



MILITARY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
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Secretary Gates,

It has recently come to the attention of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) that an ecclesiastical endorsing agency authorized by the DoD to approve chaplains for military service has continually been in flagrant violation of a number of DoD regulations, the U.S. Code, the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and the United States Constitution for well over a decade.

1. The Chaplaincy of Full Gospel Churches (CFGF), headed by retired Army Col. E.H. Jim Ammerman, which, according to its website, currently has over 270 chaplains and chaplain candidates in all branches of the military, habitually denigrates all religions and religious denominations except Charismatic and Pentecostal Christianity. This denigration, which includes virulently anti-semitic and Islamophobic statements, as well as the deprecation of Catholicism and mainstream Protestantism, occurs in the CFGF's chaplain newsletters, as well as in the speeches, media appearances, and videos of both Mr. Ammerman and a currently serving CFGF chaplain, Army Maj. James F. Linzey. (See attached enclosures for numerous specific examples of these disparaging statements.)

2. Both Mr. Ammerman and Maj. Linzey have made numerous statements against the government of the United States and certain government officials and departments, promoted civilian militia movements, and disseminated many conspiracy theories in an attempt to foment disloyalty to the government of the the United States among both civilians and military personnel. This type of activity has previously led to an investigation of Ammerman and CFGF, called for by Air Force Lt. Gen. Normand Lezy in 1997. (See enclosed memorandum.)

DoD Directive Number 1325.6, "Guidelines for Handling Dissident and Protest Activities Among Members of the Armed Forces," cited in Lt. Gen. Lezy's 1997 memorandum, states that "Military personnel must reject participation in organizations that espouse supremacist causes." The Prophecy Club, an organization for which both Mr. Ammerman and Maj. Linzey have made videos, unquestionably espouses a supremacist cause. In addition, various statements made by both Mr. Ammerman and Maj. Linzey in their Prophecy Club videos, as well as in other forums, such as radio appearances and speeches, incontrovertibly violate one or more of the following statutory provisions found in Enclosure E1.2 of DoD Directive Number 1325.6.

E1.2. STATUTORY PROVISIONS

E1.2.1. Applicable to All Persons

E1.2.1.2. Section 2385 -- Advocating overthrow of the Government.

E1.2.1.3. Section 2387 -- Counseling insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny, or refusal of duty.

E1.2.2. Applicable to Members of the Armed Forces

E1.2.2.5. Section 888 (Article 88, UCMJ) -- Contemptuous words by commissioned officers against certain officials.

E1.2.2.9. Section 934 (Article 134, UCMJ) -- Uttering disloyal statement, criminal libel, communicating a threat, and soliciting another to commit an offense.

3. According to the definition of a "Religious Organization" found in DoD Directive Number 1304.19, "Guidance for the Appointment of Chaplains for the Military Departments," CFGC is not eligible to be authorized as an ecclesiastical endorser. CFGC is not an "entity that is organized and functions primarily to perform religious ministries to a non-military lay constituency." CFGC, which is operated out of a house located in a residential neighborhood of Dallas, Texas zoned for single family homes, did not have a "non-military lay constituency" at the time of its founding, but was founded for the sole purpose of endorsing chaplains, and this continues to be its primary purpose to this day.

4. In a clear and blatant violation of CENTCOM's General Order 1-A, which absolutely prohibits the proselytizing of any religion, faith or practice in Iraq and/or Afghanistan, a network of forty CFGC chaplains has engaged in the organized distribution in Iraq of Arabic language Bibles and other Arabic language fundamentalist Christian evangelizing materials to the Iraqi people. The violation of this explicitly prohibited activity by these forty CFGC chaplains was initiated, encouraged, and aided by Mr. Ammerman. (See enclosed Newsweek article and other enclosures.)

Given CFGC's and Mr. Ammerman's multiple, habitual, and ongoing violations of military regulations, the U.S. Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and Mr. Ammerman's encouragement, aiding, and abetting of the chaplains he oversees in their violations of these regulations and the United States Constitution that they swore an oath to uphold, MRFF demands the immediate revocation of CFGC's ecclesiastical endorsing authority. Furthermore, MRFF demands an aggressive investigation to identify and swiftly punish all CFGC chaplains and any other enabling DoD military or civilian personnel involved in any of the aforementioned violations of military regulations and/or the U.S. Code.



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Enclosure

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Addendum to letter to
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, ARMED FORCES CHAPLAINS BOARD

Subject: Review of Department of Defense Recognition of the Chaplaincy Full Gospel Churches as an Ecclesiastical Endorsing Organization

This is to inform you that I have tasked the Executive Director, Armed Forces Chaplains Board (AFCB) to coordinate a review of certain statements and materials promulgated by the Ecclesiastical Endorser, Chaplaincy Full Gospel Churches, as they pertain to the Department of Defense and its policy guidance concerning prohibited activities of military personnel. This review is to be conducted in consultation with General Counsel and Equal Opportunity.

The basis and authority for this review are found in Department of Defense Directive 1304.19, "Appointment of Chaplains for the Military Services," and Department of Defense Directive 1325.6, "Guidelines for Handling Dissident and Protest Activities Among Members of the Armed Forces." Of specific concern is the *perception* created by Mr. E. H. Jim Ammerman, the Ecclesiastical Endorser, President and Director, of the Chaplaincy Full Gospel Churches, that:

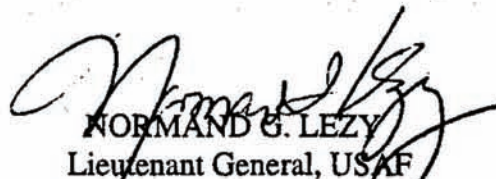
a. Chaplaincy Full Gospel Churches chaplains, commissioned in the Military Services, may be used and/or solicited to be used as agents to collect and convey military intelligence information for Mr. Ammerman's political purposes.

b. Mr. Ammerman's encouragement to affiliate with organizations considered prohibited to military personnel for reasons of their supremacist viewpoints, promoting intolerance, and being detrimental to the good order, discipline, or mission accomplishment of the unit, or is incompatible with Military Service.

c. Mr. Ammerman's videotape presentation, "The Imminent Military Takeover of the USA," and his audiotaped *NewsWatch* radio interview in which there is the suggestion of a military overthrow of the United States government.

I have asked that the review include an assessment to be provided by Equal Opportunity and General Counsel regarding these and any other additional factors and information which may come to light in this investigation. Based on their assessment I request a recommendation by the Armed Forces Chaplains Board as to whether the Department of Defense should revoke recognition of the Chaplaincy Full Gospel Churches as an Ecclesiastical Endorsing organization, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Department of Defense Directive 1304.19, and in consultation with Service-specific guidance on prohibited activities.

This review does not preclude the continued accession of Chaplaincy Full Gospel Churches applicants to the military chaplaincy, in accordance with Service-specific, established criteria and procedures. However, in light of the gravity of the perceptions created by these materials, I encourage an expeditious, yet thorough handling of this matter.


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EXCERPTS FROM *THE IMMINENT MILITARY TAKEOVER OF THE USA II*

An audio-visual tape presentation (January 1997) to

The Prophecy Club

Box 750234,

Topeka, KS 66675

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Mr. Ammerman also advertises his speaking engagements:

Jim Ammerman

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Introduction: Mr. Ammerman is introduced --- "He has 26 years in the military Was the head military chaplain in the Army Retired ... former Green Beret, CIA Has Top Secret security clearance"

(1) "There's a great spirit of the anti-Christ today ... it goes all the way to the Supreme Court ..."

(2) "We Christians are the ones who bought & paid for this great country and God gave it into our hands"

(3) "My fervent prayer is that God would fall on the White House ... and that Hillary would understand Because she tells Bill what to do ... she's higher up in the Illuminati than he is and therefore he has to take orders ..."

(4) "As far as free America is concerned, we are in the death throes of America ..."

Mr. Ammerman speaks from an outline entitled, "The Conspiracy:"

Lucifer in Heaven

May 1, 1776 -- Illuminati

July 4, 1776 -- Independence

Bilderbergers

Internal Revenue Service

Federal Reserve Board

WW I -- League of Nations

1923 -- Council of Foreign Relations

1933 -- War Powers Act

1945 -- United Nations

1973 -- Trilateral Commission

(5) Mr. Ammerman uses the above chronology to talk at length, in this almost two hour video presentation, on the subject of ownership of guns, personal property, federal judges, etc..

(6) "Only two nations in all the earth have been raised up by the hand of God Israel and the USA."

(7) "IRS came out of hell Designed to destroy the middle class."

(8) "President Clinton said four years ago, 'if elected I will rule by Executive Order (dictator's mandates)'"

(9) "Executive Order # 25 contains traitorous material ..."

(10) "... formerly Executive Order # 13, the President called in Colin Powell to rewrite it ... but he refused So he retired ... they reached way down (in the numbers) to pick General Shali Whose father was a Nazi and helped kill the Poles"

(11) "... Most powerful agency, FEMA"

(12) "We have more foreign troops in the US than our own troops So the takeover could take place anytime."

(13) "Right now, at Ft. Drum, NY, the Russian soldiers are training our soldiers to see if the (Canadian) elections are going the way of the UN ... they want If it doesn't Canada knows its a UN satellite Our own troops Will take over their government."

(14) "The great Smokey Mt. Nat'l Park has been under UN (control)"

(15) "We're coming to a showdown We have traitors in high places"

(16) "Jane Fonda ... should have been publicly executed not later than 1975 Ladies first And right behind here should have been William Clinton I know what treason is ..."

(17) "This is the state of our military ... our bombers overflow the target ... wouldn't drop their bombs ... permissiveness is allowed ..."

(18) "Oklahoma City bombing ... they were warned 5 days before it happened ... the ... blocked it ... housed FBI and BATF ... not a person there ... they were warned ? was sent out by the President, and was murdered"

(19) "I know a doctor in Mexico ... unless you're in 3 to 4 weeks of dying of cancer ... you'll be cured."

(20) ".... But that's part of the 'kill the people policy'"

(21) ".... Gore is worse ... he is a Satan worshipper ... so was his father ... goes to church on Sunday but that's not where they worship ..."

(22) " We need to pull it (government) down ... politically"

(23) "... they can take a picture of you through a solid wall which strips you totally naked, ladies ... that can happen in the name of security ... our privacy is gone ..."

(24) " Bosnia Our people do not carry their own ID cards ... I have people there I receive communications everyday ... the chaplain who set up the religious program is one of mine ... the number 2 chaplain is one of mine ... they give me updates to include how many people are there and that sort of thing ... we've been totally lied to ... how much deceit will we put up with?"

(25) " there's senior military people who are beginning to say, how long before the other half of my constitutional oath kicks in? (referring to "all enemies foreign and domestic) Who's saying it the most ... the national guard."

(26) " Our women soldiers are being raped, gang raped ... because they don't have a bullet to fire"

(27) "..... there are 400,000 to 1.3 million people (foreign soldiers) here ..."

(28) " ... 15,000 Iraq men moved to Guam ... they needed a Muslim imam ... so the Navy commissioned one ... never been to school ... never been in uniform ... to keep them peaceable All men; no women or children ... being moved to Michigan right now ... to be used as enemies against us"

(29) ".... The kindest thing I can say, is that our people are arming themselves against our own people ..."

(30) "At Maxwell AFB ... lawyers school (mock court) ... they found George Washington guilty and had him shot Turning them against our own people ..."

(31) " We don't need homos in the military ... they have a high incidence of AIDS ..."

(32) " I've known chaplains that when they pray, they lock their door because ... they might catch a man of God praying ..."

(33) Re: part of his conversation on his gun ownership: "... if you overthrow the government as we know it ... they'll turn around and kill you in a moment ..."

(34) " ... these FEMA/Nat'l Guard regions exactly coincide with IRS districts"

(35) Mr. Ammerman discusses the conspiracies of the MOUT, the TWA Flight 800 and Waco, Texas fire ...

(36)" He (General Krulak) got saved in my home ..."

AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES EXCERPTS FROM *NEWSWATCH MAGAZINE*
BROADCAST (JA-785): January 7, 1997 (Tape 1)

COMMENTS OF MR. E.H. JIM AMMERMAN

(1) Mr. Ammerman is introduced as having "exclusive information" coming from his (170) military chaplains from around the world.

Comments on the United Nations

(2) "Our major news media, both printed and high-tech, is totally deceiving us."

(3) "... losing America to the United Nations."

(4) "By treaty, we are giving away our sovereignty to the United Nations."

(5) "... we're losing personal rights property rights ..."

(6) " High-level government officials Are traitors"

(7) "Through GATT and NAFTA we became part of the United Nations ..."

(8) "We have 28 national parks that the United Nations has taken over .."

(9) "The United Nations is hiding foreign troops in those same national parks ... which U.S. citizens are not allowed to visit anymore ..."

(10) "Russian tanks are in those national parks"

(11) "At Ft. Polk, LA Has built a mock city ... for the purpose of training our troops and foreign troops (from up to 13 other nations) So many German troops in our continental 48 states "

(12) "Holland AFB has been given to Russian forces ... their own air force"

(13) "Germany has an air command at Ft. Bliss, TX ... long established"

(14) Mr. Ammerman leads one to believe that his visits to these bases has allowed him to personally witness these troops, etc.. and that there are 300,000 foreign troops on American soil.

(15) "This year We will give our own country away to the United Nations ... and we won't have enough of our troops here"

(16) "We will live under a police state Dominated by the foreign military"

(17) "This military term is MOTE (Military Operations In Urban Terrain), that means controlling our population ... of our cities ... major training going on at Ft. Bliss But not only there I have a chaplain at the VA Center (Battle Creek, MI) ... is what is called Ft. Mount Carson Now its training foreign troops Going on at Ft. Hood ... Ft Bragg"

(18) "live fire training In New Orleans In Biloxi ... one of my chaplains is down in Keesler AFB ... and I heard about this from one of our chaplains in Camp Lejeune And the chaplain under my responsibility said They are preparing to attack two of our cities ..."

(19) "what you don't know is, I was an airborne paratrooper ... and I served twice with the Green Berets And much of their operations And I was to be one of the intelligence officers (for the CIA in Africa) And they taught us how to control people The American population."

(20) "In the Health Care field Hillary, the President's wife ... there was a hidden clause in the 23,000 pages ... once this health bill passed, then every man, woman and child in America would be issued a health care card If you left home without that card ... you will be guilty of a federal felony ... a population control measure hidden in the health care bill."

(21) "The bureau of land management has their own police force ... and SWAT teams ...they have authority, without probable cause---no warrants, to confiscate your property ... that is because we have signed treaties with the UN ... and in there are these hidden clauses ... because it supercedes the law of the land (Bio-diversity treaty in Rio) ..."

(22) "The treaty calls to eliminate 40% of the population of the world ..." And, the representatives of the US is Al Gore and Hillary ... they're really in to this ..."

(23) " And Jane (Fonda) because she should have been publicly shot (in 1975) And she is still a walking traitor "

(24) "we have been sold out ..."

(1) A second introduction of Mr. Ammerman: "he is affiliated with 177 military chaplains world-wide so he can gather information ..."

A Discussion of "emergency powers" War Powers Act

(2) ".... This is about the control of the eight families over the world ..."

(3) "These 8 families, the Rothchilds, the Warburgs ... and the Rockerfellers ... and five other families They control who will be electedthey tell the world's leaders what to do ... he (Bill Clinton) was most certainly pre-determined to be President"

(4) "Mr. Rhodes (of Rhodes Scholarships) takes bright young men ... are thoroughly indoctrinated ... Bill to do the exact bidding of (the socialists ... the 8 families) "

(5) "Those 8 families own the Federal Reserve ... they control our money ... they own class A stock in the Federal Reserve Rockerfeller heads that up We're really under a one-world government now."

(6) "Executive Orders, when issued by the Presidentthey become law"

(7) "There are ten points to that bio-diversity treaty that our dictator president forced upon a gutless Congress ... number 9 point is the worst of all We will become down to the level of a 3rd world country ... so our strength and power has to be destroyed ... economically, politically The state religion of the USA is nature-worship"

(8) "you're exactly right The courts are under the rule of a dictator president ..."

(9) "we are living under the undeclared state of war We are slaves today under a dictator state "

(10) I have a letter from Ft Monroe in Norfolk (Training & Doctrine Command) This is the mastermind of the Army ... and let me read the title: 'to develop Army regulation on civilian inmate labor camps' And let me tell you the real name, concentration camps ... private citizens in American who resisted 13,000.010 after Bill Clinton signed this Order ... the military would run the US ..."

(11) "Let me tell you about these camps (From that letter July 1994) ... there are now 130 civilian labor inmate camps ... I addressed this with Generals & Admirals ... they refused to discuss this ... I can be court martialed because I carry a retired military ID"

(12) "Let me describe these camps to you Several of our closed bases are now these camps Usually close to an airport ... close to an interstate ... close to railroads ... "

(13) "I have a colonel's symbol on my car So I can go anywhere I want to go"

(14) "they (camps) will be operated by FEMA I have copies of these orders ... and the Army Reserves is placed as the muscle under FEMA And there's a box that allows FEMA and the White House to throw a switch to allow broadcasting only from these (broadcast) centers"

(15) This portion of the broadcast concludes with, "you are a colonel, you have access to information which is vital to America ..." Then, a sales pitch by David J. Smith for the audio/video tapes regarding "the military takeover of the US."

Audio cassette tape 2

(1) Once again, David J. Smith of *Newswatch* introduces Mr. Ammerman with the words, "with 177 chaplains to help (him) gain information world-wide ..."

(2) "We're already at war here in the US ... which makes the president a dictator ... against we the people ..."

(3) ".... There was a dress rehearsal ... which controlled one of our largest cities ... Atlanta Regular troops, plus National Guard troops ... under the cover of the Olympics 60,000 people were armed And practice of FEMA and our troops, mixed with law enforcement officers at the federal level So, it has already happened."

(4) "They tried several things ... shut the power off ... from Mexico to Canada If they militarily take over The next town won't even know it ... because of the installation of the black boxes ..."

(5) "Every facet of our lives will be controlled ..."

(6) References to General Westmoreland and a meeting which implies that LBJ prohibited bombing runs on targets in North Vietnam owned by the Rockefellers and Rothschilds.

(7) "I saw From the air Russian tanks in South Vietnam (Jan 1968)"

(8) "three things must happen for this one-world government We must reduce our military, and that is already happening He (Bill Clinton) has taken the electronic keys from the submarine commanders so they can't fire their nuclear weapons ..."

(9) "I've been in Russia on several trips ... and Russians say to me, 'are you crazy, we're taking your money and building our military'"

(10) "Our military is being reduced and And Mr. Gorbachev (one of the decision makers telling us what bases to close) was given at the Presidio in San Francisco offices"

(11) "We have a national police force ... called a multi-jurisdictional police force But it is worse than that We have people who have been trained We have soldiers and Marines who carry UN ID cards They're military ID cards are taken away And they're issued UN ID cards"

(12) "one third of the THIRD Infantry Division ... I've read the documents myself (over there) ... they have a Finnish officer who took command A foreign officer is in direct command of US troops (in Macedonia) ... by the way, a brave young American, home-schooled Said, 'I shall not so serve,' has been given a bad-conduct discharge (Michael ?)"

(13) "Our country is being sold out We most certainly answer directly to Communists ..."

(14) "By the year 2000 we will have only about 10,000 American troops in America ... the other troops won't belong to us The reason why we have so many foreign troops here is that a foreigner will shoot us more quickly than an American troop ..."

(15) ".... And we Americans are rapidly being disarmed."

(16) "what is happened is This thing has moved on us so gradually ... by attrition, gradually, our freedoms have been taken from us ... by a master plan"

(17) "Vince Foster ... and Hillary were receiving money for espionage" (According to an Air Force LtCol which Mr. Ammerman quotes) ... I don't know if that's true, but they've thrown him in jail, without bond An example of our police state"

(18) "right now (7 January 97), there's a trial going on in Houston ... what they have against him is, he's curing cancer ... this is more of a police state It's the truth. 95% of the people are cured by him But our perverted laws Will cause us to die If their goal is to kill 9 out of 10 people I can see why"

(19) "I am having military officers Who are shocked to find out they are placed under the command Guidance of FEMA"

(20) "I know of National Guard people who say 'it won't happen to us'"

(21) "They (Marines) are there (Australia) in a show of force To prove to you that we care about this part of the Pacific Rim To frighten their people to turn in their weapons ... he (Bill Clinton) will frighten people to turn in our handguns and at that point we will become a slave state ..."

(22) The tape concludes once again with an invitation to purchase the tapes (\$18.00 "donation").

**Excerpts from Chaplaincy of Full Gospel Churches Newsletters,
Radio Appearances and Videos by Mr. Ammerman and Maj. James F. Linzey,
Sermons Delivered by Mr. Ammerman, and Other Sources**

(1) Statements denigrating Islam, Judaism, and other non-Christian religions, as well as mainstream Christian denominations

CFGF's September 2006 newsletter included an article titled "Can a Good Muslim be a Good American?," which gave 10 reasons why the answer is "no," including:

"Because he cannot accept the American Constitution since it is based on Biblical principles and he believes the Bible to be corrupt," and, "Because when we declare 'one nation under God,' the Christian's God is loving and kind, while Allah is NEVER referred to as heavenly father, nor is he ever called love in the Quran's 99 excellent names."

Based on reasons such as these, the article concludes that, "Therefore after much study and deliberation, perhaps **we should be very suspicious of ALL MUSLIMS in this country. They obviously cannot be both 'good' Muslims and good Americans.**"

CFGF's April 2009 newsletter contained a lengthy article about how Islam is taking over the world, including statements such as:

"Let no one fool you about Islam's being a religion. Sure, it has a god, and a hereafter, and 72 virgins. But in its essence Islam is a political ideology. It is a system that lays down detailed rules for society and the life of every person. Islam wants to dictate every aspect of life. Islam means 'submission'. Islam is not compatible with freedom and democracy, because what it strives for is sharia. If you want to compare Islam to anything, compare it to communism or nationalsocialism, for these are all totalitarian ideologies."

From a "Special Message" from CFGF to its chaplains in November 2001:

"Who is the enemy of the USA? It is not primarily Osama bin Laden! **It is Allah, (whose proper name, I believe, is LUCIFER)!** He is manifested through his followers as a god of death and destruction; of hate, of zero tolerance toward others. **This is a spiritual war.** I believe it will continue until Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, returns. ... We must forget about being politically correct, and face the truth," and, "I believe President George W. Bush indeed was [sic] saved in 1984. I feel he is doing most things very well Pertaining to this war. However, **he needs better informed advisors on subjects such as Israel in Bible prophecy, and Allah's actual identity.**"

From an August 2008 sermon delivered by Mr. Ammerman at Cornerstone Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota:

“Islam is a killer religion. It’s a horrible religion. They think they fulfill the will of Allah, and probably they are because his other name is devil. And I want you to know that. And don’t ever doubt that. They’re the devil, and they’ll do what their father the devil wants done. And they want to destroy this nation, and this is a nation born of the will of God, and there’s gonna be a great struggle and all in the end time, and I think **when Islam is finally whipped** it will be in the battle of Armageddon, when Jesus shows up with the hosts of heaven.”

Both Mr. Ammerman and Maj. Linzey have made videos for the Prophecy Club. Mr. Ammerman’s Prophecy Club video, *The Imminent Military Takeover of the U.S.A.*, is quoted extensively in the enclosed 1997 memorandum calling for a previous investigation of Ammerman and CFGC. Mr. Ammerman’s video also contained a number of anti-semitic statements, such as the following.

Referring to Abraham bargaining with God about how many righteous people had to be found in Sodom to spare the city, Ammerman said:

“Why, you know, father Abraham started out at fifty and got way down. He might have gotten down to three, but he didn’t go that far. You know, **that’s where jewing down came from. He’s the father of the Jews, and he jewed God down.** Well, I wish I had some of that ability. I seem to have to always pay full price.”

In one of his August 2008 sermons at Cornerstone Church, Mr. Ammerman, describing a meeting he had with a U.S. senator during which the senator asked him how the chaplains praying in Jesus’ name controversy got started, claimed that MRFF founder and president Mikey Weinstein became a “madman” because one of his sons, both of whom are Air Force Academy graduates, “got saved” at the Academy. Not only was Mr. Ammerman’s claim about Weinstein’s son completely untrue, but Mr. Ammerman, in telling this lie, stated that Jews are “on the road to hell.”

“He [the senator] said, ‘this big question about the name of Jesus, where did it start?’ And I said, ‘In the Air Force -- the Air Force Academy, in fact, by a Jew who had two boys there. He was a graduate from there and became a lawyer -- a real estate lawyer -- and he’s a multi-millionaire and he’s getting other Jews to give him money to stamp out the name of Jesus throughout this nation. But, **one of his two Jewish sons got saved up there and he’s been a madman ever since.** He should come -- and I pray God will enlighten him and say **your son’s not on the road to hell any longer**, and if I get a chance to meet him, I will say, **‘Do you know how happy you ought to be. One of your sons is on the road to heaven.’** Now, he might slug me because he’d turned into a madman at that point, but I’ll take a lick for Jesus. In fact, if he broke my neck and I died, I’d be in the instant

presence of Christ, and I'm sure Jesus would have a little smile on his lips when I reported in."

Among the many conspiracy theories promoted by the Prophecy Club is that the mainstream Protestant churches in America have been taken over by demonic world bankers as part of their plot to destroy America and control the world. The following statement was made by Maj. Linzey, speaking at a 2005 Prophecy Club event, also released as a video.

"Remember, the demons believe in Jesus Christ. They believe in the truth -- see that's Jesus Christ -- and they tremble. And so the demons inside these greedy world bankers are trembling that Americans would come to find the truth about what they're all about. They are as scared as little tiny mice running up and down the curtains in the cathedrals. Now, they're in the cathedrals. They're in the churches. **They're controlling pulpits. That's how mainstream Protestantism has declined.** Because they invaded the churches, and the mainstream Protestant churches stopped hearing the truth. So they want to squelch the truth by taking over the church. Now, this is not in my notes, but I was inspired by God because **these are demonic, dastardly creatures from the pit of hell, and we need to stomp them out.**"

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Mr. Ammerman has made numerous anti-Catholic statements, such as describing Catholicism and its tenets as "superstition," a "lie of the devil," and saying that people need to be bought "out of Catholicism into His marvelous light." He has also made statements against other specific Christian denominations, such as Mormons.

(2.) Statements against the government of the United States and government agencies

Both Mr. Ammerman and Maj. Linzey have made countless statements against the government of the United States, promoting conspiracy theories and lies that, according to them, would justify the taking up of arms against the government.

Statements from Mr. Ammerman August 2008 sermons at Cornerstone Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota:

“Our own government’s gonna get to where it kills its citizens that don’t fall in line with the devil’s plan for the world.”

“...I carry a copy of the Constitution with me, and I read it to some very powerful people, For many years I had two friends -- now, this is part of where we are, and how we’re gonna have to live -- two friends that were F.B.I. agents in Dallas, and I would try about every two months to take ‘em to lunch because I always learned a lot from ‘em. And, one time they had one of these long -- and I carry them -- in my suitcase, and I said, ‘I brought a couple of things for you gentlemen today.’ And I handed him one of that, and it not only has the Constitution. It has the Bill of Rights. ...I handed them each one and they looked at it and saw what was in it, and it says down here the Bill of Rights also, and they looked at each other with a significant glance. Now, watch people’s faces. Learn how to read them, and you’ll be ahead of them on the next sentence. And I said, ‘Okay, what’s up?’ **And they said -- now, remember, two long time F.B.I. men -- they said, ‘Do you know we have an order’** -- this was about four years ago -- **‘we have an order that anyone that carries a copy of the Constitution is suspected of not being a good citizen.’** I said, ‘How upside down can you have it? Those are the people that you can trust - - not for all the crookedness that’s going on in America -- but for what really America is supposed to be and what our destiny is.’ They said, ‘We know that and we believe that and we don’t like that, but, we could say, okay we resign or we could say we’ll carry that out.’”

Mr. Ammerman stated in one of his August 2008 Cornerstone Church sermons that he stands by everything he put out while with the Prophecy Club, which would include the many statements such as the following from his Prophecy Club video, a video that was widely circulated among militia groups.

“As far as free America is concerned, we are in the death throes of America -- a free America. Most of our freedoms are gone. We’re basically operating in a police state, and you’ll see this as we go along. Martial law has not yet been declared, but it could be at any time. It could be this very night. It’s that imminent. And we already have more foreign troops -- and I’ll give you the numbers -- in this land -- in the forty-eight states -- than we have our own military

left here that's not been shipped somewhere overseas, so the takeover could happen at any given hour -- not a month away or anything. But, the conspiracy began way back in eons of time ago, when, up in heaven, there was an archangel named Lucifer."

Referring to a questionnaire allegedly given to U.S. Marines, he said:

"You get down to the last question and it said, 'If American should choose to disarm its citizens and they refused, would you shoot American civilians?' And they were supposed to answer it yes or no. And some answered yes. Would you believe they were put in a special detachment for special training and were given a United Nations I.D. card when they finished the training. That's pretty serious stuff, isn't it? They were placed under United Nations control because they would shoot civilians."

He followed this by saying what happened when he told a group in Texas about this U.N. force, which is allegedly made up of troops from up to thirteen nations, and also includes police officers from many cities:

"Some of those east Texas rednecks came up and said, 'You know, they probably haven't thought about it, chaplain, but **we'll shoot those foreigners in our country quicker, just like they'll shoot us quicker. And we'd hate to shoot one of our own soldier or marine sons, but we won't bat an eye to shoot those foreigners when they come in to take our home.**' And I said, 'Good for you.'"

He also claimed that a former head of the police academy in Fort Worth, TX, who had gone through this training, which was allegedly taking place at Fort Polk, told him that he was resigning and moving back to North Carolina to gather up his family, and said that

"If they come after us in those hills -- we used to shoot the feds that came in to get the moonshine, and we'll shoot these other feds just as quick."

It should be noted that, although the above quotes from Mr. Ammerman's Prophecy Club video, as well as those in the enclosed 1997 memorandum calling for the previous investigation of CFGC, are over a decade old, Mr. Ammerman clearly indicated in August 2008 that he stands by these statements, saying in one of his Cornerstone Church sermons:

"We'd fly into a city and be on a radio program or two and a television program and then have a three hour live audience that night and, **at that time, the Prophecy Club was running thousands of people.** You know that. And so we'd give them a break at the end of every hour for three hours, and they'd tape record it and then sell the tapes. **And we'd just tell it how it was, and I'm sure that there's some people in high places in state and federal government that would liked to have seen Jim Ammerman dead.** But I believe that if I do what

God has told me to do in prayer, it's my heavenly father's responsibility to take care of me. I'm his servant."

Maj. Linzey has made countless similar, and even more direct, statements that could incite American citizens to take up arms against the U.S. government and/or immigrants. In a March 2005 interview on "The Edge," one of the many radio appearances in which he talked about the Minuteman Project, a group which he is a member of, Maj. Linzey made the following statements:

"I'm trying to avoid saying we need to take up arms and go take care of it ourselves, **but it appears that we might be needing to head this way.**"

"I suggest that Americans get their arms to be ready to defend themselves and their own homes when they come knocking on your door, demanding your food, demanding your money, and raping your wives. The U.N. troops will be here to start patrolling the cities, the streets, the highways, and we will be under, basically, European rule."

During an April 10, 2005 "Messiah's Branch" radio show appearance Linzey stated:

"I want Americans, **I want everybody listening, to go out and buy 5 weapons and 5,000 bullets** -- for your own protection, for self defense. Because I believe that foreign soldiers will come to our houses, to rape our wives and teenage daughters and kill the men right in front of them -- and then the women will bear children of an ethnic stock different from what they are..."

(3.) Statements against specific individuals in the government

In CFGC's September 2008 newsletter, Mr. Ammerman, using a fake Abraham Lincoln quote, implied that all of the Democratic senators who were running for president in the last election should be executed for voting against making English America's official language.

"Four of you voting against English as America's Official Language were Presidential Candidates: Senator Biden, Senator Clinton, Senator Dodd and Senator Obama -- four Senators vying to lead America, but won't, or don't, have the courage to cast a vote in favor of English as America's Official Language when 91% of American Citizens want English officially designated as our language.

"This is the second time in the last several months this list of Senators have disgraced themselves as 'political hacks -- unworthy as Senators, and certainly unqualified to serve as President of the United States.

"If America is as angry as I am, you will realize a backlash so stunning it will

literally ‘rock you out of your socks’... and preferably totally out of the United States Senate.”

The article ends with this fake Lincoln quote:

“PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID: ‘Congressmen who willfully take actions during wartime that damages morale and undermine the military are saboteurs and **should be arrested, quickly tried and hanged!!!**’”

From one of Mr. Ammerman August 2008 sermons at Cornerstone Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota:

“Now, some powerful people that are in touch with Islam here in America say that we’re obligated to kill Obama because he says he’s a Christian, and when a Muslim becomes a Christian, they’ve denied Allah, and Muslims have to kill him. So, if he gets elected, we won’t have a president very long. Not only that, if he makes Hillary his vice president, Bill will have him killed to move back in the White House. He had over a hundred people killed when he was governor of Arkansas, and he wants back in the White House, and that’s the only way he can get back. So, somebody ought to tell Obama, if you pick that woman, you’re a dead man. What they ought to tell him -- you have denied the Islam faith by saying you were a Christian. You did it to get votes. You don’t really believe it. And it’s gonna kill you.”

(4.) Statements from Mr. Ammerman condoning and promoting the violation of military regulations by CFGC chaplains

Mr. Ammerman has boasted, in statements such as the following from one of his August 2008 Cornerstone Church sermons, that CFGC chaplains were now of a high enough rank and in positions where they can pressure subordinate chaplains to conform to the religious views of CFGC.

“Well, we made two trips recently -- one to place a man in charge of largest -- of the chaplaincy in the largest division in the whole United States Army. Most divisions have twenty -- at the most twenty-five chaplains -- he’s in this heavy division called the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas -- about two hours drive west of Kansas City -- and they’ve been back not quite a year -- they will be back less than a year when they go over for another year in the sand -- **and he’s gonna be in charge of forty-two chaplains. And he’s sold out to Jesus, and they’ll know that they’d better speak up for Jesus or they’re not gonna go with that outfit. They’ll cut them out of the pattern.** Now, our chaplains are getting those positions today, but it takes about twenty years to have a mature chaplaincy in all the services, and we have that today.



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Christian Soldiers

**The growing controversy over military chaplains
using the armed forces to spread the Word.**

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Ever since former president George W. Bush referred to the war on terror as a “crusade” in the days after the September 11 attacks, many have charged that the United States was conducting a holy war, pitting a Christian America against the Muslim world. That perception grew as prominent military leaders such as Lt. Gen. William Boykin described the wars in evangelical terms, casting the U.S. military as the “army of God.” Although President Obama addressed the Muslim world this month in an attempt to undo the Bush administration's legacy of militant Christian rhetoric that often antagonized Muslim countries, several recent stories have framed the issue as a wider problem of an evangelical military culture that sees spreading Christianity as part of its mission.

A May article in Harper’s by Jeff Sharlet illustrated a military engaged in an internal battle over religious practice. Then came news about former Defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld’s Scripture-themed briefings to President Bush that paired war scenes with Bible verses. (In an e-mail published on Politico, Rumsfeld aide Keith Urbahn denied that the former Defense secretary had created or even seen many of the briefings.) Later in May, Al-Jazeera broadcast clips filmed in 2008 showing stacks of Bibles translated into Pashto and Dari at the U.S. air base in Bagram and featuring the chief of U.S. military chaplains in Afghanistan, Lt. Col. Gary Hensley, telling soldiers to “hunt people for Jesus.”

In the aftermath of that report, the Pentagon responded that it had confiscated and destroyed the Bibles and said there was no effort to convert Afghans. But while the military dismissed the Bagram Bibles as an isolated incident, a civil-rights watchdog group, Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF), says this is not the case. According to the group's president, Mikey Weinstein, a cadre of 40 U.S. chaplains took part in a 2003 project to distribute 2.4 million Arabic-language Bibles in Iraq. This would be a serious violation of U.S. military Central Command's General Order Number One forbidding active-duty troops from trying to convert people to any religion. A Defense Department

spokeswoman, in an e-mail to NEWSWEEK, denies any knowledge of this project.

The Bible initiative was handled by former Army chaplain Jim Ammerman, the 83-year-old founder of the Chaplaincy of Full Gospel Churches (CFGF), an organization in charge of endorsing 270 chaplains and chaplain candidates for the armed services. Ammerman worked with an evangelical group based in Arkansas, the International Missions Network Center, to distribute the Bibles through the efforts of his 40 active-duty chaplains in Iraq. A 2003 newsletter for the group said of the effort, "The goal is to establish a wedge for the kingdom of God in the Middle East, directly affecting the Islamic world."

J. E. Wadkins, vice president of student life at Ecclesia College who oversees the International Missions Network Center, says they have worked with Ammerman for 20 years and reached out to him as part of their "Bibles for the Nations" mission. He estimates that in the end, between 100,000 and 500,000 Arabic Bibles were distributed in under one year, beginning not long after Saddam Hussein's ouster. "It was a really early effort there," says Wadkins, "when things first opened up."

The effort is an example of what critics call a growing culture of militarized Christianity in the armed forces. It is influenced in part by changes in outlook among the various branches' 2,900 chaplains, who are sworn to serve all soldiers, regardless of religion, with a respectful, religiously pluralistic approach. However, with an estimated two thirds of all current chaplains affiliated with evangelical and Pentecostal denominations, which often prioritize conversion and evangelizing, and a marked decline in chaplains from Catholic and mainstream Protestant churches, this ideal is suffering. Historian Anne C. Loveland attributes the shift to the Vietnam War, when many liberal churches opposed to the war supplied fewer chaplains, creating a vacuum filled by conservative churches. This imbalance was exacerbated by regulation revisions in the 1980s that helped create hundreds of new "endorsing agencies" that brought a flood of evangelical chaplains into the military and by the simple fact that evangelical and Pentecostal churches are the fastest-growing in the U.S.

The chaplains minister to flocks that are, on the whole, slightly less religious than the general population and slightly less evangelical. According to a 2008 Department of Defense survey, 22 percent of active-duty members of the military described themselves as evangelical or Pentecostal (although the actual number of evangelical-minded believers is likely higher when encompassing personnel who follow more evangelical expressions of mainline Protestant denominations, as well as a sizable percentage of the additional 20 percent that describe themselves simply as "Christian").

Among the "endorsing agencies" is CFGC, which represents a conglomeration of independent Pentecostal churches outside established denominations. The group was accepted as a chaplain-endorsing agency by the Department of Defense in 1984, two years after it first applied. Since 1984, MRFF charges, Ammerman's agency has violated numerous codes that govern chaplaincies, including a constant denigration of other religions, particularly Islam, Judaism, mainline Protestantism and Catholicism, but also non-Pentecostal evangelical churches. In a 2008 sermon, Ammerman described a CFGC chaplain at Fort Riley, Kans., who demanded the 46 chaplains below him "speak up for Jesus" or leave his outfit. In a 1999 video, CFGC chaplain Maj. James Linzey called mainstream Protestant churches "demonic, dastardly creatures from the pit of hell," that should be "[stomped] out." But the primary target of CFGC's ire is Islam. A 2001 CFGC newsletter asserted that the real enemy of the U.S. wasn't Osama bin Laden, but Allah, whom the newsletter called "Lucifer." A 2006 issue argued that all Muslim-Americans should be treated with suspicion, as they "obviously can't be good Americans." In a 2008 sermon, Ammerman called Islam "a killer religion" and Muslims "the devil."

Ibrahim Hooper, communications director for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, says it's "counterproductive to the interests of our military to have officers or servicepeople proselytizing. It should be addressed at the highest levels of the military." Hooper says that while he can't say whether events such as these constitute a systematic problem in the military, "we've certainly seen enough incidents for it to be a concern."

Weinstein, an Air Force veteran who founded MRFF in 2005 after both he and his sons say they encountered anti-Semitic harassment and proselytizing in the service, has waged legal battles against what he sees as an improper mingling of church and state in the military, including a current lawsuit against the Department of Defense alleging service members' compulsory attendance at military functions that include sectarian Christian prayers and a broader "pattern and practice of constitutionally impermissible promotions of religious beliefs within the Department of Defense and the United States Army." Weinstein says MRFF hears from 400 to 500 service members monthly—including Jews, atheists and religious minorities, but mostly nonevangelical Christians—who claim religious discrimination in the military, often from chaplains or officers implying that they aren't Christian enough. "The vast majority of chaplains now see the military as a mission field with a lot of low-hanging fruit," says Weinstein.

Art Schulcz, a lawyer representing CFGC in a lawsuit against the Navy, says that evangelicals are the real victims, at least in that branch of the service. (As of 2008, all three chiefs of chaplains were evangelicals.) Numerous evangelical

Navy chaplains, Schulcz says, have been discriminated against, denied promotions and subjected to denominational preferences by a Catholic- and mainline Protestant-dominated chaplaincy that is intolerant of how evangelicals worship. Many, he says, have fled to the more evangelical-friendly Army.

"Mikey Weinstein says they're shipping Bibles there," Schulcz says. "I want to say, 'So what?' The Constitution protects that kind of activity." He contends that General Order Number One's prohibition on religion, which has been in effect since 2000, is overly vague and a violation of religious freedom, and that, in any case, chaplains should be exempt since, he argues, they are not military representatives but representatives of their faith groups: "The Constitution prohibits absolutely the government from proselytizing, but it protects the proselytizer to do so, unless they're harming the public good."

Department of Defense policy says that chaplain-endorsing agencies should "express willingness" for their chaplains to cooperate with other religious traditions. But Schulcz claims that Ammerman, who is not a paid government official, and his chaplains, who are, are entitled to say whatever they want unless they're advocating insurrection.

On this point, MRFF charges they come close. Ammerman and chaplain Linzey have espoused conspiracy theories about "Satanic forces" at work in the U.S. government facilitating a military takeover by foreign troops; Ammerman even appears in a video favored by militia groups titled *The Imminent Military Takeover of the USA*. In 2008, Ammerman implied that four presidential candidates should be "arrested, quickly tried and hanged" for not voting to designate English America's official language, and speculated that Barack Obama would be assassinated as a secret Muslim.

Among the Pentagon directives MRFF charges CFGC or its chaplains have violated are the command that chaplaincies express willingness for interfaith cooperation; that they be bona fide religious organizations with a primary mission beyond the military; that they not join organizations with religious or nationalist supremacist causes or that espouse violence; and that active military personnel not utter disloyal or contemptuous statements about officials or the country.

The last two underlay a 1997 call by Lt. Gen. Normand Lezy for the Pentagon to investigate the CFGC, due largely to Ammerman's video and radio statements concerning military overthrow of the U.S. The Department of Defense confirms that a review was conducted, but that Ammerman's statements were determined to be within the bounds of free speech. "That review found Mr. Ammerman's opinions and statements did not transgress beyond that normally

considered protected by Constitutional free-speech standards," explains Pentagon spokeswoman Eileen Lainez, "nor was a specific connection established between Mr. Ammerman's organization and prohibited activities—a necessary requirement in justifying the revocation of one's status as an ecclesiastical endorser."

Ammerman has not changed his rhetoric or agenda since the '90s, and he will not comment further, saying his record stands on its own. "I know the three chiefs of chaplains," he says, "and they know me, and know that I give them the best chaplains."

MRFF is calling, in a letter to Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, to strip the CFGC of its endorsing authority and to investigate its chaplains for various code violations. But they fear the Obama administration will not press this issue given the announced replacement of Army Secretary Pete Geren with Rep. John McHugh, a New York Republican with a conservative record on church-state separation issues.

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Conspiracy Theorist Military Chaplains Promote Anti-American Militia Activity

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By Chris Rodda

Every once in a while, the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) stumbles into a story that's so crazy that even we have a hard time believing it's true, and, it just happened again. But, before getting into this story, I would be remiss in not extending, on behalf of MRFF, a sincere thank you to former Navy chaplain Gordon Klingenschmitt, without whose recent actions we never would have paid attention to an organization whose members include some of the most bizarre and dangerous chaplains we have ever come across in the U.S. military.

For those who don't remember the story of Gordon Klingenschmitt, he's the ex-chaplain who made headlines a few years ago for his publicity stunts for Jesus, such as holding a hunger strike over military chaplains being able to pray in Jesus' name. Klingenschmitt claimed, and continues to claim, that he was booted out of the Navy because of the form of his prayers, when, in reality, he deliberately got himself court-martialed by disobeying a direct order not to appear in uniform at a political rally, an activity that is strictly prohibited by

military regulations. But, Klingenschmitt needed to get himself court-martialed in order to embark on his new career as a martyr, and seizing the opportunity to disobey this direct order would do the trick, so he did it.

So, here's how Gordon Klingenschmitt led MRFF into the astonishing story that follows. About a month ago, both MRFF and Americans United for Separation of Church and State (AU) began receiving a lot of emails about Klingenschmitt using a photo of himself in his Navy uniform and identifying himself as "Chaplain" in order to promote political causes and solicit money, a perceivable violation of Title 18 of the U.S. Code, so MRFF and AU decided to issue a joint letter to the Chief of Naval Operations requesting an investigation into Klingenschmitt's current activities. This letter led Klingenschmitt to do two things. One was to issue an imprecatory prayer calling on his followers to essentially pray for the deaths of AU's Barry Lynn and MRFF's Mikey Weinstein and their families. The other was to post a very strange disclaimer on his website (www.prayinjesusname.org), in which he called Lynn and Weinstein "bone-heads," and defended his right to call himself "Chaplain," stating that he has a current endorsement as a "Chaplain and Evangelist to America" from the Chaplaincy of Full Gospel Churches (CFGF). It was this statement that led MRFF to take a closer look at the CFGF, a chaplain endorsing agency headed by retired Army colonel and chaplain Jim Ammerman, and authorized by the Department of Defense to provide the ecclesiastical endorsement required by the military for all military chaplains, with several hundred of its chaplains currently serving in all branches of the military.

Right off the bat, MRFF found the expected stuff -- which alone provides ample reason to demand that the DoD to revoke the chaplain endorsing authority of Jim Ammerman and the CFGF.

CFGF should be disqualified as an endorsing agency because of its repeated denigration of all other religions and Christian denominations that aren't Charismatic or Pentecostal, which is completely contrary to Department of Defense Instruction Number 1304.28.

They go after Muslims, Wiccans, and other minority religions, of course.

For example, the CFGF's September 2006 newsletter included an article titled "Can a Good Muslim be a Good American?," which gave 10 reasons why the answer is "no," including:

"Because he cannot accept the American Constitution since it is based on Biblical principles and he believes the Bible to be corrupt." and
"Because when we declare 'one nation under God,' the Christian's God is

loving and kind, while Allah is NEVER referred to as heavenly father, nor is he ever called love in the Quran's 99 excellent names."

Based on reasons such as these, the article concludes that:

"Therefore after much study and deliberation, perhaps **we should be very suspicious of ALL MUSLIMS in this country. They obviously cannot be both 'good' Muslims and good Americans.**"

And, Jim Ammerman was also the chaplain endorser who revoked the CFGC endorsement of Don Larsen, the chaplain who converted from Christianity to Wicca. Endorsing agencies have an agreement to keep the current endorsement of a chaplain who is converting to another religion in effect while the chaplain is in the process of obtaining their endorsement from their new religion or denomination, but CFGC refused to extend this courtesy in the case of Chaplain Larsen. This is what Ammerman said about Wicca and Chaplain Larsen, from a *Washington Post* article by Alan Cooperman.

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The CFGC is also clearly anti-Catholic, describing Catholics in its July 2007 newsletter as being "bound by traditions and ceremonies, and without a real thirst for the truth."

MRFF could have stopped there, and almost did, but then we stumbled upon an Army major named James F. Linzey, one of the military chaplains currently endorsed by Ammerman and the CFGC, and that's where we found ourselves entering what seemed like another universe.

What we found was that both Maj. Linzey and Jim Ammerman belong to a

Topeka, Kansas based organization called the Prophecy Club, and have been speakers at Prophecy Club events and put out videos through this organization. Finding out that Maj. Linzey had made the local news when, in New Orleans with the National Guard after Hurricane Katrina, he performed an exorcism to cast the demons from the city was nothing compared to this.

The Prophecy Club promotes a plethora of conspiracy theories against the U.S. government -- everything from 9-11 being a government conspiracy to the entire U.S. government being an illegal government founded by the Illuminati and satanists. Among the many Prophecy Club conspiracy theories is one claiming that the mainstream Protestant churches in America have been taken over by demonic world bankers as part of their diabolical plan to control the world. This one is a favorite of Linzey, who proclaimed in a Prophecy Club event video:

"Remember, the demons believe in Jesus Christ. They believe in the truth -- see that's Jesus Christ -- and they tremble. And so the demons inside these greedy world bankers are trembling that Americans would come to find the truth about what they're all about. They are as scared as little tiny mice running up and down the curtains in the cathedrals. Now, they're in the cathedrals. They're in the churches. **They're controlling pulpits.** That's how mainstream Protestantism has declined. Because **they invaded the churches, and the mainstream Protestant churches stopped hearing the truth.** So they want to squelch the truth by taking over the church. Now, this is not in my notes, but I was inspired by God because **these are demonic, dastardly creatures from the pit of hell, and we need to stomp them out.**"

Other Prophecy Club videos say similar things about mainstream Protestants. For example, they have a video declaring that all translations of the Bible other than the KJV are the work of Satan to confuse people, so any Protestant denominations using these Bibles are deluded.

Looking further into the Prophecy Club and its videos, we kept coming across references to an old video by Jim Ammerman titled "Imminent Military Takeover of the U.S.A.," which was reportedly circulating among militia groups. Thanks to a friend of MRFF, we were able to get a copy. The date of this video is 1999, but its message -- carried on by Ammerman's protégé Maj. Linzey -- has not changed.

The following was the promo for one of Maj. Linzey's several appearances on a

radio show called "The Edge."

"Major James F. Linzey; U.S. Army Officer, Chaplain, and director of Operation Freedom, exposes how the satanic forces in the U.S. Government allow illegal immigration, giving access to terrorists to invade America's heartland. Find out the myths and lies, and how illegal immigration effects the politics, domestic issues, national security, and terrorist ring in the United States, and you can do about it. Get your questions in early. It's going to be hot!

"He will expose unknown satanic forces and how they are using illegal immigration to:

- * Affect American politics
- * Sway Domestic issues
- * Destroy National Security
- * Create a Terrorist Ring which could start an internal revolution."

A good part of this two hour interview was about another of Maj. Linzey's pet conspiracy theories -- a communist takeover of the U.S. in which the U.S. government is complicit. According to Linzey, the Chinese are going to take over the United States with the help of Mexico. He claims that Chinese soldiers are already in Mexico training the Mexicans for an invasion into the United States to reclaim the Southwest for Mexico. In typical fashion, Linzey, like his mentor Jim Ammerman and other Prophecy Club members, claims to have inside information from government officials that there is a government conspiracy and/or cover-up going on.

"I've got friends who work for the CIA and the FBI and I know things from the inside. Now, the CIA several months ago, arrested four Chinese military soldiers who came across the Mexico-Texan border with a dirty bomb and the CIA has them in custody."

Maj. Linzey also went into all the conspiracy theory stuff about the "masonic, Illuminati wackos" who have gotten into government office by deception, and the 9-11 conspiracy theory stuff, but it's his statements inciting the taking up of arms against the government that are most disturbing.

Linzey first talked about his "friend, Jim Gilcrest, who's heading up the Minuteman Project," promoting the group with statements like this:

"I'm trying to avoid saying we need to take up arms and go take care of it ourselves, **but it appears that we might be needing to head this way.**"

He also promoted militias in general because there will be "blood bath" when the "invasion from the south" and battle with foreign U.N. forces and the Chinese in the U.S. commences.

"I suggest that Americans get their arms to be ready to defend themselves and their own homes when they come knocking on your door, demanding your food, demanding your money, and raping your wives. The U.N. troops will be here to start patrolling the cities, the streets, the highways, and we will be under, basically, European rule."

Among his other fear-mongering claims are that there are detention camps already set up by the U.S. government for "patriots" who won't go along with the government's agenda, that these detention camps are equipped with facilities to kill the detainees by gassing the "patriots," and that the government already has a list of the "patriots."

This radio show is also one where Maj. Linzey directly stated that his military chaplain endorser Jim Ammerman knows exactly what he's out there doing.

When the interviewer asked Linzey:

"If what you are saying is true, wouldn't the government -- if the government is any way culpable to some of these events -- wouldn't they want to not have you, say go on a speaking tour or anywhere else, or even be on this show?"

Linzey responded:

"Would they not want me to? Well, you know, probably not. Now -- but that doesn't matter. As long as I'm abiding within the law, I can say that I'm speaking as Jim Linzey, not in my official capacity as an officer or military chaplain, then I prefaced it right, and I can proceed. And Col. Jim Ammerman -- he's my endorser -- and he knows exactly what I'm doing, and, so, that's it."

But, of course, Jim Ammerman would approve of what Maj. Linzey is spewing. Ammerman's own "Imminent Military Takeover of the U.S.A." video contains the same kind of seditious incitement, which, no doubt, accounts for its popularity among militia groups.

A good part of Ammerman's video consists of the insane Prophecy Club conspiracy theory stuff about the Illuminati, the world bank, the U.N., FEMA, government run concentration camps, foreign troops already being positioned within the U.S., etc. -- just about every conspiracy theory currently spewed by the Prophecy Club except for 9-11, because that hadn't happened yet when the video was made.

But, all this conspiracy theory stuff is, of course, necessary to induce the fear of things like the imminent threat of martial law being declared in America -- the things that drive the militia groups. The following are a few quotes from Ammerman's video to give an idea of its tone.

"As far as free America is concerned, we are in the death throes of America -- a free America. Most of our freedoms are gone. We're basically operating in a police state, and you'll see this as we go along. **Martial law has not yet been declared, but it could be at any time. It could be this very night.** It's that imminent. And we already have more foreign troops -- and I'll give you the numbers -- in this land -- in the forty-eight states -- than we have our own military left here that's not been shipped somewhere overseas, so the takeover could happen at any given hour -- not a month away or anything."

Referring to a questionnaire allegedly given to U.S. Marines, Ammerman claimed:

"You get down to the last question and it said, 'If America should choose

to disarm its citizens and they refused, would you shoot American civilians?' And they were supposed to answer it yes or no. And some answered yes. Would you believe they were put in a special detachment for special training and were given a United Nations I.D. card when they finished the training. That's pretty serious stuff, isn't it? **They were placed under United Nations control because they would shoot civilians."**

He follows this by relating what happened when he told a group in Texas about this U.N. force, which is supposedly made up of troops from up to thirteen nations, and also includes police officers from many cities:

"Some of those east Texas rednecks came up and said, 'You know, they probably haven't thought about it, chaplain, but **we'll shoot those foreigners in our country quicker, just like they'll shoot us quicker. And we'd hate to shoot one of our own soldier or marine sons, but we won't bat an eye to shoot those foreigners when they come in to take our home.**' And I said, 'Good for you.'"

He then bolstered his claims with the typical line about having "inside" information, in this case obtained from a former head of the police academy in Fort Worth, Texas who had gone through this secret U.N. training, allegedly taking place at Fort Polk. According to Ammerman, this police official told him that because of what he had seen, he was resigning from his position and moving back to North Carolina to gather up his family, and said that **"If they come after us in those hills -- we used to shoot the feds that came in to get the moonshine, and we'll shoot these other feds just as quick."**

Ammerman's video, of course, included a healthy dose of Christian nationalism, as well as a bit of anti-semitism. Referring to Abraham bargaining with God about how many righteous people had to be found in Sodom to spare the city, Ammerman said:

"Why, you know, father Abraham started out at fifty and got way down. He might have gotten down to three, but he didn't go that far. You know, **that's where jewing down came from. He's the father of the Jews, and he jewed God down.** Well, I wish I had some of that

ability. I seem to have to always pay full price."

He also claimed that the United States was God's second try to found a nation to carry out the "Great Commission" -- to make disciples of all nations -- after Israel failed to do it:

"I believe that two nations, and two nations only, in all of history have been raised up by the hand of God. One is Israel. Father Abraham was told, 'I will bless you so that you will be a blessing.' Well, first of all, Abraham's clan did not accept the blessing that was sent, even as God promised, therefore God said, **'I have a fallback position. I will raise up a nation that will carry out the Great Commission' -- and that's us.**"

Ammerman's anti-American, Prophecy Club ideology and extremist ideas clearly spill over into the CFGC's newsletters, which raises the question of why, unless they agree with these ideas, have none of the several hundred military chaplains currently endorsed by the CFGC left this endorsing agency.

Here's an example from the CFGC's September 2008 newsletter in which Ammerman, using a fake Abraham Lincoln quote, implies that all of the Democratic senators who were running for president in the last election should be executed for voting against making English America's official language:

"Four of you voting against English as America's Official Language were Presidential Candidates: Senator Biden, Senator Clinton, Senator Dodd and Senator Obama -- four Senators vying to lead America, but won't, or don't, have the courage to cast a vote in favor of English as America's Official Language when 91% of American Citizens want English officially designated as our language.

"This is the second time in the last several months this list of Senators have disgraced themselves as 'political hacks -- unworthy as Senators, and certainly unqualified to serve as President of the United States.

"If America is as angry as I am, you will realize a backlash so stunning it will literally 'rock you out of your socks'... and preferably totally out of the United States Senate."

The article ends with this completely fabricated Lincoln quote, essentially calling for the arrest and execution of four United States senators, one of whom is now our president:

"PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID: 'Congressmen who willfully take actions during wartime that damages morale and undermine the military are saboteurs and **should be arrested, quickly tried and hanged!!!**'"

As already mentioned, MRFF will be demanding that the DoD revoke the chaplain endorsing authority of Jim Ammerman and the CFGC, as Mikey Weinstein makes very clear:

"Jim Ammerman and his virulently anti-American parachurch cabal called the Chaplaincy of Full Gospel Churches is a filthy, bigoted, fundamentalist Christian blight upon our country and the United States Constitution. Ammerman and the CFGC are the very same type of far right wing extremists which our nation's Dept. of Homeland Security warned all Americans about just a few weeks ago relative to domestic terrorism. The fact that the CFGC apparently has two hundred U.S. military uniformed chaplains in all four service branches under their complete command and control represents a national security threat to our nation internally just as significantly as fundamentalist islamic terror groups represent to our nation externally. The Military Religious Freedom Foundation now demands that Secretary Robert Gates immediately strip the CFGC of its special power and authority to be the singular endorsing agency for these 200 military chaplains. Further, MRFF demands that Gates subject these offending chaplains, and the no doubt multitudes of those who permitted them to enter the armed forces, to expeditious trial by general courts martial pursuant to the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

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Col. Jim Ammerman, Apostle & New World Order Conspiracy Theorist

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Part Two - Conspiracy as Prophecy

New World Order Conspiracy is not disseminated by white supremacist groups alone.

New World Order conspiracy is a narrative claiming that a coordinated and international satanic cabal, usually defined as Illuminati, Jews, and Freemasons, is attempting to destroy Christian society. Belief in this paranoid conspiracy is a growing phenomenon in our nation and globally. As pointed out in my last article, the mass dissemination of New World Order conspiracy, in both religious and secular frames, is not limited to white supremacist groups or militias. And it is not just right wing broadcast pundits who are inciting people to act upon their beliefs in these paranoid conspiracies. Another layer or link exists which is getting little coverage. Many years of dissemination of end times prophecy with elaborate narratives of a coming one-world government has laid

a foundation for a more widespread acceptance in the existence of a New World Order conspiracy. The "prophets" of these detailed narratives go much further than television pundits would dare, and have surprisingly large audiences.

Col. E. H. "Jim" Ammerman has been a widely recognized proponent of New World Order conspiracy theory for more than a decade, and has used his position of authority to "validate" these paranoid conspiracies throughout the conspiracy/prophesy media circuit. He is a well known independent charismatic leader who has served as a director or trustee for numerous organizations, as an Apostle in C. Peter Wagner's International Coalition of Apostles, and describes himself as a personal friend of both John Hagee and Kenneth Copeland.

To view video go to <http://vimeo.com/5169394>

Ammerman is a retired military chaplain who founded and heads the Chaplaincy of Full Gospel Churches, an endorsing agency for over 270 military chaplains and chaplain candidates, as well as chaplains serving prisons and veteran's hospitals. On Friday, Newsweek published an article by Kathryn Joyce concerning Col. Ammerman's activities. Ammerman has had a big impact on the current paranoid anti-government conspiracy world for well over a decade. Considering the recent rash of killings by people who clearly believe in this New World Order narrative, it seems that a closer look at Ammerman's role in disseminating these conspiracy theories would be of greater concern than the shipping of bibles to the Middle East, or even the large scale proselytizing of American troops that has taken place under his supervision.

The leaderless resistance concept advocated by Louis Beam of the Klu Klux Klan in 1983 impacts the ability of law enforcement to anticipate and thwart plans of violence by extremists. In this environment, understanding the paranoid conspiracy narrative and how, and where this narrative is being disseminated through society becomes even more crucial.

The Southern Poverty Law Center's 1997 Terror from the Right report describes a thwarted attempt to attack Ft. Hood and other military bases on July 4, 1997, by a group calling themselves the Third Continental Congress. The SPLC report states that this group planned to invade and slaughter United Nations troops that they mistakenly believed were on these bases preparing for an assault on Americans. The belief that foreign troops are training in the United States in preparation to mount an attack on Christian patriots may sound outlandish to most, but it is not an unusual claim in New World Order Conspiracy media. And for many, Col. Jim Ammerman is the definitive expert on this subject.

Imminent Military Takeover of the U.S. Part II is a video of an over two hour

speech given by Ammerman as part of The Prophecy Club tour in January 1997, and is widely quoted by New World Order conspiracy theorists. This particular video was not necessarily the source of the beliefs behind the attempted attack on Ft. Hood, but is used here as an example to demonstrate that these ideas, although they sound extreme to most Americans, are not limited to militias and white supremacist groups.

In *Imminent Military Takeover of the U.S. Part II*, Ammerman describes a takeover of the United States by United Nations and foreign troops, which he claimed were gathering at military bases and national parks around the country. Ammerman also claimed collusion of top government officials (President Clinton was in office at this time) with international Illuminati leaders in a conspiracy to take away United States sovereignty.

In the video Ammerman states that there are 400,000 to 1.3 million foreign troops waiting to attack U.S. citizens, that bases like Long Beach Naval Air Station and Holloman Air Force Base have been given to China and Germany, and that 28 national parks in the U.S. have been taken over by the United Nations.

Other quotes in this two hour video include the following:

"We have more foreign troops in the US than our own troops... so the takeover could take place at any time."

"We are coming to a showdown... we have traitors in high places."

"We won't have another national election."

"Jane Fonda should have been publicly executed not later than 1975... and right behind her should have been some guy named William Clinton."

"There's a great spirit of the antichrist here today...it goes all the way to the Supreme Court."

"Hillary ...tells Bill what to do because she is higher up in the Illuminati than he is, and therefore he has to take orders."

Ammerman also states that 130 camps have been prepared by FEMA that he claims will house millions of dissident American patriots who are not "politically correct." He continues with his own Americanized version of the Dolschtosslegende, or stab in the back theory; Ammerman served in Vietnam and claims that the war could not be won because American forces were ordered to refrain from bombing weapon stockpiles purchased by the Rothschilds and Rockefellers for the North Vietnamese.

Ammerman also goes into great detail about the organizations and families that

he believes are running this Illuminati conspiracy to destroy American Christian society. He provides his audience with an outline of the ongoing conspiracy:

Lucifer in Heaven
May 1, 1776 Illuminati
July 4, 1776 Independence
Bilderbergers
Internal Revenue Service
Federal Reserve Board
WW I - League of Nations
1923 - Council of Foreign Relations
1933 - War Powers Act
1945 - United Nations
1973 - Trilateral Commission

And who are the major villains in this story? Ammerman explains that eight families pull the strings through their control of central banks around the world.

"But here are the major stockholders of the Federal Reserve. They own the Federal Reserve. The Rothschilds with offices in London and Berlin, the Lazard brothers in Paris, Israel Seif of Italy, Kuhn Loeb Company of Germany, the Warburgs with offices in Hamburg and Amsterdam in the Netherlands and the last three are all interlocked - Lehman Brothers of New York, Goldman Sachs of New York, and Rockefeller of New York."

(Note that the Rockefellers are included in Illuminati and other conspiracy theory as "crypto-Jews" and are sometimes described in this conspiracy as Jews corrupting the Protestant mainline churches from the inside.)

Ammerman's quote is, almost exactly word for word, the description of the anti-Semitic Federal Reserve conspiracy theory documented by the Anti-defamation League on the ADL website.

http://www.adl.org/special_reports/control_of_fed/fed_rothschild.asp

However, ADL focuses on the conspiracy as being promoted by white supremacists and the Nation of Islam. For John Hagee's version of this conspiracy theory see Bruce E. Wilson's video on Hagee's Federal Reserve

conspiracy.

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XeaybfpgGLo>)

For a debunking of this Federal Reserve conspiracy see this report from Public Eye, published by Political Research Associates.

http://www.publiceye.org/conspire/flaherty/Federal_Reserve.html

Despite Ammerman's diatribes about Jewish bankers controlling the world, he apparently sees himself as a Christian Zionist and supporter of Israel. According to Ammerman, "only two nations in all the earth have been raised up by the hand of God... Israel and the United States."

Ammerman is a former military chaplain whose Chaplaincy of Full Gospel Churches (CFCG) was approved in 1984 by the Department of Defense as an endorsing agency to place chaplains in the United States Military. The CFCG website states that they are,

"Presently endorsing 270+ Military Chaplains/Chaplain Candidates and 180+ Civilian Chaplains/Seminarians."

Ammerman is a long term leader among independent charismatic pastors and was a trustee with the International Charismatic Bible Ministries (ICBM), an organization started by Oral Roberts in 1986, which also included Ammerman's close friends, Kenneth Copeland and John Hagee. The ICBM disbanded in 2007 as a result of the dramatic growth of other independent charismatic networking. One of these is the International Coalition of Apostles (ICA) of the New Apostolic Reformation.

From its inception in 2001 through 2007, Ammerman was also an Apostle in the ICA, headed by C. Peter Wagner, Convening Apostle of the New Apostolic Reformation. Another member of this movement in the news recently is Lou Engle, a member of the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders and head of "The Call." Lou Engle has been featured in recent Talk2action.org articles. Ammerman is Vice President of the Board of Directors of the National Council for Bible Curriculum in Public Schools (Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Norris also serve on this Board of Directors and the Advisory Board is filled with Religious Right luminaries.) Ammerman also is a Commissioner and Director for Transworld Accrediting Commission International (TACI) which accredits evangelical schools, seminaries, colleges and universities.

Americans United For Separation of Church and State reported in 1999 that Ammerman had been a part of an effort to get a chaplaincy program in public schools and that "Ammerman is affiliated with TV preacher Robertson, formerly serving as a visiting professor of institutional chaplaincy at Robertson's Regent University." Pat Robertson is the author of the 1991 bestseller *New World Order*, a book that merges the end times prophecy with paranoid conspiracy theory. Robertson's book reintroduced 1920s and 1930s conspiracy theories back into the mainstream in the guise of religious prophecy, and quoted and cited anti-Semitic conspiracy theorists past and present, such as Nesta Webster and Eustace Mullins.

Ammerman takes credit for giving John Hagee instructions from God (given to Ammerman while preaching at Hagee's Cornerstone Church) for Hagee to expand his television broadcast beyond San Antonio to a national and international audience. It is not surprising that many of Hagee's paranoid conspiracy theories echo those of Ammerman. In the *Imminent Military Takeover of the U.S. II* video Ammerman recounts a conversation that he had with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland over lunch, concerning the reason why the Copelands could not fly their private plane over national parks. Ammerman claimed that it was to keep people from taking pictures of the foreign troops in these parks.

This biographical information is to emphasize that Ammerman does not fit the typical image of an anti-government conspiracy theorist. However, he is frequently referred to as one of its "most credible" proponents. His long term military career and his prominence in charismatic evangelical organizations help to provide a veneer of respectability for these hateful and destructive narratives which are typically characterized by the mainstream press as being limited to the extremist right.

As pointed out in my last article, the New World Order conspiracy label does not apply to everyone who believes that there have been lies and cover-ups by government leaders. The New World Order conspiracy storyline is a dualistic narrative of the war between good and evil, and is described in terms of demonic powers working together in an interconnected cabal with the intentional goal of the destruction of Christian society. This narrative closely parallels that of the antichrist storyline of end times prophecy. The recent decades of popular prophecy fiction has perhaps laid the foundations for further mainstreaming and widespread embrace of both religious and secular versions of New World Order conspiracy claims.

[For more about the merging of end times prophecy with conspiracy theories, see this article, first in an ongoing series.]

A memorandum from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, stamped

September 25, 1997, tasked the Chairman of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board with a review of Ammerman's activities. Partial transcripts from a radio interview and from the video *Imminent Military Takeover of the U.S. II* were in the memorandum which was signed by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Normand G. Lezy. The memorandum stated that Ammerman used his "Chaplaincy Full Gospel Churches chaplains as agents to collect and convey military intelligence information for Mr. Ammerman's political purposes." It also stated that he encouraged military personnel to affiliate with organizations that are prohibited due to their "supremacist viewpoints" and that his video and interview have a "suggestion of a military overthrow of the United States government."

The memorandum on Ammerman included a partial transcript of audio cassette tapes from a Newswatch Magazine radio broadcast dated January 7, 1997. The transcript states that "Ammerman is introduced as having 'exclusive information' coming from his (170) military chaplains around the world. The five pages of partial transcripts of the audio cassettes are listed in bullet point style in the memorandum and number seventeen is as follows,

" This military term...is MOTE (Military Operations in Urban Terrain), that mean controlling our populace...of our cities... major training going on at Ft. Bliss...But not only there... I have a chaplain at the VA Center (Battle Creek, MI)...is what is called Ft. Mount Carson... Now it's training foreign troops... Going on at Ft. Hood... Ft. Bragg..."

Ammerman continued as head of the endorsing agency and now, twelve years later, oversees one of the largest blocks of military chaplains. Ammerman has not toned down his rhetoric and his conspiracies are also being promoted by some of the chaplains under his endorsement, such as Maj. James Linzey. See Talk2action.org article, with partial transcripts from several of Linzey's 2005 radio show appearances

<http://www.talk2action.org/story/2009/6/10/17129/0387>

and another article on Linzey

<http://www.talk2action.org/story/2009/5/20/17201/4681>

Col. Jim Ammerman is just one example of the many New World Order conspiracy speakers for The Prophecy Club. These videos are still being marketed on their website. The site features a long list of previous tour speakers and their videos which include a curious mixture of Christian Zionists,

Messianics and Hebrew Roots leaders, leading conspiracy theorists, well known anti-Semitic writers, and some who claim to be former Satanists and repentant Illuminati. Despite the range of speakers, their New World Order conspiracy narratives are strikingly similar.

Speakers have included Texe Marrs, Fritz Springmeier, Jerome Corsi, Cliff Kincaid, Gen. Ben Partin, Gary Kah, Bree Keyton, Henry Gruver, Grant Jeffrey, Kitty Werthmann of Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum, and Al Cuppett, retired Joint Chiefs of Staff Action Officer.

A PDF file of the Prophecy Club order form, with the current list of videos being marketed by The Prophecy Club can be downloaded from

<http://www.prophecyclub.com/newsletters/Order%20Form.pdf>

The videos of The Prophecy Club and other similar media are reemerging on the internet by the thousands since the election of President Obama.

The Prophecy Club's heyday was in the 1990s. They state on The Prophecy Club website that they were at their peak, "heard on more than 80 radio stations, with programs being broadcast two to four times a day. A daily television broadcast followed and reached an audience of 25 million people."

By 1996 The Prophecy Club was organizing speaking tours in major cities in which the speakers were recorded and rebroadcast on radio, and the videos marketed. Their featured speakers were then featured on other radio programs of various ministries and conspiracy broadcasts.

The Prophecy Club was founded and is led by Stan Johnson who is also the CEO of Prophetic Oil. Both the late Hayseed Stephens, and his son Sha, used The Prophecy Club to promote the idea of a potential massive oil field in Israel. See the Mother Jones 2008 article Let There Be Light Crude.

<http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2008/01/let-there-be-light-crude>

By the end of the 1990s, Stan Johnson, like numerous other independent charismatic leaders, was questioning the pre-Tribulation rapture of dispensational theology. He embraced a theology that claims that born again Christians will still be present during the Tribulation. (This eschatology is still premillennial but is mid-Tribulation, post-Tribulation, or pre-wrath.) Johnson then became Apostle Stan Johnson.

In plain English this means that these believers have altered an important part of an elaborate and well known narrative of the coming apocalyptic end of the world. They do believe that born again Christians will not be spared this

imminent conflagration, but will still be on earth during the Tribulation, or seven years of the reign of the anti-Christ. They are therefore preparing themselves for the coming battle with the forces of the anti-Christ's one world government, as well as the apostate church of the end times. In the context of The Prophecy Club speakers, the apostate church, or "whore of Babylon" of Revelation, is considered to be both the Roman Catholic Church (excluding charismatic Catholics) and Mainline Protestants.

This belief system allows for the possibility that we are currently in, or very close to, the Tribulation, and that believers must aggressively expand the body of the "true church" as well as prepare for literal physical battle against evil forces. This has moved these end times believers closer to the narratives of groups such as Christian Identity whose believers relish the opportunity to battle their enemies during the end times. Belief in a rapture that would take believers away before the events of the Tribulation is seen as "wimpy" and "escapist."

The media products of The Prophecy Club and others demonstrate the importance of the narrative in building fear and paranoia among their audiences. Viewers are not being taught to hate just for the purpose of hatred alone. They are being taught that this is a holy war, and they must prepare to fight for their very existence against a vast and powerful satanic movement - a cabal that is plotting their destruction and the end of life as they know it. A holy war requires a demonic adversary.

In May of 1997, The Prophecy Club was served by the Johnson County, Kansas sheriff's office with an income withholding order in Case No. 96CV05915, Roeder vs. Roeder. This was the divorce of Scott Roeder and Lindsey Roeder. Scott Roeder is the suspect charged with the murder of Dr. George Tiller.

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Defense Department-Certified Agency Newsletter Suggests Killing Democrats

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"In 2008, Ammerman implied that four presidential candidates should be "arrested, quickly tried and hanged" for not voting to designate English America's official language, and speculated that Barack Obama would be assassinated as a secret Muslim." - *Newsweek*, June 20, 2009

As noted in the *Newsweek* story, last fall -- as the presidential election was heating up, retired Colonel E.H. "Jim" Ammerman, in the official September 2008 newsletter of his Department of Defense approved chaplain endorsing agency, published a letter which suggested, per the advice of a fabricated Abraham Lincoln quote, that four US Senators should be be "arrested, quickly tried and hanged!!!"

The alleged crime? Voting against a Senate bill that would have established English as the official language of the United States. *Newsweek* did not reveal the names of the four senators. But a May 20, 2009 Huffington Post story by Military Religious Freedom Foundation Senior Researcher Chris Rodda does: Democratic Party senators Dodd, Biden, Clinton, and Obama.

It was not the first time that Jim Ammerman has suggested or called for the execution of top US government leaders from the Democratic Party. Unlike common stereotypes of those who promote such incendiary views, Jim Ammerman is neither a right wing talk show host or on the militia movement fringe.

[below: in widely broadcast 1997 video, E.H. "Jim" Ammerman claims Jewish bankers control the US economy and calls for execution of then-president Bill Clinton]

<http://vimeo.com/5169394?pg=embed&sec=>

Through his Chaplaincy of Full Gospel Churches, retired Colonel "Jim" Ammerman presides over more than 270 active duty military chaplains, perhaps 7-8 percent of the active duty chaplain force.

Ammerman says he was a friend to the late General William Westmoreland, claims both Texas megachurch pastor John Hagee and Word of Faith televangelist Kenneth Copeland as current friends and states that his agency works with three and four star generals and has allies at the highest levels of the Pentagon as well as in the US Congress and Senate.

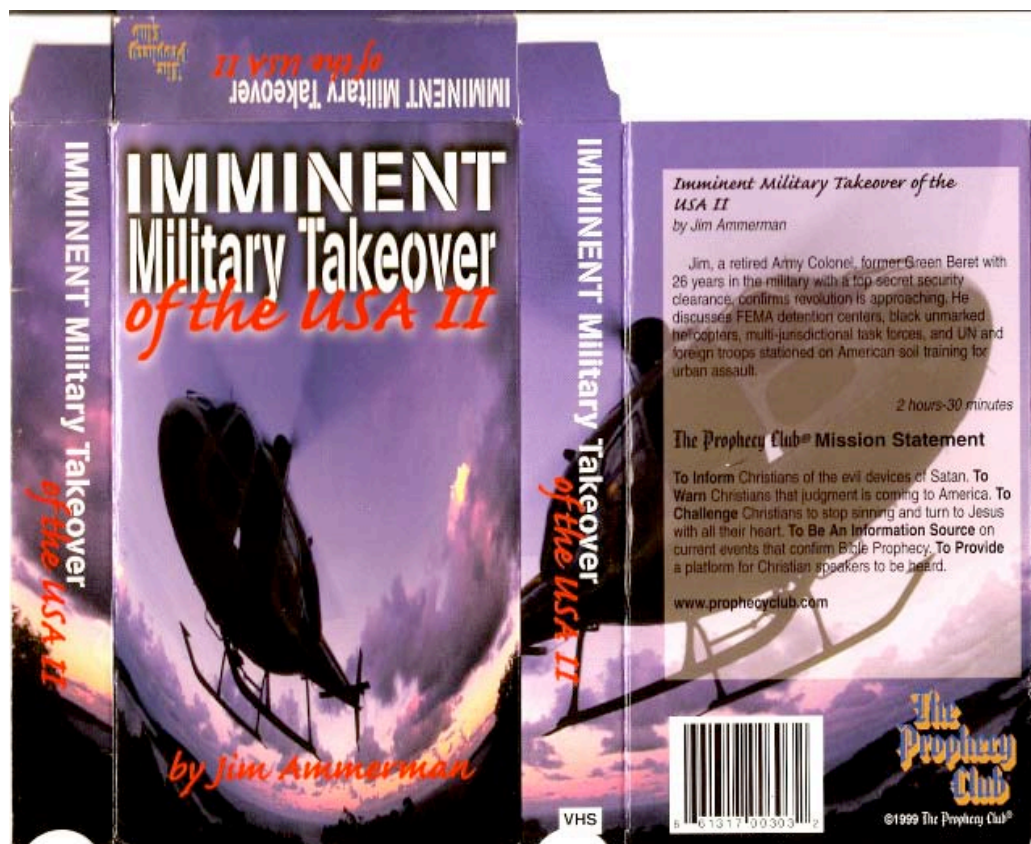
The June 20, 2009 *Newsweek* story by journalist Kathryn Joyce, "Christian Soldiers: The growing controversy over military chaplains using the armed forces to spread the Word", explored Jim Ammerman's involvement in a recently exposed scheme to distribute native-language Bibles in Iraq as well as the controversy surrounding reports from a nonprofit watchdog group, the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, of an extensive pattern of illegal and sometimes abusive Christian fundamentalist religious proselytizing in the United States Military. Founded by Air Force academy graduate and Reagan Administration lawyer "Mikey" Weinstein, MRFF was at the center of a May 2009 story, about the spread of fundamentalism in the US military, published in *Harpers Magazine*.

Ammerman's activities in the civilian sphere are equally notable:

From the late 1990's and up into the 2008 presidential election, Retired Colonel Jim Ammerman has engaged in a pattern of anti-government agitation and, along with one of his top chaplains noted in the *Newsweek* story, James F. Linzey, has gone on national speaking tours to promote a class of New World Order and Federal Reserve conspiracy theory which has been widely credited with helping inspire acts of right wing violence and also the rise of the militia

movement in the 1990's. But these conspiracy narratives are not secular; they are interwoven with apocalyptic Biblical narratives and presented as "Bible prophecy."

[below: VHS cassette box packaging from Jim Ammerman/Prophecy Club video "Imminent Military Takeover of the United States II"]]



James F. Linzey's conspiracy theories, which Major Linzey promoted in 2005 during a Prophecy Club speaking tour and through appearances on Christian media venues in 2005 and 2006, had an overtly racist, anti-immigrant slant and both Ammerman and Linzey have each publicized a conspiracy theory, long ago debunked, claiming that foreign Jewish banking concerns, including "The Rothschilds," control the American economy through the Federal Reserve. The Anti-Defamation League identifies that class of conspiracy theory as A Classic Anti-Semitic Myth." Holocaust Museum shooter James W. von Brunn promoted that particular conspiracy theory in his writings.

Experts who study the relationship between conspiracy theory and right wing violence, such as Political Research Associates Senior Analyst Chip Berlet, suggest such conspiracy theory feeds a cultural climate that can provoke acts of violence against targeted, demonized groups in society.

Responding to transcripts of several of James Linzey's 2005 radio appearances, Chip Berlet stated,

"Linzey's description of the alleged NWO conspiracy is tainted by historic antisemitic claims and encourages the scapegoating of Jews as part of a global plot. Similar claims made in the 1990s helped mobilize the armed citizens militia movements and provided the justification for some to prepare for conflict which led to violent confrontations with government agents.

Linzey has adopted wholesale the standard Illuminati/Freemason conspiracy theory about the NWO featured by Patriot groups such as the John Birch Society. Linzey however also echoes antisemitic claims such as those found in the notorious hoax document the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, where Jews are named as the ultimate ringleaders. When Linzey talks about the "world bankers" he is using language that is readily recognized by antisemites as meaning "Jewish Bankers." "

[below: in 2005 Prophecy Club-distributed video, James F. Linzey claims "our new would-be world rulers, global banking, are trying to change our whole racial order, our whole social order, our whole political order, and our whole religious order."]

<http://vimeo.com/4890329?pg=embed&sec=>

For James F. Linzey, illegal immigrants also appeared to be centrally in the crosshairs. Linzey served as the head command chaplain for the Operation Iraqi Freedom troop mobilization and can be seen in photographs shaking hands with Army head Pete Geren and Navy Admiral Mike Mullen.

Ministering to Military Personnel as a Chaplain

Hello Friends. I would like to share a couple of photos with you taken recently when I met the Secretary of the Army the Honorable Peter Geren on November 17, 2008, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen on December 1, 2008 (and receiving the Admiral's coin). I had the wonderful opportunity to share some of my experiences in the chaplaincy with these men.

On November 5, 2008 I celebrated my 23rd year as a military chaplain.

Sincerely, Jim

James F. Linzey
Chaplain (MAJOR), USA



Secretary Geren and Jim Linzey



Admiral Mullen congratulates Jim

During an April 10, 2005 radio show appearance Linzey told listening audiences that,

"I want Americans, I want everybody listening, to go out and buy 5 weapons and 5,000 bullets -- for your own protection, for self defense. Because I believe that foreign soldiers will come to our houses, to rape our wives and teenage daughters and kill the men right in front of them -- and then the women will bear children of an ethnic stock different from what they are...

...this whole illegal immigration thing is a ploy. It's done deliberately. It's not done by accident. This is not a matter of 'Oh, they're coming over the border because they can't get a job in Mexico.' -- NO. The world bankers did the same thing to Mexico that they are now doing to America. That's why they're coming up here. Now they want to make us the same ethnic group through intermarriage, and rape, and killing the Caucasians."

[video, below: In April 10, 2005 radio broadcast James F. Linzey claims Chinese troops are training an army of Mexican and illegal aliens who will kill millions of Caucasian men and rape Caucasian women and teenagers, thus altering the racial makeup of America.]

<http://tinyurl.com/lIsjxd>

In a videotaped appearance before a live audience, also from 2005, James Linzey declared,

"Remember, the demons believe in Jesus Christ. They believe in the truth -- see that's Jesus Christ -- and they tremble. And so the demons inside these greedy world bankers are trembling that Americans would come to find the truth about what they're all about. They are as scared as little tiny mice running up and down the curtains in the cathedrals. Now, they're in the cathedrals. They're in the churches. They're controlling pulpits. That's how mainstream Protestantism has declined. Because they invaded the churches, and the mainstream Protestant churches stopped hearing the truth. So they want to squelch the truth by taking over the church. Now, this is not in my notes, but I was inspired by God because these are demonic, dastardly creatures from the pit of hell, and we need to stomp them out."

[Below: James F. Linzey calls for Christians to "stomp out" the "greedy world bankers" Linzey claims control America and Christian denominational churches.]

<http://vimeo.com/5288710?pg=embed&sec=>

Both Jim Ammerman and James Linzey have promoted dire conspiracy theories warning that a United Nations takeover of the United States, with the help of foreign troops hidden in national forests and military bases, is imminent. In a January, 1997 talk that was videotaped and broadcast nationally over scores of radio and TV stations, and subsequently cited as evidence in a subsequent Pentagon review of Jim Ammerman's activities, the military chaplain endorser called for the execution of then-president Bill Clinton, for alleged treason.

[below: Jim Ammerman tells his audience, "Most of our freedoms are gone. We're basically operating in a police state... martial law has not yet been declared but it could be at any time... we already have more foreign troops, and I'll give you the numbers, in this land, in the 48 states, than we have our own military left here that's not been shipped somewhere overseas. So the takeover could happen at any given hour... but the conspiracy began way back in eons of time ago when, up in heaven, there was an archangel named Lucifer. And he decided that he was going to try and effect a coup."]

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President Clinton had signed a secret edict, claimed Ammerman, which in the event of a national emergency would pass control of the government over to the Secretary General of the United Nations. Bill Clinton had also established himself as a dictator, established "nature worship" as the national religion, outlawed Christian churches, established secret FEMA detention centers and, in league with the United Nations, hidden up to 1.3 million Chinese, Russian, German, and UN troops in National Forests and on domestic military bases.

[Below: Retired Colonel Jim Ammerman declares existence of up to 1.3 million foreign troops hidden in US National Parks and on military bases.]

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During the talk, Ammerman stated that he had been in communication with US military commanders "at the battalion level and above" who were considering taking action against "domestic enemies." Ammerman also suggested his chaplains functioned as a private intelligence network which he could use to influence foreign policy outcomes.

Jim Ammerman gave the January 1997 speech during the second of two national tours, in 1996 and 1997, during which Retired Colonel Ammerman, introduced to his audiences as having "top level [US government] security clearance" and, armed with a Powerpoint presentation filled with dubious and wholly invented bullet-points, told audiences, at paid speaking engagements, that the United States government was imminently ready to institute a police state and throw dissidents into concentration camps.

The context was explicitly religious. The "imminent military takeover" Ammerman warned his audiences of would be the last stage in the establishment of a one-world government, a satanic New World Order under the Antichrist.

Behind the conspiracy, which ultimately traced back to Lucifer's "coup plot" against God according to Ammerman, were Illuminati and Jewish bankers who, through control of the US Federal Reserve, ruled the American economy. Ammerman claimed those same bankers, led by the Rothschild banking family, also controlled the economies of the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, and France.

Bill Clinton secretly took orders from Hillary Clinton, declared Ammerman, because she outranked him in the Illuminati. The Illuminati organization had been created specifically to destroy America's freedom and, in league with "world bankers" who were almost exclusively Jewish, Illuminati were working

to financially enslave and bankrupt the US middle class.

Jim Ammerman gave his presentations under the auspices of an industrial-scale antigovernment agitation effort run by a Topeka, Kansas Christian ministry called The Prophecy Club which organized seditious public presentations, videotaped and sold in VHS cassette format and also nationally broadcast by Prophecy Club affiliate stations numbering, at the Club's height in the late 1990's, over eighty radio stations and twenty five TV stations with a theoretical broadcast reach of roughly ten percent of the American population.

At its peak, Prophecy Club speakers addressed audiences in forty US cities across America each month. Many Prophecy Club speakers claimed to have US military or government experience, high level security clearances, and insider's knowledge of sinister government plots. Their conspiracy theories narratives were surprisingly uniform and conveyed a clear message; the government was the enemy.

Some of the Prophecy Club's speakers, such as Texe Marrs, were unabashedly anti-Semitic. One, Fritz Springmeier, is a white supremacist who was convicted in 2003 of bank robbery and can be seen in a Prophecy Club videos [\[1\]](#), [\[2\]](#) viewable on Google Video and YouTube, giving presentations on the "Bloodlines of the Illuminati" and addressing an audience with the message that reptilian alien/human hybrids can be identified by the shape of their eyes. Springmeier, author of an influential conspiracy theory book *The Thirteen Bloodlines of The Illuminati*, has helped spawn an entire subclass of conspiracy theory now currently being mainstreamed through a hit pulp fiction series, the *Band of Brothers* books written by GodTV co-founder Wendy Alec.

The Prophecy Club has been almost wholly neglected by contemporary historians but from it's inception in 1993 through it heyday in the late 1990's and into the current decade the club has retailed to audiences across America the sort of far-right, anti-government New World Order and Federal Reserve conspiracy theories widely credited with helping to inspire the rise of the white supremacist and anti-government militia movements during the 1990's. According to some reports Ammerman's Prophecy Club videos circulated widely during the late 1990's among the burgeoning militia movement.

Kansas court records appear to indicate that Scott Roeder, accused of murdering Kansas abortion doctor James Tiller, worked for The Prophecy Club during the late 1990's when Jim Ammerman was doing speaking tours with the ministry.

As a subsequent Pentagon investigation into the retired Colonel's 1997 public speaking activities revealed, Jim Ammerman had stated, in a January 7, 1997

radio broadcast, that foreign troops were being trained at Fort Hood, in Texas. At dawn on the Fourth of July, 1997, two militia movement members were arrested, outside of Fort Hood, armed with 1600 rounds of ammunition, ready to attack the foreign troops they believed were stationed at the base.

In a September 25, 1997 letter from the office of Assistant Secretary of Defense Normand G. Lezy, concerning Ammerman's Prophecy Club tours and radio show appearances, Lezy ordered a review of the status of Jim Ammerman's chaplain endorsement agency. In the letter, Lezy wrote that "[o]f specific concern is the perception created by Mr. E.H. Jim Ammerman... that:

a. Chaplaincy Full Gospel Churches chaplains, commissioned in the Military Services, may be used and/or solicited to be used as agents to collect and convey military intelligence information for Mr. Ammerman's political purposes."

Lezy's letter also cited "Mr. Ammerman's encouragement to to affiliate with organizations considered prohibited to military personnel for reasons of their supremacist viewpoints, promoting intolerance, and being detrimental to the good order, discipline or mission accomplishment..."

The third issue of concern was "Mr. Ammerman's videotape presentation 'The Immanent Military Takeover of the USA' and his audiotaped NewsWatch radio interviews in which there is the suggestion of a military overthrow of the United States government."

During the current decade conspiracy theories, wrapped in a veneer of Biblical prophecy, alleging that "Illuminati" and "world bankers" control the US and world economy and are scheming to set up a satanic "New World Order" police-state system, have been globalized and are now distributed by Christian media over broadcast networks that can reach hundreds of millions worldwide.

San Antonio Cornerstone Church pastor John Hagee, criticized during the 2008 election when apparently anti-Jewish comments by the pastor surfaced after Hagee had endorsed GOP presidential hopeful John McCain, Jr., had by the middle of the current decade achieved a broadcast capability which could reach into the homes of up to 100 million families worldwide.

As with Jim Ammerman and James F. Linzey, Hagee has promoted, wrapped in a pretense of "Bible Prophecy", New World Order and Federal Reserve conspiracy theories which identify the Rothschild banking family as the chief foreign financial power controlling the US economy and scheming to undermine American patriotism and bankrupt the middle class by devaluing the dollar.

[Below: short documentary video explores similarity between WW2-era Nazi anti-Jewish propaganda and claims made by Pastor John Hagee, during a sermon Hagee gave in 2003]

<http://tinyurl.com/kumo8u>

GodTV, which broadcasts from Jerusalem and claims its networks can reach several hundred million worldwide, has recently aired a series featuring New World Order/Federal Reserve conspiracy theorists including Gary Kah and Paul McCguire. Kah's list of Jewish banking concerns he claims control the US economy is extremely similar to the lists cited by Jim Ammerman and James Linzey.

Such conspiracy theories have diffused widely through American society. A search of YouTube videos using the terms "New World Order" and "Obama" produces over 90,000 results, many of which are videos claiming President Obama is part of an alleged, grand New World Order conspiracy.

Fused with Christian supremacist narratives claiming America was founded as an explicitly Christian nation, New World Order conspiracy narratives have permeated American government and politics, and the United States military. Because the theories are disguised as Biblical prophecy they can be spread readily, to little notice from secular society.

Last August 9, 2008 during a sermon at the Sioux Falls, South Dakota Cornerstone Church Jim Ammerman declared that Barack Obama was secretly a Muslim and predicted that if the Illinois Senator won the election, "we won't have a president very long" because Muslims would try to murder the new president -- for betraying Allah. If candidate Obama chose Hillary Clinton as his vice presidential running mate and won the election, pastor Ammerman continued, Bill Clinton would arrange for Obama to be killed because "[Bill] wants back in the White House."

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