

## Report from Iron Mountain

*War itself is the basic social system, within which other secondary modes of social organization conflict or conspire. It is the system which has governed most human societies of record, as it is today.*

—Section Four of the *Report from Iron Mountain*, 1967

In October, 1967, in a nation ripped apart by both a seemingly never-ending war and domestic unrest caused by racial divides, a book was released—or, rather, a “report”—on the manner in which the United States (and, I would add, all nations) could be manipulated should warfare ever come to an end.

These findings were the alleged result of a special group of think-tank types who had met since 1963 to discuss whether peace was a viable option given the global economic condition—one which was inextricably dependent on industrial war production.

The Iron Mountain report acknowledged that the government’s ultimate power over its people lay in its ability to wage war.

The report also recommended the government create enemies—in lieu of another nation’s military threat—through which the masses could be kept in a state of fear and, therefore, in a state of compliance.

(Sound familiar?)

The report, whose author or authors remained anonymous, made its way onto the *New York Times* bestseller list and created a major stir in President Lyndon B. Johnson’s administration.

A campaign was soon mounted to defame the report as a hoax.

But one might be able to decide, just by reading the few excerpts that follow, whether the report was indeed a hoax or the release of a plan for global control that was never meant to but did go public.

Regarding an acceptable substitute for war, in Section Six the report states:

“. . . It is entirely possible that the Control of potential enemies of society is the reintroduction, in some form consistent with modern technology and political processes, of slavery. Up to now, this has been suggested only in fiction, notably in the works of Wells, Huxley, Orwell, and others engaged in the imaginative anticipation of the sociology of the future. But the fantasies projected in *Brave New World* and *1984* have seemed less and less implausible over the years since their publication. Development of a sophisticated form of slavery may be an absolute prerequisite for social control in a world at peace. As a practical matter, conversion of the code of military discipline to a euphemized form of enslavement would entail surprisingly little revision; the logical first step would be the adoption of some form of ‘universal’ military service.”

Three points of interest in this paragraph:

First, the mention that Huxley’s and Orwell’s projected fantasies had become “less implausible over the years since their publication.” When a fantasy becomes plausible, it’s not a fantasy or a fiction any longer but a reality. Both authors knew what was to come and revealed the plan in their literature.

Second, the assertion that “the development of a sophisticated form of slavery may be an absolute prerequisite for social control in a world at peace.” This has been

taking place for some time. Financially, we have been put into slavery by the income tax and the creation of the private central bank known as the Federal Reserve. But, beyond that, State-sponsored fake terrorism has succeeded in eroding our freedoms formerly guaranteed by our bill of rights.

Third, the curious reference to “a euphemized form of enslavement would entail surprisingly little revision; the logical first step would be the adoption of some form of ‘universal military service.’”

And today we have on The Hill, the “Universal National Service Act of 2005,” or HR 2723 IH, a bill formerly entitled the “Universal Military Service [Act].”

Yeah, probably just another coincidence.

Once again, regarding control of the population through a warfare surrogate, consider this excerpt from Section Six of the Iron Mountain report:

“To develop a model for this notion, on the implausible level of popular melodrama, as a ritualized manhunt. More realistically, such a ritual might be socialized, in the manner of the Spanish Inquisition and the less formal witch trials of other periods, for purposes of ‘social purification,’ ‘state security,’ or other rationale both acceptable and credible to postwar societies. . . . What is involved here, in a sense, is the quest for William James’ ‘moral equivalent of war.’”

What’s that about a “ritualized manhunt?” Isn’t that exactly what we’re seeing today?

Abroad our military searches for bin Laden and Al-Zarqawi. At home, our Wasteland Security is ever-vigilant in its efforts to ferret out domestic terrorists.

Manhunts here. Manhunts there. Manhunts everywhere.

All this is happening supposedly for our “state security.” But what’s really going on here?

Our administration prosecutes an ever-widening war, while at home we enjoy less and less liberties because of ethereal terrorists roaming throughout our nation. On top of that we are still urged to support the War on Drugs, the War on Poverty, the War on Cancer. . . .

Why is it that every cause undertaken by Americans must be promoted as a war?

Maybe the answer lies in this excerpt from the Iron Mountain report:

“The existence of an accepted external menace, then, is essential to social cohesiveness as well as to the acceptance of political authority. The menace must be believable, it must be of a magnitude consistent with the complexity of the society threatened, and it must appear, at least, to affect the entire society.”

In other words: all of us are easier to handle if we remain under perpetual threat.

And isn’t that exactly what we’re facing today?

To read online the *Report from Iron Mountain on the Possibility and Desirability of Peace* go to <http://www.humanunderground.com/archive/ironmountain.html>.

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