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## THE MEDIA, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PSYCHOTRONIC WEAPONS

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**F**or a long time now it's been no secret that the "competent" organs and government departments of various countries have had a systematic and, during the whole course of the post-war period, unwavering interest in psychotronic weapons. It would be naive to think that in the Soviet Union things were any different. The ever growing mound of materials being turned up by the Russian media over recent years testifies to the level of attention paid to parapsychology, psychotronics, bio-energo-informatics, and other "exotic" areas of knowledge by the higher echelons of power. We might begin a survey of the press, in particular, with the material "I Refused to Work for the KGB" ("Nezavisimaya Gazeta"/The Independent Newspaper - May 18, 1991 which carried a report by A. Yakunina, a specialist on esoterica, who alleges that the organs of state security are engaged in "research in this field" (in the mid-70s they offered her personally the task of heading just such a laboratory).

The question arises - just how trustworthy is such a report? However, it is not only one of its type. One needs only recall identical reports from foreign sources of specialized and mass information as, for example, the results of a thirteen American parapsychologists (of the older generation) conducted in 1978. Five of those polled confirmed that, over the course of their work in this area, re-

presentatives of military departments and intelligence sections often took an interest in them.

Official testimonies are also known. One such is that of Ye. Aleksandrov, corresponding member of the USSR Academy of Sciences and deputy director of the S. Vavilov State Optics Institute, whose article "Tenevaya Nauka" (Shadow Science) was published in the January, 1991 issue of the journal "Nauka i Zhizn" (Science and Life), while an interview with him (B. Pasternak's article "Tuf-ta"/Crapola) appeared in the ninth issues of the weekly "Poisk" (Search) the same year. (We inform the reader that, at that time, "Poisk" was an organ of the academic press and the aforementioned journal - an organ of the All-Union Society "Znaniye"/Knowledge).

Aleksandrov's protest was directed at the "special departments" which waste both effort and means on research in the sphere of "pseudoscience" (cited in the texts are "one of the defence-related ministries", "sections in the Defence Ministry", "the State Department for the Struggle with Espionage" and, finally, "Lubyanka" - the former KGB's headquarters at No. 3 Dzerzhinskaya St. not far from the Kremlin and connected to the latter by underground passages. - Tr.). He considers parapsychology, bioenergetics, astrology and so forth to be "pseudo-sciences". When asked whether or not he feels any res-

possibility for divulging state secrets, Aleksandrov replied: "I have absolutely nothing to fear! As a specialist, I'm well aware that there simply are no secrets in this area. It's all unadulterated crap". (We should stress the fact that he is a specialist in the field of physics, not in the subject under discussion!). The assertion goes further: "All kinds of 'special departments' of ours have been feeding, for decades apparently, this damn pseudo-science". The magnitude of this "feeding" has become known only recently. Talking about "a large-scale classified programme conducted in the interests of different 'competent' organs", and "being informed about the sums involved", Aleksandrov considers it "his duty to do everything in his powers to curb this outrage" (an

alleged squandering of half a billion roubles!).

Following in the wake of the August 1991 Putsch, there appeared new allegations that certain organizations are interested in the development of unusual weapons. First and foremost, we have in mind the articles "Psychotronic Weapons Have Yet to be Found, and 500 Million Roubles Have Already Been Spent" ("Komsomolskaya Pravda" / Young Communist League Truth, September 27, 1991), and "Bioenergetics Under Arms. The Government Gave the

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the supposed mass production of psychotronic generators in Kiev, was published on August 27, 1991.

O. Volkov's article reflects the results of the next stage of journalistic investigation. He earlier informed readers that the USSR had several scientific groups capable of creating a psychotronic generator for controlling a person from a distance. He has turned up a document with the intriguing name "On the Immoral Practice of Financing Pseudo-Scientific Research Using State Funds". A decree issued on July 4, 1991 by the USSR Supreme Soviet Committee on Science and Technologies, was, according to Volkov, recommended by the Department of General Physics and Astronomy at the USSR Academy of Sciences.

In the decree it is alleged that several Union-wide ministries, without due scientific examination, spent half a billion roubles on "Pseudo- and anti-scientific work" concerning "spinoric" (torsional) or "microleptonic" fields. Their aim was to create qualitatively new weapons. The following Soviet organizations are among the sponsors and clients: the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Atomic Energy Industries, the KGB, and the Military-Industrial Commission of the Cabinet of Ministers. In the lists of research laboratories and executors, which contain the names of over twenty institutes, singled out for attention first is the Kiev Institute of Materials Re-

search at the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences.

The head organization responsible for such non-conventional work, now known as the Interbranch Science-Technical Centre "Vent", was earlier called the Centre for Non-traditional Technologies of the State Committee for Science and Technology. The article carries data concerning this organization's financing: "...The cost of projects implemented by the USSR Defence Ministry accounts for 23 million roubles", but "general allocations, from various sources, including through the Military-Industrial Commission of the USSR Cabinet of Ministers and the KGB, total almost half a billion roubles". (These statistics are unverified). (At the time this was equivalent to US \$100,000,000. - Ed.).

In one of the Centre's accounts, under the section "Basic Directions of Research", there is direct mention of "medico-biological influence on troops and populations from a distance using torsional radiation", and at the same time, the means to protect these troops and population from such influence. The Department of General Physics and Astronomy at the USSR Academy of Sciences (1991) decided that such work should be examined "as a recurrence of pseudo-science having all the signs of a huge 'fraud'". According to Ye. Aleksandrov, state organizations are producing and selling false "generators" of non-existent fields to defence concerns for big mo-

ney. (Was it not these "products" that General Kobets had in mind when he warned the defenders of the White House during the August Putsch?). Representatives of the KGB and GRU (Chief Intelligence Section) were informed that the radiation from these generators is not weakened over distance and may be directed on a given person – for this one need only have the subject's photograph! With the help of these emanations, one may transmit information, but it's also possible to kill a person! Industrialists, however, are assured that these technically powerful rays are totally harmless to people and quickly weaken over a distance.

The newspaper "Trud" (April 10, 1992), in a continuation of the subject under discussion, wrote that "perhaps Associate Member Aleksandrov is right when he asserts that all this work on creating "psi" weapons isn't worth a brass farthing. The existence of a list of organizations involved in this 'nonsense', however, is some sort of safeguard. At "Phenomenon" (the social commission of this paper – Ed.) there is an enumeration of 26 points – those working on the problem of "torsional" fields, among which are reputable institutes and firms, key scientists, and academicians".

And what of the "unverified" sum of half a billion spent on this spinoric research? In the decree of the Committee on Science and Technologies (July 4, 1991), it is assumed that this

figure will be made more exact: "To propose to the State Commission on Military-Industrial Questions of the USSR Cabinet of Ministers, to the Defence Ministry of the USSR, and to the KGB that the aforementioned furnish information concerning the scale sources of financing research on spinoric and "microleptonic" fields and on any questions connected with them".

In his article "Bioenergetics Under Arms" D. Frolov revealed still another, hitherto unknown chain of events. He informs us of several documents under the common name – "On the Expedience of Employing Methods of Bioenergetics in the Interests of the National Economy and the Nation's Defence". In 1987 General F. Khandseverov passed these documents on to the USSR Council of Ministers. At the time, the general headed the Space-Probing Centre and, as it is pointed out in the article, had, according to reliable information, connections with the GRU. The job of preparing the relevant information for then Chairman of Sovmin (the Council of Ministers), N. Ryzhkov, was carried out by his co-worker V. Volkov, a KGB colonel and head of the information-analytical section, who represented the so-called "active reserve" of KGB personnel there.

In the supplement, devoted to this sphere of KGB activity, we read of "the possibility of elaborating a system for transmitting ultra-wide-band information, means of detection

and control, application in the field of military technology, engineering, the use of sensory possibilities by military specialists, a large-scale employment of bioenergetics in the systems and means of "hitting". In the document the following are mentioned: a list of methods of kinetic control of objects and physical control of objects and for influencing objects, making decisions (duration – 4 years)". In accordance with the documents, it is assumed that "means" will be implemented to secure social control.

V. Volkov stated that he handed the task of solving this problem to the State Commission, the State Science and Technology Academy of Sciences. The commission was eventually inter-section scientific. Members of the commission were alarmed that the task assigned to the department of the Sovmin, was so classified "SECRET". A proposal for the structure of research parameters of a system. A proposal was made by N. Ryzhkov, but it went no further than a proposal.

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and control, applied research in the field of military transport and power engineering, the application of extra-sensory possibilities in training military specialists, and also of the employment of bioenergetic exchange in the systems and means of telekinetic "hitting". In the document's final section the following appears: "Elaboration of methods and models for telekinetic control of the psychophysical and physical condition of a person and for influencing the mechanism for making decisions. (Execution period - 4 years)". In accordance with other documents, it is assumed that such "means" will be implemented "in order to secure social control and order".

V. Volkov states that N. Ryzhkov handed the task of dealing with this problem to the Military-Industrial Commission, the State Committee for Science and Technology, and the Academy of Sciences. A special commission was even created and an inter-section science council elected. Members of the commission were alarmed that the stamp "SECRET", assigned to the document while still in the Sovmin, was substituted by "TOP SECRET". A proposal was made on the structure of research within the parameters of a state-wide programme. A proposal was also directed at N. Ryzhkov, but the affair went no further than a positive resolution.

The fate of the proposals which led the creation of the Centre for Non-traditional Technologies (later "Vent") evidently turned out to be happier. As Vasily Lensky writes in his book "The President Stands Alone", A. Akimov, who consequently became director of

the Centre, suggested a "broader programme".

The newspaper "Pravda" (November 30, 1982) reported on several of the preliminary results of the programme's realization. In an interview with a correspondent from newspaper A. Akimov revealed that, "for experimental work, things are already set for the production of factory samples of torsional generators", and that "the torsional fields know no barriers, and for this reason are capable of transmitting information through any kind of obstacle - they permit one to see into the depths of substances". Akimov further said that, when beginning work with torsional fields, he remembered "how physicists, closing in on the secrets of radiational emanation, simply carried ampules with ionised materials in their breast-pockets, and they paid with their lives for their scientific curiosity. "Therefore", continues Akimov, "I was able to carefully check the influence of torsional effects on the human organism. And, as doctors say, counterindications for admissible regimes have not been detected".

"And for inadmissible regimes?" - we would like to have asked ourselves... Akimov also answered this question in a general way: "Much more time is needed in order to surmount the difficult path from conceiving theoretical possibilities to creating concrete technology. We are still faced with the prospect of solving many more scientific and engineering problems. But the main work has been done - today it is clear how and where we must move forward".