made from the disparity of arrests made and those actually processed.

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MODERN COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY TO BE AN IMPORTANT ISSUE REGARDING FUTURE PROTESTS; DISRUPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNICATION A POSSIBILITY

- According to research conducted regarding previous large-scale protest demonstrations, the following new technologies will likely provide a dramatic increase in communication and organization of protest groups participating in direct action protests during the August 2004 Republican National Convention:
 - Global Positioning System (GPS) equipped cellular phones.
 - Communication between activists utilizing this technology enables up to the minute location information for strategic deployment in response to disorder control personnel.
 - Cellular phone jamming devices.
 - Enables activists to restrict communication (at will) between disorder control personnel.
 - Laptop computers in wireless hotspots.
 - Of the more than 1,000 wireless Internet “hotspots” (locations in New York City where wireless internet connections are particularly strong), the following are locations in the vicinity of Madison Square Garden:
 - W31st Street / 7th Avenue
 - W35th Street / 7th Avenue
 - W38th Street / 7th Avenue
 - Enables instant communication (instant messaging) between activists and organizers, tracking of activist and live broadcast capability via web-cam.

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ACTIVISTS IDENTIFY UNDERCOVER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENT IN COLORADO

- Current intelligence suggests that activist groups are becoming more cognizant of possible law enforcement surveillance techniques.
 - On 14 April 2003, six (6) persons were arrested during an anti-war protest demonstration, including a person later identified by activists as a deputy from the local sheriff's office.
 - The covert practices of this particular law enforcement agency involved short-term deployment of undercover agents as needed.
 - Due to manpower constraints, the same agent previously assigned to a visible post was utilized for covert deployment and/or vice versa.
 - On 15 March 2003, nineteen (19) activists were arrested during a protest outside Buckley Air Force Base in Colorado.
 - Only eighteen of those arrested were charged with a criminal offense, indicating that an undercover agent was arrested with the group.

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Key Findings

• **LOCAL ACTIVIST GROUP LEADER RECOMMENDS NEW STRATEGIES FOR PROTESTERS**

- “Living Theatre” organizers recommends new social actions in preparation for protests including:
 - Gaining the confidence of police department / police union members in New York City as well as media members.
 - Using community contacts to pressure Mayor Bloomberg into controlling police brutality.

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• **ACTIVISTS DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE TARGETS FOR PROTEST**

- Citing an anticipated significant police presence at Madison Square Garden, activist leaders have urged protesters to consider the selection of alternative targets including the NYSE.
- Phone harassment of host hotels was also discussed.

• **UPSTATE ACTIVIST GROUP TO HOLD TRAINING IN SPRING**

- Training to be held first week in April for several demonstrations including RNC.

• **ANTI-ABORTION MILITANT TO PROTEST AT RNC; ANARCHIST GROUPS EXPRESS INTENT TO COUNTER-DEMONSTRATE**

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- **“BILLIONAIRES FOR BUSH” TO HOLD FUNDRAISING EVENT ON JANUARY 31 IN MANHATTAN**
 - Anti-bush group, mocking support, to hold event to raise funds for future protests.

- **ACTIVISTS NETWORK EXPANDS SCOPE OF INFLUENCE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES**
 - Activist/anarchist leadership has *turned its attention toward expanding its support base and increasing its influence beyond this country's borders.*
 - Three of the activist movement's most prominent organizers recently attempted to spread the doctrine of “Direct Action” activism abroad with visits most recently to Israel's West bank.
 - This interaction between North American activists and militant combatants such as those found in the Palestinian/Israeli conflict *has opened the door for the sharing of tactics, both non-violent and violent*

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ORGANIZER FROM LOCAL ACTIVIST GROUP "THE LIVING THEATER"
RECOMMENDS INNOVATIVE ACTIVISM STRATEGIES FOR UPCOMING
RNC

- Current intelligence indicates that *Jerry Goralnick*, member/organizer of "*The Living Theater*," has recommended new activism strategies with regard to the Republican National Convention.
 - "*The Living Theater*" is a theater company whose performances are based on political and social issues in target communities.
 - Generally perform in public places
 - Purpose of public performances is to raise community awareness on political or social issues
 - "*Not in My Name*" a "living theater production, is performed in Times Square in New York City on dates that coincide with scheduled executions.
- "*Police Strategy*" – Goralnick recommends that activists/activist group organizers:
 - Develop personal relationships with police department / police union members in New York City by:
 - Having activists' parents send letters to leaders of the police department / police unions to:
 - Plead for the use of non-violent police tactics.
 - Indicate that they are planning to donate the police union.
 - Make contact with individual NYC police officers for the purpose of establishing a meaningful human relationship.
 - Activists contend that police officers are likely to be compassionate to persons they know.
 - Infiltrate fraternal police organizations.
 - Join the Police Athletic League in home city, attain PAL clothing to be worn at RNC direct action protests.
- "*Campaign among business leaders in New York City*" -- Goralnick suggests that activists/activist group organizers:
 - Explore business contacts, companies, clients, fraternal organizations, and colleges to apply pressure on the mayor of New York City to demand that the police use non-violent tactics during RNC protest demonstrations.
- "*New York City mainstream media campaign*" – Goralnick recommends that activists/activist group organizers:
 - Contact mainstream media outlets in New York to request fair media coverage.
 - Indicate the intent to lower the circulation of any media outlet that does not comply with request for fair coverage.

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ACTIVISTS DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE TARGETS FOR PROTEST

- Recent intelligence indicates that several activist groups are discussing the possibility of *expanding their target selection for the upcoming RNC protests.*
- The Madison Square Garden RNC site has long been the focus of much of the protest attention.
- However, citing an anticipated significant police presence at Madison Square Garden, activists have posted notes on activist message boards that urge protesters to consider the selection of alternative targets
 - One of these notes, posted on a popular RNC protest e-group went so far as to suggest that *the New York Stock Exchange would be a suitable alternative target.*
- Additionally, activist organizers are urging protesters to target hotels that are hosting RNC delegates with an extensive telephone harassment campaign. Specifically, protesters were provided with a “action tip” list that included the following:
 - “Pick one (hotel) office or one (hotel) phone number and stick to it.”
 - “Use a payphone especially for the 1-800 calls as they have to pay for it.”
 - “If you can afford to buy a phone card go after the lesser called local #s.”
 - “Let the perverts call the perverts advertise these numbers everywhere sex hotlines.”

UPSTATE PEACE GROUP TO HOLD DIRECT ACTION TRAINING IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS AS WELL AS THE RNC

- An upstate New York-based group known as the "*Syracuse Peace Council (SPC)*" has announced plans to hold an intensive "direct action" training weekend in Ithaca, N.Y. in the spring.
 - The group has called for *support from other area affinity groups and the training*, scheduled for the first week in April, is being called as a "truly regional effort."
- The SPC is promoting the training event as the path to "*...build(ing) our own radical activist infrastructure.*"
- The training announcement specifically mentions the following events as potential targets for protest:
 - March 20 "against the Iraq occupation."
 - April 18 "to eliminate the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank."
 - April 25 to stop the overturning or altering of Roe V. Wade
 - Both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions
 - Presidential debate in Erie, PA.
- The announcement mentions *anticipated conflicts with police* and stated that "even those not engaging in non-violent acts of civil disobedience should have trained accordingly to know how to respond to unpredictable events."

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ANTI-ABORTION MILITANT TO PROTEST AT RNC; ANARCHIST GROUPS EXPRESS INTENT TO COUNTER-DEMONSTRATE

- Randall Terry, a renowned anti-abortion protester has announced plans to stage protests in New York during the Republican National Convention.
 - Terry, who used to head an anti-abortion group named Operation Rescue, ran for Congress in New York, in 1998.
 - Part of his campaign platform was his intention to “execute” doctors that performed abortions.
 - His new group The Society for Truth and Justice condemns abortion, homosexuality, Islam and land taxes.
- *Prominent anti-RNC activist groups reacted negatively to this announcement and will likely target Terry’s group for protest.*

“BILLIONAIRES FOR BUSH” TO HOLD FUNDRAISING EVENT ON JANUARY 31 IN MANHATTAN

- On Sunday, 31 January 2004, the local chapter of “*Billionaires For Bush*” is sponsoring a fundraising event at a location in Manhattan that, as of this writing, has yet to be announced.
 - “*Billionaires For Bush*” is an activist group forged as a mockery of the current Presidency and political policies.
- Preliminary intelligence indicates that this group is raising funds for expansion and support of anti-RNC activist organizations.

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ACTIVISTS NETWORK EXPANDS SCOPE OF INFLUENCE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES ENCOMPASING INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

- Over the past year, it has become clear that activist/anarchist leadership has *turned its attention toward expanding its support base and increasing its influence beyond this country's borders*. The following information indicates that protest activism is no longer merely a national concern and has graduated to include international issues.
- Three of the activist movement's most prominent organizers are **Lisa Fithian**, **Miriam "Starhawk" Simos**, and **Jaggi Singh (Canada)**.
 - All three of these subjects are accomplished organizers who adhere to a "direct action" doctrine.
 - "Direct Action" can best be described as large-scale civil disobedience, which *incorporates a physical resistance* that often results in conflict with police.
 - **Lisa Fithian** is a prominent activist organizer with 27 years of direct action experience. Most recently she has worked in the Global Justice movement and helped found the Continental Direct Action Network.
 - Fithian was instrumental in the training, planning and activity that were involved in the shutting down of the WTO in Seattle.
 - *Since then she has had a part in almost every major demonstration against the WTO and IMF.*
 - Fithian was most recently heavily involved in the demonstrations that occurred targeting the FTAA conference in Miami, Florida.
 - **Miriam "Starhawk" Simos** - Similar to Fithian, Simos is a prominent direct action environmental and peace activist leader who also has participated in every major demonstration in the past few years. Simos has founded a group known as "Earth Activist Training, E.A.T."
 - *She along with Fithian founded the Root Activist Network Trainers (R.A.N.T) a new direct action training group.*



- **Jaggi Singh**- is a well-known Canadian organizer and journalist who first gained public attention with his participation in the anti-APEC demonstrations at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada.



- Singh, is *well known for his adherence to direct action* and has even lectured on the topic here in New York City.
 - Singh was recently arrested for a *direct action incident involving a hoax device.*
- These three leaders have recently attempted to spread the doctrine of “Direct Action” activism to encompass international issues.
 - Singh, a Canadian citizen traveled to Israel last month in order to participate in the activities of the International Solidarity Movement held in Jerusalem.
 - The Israeli government initially tried to bar Singh’s entry but reluctantly issued him a temporary visa.
 - Earlier this month, *Singh was expelled from Israel for violation of his visa conditions barring him from the occupied territories.*
 - This attention to the Palestinian/Israeli conflict was also shown by Miram Simos, as she recently traveled to Israel and was subsequently placed on a watch list by the Israeli Security Service.
 - This interaction between North American activists and militant combatants such as those found in the Palestinian/Israeli conflict *has opened the door for the sharing of tactics, both non-violent and violent*

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Key Findings

- **INTELLIGENCE INDICATES PROTESTS GROUPS ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF SUPPORT**
 - Protest groups are
 - Recruiting and fundraising.
 - Targeting labor and religious groups for support.
 - Securing legal and housing assistance.
 - Planning events for up to 100 days before the RNC.

- **CHICAGO AREA ACTIVISTS CREATE WEBSITE TO ORGANIZE FOR THE RNC**
 - Chicago activists have created a website to assist local activists for protesting in New York. Information regarding housing and transportation will be among the posted topics.
 - The site will also list protest events according to the risk of arrest.

- **LOCAL ACTIVIST INJURED BY EXPLOSION WHILE CONSTRUCTING A "CONFETTI GUN"**
 - A member of the street theater group, "Madagascar Institute" suffered facial injuries while constructing what he stated was a confetti gun for a charity event.
 - The building which he lived, which also served as the headquarters of the Institute, was found to contain 3 rifles, 2 shotguns, 2 handguns, black powder and fuses.
 - Intelligence shows subject and others engaged in climbing and repelling activities within NYC (buildings and bridges)
 - There was no evidence of affiliation to any other specific groups or the RNC.

- **THE INDEPENDENT MEDIA CENTER OF NEW YORK TO HOLD ENCRYPTION WORKSHOPS**
 - Encryption workshops for e-mails and hard drives may be designed for use by activists.

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AD-HOC PROTEST GROUP SEEKS ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF SUPPORT

- Intelligence information indicates that activist groups planning demonstrations during the upcoming RNC are **seeking additional sources for support**. **No RNC Clearinghouse, an ad-hoc group comprised of various group leaders, spearheaded the following:**
 - **Not In Our Name (NION)**- is organizing nationally to rally people to the convention and has been **doing fundraising in California** for the upcoming RNC protests.
 - **Accountability Project** - is a group representing "mainstream opposition" and has been looking for support from labor and religious groups opposing the convention.
 - **Picture the Homeless** -is reaching out to other homeless groups nation wide and is looking for legal help as well as help in housing people coming in from out of town.
 - **Kensington Welfare Rights (KWR)** - is organizing a tent city to be located in New Jersey for the week leading up to the convention. The group intends to march to the convention venue from the tent city during the RNC.
 - **Outreach** – is gauging support looking into what issues are important and resonate with people as well as planning a calendar of events for the 100 days leading up to the convention.
 - Limited information suggests that one of these events, sponsored by No RNC Clearinghouse, may utilize bicycles to dump large amounts of garbage on various NYC bridges in an effort to shut them down.

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**CHICAGO AREA ACTIVISTS ORGANIZING FOR AUGUST 2004
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION**

- Intelligence information suggests that activists from Chicago, Illinois are actively organizing for participation in anti-RNC protest demonstrations.
- An Internet website (ChicagoNewYork.net) has been created to facilitate the organizing and posting of information that will assist potential RNC protest participants in regard to the needs of traveling to New York City.
 - **Transportation** – Information regarding public and private transportation methods will be posted, as well as a “message board” dedicated to communication between traveling activists to assist in carpools, etc.
 - **Housing** – Lodging locations for traveling activists during the August 2004 Republican National Convention will be posted.
 - **Resources** – the site displays names or organizations that will assist activists interested in participating in anti-RNC protest demonstrations.
 - The organizations named are located within New York City and other parts of the United States.
- The site also lists three classifications of protest demonstrations. They are as follows:
 - **“Green”** protests. Describes protest events that are “safe,” with a very low risk of arrest. (i.e., no plans of civil disobedience, permitted event, etc.)
 - **“Yellow”** protests. Describes a protest event where some form of non-violent civil disobedience is planned, thereby carrying a medium risk of arrest.
 - **“Red”** protests. Describes protest events where “direct action” and/or civil disobedience is planned. (i.e. an un-permitted “snake” march, a street blockade, or a lockdown, etc.)
- Many of the pages contained within the site reiterate that updated information will be listed as the August 2004 RNC approaches.

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LOCAL ACTIVIST INJURED BY BLACK POWDER EXPLOSION; SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTED AT LOCATION

- On Saturday, 24 January 2002, Christopher Hackett, REDACTED
Personal Privacy REDACTED sustained serious injuries to his face after a “confetti gun” he was making accidentally exploded.
 - The victim alleges that the “confetti gun” was being created for use in a future charitable event.
- The victim is a member of an activist group calling themselves the “*Madagascar Institute.*” (MI)
 - This group performs “street theatre” both in New York City and abroad.
- Illegal weapons/substances were later recovered inside the location, which serves as both the headquarters of MI and residence of the victim. Some of the weapons/substances recovered included:
 - 3 rifles
 - 2 shotguns
 - 1 semi automatic handgun
 - 1 home made handgun
 - Assorted ammunition
 - Explosive charges with fuses
 - Black Powder

ENCRYPTION WORKSHOP

- Current intelligence indicates that “**Independent Media Center of New York**” (IMCNY) will host workshops regarding “**Pretty Good Privacy**” (PGP) encryption and email security.
 - 31 January, 2004
 - 34 East 29th Street, NY.NY (013 Pct.)
- **PGP Encryption**—
 - Created / written by Phil R. Zimmerman to ensure privacy with regards to Internet communication.
 - Enables the user to *encrypt* communications (emails) and information stored in a computer (hard drive).
 - To encode information, allowing access only to person(s) in possession of particular decipher key.

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“NEW YORK CITY ANARCHIST TRIBES,” A COALITION OF ANARCHISTS, TO BEGIN MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING

- This coalition has announced via the internet that they will be conducting Martial Arts training for activists who are planning to engage in future civil disobedience.
- The seminar is specifically designed with a focus on protecting yourself against excessive force tactics utilized by police and military personnel.
- The first training session which is scheduled for Saturday, 11 January 2004, at 1100 hrs, at The World Martial Arts Center, located at 427 Broadway, NY, NY.

ACTIVISTS PLAN ANTI-RNC DEMONSTRATION ON 15 JANUARY 2004 (MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY) AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

- The International Answer Center is coordinating this demonstration, which has been endorsed by a wide spectrum of activist groups.
- The protest targets the RNC, the War in Iraq and the Bush administration.
- NYC council members Charles Baron, Bill Perkins and Larry Seabrook have endorsed this event.
- Activists groups who have also endorsed include:
 - **United for Peace and Justice**
 - **NYC Aids Housing Network**
 - **New York ANSWER**
 - **Arab Muslim American Foundation**
 - **Activists for the Liberation of Palestine**
 - **Queers for Peace and Justice**
 - **1199 Bread and Roses Cultural Project**
- Protest organizers are describing the event as an early mobilization against President Bush and the RNC.
- Organizers plan to assemble outside the Garden at 1630 hrs and rally to 1900 hrs.
- The number of participants expected is unknown at this time.

NEW YORK CITY GRASSROOTS MEDIA CONFERENCE

- The event will take place February 27th –29th in NYC, exact location to be announced.
- Workshops on developing the skills needed to create, distribute and organize alternative media for the upcoming events including the RNC.
- This event is being organized by the following:
 - **The North Star Foundation**
 - **The Independent Media Center**
 - **NYC Indy Media**
 - **Bands Against New York**

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“CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT AND SUPPORT TEAM” (C.R.E.S.T.) YAHOO GROUP

- Yahoo group founded on November 29, 2003.
- As of this writing, there are approximately 112 individuals who have subscribed to the group.
- Pro-constitutional rights Internet group.
 - Libertarian fundamentals.
 - Proponents of physical resistance to tyranny. (Government, law enforcement, etc).
 - Violent rhetoric.
 - “The C.R.E.S.T. will rise up against police brutality and give the police or the National Guard a taste of their own medicine if they tread on the civilian population and they will be given the same measure that they dish out.”
 - “Many people who join this group will die, be wounded or jailed.”
 - “Some of you may be forced to shoot some constitutional rights usurpers who were “just doing their job” and some of them will have families.”
 - “The team will be on stand by at every protest and will defend protestors against police brutality whether or not they are C.R.E.S.T. members.”
- At present, there is *no significant intelligence* contained in recent communications made by members of this group. It remains unclear if subscribers are supporters or merely curious. Updated information will be reported as it becomes available.

SENSITIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE 2004 PRESIDENTIAL RNC NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE REPORTED IN NEW YORK POST

- A recent New York Post article detailed information regarding the 2004 Presidential RNC Nomination acceptance.
- The date (Thursday, September 2nd) and the following potential locations were listed in the article:
 - Yankee Stadium, Ellis Island or the Statue of Liberty

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Key Findings

- **Intelligence Indicates That Activists Are Conducting Legal Training To Prepare For RNC**
 - Lawyers from the Mass Defense Committee Of The National Lawyer's Guild are conducting the training.

- **Anticipated Presence Of Prominent Activist Leaders At A Conference Indicates A Reinforcement Of Ties Between Organizers And Expanding Activist Youth Movement**
 - Leslie Cagan (National Coordinator, United For Peace And Justice) scheduled to be a guest speaker.
 - Conference sponsored by the youth activist group "Young Democratic Socialist".
 - Conference at CUNY Graduate Center on 20-22 February.

- **Listing Of Potential Residences Of RNC Delegates By Activist Internet Website Suggests Possible Direct Action By Activist Groups**
 - Activist Website "Camp Shutdown"
 - Listed five Hotels where Delegates from RNC may reside.

- **Environmental Activist Group "Times Up" To Sponsor Protest Demonstration For 2004 RNC**
 - Group plans "Critical Mass" protest on Friday, 27 August.
 - Group plans to organize Bike Blocs in permitted United For Peace and Justice Protest scheduled for Sunday, 29 August.

- **Youth Bloc Prepares For 2004 RNC Through Educational And Direct Action Forums**
 - Youth Bloc planning 100 days of "Democracy in action" forums in preparation for 2004 RNC.
 - First three forums to be thematically organized around education, prison injustice, and Police brutality.

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“MASS DEFENSE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD” TO PROVIDE LEGAL TRAINING FOR ACTIVISTS REGARDING ANTICIPATED CONFRONTATIONS WITH POLICE

- This activist training will be held at Psuedo Studios located at 600 Broadway in Manhattan on 11 February 2004.
- The training is entitled **“Know Your Rights with the Man”** and covers various situations that an activist may be involved in confrontations with law enforcement officers.
- Released with the training announcement, was a three-page basic legal guide covering rights to remain silent and search and seizure laws.

POTENTIAL RESIDENCES OF AUGUST 2004 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES POSTED ON ACTIVIST INTERNET WEBSITE

- An activist Internet website entitled **“CAMP SHUTDOWN”** recently listed five hotels and suggested that delegates participating in the August 2004 Republican National Convention may reside in them while in New York City. The hotels listed were as follows:
 - Algonquin Hotel, located at 59 W44th Street
 - Marriott Marquis, located at 1535 Broadway
 - Millennium Hilton, located at 55 Church Street
 - Hilton New York, located at 1335 6th Avenue

Note: Madison Square Garden was listed on the website as a hotel.
- A disclaimer was also displayed with the list of hotels. It read as follows:
 - “These hotels are not necessarily the way stations for Republican delegations during the RNC. That is just a rumor and we'd like to put it to rest. These hotels happen to have great scenery and fine service. They have nothing whatsoever to do with where Republican Delegates are staying during the RNC. We repeat, this has no connection with delegate's lodgings or whereabouts.”
- As of this writing, the above information is no longer available on the website, indicating that it has been removed.

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- The above listing information was cross referenced with a media advisory issued by the RNC organizing committee on 30 January, 2004, and revealed the following:
 - The **Algonquin Hotel** will be the temporary residence of RNC delegates from the **District of Columbia**.
 - The **Marriott Marquis** will be the temporary residence of RNC delegates from **California**.
 - The **Millennium Hilton** will be the temporary residence of RNC delegates from **Utah**.
 - The **Hilton New York** will be the temporary residence of RNC delegates from **Texas**.

**ACTIVIST GROUP "TIMES UP" TO SPONSOR PROTEST
DEMONSTRATION DURING AUGUST 2004 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL
CONVENTION**

- Current intelligence indicates that "TIMES UP", an environmental activist organization, will sponsor a "Critical Mass" protest action on Friday, 27 August 2004.
 - "Critical Mass" protest actions are protest events in which **all participants** utilize bicycles, roller skates, etc.
 - This event is described as an "early, festive" event to kick-off anti-RNC protest events.
- The group also claimed it would organize the "**Bike Blocs**" in the permitted "United For Peace and Justice" protest event, scheduled for Sunday, 29 August 2004.
 - "**Bike Blocs**" are activists who utilize bicycles during protest marches **in addition** to activists on foot.
 - Past strategies deployed by Bike Blocs include:
 - Stopping/slowing vehicular traffic.
 - Blocking intersections.

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**YOUTH BLOC PLANNING "NYC SUMMER PROJECT, 100 DAYS OF
DEMOCRACY IN ACTION" IN JUNE TO COUNTDOWN TO THE AUGUST
2004 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION**

- Beginning in June with the "**Festival of Organized Resistance**" the NYC Summer project, 100 Days of Democracy in Action will **begin a countdown to the RNC.**
- Youth Bloc will hold 100 days of "Organized Resistance" comprised of what the group describes as "directly democratic and horizontally **organized community actions that will be sustainable and long term.** And, culminate into a day of city-wide community action in September."
- The group will also hold a series of "Listening Forums" in the five boroughs across the city, focus groups, and qualitative surveys.
- The first three forums in February will be thematically organized around the topics of Labor, Education, Prison Injustice and Police Brutality.

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Key Findings

- **New York City Mask Law recently upheld in 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals**
 - **A federal appeals court upheld a state law banning masks at public gatherings.**
 - **The mask law is seen as a significant tool in quelling riotous demonstrations. So much so, that prior to the 2000 RNC the Philadelphia City Council proposed and passed an anti-mask ordinance specifically in preparation for that event**

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- **New York City “anarchist” group offers detailed maps of surveillance cameras in and around the upcoming August 2004 RNC site.**
 - **The map is posted on the group’s Internet website, along with a message indicating the group’s intentions of physical distribution.**
- **New Jersey based activist group likely to participate in protest actions during August 2004 RNC modifies “Sleeping Dragon” direct action tactic.**
 - **Sleeping Dragon is a human chain inside a length of PVC pipe.**
 - **The modification likely created to hamper dismantling the chain.**
 - **A by-product of the modification is risk of injury to law enforcement agents.**
- **Local alternative media outlets to hold conference in February for the purpose of unification and forging relationship with activists.**
- **Members of local activist group likely to participate in anti-RNC protest actions recently arrested.**

NEW YORK "MASK LAW" UPHELD IN APPELLATE COURT; LOITERING STATUTE EXPECTED TO BE MAJOR POINT OF CONTENTION LEADING UP TO RNC

- On Tuesday, 20 January, a federal appeals court upheld a state law banning masks at public gatherings.
- As it is, a person is guilty of loitering (PL Loitering Section 240.35) for joining others in "*being masked or in any manner disguised by unusual or unnatural attire or facial alteration.*"
- The **2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan issued the ruling** more than four years after 17 members of the Church of the American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan rallied outside a state court unable to wear masks after unsuccessfully challenging the law.
- Members of several different activist groups have, in the past, **successfully disguised themselves during demonstrations (Seattle 1999) escaping prosecution.**
- The mask law is seen as a significant tool in quelling riotous demonstrations. So much so, that **prior to the 2000 RNC the Philadelphia City Council proposed and passed an anti-mask ordinance specifically in preparation for that event.**
- The law was passed in 1845 in response to civil unrest in upstate New York resulting from groups of tenants disguised in calico gowns and leather masks forcibly stopping landlords from trying to evict farmers or conduct distress sales.

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“SURVEILLANCE CAMERA PLAYERS (SCP)”

- Self-described “**anarchist**” group founded in November of 1996.
 - This group aligns itself with no political party.
 - They believe democracy should not be “representative,” but direct.
- The group conducts walking tours in various areas of New York City, where surveillance cameras operated by various City agencies, and private sector companies, are pointed out to participants.
 - **In one such tour, it was suggested by a group member that wires necessary to operate a particular surveillance device was easily accessible, and therefore vulnerable.**
- The group operates an internet website, in which a section is devoted to the upcoming **August 2004 Republican National Convention**.
 - This section contains a map that details the locations of such surveillance equipment in the general area of the RNC site.
 - The area detailed on the site encompasses 11th Avenue to 6th Avenue from W 32nd to W 38th Streets.
 - The legend of the map denotes who the group claims to be maintaining the equipment, along with the number of devices maintained. The legend reads as follows:
 - Private surveillance cameras, 217
 - Government Surveillance cameras 12
 - New York City or NYPD cameras, 5
 - Traffic surveillance camera, 3
 - Elevated surveillance cameras, 2
 - **The total number of cameras mapped by SCP is 239.**
 - This section also indicates the group’s intentions on offering a walking tour of the RNC area and distribution of the above-described maps to “protestors, RNC delegates, and the media.”

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MEMBERS OF GROUP "NO POLICE STATE COALITION" ARRESTED DURING WTC DEMONSTRATION; SAME GROUP EXPECTED TO HOLD PROTEST DURING RNC

- On February 7th, 2004, four activists from the No Police State Coalition were arrested at Ground Zero when they refused a police order to move from in front of the World Trade Center Path Train Station.
- **Dennis Griggs, Joel Meyers, Geoffrey Blank and Jason Blank** were charged with trespassing, disorderly conduct, refusing to disperse and refusing a lawful order from a police officer.
- Group also displayed an anti-President Bush banner.
- It is anticipated that this group will hold protest demonstrations during the RNC and are claiming that the court cases stemming from Saturday's arrests are significant in the group's plans for future free speech issues.

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RNC BRIEFING

Key Findings

PROMINENT ACTIVIST GROUPS ACT NOW TO STOP WAR AND RACISM (ANSWER) AND UNITED FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE TO UNITE FOR MARCH 20TH EVENT

- Recent intelligence indicates that the above groups have combined into one entity in an effort to enhance the impact of the protest scheduled for 20 March
- Combined support expected to near 30,000 participants.
- At the time of this writing, it is unknown whether this merger is permanent or temporary.

ACTIVIST GROUP MAY CREATE LOW-POWERED RADIO STATION IN SUPPORT OF RNC PROTESTS

- Expected to be use for dissemination of information, low-powered radio stations were utilized during violent demonstrations in Seattle, 1999.

ACTIVIST GROUP COMPRISED OF ATTORNEYS ANNOUNCES TWENTY FOUR HOUR LEGAL HOTLINE TO BE AVAILABLE DURING WEEK OF RNC

- This hotline will be available to any activist needing legal assistance during demonstrations.

ECCENTRIC ACTIVIST CALLS FOR SLAPSTICK STUNT TARGETING PRESIDENT BUSH

- Eccentric activist Aron "pieman" Kay is calling for like-minded activists to target President Bush for a "pie in the face" attack during his appearance at the RNC

ACTIVIST INTERNET WEBSITE DISPLAYS MAP DETAILING TEMPORARY RESIDENCES OF VISITING DELEGATES FOR THE UPCOMING AUGUST 2004 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

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ANTI-WAR PROTEST DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 20

- Two separate groups recently submitted applications for parade permits regarding protest actions that are scheduled for **20 March 2004**, in New York City.
 - Both groups **Act Now to Stop War and Racism (ANSWER)** and **United for Peace and Justice** are opposed to United States military action in Iraq.
 - Both of these groups are *actively organizing anti-RNC protest actions*.
 - The applications were submitted with the following information:
 - **Act Now to Stop War and Racism (ANSWER)**
 - Anticipated participants for the 20 March event is estimated to be **10,000**.
 - **United for Peace and Justice**
 - Anticipated participants for the 20 March event is estimated to be **20,000**.
 - This group is actively organizing a “youth contingent” that is likely to be substantial.
- **Recent intelligence indicates that the above groups have combined into one entity in an effort to enhance the impact of the protest scheduled for 20 March.**
 - At present it is unknown whether this is an ad-hoc union or the groups will remain joined through to the upcoming August 2004 Republican National Convention.
 - The groups had previously detailed separate routes for their respective protest marches. It is not known how the aforementioned merger will affect the protest route.
- The representatives from both groups are expected to meet with members of Patrol Borough Manhattan South on 18 February to discuss plans for the aforementioned event.
- At this time, the Intelligence Division believes the 20 March numbers will exceed 30,000 by an undue margin.

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- Citing recent activities by "free radio movement" organizations, **law-enforcement intelligence information suggests that activists may attempt to erect a low-powered radio (LPR) signal for use during the RNC.**
- Recently the Prometheus Radio Project, a Pacific northwest based non-profit organization held a meeting promoting the growth of the Free Radio Movement and "present an organized demand for the democratization of the airwaves."
- The group indicated that **LPR stations are being erected "all over the united states,"** and suggested a multitude of positive societal effects of "free radio" specifically **mentioning its successful use during previous large-scale demonstrations.**
 - Additionally the group made the following claims:
 - "In September of 2002 Free Radio Olympia joined forces with elements of Radio Free Cascadia (RFC) and Oregon Underground Radio (OUR) to deliver a strong signal in Seattle for five days to protest the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) 2002 Radio Show in cooperation with the Electronic Mosquito Fleet, which drew free radio activists from around the nation to Seattle to participate."
 - "Our combined effort, Justice Airwaves Mobilization, JAM 101.1 FM, was one of the strongest signals of the EMF, broadcasting with 100 watts from a tree on the Olympic Peninsula, taking our cue from Y2WTKO, **which broadcast during the protests against the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Seattle in November-December, 1999.**"

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- "The Organization, C.C.R. New York Lawyers Guild Mass Defense," an activist group comprised of attorneys, **has announced plans for a 24-hour legal hotline to be utilized by activists that may need assistance.**
- The New York Lawyers Guild Mass Defense Community appears to be expecting a large number of arrests during the R.N.C. protests, and in addition to the hotline,

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are expected to form a sliding pay scale for defendants based on income and severity of crimes.

ECCENTRIC ACTIVIST CALLS FOR SLAPSTICK STUNT TARGETING PRESIDENT BUSH

- Eccentric activist Aron “pieman” Kay is calling for like-minded activists to target President Bush for a “pie in the face” attack during his appearance at the RNC.
- Kay maintains an internet website on which he posts evidence of past “pieings”, including pictures of politicians such as former Mayor Beame, and Senator Moynihan during and after being “attacked.”
- Additionally, Kay claimed that anyone supporting President Bush also “deserves a pie.”



ACTIVIST INTERNET WEBSITE DISPLAYS MAP DETAILING TEMPORARY RESIDENCES OF VISITING DELEGATES FOR THE UPCOMING AUGUST 2004 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

- The activist website, “mnotwelcome.org” has recently added a map detailing the location of the temporary residences of delegates scheduled to attend the upcoming August 2004 Republican National Convention.
- The map depicts the name of the hotel, and the state of the delegate that is residing there. The hotels/states depicted are as follows:
 - Park Central Hotel – Idaho, Kansas and Maryland.
 - Helmsley Park Lane – Louisiana, South Carolina, and Vermont
 - Rihga Royal Hotel – Nevada
 - The Drako Hotel – Massachusetts
 - The Warwick Hotel – North Carolina
 - West New York Hotel – Arkansas and Maine
 - Hilton New York – Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Texas
 - Sheraton Manhattan – Alaska, Iowa, South Dakota and the Virgin Islands
 - Sheraton New York – Alabama, New York, Connecticut and Wyoming
 - The Barclay Hotel – New Hampshire
 - Renaissance Hotel – Montana
 - Crown Plaza Hotel – New Jersey
 - New York Marriott Marquis – California, Ohio and Tennessee
 - Westin Hotel – Kentucky and Missouri
 - Algonquin Hotel – District of Columbia
 - Marriott East Side Hotel – Colorado and Minnesota
 - Hilton Times Square – Mississippi and Vermont
 - Millennium Broadway – Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin

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- The Roosevelt – Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Oregon
- Embassy Suites – American Samoas and Indiana
- Millennium Hilton – Delaware, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island and Utah
- Marriott Financial Center – Guam, Hawaii, Nebraska and North Dakota
- Ritz-Carlton – Georgia
- Another map similarly detailing the hotel locations for RNC delegates was recently published in the New York Times.

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- **LOCAL ACTIVISTS ANNOUNCE PLANS TO ACQUIRE CAMPING PERMITS FOR ACTIVISTS DURING UPCOMING AUGUST 2004 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION**

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