

Bio & Terror Bible

EXPOSING THE COMING BIO-TERROR PANDEMIC

BIOTERRORBIBLE.COM: The following state/government sponsored bio-terror tests (attacks) occurred during the Vietnam War, specifically in 1970. The historical record of state sponsored bio-terror is littered with unprovoked attacks on unsuspecting soldiers and citizens alike. The fact that state sponsored bio-terror tests (attacks) exist in mass confirms not only that government is the serial bio-terrorist, but that it will strike again in the near future.

Currently, Israel is the only modern nation that has **not signed** the 1972 [Biological Weapons Convention](#) (refusal to engage in offensive biological warfare, stockpiling, and use of biological weapons). Also, Israel is the only modern nation that has **signed but not ratified** the 1993 [Chemical Weapons Convention](#) (refusal to produce, stockpile and use chemical weapons). Should the world suffer a major bio-terror attack or pandemic, Israel will be the #1 suspect.

Title: U.S. Military Used Nerve Gas To Kill Vietnam War Defectors, Report Says

Date: June 8, 1998

Source: [LA Times](#)

Abstract: The U.S. military used nerve gas on a mission to kill Americans who defected during the Vietnam War, CNN and Time magazine said Sunday in a joint report.

The so-called Operation Tailwind was approved by the Nixon White House as well as the CIA, the report said, quoting as its main source retired Adm. Thomas Moorer, a Vietnam-era chief of naval operations and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Former military officials who participated in the operation said their job was to kill defectors in Vietnam from the U.S. military, but it was not known for sure whether the suspected defectors died during a preparatory nerve gas attack or during a subsequent assault with conventional weapons carried out by Special Forces troops.

A companion story on the eight-month investigation in which 200 people were interviewed appears in the current edition of Time magazine, written jointly by a CNN producer and correspondent.

"It was pretty well understood that if you came across a defector, and could prove it to yourself beyond a reasonable doubt, do it, under any circumstance, kill them," said 1st Lt. Robert Van Buskirk, who was a platoon leader in the operation. "It wasn't about bringing them back. It was to kill them."

"We have no historical evidence to confirm we ever used nerve gas in Vietnam or mounted operations against defectors," Pentagon spokesman Jim Turner told AP on Sunday.

The reported use of nerve gas came after Nixon pledged a "no first use" policy on nerve gas. The U.S. had already signed a treaty restricting chemical weapons, but the Senate had not ratified it.

The nerve gas, sarin, is the same gas used three years ago in a deadly terrorist subway attack in Japan.

Several officers who served in Operation Tailwind told the premiere episode of "NewsStand: CNN & Time" that the government liked to call the gas "incapacitating gas" or "knockout gas"--but that its true makeup was widely known.

"Nerve gas, the government don't want it called that," said Mike Hagen, a platoon sergeant in Operation Tailwind. "They want to call it incapacitating agent or some other form, but it was nerve gas."

The report said Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1970, did not admit on camera that nerve gas was used, but confirmed off camera that it was.

"I would be willing to use any weapon and any tactic to save the lives of American soldiers," Moorer said on camera, adding that he had no figures on how often lethal gas was used during the war. "I never made a point of counting that up," he said. "I'm sure you can find out from those that have used them."

The soldiers involved in the nerve gas operations were part of the Studies and Observations Group, a small, elite unit of the Special Forces. CNN quoted John Singlaub, a former commander of the unit, as saying it could be more important to the survival of U.S. troops to kill defectors than enemy soldiers because the defectors' knowledge of communications and tactics "can be damaging."

Van Buskirk said the team attacked a village base camp in Laos after observing American men--believed to be defectors--among the people. He said he even threw a hand grenade down a hole to kill two American men who were fleeing.

"We basically destroyed everything there," Hagen said.

Van Buskirk described the scene as "a mess."

"It was just pieces of human beings," he said, adding that among the more than 100 bodies, soldiers saw more than a dozen Americans they believed to be defectors.

But the gas use didn't stop there, the news show reported.

Former military officials said the gas was used a second time to get the team out of the area after enemy troops arrived.

"They were told to put on their funny faces [gas masks] because war daddy said we are coming in with gas," said Capt. Eugene McCarley, who led Operation Tailwind but says he never considered the use of lethal gas.

McCarley also denies that Operation Tailwind's mission was to kill defectors. "We weren't looking for any village. We stumbled upon it by accident," he said.

One Tailwind veteran described seeing the enemy forces throwing up and in convulsions on the ground.

"I looked down into this valley. All I see is bodies," Van Buskirk said.

Veterans' activist Ted Sampley of Kinston, N.C., reacted with disbelief when contacted about the story late Sunday. He said he remembers only being warned of deserters fighting with enemy troops and of being told to kill those soldiers if found.

"The United States did a lot of things . . . but the use of nerve gas over there, I find it really hard to believe," said Sampley, who did two tours in Vietnam, the last as a member of the Special Forces ([LA Times, 1998](#)).

Title: CNN Retracts Report That U.S. Used Nerve Gas

Date: July 3, 1998

Source: [New York Times](#)

Abstract: Cable News Network executives yesterday retracted the network's report that the United States military used lethal sarin nerve gas in a secret 1970 mission in Laos with the intention of killing American defectors.

The retraction, broadcast yesterday afternoon and accompanied by an apology, was based on an independent investigation, done at CNN's request, that showed the report's conclusions were not supported by the evidence.

The original broadcast, accompanied by the fanfare of advance publicity common in the growing community of broadcast news magazines, was shown on June 7 as the feature presentation on the first installment of the news magazine show "Newsstand: CNN & Time." The broadcast, a joint venture with Time magazine, was hailed within the Time-Warner empire as the fruit of productive synergy between the company's disparate news-gathering operations.

The apology amounted to a devastating admission that the report had falsely cast the United States Government, and in particular its military and intelligence arms, as brazenly using and concealing the use of one of the most forbidden weapons in the modern arsenal, a nerve gas banned by numerous international treaties.

A day after the piece was broadcast, a slightly modified version of the account of a mission code-named Operation Tailwind was published in Time, which also made a retraction and an apology yesterday. Journalists at Time and CNN said yesterday that the story was broadcast and published despite reservations raised by journalists within both organizations who received a last-minute chance to examine the report.

A senior executive with the network said yesterday that Peter Arnett, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and perhaps the network's most prominent correspondent, had been reprimanded for his work on the story. April Oliver and her colleague Jack Smith, the producers who had led the eight-month reporting effort, refused to resign and were dismissed. Pamela Hill, the senior executive producer of "Newsstand," resigned.

Saying that CNN alone was responsible for the erroneous report, Tom Johnson, the chairman of the CNN News Group, issued a statement saying, "We acknowledge serious faults in the use of sources who provided 'Newsstand' with the original reports and therefore retract the Tailwind story.

"We apologize to our viewers and to our colleagues at Time for this mistake."

Time's article appeared under the bylines of Ms. Oliver and Mr. Arnett, whose career has taken him from Vietnam in the early 1960's to Baghdad in the Persian Gulf war. A Time editor reviewed the article and accepted its basic thrust.

The investigation of the broadcast, conducted by Floyd Abrams, the constitutional lawyer, offered a microscopic examination of how journalism can go awry.

"The CNN broadcast was not fair," the report said.

It showed no fabrication or illegality, but a more subtle process of distortion that began when conclusions outstripped the evidence, continued when sources were encouraged to believe that unseen evidence proved their own suspicions to be true and was compounded by interviews laced with hypothetical questions and ambiguous answers. Ultimately, the report concluded, the journalists refused to give more than a glancing nod to eyewitnesses' denials that sarin gas had been used.

"The CNN journalists involved in this project believed in every word they wrote," according to the Abrams report. "If anything, the serious flaws in the broadcast that we identify in this report may stem from the depths of those beliefs and the degree to which the journalists discounted contrary information they received precisely because they were so firmly persuaded that what they were broadcasting was true."

But even as her work was being repudiated, Ms. Oliver, the producer, refused to back away from her conclusions. "I feel that this report was solid," she said, "that I made every step any journalist would take to insure its accuracy and that I had the full backing of management all the way up to the top."

In a conference call with reporters yesterday, Mr. Abrams said he had enlisted former intelligence officers from the investigative firm Jules Kroll to try to confirm the account through their own military, intelligence and diplomatic sources.

The account of the Abrams investigation, which was posted on CNN's site on the World Wide Web (www.cnn.com), included numerous instances of overreaching in the broadcast. His report examines the five underpinnings of the broadcast -- including interviews with participants, information from nerve gas experts, confidential sources with knowledge of United States intelligence operations, a retired Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff -- and finds flaws in every one.

The most-cited source, Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, who was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from mid-1970 to mid-1974, is 87, lives in an assisted-care retirement home in Maryland and is no longer relied on by CNN's military correspondents. And many of the answers he gave were to hypothetical questions.

The accounts of those on the scene, where a commando unit had attacked a base camp and then called for backup air support, are dramatic. Particularly dramatic are accounts that the backup fixed-wing planes dropped gas to help the American unit escape.

But, as one of the pilots of the aircraft said yesterday, when the CNN journalists interviewed him, "I mostly got nerve-gas questions and I gave tear-gas answers."

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Walter Isaacson, Time's managing editor, declined to elaborate on a statement he issued yesterday, which said, "Based on our own investigation and that conducted by CNN, we have concluded that the facts simply do not support the allegations that were made."

The Time article was edited by John F. Stacks, an executive editor, and Johanna McGeary, Time's senior foreign correspondent, neither of whom returned calls seeking comment. It was also overseen by Joelle Attinger, an executive editor at Time Inc. who serves as Time magazine's liaison with CNN.

"I'm heartbroken," Ms. Attinger said yesterday. "I think we all take responsibility for it."

People at Time say the magazine relied on the 156-page summary in which Ms. Oliver detailed her sources, a summary that Mr. Abrams criticized in his report as selective and slanted.

At no time, several people at Time said, did anyone question Ms. Oliver's material as insufficient or suspect, nor did anyone argue that the article should not run. Moreover, people at Time said there was no overt pressure from CNN to publish the article.

But one correspondent said the timing of CNN's broadcast of the gas story -- which ran that Sunday -- was such that Time felt compelled to publish the article. "Normally on a Friday, if there are serious questions about a story you can always hold it," said one Time correspondent who declined to be identified.

Although Time has been working with CNN on polls and on the news magazine program "Impact," the gas story was the first collaboration in the magazine.

Similarly, Norman Pearlstine, the editor in chief of Time Inc., said the company stood by its alliance with CNN. "It doesn't cause me to rethink the teamwork with TV," he said. "All of us obviously learned some

things here, and I'm sure as the weeks go on we'll have discussions about what are the appropriate procedures in any kind of joint venture."

Richard N. Kaplan, the president of CNN-U.S., said the network plans to establish a unit to review the material in longer news magazine-type broadcasts ([New York Times, 1998](#)).

Title: Veterans File For Class Action Over Weapons Testing

Date: February 13, 2012

Source: [Bio Prep Watch](#)

Abstract: A petition for class certification was recently filed on behalf of eight individual disabled veterans and two non-profit veteran's organizations that have been involved in a two year court battle with the U.S. military over the secret testing of chemical and biological weapons on soldiers.

The plaintiffs, including Vietnam Veterans of America and Swords into Plowshares, allege that none of the estimated 100,000 "volunteers" for the program provided their informed consent and that some of the testing was conducted on unwitting participants, according to [Salem-News.com](#).

The lawsuit does not seek monetary damages, but has called for the overturning of the so-called Feres doctrine, a 1950 Supreme Court decision that has served to insulate the federal government from liability under the Federal Torts Claims Act for claims brought by service personnel. The court dismissed this claim early in the case.

In addition, the plaintiffs are demanding the military notify participants what substances were tested on them, the method of administration and the known health effects. They are also seeking healthcare coverage for veterans who have suffered diseases or other conditions related to their participation in the program, [Salem-News.com](#) reports.

The research programs allegedly tested more than 400 different chemical and biological agents on soldiers during five decades of research, including anthrax, plague, tularemia, Q fever, dioxin and Agent Orange.

In an ongoing process, the plaintiffs have filed a series of motions challenging the defendants' claims that key documents in the case are considered state secrets.

"The chem/bio veterans were used by the government many years ago and were discharged and abandoned. It is a national disgrace that must be made right," Rick Weidman of the Vietnam Veterans of America said, [Salem-News.org](#) reports ([Bio Prep Watch, 2012](#)).