

Nicholson was lying where he'd fallen, both hands clutching his wounded leg just above the knee. The floor around him was soaked with blood and Richter knew he would die from blood loss if something wasn't done quickly about the bullet wound. He knelt beside him and tied a rough tourniquet around the man's thigh, then applied a broad bandage, taken from a first-aid kit in the kitchen, around the wound itself.

'Now,' Richter said, after Westwood propped Nicholson up against the wall, 'as I was saying before we were interrupted, we want to know more about CAIP. Tell us, and we'll call for an ambulance so you can be in hospital within the hour. If you refuse, then you can probably guess what we'll do.'

Nicholson looked from Richter to Westwood, but just shook his head, his face a mask of pain.

'I don't believe this, Paul,' Westwood murmured. 'It's a covert operation that's over thirty years old and he still won't tell us what it was about?'

'He will eventually. He just needs to be encouraged a little.' Richter stood up, leaned against the wall of the briefing-room and rested his right foot very gently on Nicholson's left shin. 'I'll ask you again,' he said. 'What was CAIP?'

The injured man shook his head once more, and Richter could see him tensing for the pain he knew would come. Richter pressed down harder, then moved his foot backwards, rolling the wounded leg sideways. Nicholson's scream cut through the air as he grabbed frantically at his shin, desperate to immobilize it.

'What was CAIP?' Richter repeated, as the howl died away into a moan. 'I can go on all day, Nicholson. You can't, unfortunately.' And he pushed sideways once more, watching the injured man's expression closely for signs of capitulation.

And then Nicholson spoke, almost imperceptibly. 'Stop,' he said, his voice weak and wavering. 'For God's sake, stop. I'll tell you.'

The other two men crouched down in front of him, listening intently.

‘I’ll tell you,’ Nicholson repeated, sweat glistening on his brow. ‘I’ll explain what CAIP was – and why we did it.’

‘OK,’ Richter grunted, ‘let’s hear it.’

As Nicholson began speaking his voice was so low that they had to lean forward to catch what he was saying. ‘First, you need to understand the background. What do you know about *Weltanschauung* and eugenics?’

Richter glanced at Westwood, who shrugged his shoulders in incomprehension. ‘Not a lot,’ Richter replied, ‘though I do know what the words mean. *Weltanschauung* is a High German term meaning a world view or philosophy. The fact you’ve mentioned eugenics suggests you’re thinking about Hitler’s perverted vision of the future of Germany and the Third Reich. His *Weltanschauung* was that only the strong should survive, and that the toughest of those would become the rulers of the rest, first of Germany, then of Europe and finally of the world. Every other race and nation would be reduced to second-class citizenship, used as a slave-labour force or, in the case of the Jews, exterminated. Basically, the Nazis used the idea as a justification for the Holocaust.

‘Eugenics is pretty much the same, but without the jackboots and concentration camps. Refinement and enhancement of the race through selective breeding. It’s a discredited, foul idea.’

Nicholson shook his head. ‘Not so,’ he said, his voice strengthening. ‘The idea of eugenics is no different in concept to what farmers and biologists do with plants and animals. They try to breed the hardiest crops, the fastest horses, the most intelligent dogs or whatever. Eugenics is no different.’

‘Except that you’re talking about human beings,’ Westwood interrupted. ‘That makes it different. The concept is unacceptable.’

‘The government of Singapore would argue with you,’ Nicholson said. ‘They started a eugenics programme back in 1986. They offered pay increases to female university graduates who had children and at the same time paid grants for property purchase to women who hadn’t been to university, as long as they agreed to be sterilized after they’d had one or two children.’

‘That’s the first I’ve heard of it,’ Westwood said.

‘Your ignorance doesn’t alter the reality of the situation. The government of Singapore made no secret of their programme, and it was entirely voluntary. If it’s successful, the result should be an overall increase in the

intelligence level of that nation, and at the same time a reduction in the rate of population growth. Which is,' Nicholson added, 'the second factor.'

'I've no idea where you're going with this,' Richter said.

'You'll see, I promise you. Let me ask you something else – what's the population of the Earth?'

'We don't have time for twenty questions, Nicholson. Get to the point.'

'This *is* the point. The present population of this planet is around six billion, and it's doubling about once every twenty-five years – that's an exponential increase. That means about twelve billion by twenty twenty-five and twenty-five billion by the middle of this century. Some time in the next century the figure would reach half a trillion.'

'So what?' Richter demanded.

'So a global population of that size would mean standing room only, everywhere, and I do mean everywhere. That's a population density of about the same as Manhattan over the entire surface of the Earth, including areas that are presently uninhabited, like the Arctic, Antarctic, Siberia, Amazon Basin and the deserts. Actually, it couldn't get that big, because the food supply would run out long before – you can't build cities on the same land you grow crops on.'

'What's that got to do with the CIA and CAIP?'

'Everything,' Nicholson said. 'In the late sixties and early seventies a bunch of studies were carried out here in the States, and they all came to more or less the same conclusion. Something had to be done to slow down the rate of population growth, and if possible to reverse the trend. Most of the studies suggested that the ideal size for the world's population was between about two and a half billion and five billion people. Even the higher figure is a lot less than we've got right now.'

'The most immediate problem was food. Some analysts were predicting that if the population boom in certain countries continued, within the foreseeable future, in just a few decades, the whole world's food supply wouldn't ultimately be enough to feed everyone. America would end up having to supply wheat and other staples, but even that relief would only delay the inevitable. Even with all our resources, there simply wouldn't be enough for everyone to eat, and whole sections of the world's population would end up starving to death.'

'They do now,' Westwood objected.

Nicholson nodded. ‘Yes, but that’s usually for different reasons. In politically unstable countries the food that we and the voluntary organizations supply often doesn’t get through to the people who need it. It’s stolen by government officials who sell it, or it gets dumped in warehouses to rot, that kind of thing.’

‘This is fascinating, but irrelevant,’ Richter snapped. ‘Get to the point.’

‘It’s not irrelevant,’ Nicholson responded sharply. ‘It’s crucial, because it explains the idea behind CAIP. The areas where the population was growing the fastest were identified. Not surprisingly, the Third World was one of them. Africa had always had a high level of infant mortality, but better food and medicines were beginning to reverse that trend: modern science was actually helping create the problem. In the opinion of many analysts, Africa was on the verge of a population explosion, and somebody was going to have to do something about it, soon. And we *did* do something about it.’

‘What?’

Nicholson ignored Richter’s question. ‘Voluntary birth control had been tried in Africa, but that didn’t work. The men refused to use free condoms, and the women didn’t bother to take contraceptive pills. So a group of senior Company agents was tasked with finding a covert method of keeping those populations in some sort of check, just to slow down this dangerous growth.

‘We tried impregnating the wheat and other crops we supplied with drugs that would reduce fertility levels, but that seemed to have little effect, so we looked around at other things. Then the Department of the Army came up with what seemed at the time like a possible solution. It was radical, so we needed high-level Government approval before we implemented it.’

‘How high up?’ Westwood asked.

‘The Department of State,’ Nicholson answered.

‘And that was CAIP?’ Richter suggested. ‘What was it?’

‘CAIP was the most important operation the Company got involved in throughout the whole of the nineteen seventies. In fact, it was perhaps the most important covert operation of the whole century, and one day the world will be thankful for what we had the courage to do.’ There was almost a ring of pride in Nicholson’s voice as he uttered these words.

‘What were you bringing out of Africa?’ Westwood probed.

Nicholson looked at him, and shook his head, grimacing. ‘I said it before, your ignorance is total. We weren’t bringing anything out. We were taking something in.’

‘But the aircraft,’ Richter objected, ‘was flying westwards across the Mediterranean, away from Africa.’

Nicholson nodded. ‘Yes, but it was at the end of the mission, not at the start. We knew even then that we needed to cover our tracks, and that’s why we had to order the escorting fighter to shoot it down. The Learjet was supposed to end up in deep water and be lost for ever, but instead it veered off course. I’ve been waiting since nineteen seventy-two for somebody to stumble across it.’

‘So what was it you were taking into Africa?’ Richter demanded. ‘And what does CAIP stand for?’

Again, Nicholson’s voice rose and strengthened. ‘We needed to find a simple name that would be meaningless to anyone not involved. It stood for Central Africa Inoculation Program, and that’s exactly what it was.’

There was a moment of silence that seemed to stretch for an eternity as the two men stared at Nicholson. Then Richter glanced at Westwood, noticed his look of incomprehension. ‘I think I can see where this is going,’ he said, ‘but I just pray that I’m wrong. Tell us what you were injecting.’

Nicholson shook his head. ‘It was a good, simple idea. All we intended to do was reduce fertility levels, bring the population growth under some kind of control. Our only mistake was that we had no idea what the long-term effects would be. It was merely intended to inhibit reproduction – to act as a damper. We never realized—’

‘What were you injecting?’ Richter asked again. ‘What was in those flasks?’

And again Nicholson shook his head. ‘We couldn’t have predicted the long-term results. We should have spent more time on trials before we started the program, but there was a real sense of urgency at this end. We—’

Richter stood up and kicked Nicholson’s shattered thigh. ‘Just tell us,’ he shouted. ‘What the fuck were you injecting?’

Nicholson howled with renewed pain, grabbed again at his leg. He looked up at Richter. ‘You fucking bastard,’ he cried. ‘OK, OK,’ he continued quickly, as Richter stepped forward again. ‘It was an entirely new substance. The Army scientists had spliced a bovine virus onto a sheep virus, and then modified it further. It had just the characteristics we were

looking for, so we tried it by using a smallpox vaccination program as cover. It was only a trial run. We were only out there a few weeks before the program was shut down.'

'Shut down by whom?' Richter demanded.

'The authority came from the President himself. I think he was secretly informed about the program by one of the doctors involved in the African trial.'

'OK, I'll ask one more time. What were you injecting?'

'A virus,' Nicholson said. 'The strain contained in the flasks was extremely concentrated, a mother strain, and its effectiveness was chemically reduced on site by a factor of over ten billion before we could inject it. That's why we needed doctors and scientists to carry out the trial. But we never thought—'

'Oh, Jesus,' Westwood interrupted, with an appalled expression. 'Is he saying what I think he's saying?'

Richter nodded. 'Yes, but I can hardly believe it. What this bastard means is that in the nineteen seventies some rogue element in the fucking American Army developed AIDS to depopulate the Third World – and a bunch of CIA fanatics filled the syringe for them. It's no wonder those files were sealed by the authority of the President. If this ever became public knowledge, the CIA would be finished – possibly the American Government too.'

'Jesus Christ almighty, what the hell do we do now, Paul?'

'What you do, Westwood,' Nicholson said, his voice stronger as some of his previous fire returned, 'is get me proper medical attention to get this leg fixed. Then you give me those flasks and the file. I'll make sure that the evidence is destroyed permanently. That's the only option that makes sense. We cannot, under any circumstances, allow word of this to leak out. The damage to America would be incalculable.'

Westwood glanced at Richter, who shook his head and motioned him towards the door. Westwood moved across there and stood watching as Richter picked up the silenced SIG and gazed down at the wounded man.

'There are a couple of things you should know, Nicholson. This room is soundproof and airtight. The reason we haven't all suffocated so far is because there's a closed-circuit air-conditioning system that keeps the air fresh. But because it's a closed-circuit system it means that any particles

that are present in the air stay in the air: only the carbon dioxide is allowed to escape. That's the first thing.'

Richter put the SIG down on the desk, then dragged the small table across the room and positioned it about three feet from where Nicholson was propped against the wall. Then he moved across to where Henderson's body lay and picked up the CAIP flask. He held it in his left hand and peered at it for a few moments, as if seeing it for the first time, then he placed it on the table.

'The second thing is that I believe in responsibility and blame. If your organization was responsible for deploying the AIDS virus in Africa and starting the present pandemic, then your organization should take the blame, either in private or in public. Whether it does or not won't be my decision, but the evidence should certainly not be simply destroyed. It's just barely possible that some of the information in the CAIP file, maybe even the concentrated virus in the flasks, might help find a cure for AIDS, and no matter how slim that possibility, that alone is sufficient justification for not destroying it.'

'But you don't understand,' Nicholson protested through his pain. 'The damage that you could do is—'

'I'll tell you,' Richter cut across Nicholson's protest, 'about damage. Anything anyone might do with this information is totally insignificant compared to the damage your repellent scheme has already done, and not just in Black Africa. You simply don't understand, do you? AIDS could exterminate the entire human race, and it would be your doing.' His last words came out as a bellow and again he kicked Nicholson hard in the leg.

'Get out of here, John.' Richter's voice was suddenly low and controlled. He waited until Westwood had left the briefing-room and picked up the SIG.

Nicholson was howling with pain, his hands clutching desperately at his bloody leg, but Richter's face was without pity or remorse. 'If you have a god,' Richter spoke in a voice as cold as death, 'I hope He can forgive you, because I can't. You are responsible for creating AIDS, so it's only right that you should die from it.'

'No, no! Please! We can work this out,' Nicholson cried out. 'I'll hand over everything, I'll tell you everything I know.'

Richter ignored his sudden pleading. He walked over to the door, then turned and took careful aim. The pistol coughed once and the steel flask on

the table bounced into the air. Its side ruptured where the bullet had struck, scattering a dirty brown cloud down towards the injured man. Richter pulled the door closed immediately.

The last thing he heard before the soundproof door slammed shut was Nicholson's despairing wail as the viral spores began to fill his lungs.

Epilogue

‘The amount of American philanthropy aimed at AIDS is unparalleled and the US funds nearly 30% of the Global Fund’s \$4.8 billion budget. President Bush recently pledged \$15 billion to fight HIV/AIDS over the next five years.’

Extract from an article by Eric Bovim and posted at www.TechCentralStation.com

Though what you’ve just read is a novel, with all the usual disclaimers about people living and dead, the above quotation is genuine, as is the analysis which follows.

AIDS: An analysis

I have had to take one slight liberty in writing this novel: I have no idea how the human body would react if exposed to an unadulterated ‘mother strain’ of the AIDS virus, or even if such a thing exists. The physical effects I’ve described in this book are violent and dramatic, but are by no means unreal. Victims of infection by either a filovirus (Ebola and Marburg) or an arenavirus (Lassa) would suffer very much the same symptoms as those I’ve described. The only difference would be the timescale, with Ebola Zaïre killing its victims the quickest, usually in about a week to ten days.

As I’ve said, this book is a novel, but what follows here is fact, not fiction. It should frighten you – it terrifies me.

Despite what the doctors and scientists tell us, the nature of both AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency [or Immunodeficiency] Syndrome) and the disease itself are still very poorly understood. The Internet hosts literally thousands of sites where eminently qualified doctors and researchers promulgate their own theories and views about AIDS. Many of these theories are mutually exclusive and contradictory, and even a brief survey leads to the inescapable conclusion that *nobody* actually knows what's going on.

There is no accepted consensus about where and when AIDS originated, how it came to enter the human population, what relationship – if any – HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) has to AIDS¹ and, if you believe some of the specialists, whether the HIV virus actually exists. There is even a groundswell of apparently well-informed opinion that suggests AIDS is caused by recreational drug use, and is not a viral infection at all.²

There are a multitude of claims and counter claims, usually completely contradictory. One frequently quoted report stated that by the end of the 1980s some 16,000 health-care workers had become infected by AIDS. Another report, dealing with broadly the same data set, alleged that no health-care workers had contracted AIDS. Clearly one, or even both, of these reports has to be wrong.

In short, we still don't really know what's killing people or what we can do about it.

However, the generally accepted 'official' view of the beginning of the AIDS pandemic is that in the early 1970s an infected green monkey – the source of its own infection being unknown – came out of the rain forest and bit an African, or possibly an African male had sex with an infected green monkey (which it is worth saying is about the size of a chicken), and that single incident precipitated the spread of the disease.

Quite apart from the total lack of any supporting evidence for this quaint folk tale, there are two very sound biological reasons for dismissing the story as complete fiction.

First of all, the AIDS virus bears no resemblance whatsoever to any naturally occurring virus ever found in a green monkey, or in any other primate. Specifically, the codon choices (that is, the sequence of three purine and pyrimidine bases in the virus's ribonucleic acid [RNA] that codes for the production of a particular amino acid by the infected cell) that are present in the AIDS virus are not present in the genes of primates. That

means that the chances of the AIDS virus occurring naturally in any monkey, of any species, are microscopically small.^{3,4}

The key words in the above paragraph are ‘naturally occurring’, because African primates have been found to be carrying Ebola and Marburg (both of which are believed by a significant number of researchers to be manufactured viruses) and AIDS, but only after they have been deliberately injected with them for the purposes of vaccine production, medical studies and biological weapons research.

Second, it is rare but not impossible for viruses to jump species. Possibly the record is held by the Hendra virus, a member of the paramyxovirus family (the measles virus is a member of this group), which emerged in 1994 in Australia in a species of fruit-eating bat, but was subsequently found to be capable of infecting and killing horses and cats, as well as human beings.⁵ However, viruses that do this are the exception: most are highly specific and cannot jump species unless they have been engineered to do so.

It’s also worth mentioning, and then dismissing, the ‘Patient Zero’ story. This is more or less folklore, but is still for some reason one theory that has been espoused by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as by a number of other people who should certainly know better.

Patient Zero was Gaetan Dugas, a promiscuous homosexual Canadian airline steward who was diagnosed as HIV-positive in 1980: the origin of his infection remains unknown. He is supposed to have been the source for both the New York and San Francisco outbreaks of AIDS in America, despite the fact that he lived in Canada and travelled primarily to Canadian cities. For him to have been the source of these infections, one has to suppose that, for no readily discernible reason, he only had sex in American cities, but not in Canada. AIDS broke out in 1978 in Manhattan and in 1980 in San Francisco, but not in Toronto or Quebec or Ontario or any of the other cities Dugas is known to have visited.^{6,7} The dates of these American infections are, however, highly significant, as I will mention shortly.

So what really happened?

Absolute proof is almost never found in situations of this type – there is no ‘smoking gun’ to be discovered – but an analysis of some of the documentation relating to AIDS that has been located by researchers, and a

survey of the timescale of various incidents, does point clearly to one appalling hypothesis.

Most of the following has been derived from a variety of sites on the Internet. Readers who are interested should carry out their own research and form their own conclusions. For me, a lot of what follows has the undeniable ring of truth, but obviously I cannot vouch for the absolute veracity of the whole. Readers should also be aware that the URLs I have listed were available when this note was written, but are not necessarily still extant, the Internet being a fluid and dynamic resource.

The story begins in the late 1960s, and one of the first documented references is held in the US Senate Library. It's a record of an Appropriations Hearing that was held in July 1969, when the United States Department of the Army specifically requested (and subsequently received, in 1970) a ten-million-dollar grant to develop a synthetic biological agent that would impair or destroy the human immune system.⁸

Round about the same time, personnel employed by a number of American medical organizations authored articles that advocated similar kinds of research aiming at the development of a hybrid virus that would have the same function.⁹

Then, in the early 1970s, Henry Kissinger allegedly wrote a Top Secret document – a National Security Memorandum that subsequently became known as NSM 200 – which essentially stated that the highest priority of US foreign policy towards the Third World should be depopulation. This memorandum, which was declassified in 1990, was apparently adopted by the National Security Council as official US foreign policy towards the Third World.¹⁰

Action followed in 1972 when medical teams were sent into Central Africa – into an area that subsequently became known as the 'AIDS Belt' – and administered what was described as a smallpox vaccination to several thousand Africans.¹¹ This event was followed some time later by the first outbreak of AIDS on the planet.

Earlier, I mentioned the significance of the dates of the American infections. In 1978 a medical programme administered Hepatitis B Vaccine to thousands of male homosexuals living in New York; nineteen months into the AIDS pandemic, five hundred and one of the dead were from New York. In 1980 a similar programme was run in San Francisco, with almost precisely the same results. In both cases, the only common factor in the

spread of the disease was that all the victims had either received the hepatitis vaccine or were closely associated with someone who had.¹¹

But everybody knows that AIDS is essentially a venereal disease, transmitted primarily by male homosexuals. Isn't it? No, it isn't. At least, not according to the British Royal Society of Medicine, which has stated that AIDS meets none of the criteria of a venereal disease and has suggested that, despite the misrepresentations of the American medical establishment and the American Government, AIDS is not primarily a sexually transmitted disease.¹²

Semen is just about the least effective transmission medium for AIDS, and the virus is only present in microscopically small numbers in the semen of an infected person. Furthermore, condoms are useless in preventing the spread of AIDS, because the virus is less than half the size of the smallest sub-microscopic holes that are found in every condom.^{12,13}

But don't take my word for it. As part of the evidence that was submitted in a memorandum to the British Parliament's House of Commons Social Services Committee in 1987, Dr John Seale of the Royal Society of Medicine stated: 'As far as it goes, the tiny research effort into infectivity of bodily fluids indicates that saliva is far more infectious than genital secretions, but that blood is vastly more infectious than either. Consequently, the idea that [the use of] condoms can have any significant effect on the spread of AIDS in a nation is utterly preposterous'.¹²

And: 'Governments all over the world are spending millions of pounds, advising their citizens to prevent AIDS by using condoms on the basis of manifestly fraudulent misrepresentation of scientific evidence'.¹²

A better description of AIDS is just that it's a transmissible disease, and contracting AIDS does not directly depend on your sexual orientation. That said, most research suggests that male homosexuals are primarily responsible for the spread of the disease in Western society but not, in the main, through exchange of semen or saliva. The principal transmission method appears to be through the bleeding that can accompany certain types of homosexual activity.

The best method of contracting AIDS is through an injection. Or you can become infected by means of a blood transfusion, or through a cut on your hand. Or from somebody who has the disease sneezing near you. Some mosquitoes in America are believed to carry the virus.

So what is AIDS? All the independent evidence suggests that it's a manufactured plague. What the AIDS virus resembles more than anything else is a bonding of Bovine Lymphotropic or Leukaemia virus (BLV) – a virus that targets lymph cells in cattle and is known to cause cancer – and the sheep Visna virus. The only possible way these two different types of virus, which infect completely different species of animal, could bond together would be by someone engineering it in a laboratory, and then further engineering it, possibly by combining it with the human herpes virus, to allow it to make the jump into a human system.

And all the indications are that that is precisely what was done. What is not clear is whether the release of this virus into the population was an act of deliberate genocide or simply the result of shoddy laboratory technique. The medical profession, after all, has a long and less than illustrious history of contaminated vaccinations. Probably the most notable of these was the administration in 1955 of improperly inactivated Salk polio vaccine prepared by the Cutter Laboratories in Berkeley, California. Almost eighty children contracted polio, and passed the disease on to a further one hundred and twenty relatives and friends. Eleven died and three-quarters of the victims were paralysed.

In a chilling foretaste of the media censorship surrounding the AIDS pandemic – of which more later – Bernice Eddy, the doctor who blew the whistle about the Cutter vaccine, was forced out of her laboratory and out of work for daring to suggest the unthinkable.¹⁴

The Cutter case was a horrendous example of science gone bad, but it certainly wasn't the last such incident. The CDC recorded almost forty-nine thousand adverse reactions to vaccinations between 1991 and 1996, and it was estimated by American health authorities that in this period around 90 per cent of the most severe cases were never reported. Extrapolating those figures, perhaps as many as one million Americans may be harmed by vaccines, and tens of thousands seriously injured, every year.¹⁵

There are three really terrifying facts about AIDS.

First, it is a very efficient killer with a mortality rate of exactly 100 per cent. AIDS is, just like Ebola Zaïre, a species-killer: the only difference is that Ebola kills in days, while AIDS takes its time. Virtually all the treatments that are currently available are aimed at prolonging the life of the victim, not curing the disease. As far as is known, *nobody* has ever been cured of AIDS – it's just that some victims take longer to die than others.

Second, the worldwide rate of infection has been doubling about once every twelve to fourteen months – an exponential increase. Simple mathematics predicts that, unless some positive action is taken to halt the spread of AIDS, everybody in the world will eventually contract the disease within the foreseeable future. If that happens, the entire human race could cease to exist within one or two generations. As Dr John Seale said: ‘The war against AIDS is a war of survival. If we lose, Britain and all her people will perish.’¹²

Third, there is no cure, and it is quite possible that there never will be a cure. For that depressing news, we can thank mathematics as well as virology.

There are at least six different varieties of the AIDS virus infecting the human population, and each is a recombinant retrovirus. The word ‘recombinant’ means that the virus has the ability to change and recombine into a new strain at will, and it has been calculated that each variety of the AIDS virus has a recombinant potential of about nine thousand to the power of four. For the six known varieties, therefore, the number of possible new strains is inconceivably huge – it’s actually the number 354,294 followed by twenty-one zeros. To put that into perspective, we’re talking about unbelievably massive numbers, such as the total number of grains of sand on all the beaches in the world, or the number of stars in the universe. To develop a cure for each strain would be simply impossible – the number is just too enormous. And we’re nowhere near finding a cure for even *one* strain yet.

But if the foregoing is true, why haven’t the news media seized on this information and trumpeted it to the world? Well, it certainly isn’t for the want of people and organizations trying to get the information promulgated, but in virtually every case the articles, letters and reports have been ignored, apparently because the information they contained was considered ‘too controversial’.

As was stated by Dr John Seale when discussing the infectivity of AIDS: ‘The scale of the deceptions and misinformation perpetrated by virologists, clinicians and editors of scientific and medical journals about the infectivity of genital secretions, compared with that of blood and saliva, has been astonishing. In the presence of a new, lethal virus, spreading amongst people, for which no vaccine or cure is in sight, every person would assume

that scientists have been working day and night to verify how it is transmitted.

‘On the contrary, having assumed for a variety of motives that AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease like syphilis or gonorrhoea, a negligible research effort has gone into the critical matter of transmission. A few preliminary papers were published and their findings have been repeatedly quoted as showing the opposite of what they actually showed. When this was pointed out in letters to the editors of American medical and scientific journals, publication has been refused. No attempt has been made to check or double-check the findings in other laboratories, or to rectify published errors’.¹²

An American doctor, Robert B. Strecker, a practising gastroenterologist who holds a Ph.D. in pharmacology and is a trained pathologist, spent five years investigating the AIDS phenomenon, and then attempted to interest the world in what he had discovered. Virtually every letter and article he wrote was ignored.

Almost in desperation, he and his brother compiled some of the most damaging documents he had uncovered into a report which he called ‘This is a Bio-attack Alert’.³ Copies of this were sent to the governor of every one of the United States, the President, the Vice-President, the FBI, the CIA, the NSA, and selected members of Congress. He got replies from three of the governors and nothing at all from anybody else. His story is typical, and certainly not unique.

What is perhaps not so typical of Dr Strecker is what then happened around him.

First, the CIA warned all agencies that he was a Communist and instructed them not to take anything he said seriously. That, despite the fact that this allegation was a complete fiction, appeared to work.

Second, his office was burgled but, interestingly, only papers and documents were taken, but nothing of any commercial value.

Third, on 11 August 1988, his brother Ted was found dead of gunshot wounds at his home in Springfield, Missouri. He was an apparent suicide, although he had been in good spirits, said no goodbyes and left no note or message. He had been actively assisting his brother Robert in trying to uncover links between the American Department of Defense and the development of HIV.

Fourth, on 22 September 1988, Illinois State Representative Douglas Huff of Chicago was found dead alone at home, the victim of an overdose of heroin and cocaine. Douglas Huff was almost a lone voice in the wilderness, the only person who thought Robert Strecker's theories were of sufficient importance to give him very vocal and very public support. He gave frequent press interviews and appeared on radio and television programmes urging people to be aware of the huge cover-up surrounding AIDS.¹⁶

Of course, all these events could be completely unrelated, entirely innocent and totally unconnected with Robert Strecker's work. And, then again, pigs might fly but most people would agree that they make unlikely aviators.

So, to return to the question posed earlier, what really happened?

The *least* likely scenario is that, uniquely in the history of virus infections, a naturally occurring sheep virus combined itself with a naturally occurring bovine virus, and simple chance tailored the resulting recombinant retrovirus into a form ideally suited to destroying the human immune system. Then the new virus made two species jumps: first from the sheep or cow in which it had been conceived into a green monkey, and then from the monkey into the human population where it's been wreaking havoc ever since.

Almost nobody who's actually done any proper research into AIDS, instead of simply relying on what's been published in the media, really believes that, but it's still the 'official' explanation. But no matter what one's personal belief, it is possible to easily disprove this theory using the same entirely unrelated discipline already mentioned – mathematics.

Because, even if what may be termed the 'green monkey scenario' is, by some bizarre mechanism, correct, the numbers don't work. As stated above, the rate of infection of AIDS is doubling about once every year. The first cases of AIDS in Africa occurred in 1972. If we assume that there was a single source of infection, and the number of victims doubled once every fourteen months, by 1987 there should have been about 8,000 cases of the disease in Africa. Even if the alleged green monkey had gone on a biting spree – for which, of course, there is not a shred of evidence – and had attacked hundreds of people at about the same time, there would still have been well under one million cases.

The reality is that one of the more conservative studies of the scale of the pandemic by 1987 put the figure at *75 million*. Other estimates suggested the figure could be almost double that. To achieve the lower of these two figures suggests a first-year infection of around five thousand people – far too many for several entire troops of virus-carrying green monkeys to infect – but well within the number of people who could become victims if the method of transmission was some kind of inoculation programme.

The only way that such a vast number of people could have become infected in such a short time is if the disease had multiple coincident sources. In other words, a very large number of people in the same area had to contract – or be given – the disease at more or less the same time. No other mechanism can account for the sheer scale of the pandemic.

And AIDS broke out almost simultaneously in Africa, Brazil, Haiti, Japan and slightly later in the United States of America: if one infected green monkey managed to achieve this, it must have been the most well-travelled primate in the history of the world. Or is it more likely that the infection was actually transmitted through the smallpox vaccination programmes that were known to have been in operation in, strangely enough, Africa, Brazil, Haiti and Japan in the early 1970s, and the hepatitis vaccinations in the States later in the decade?¹⁷

Independent research suggests that the *most* likely scenario is that in the early 1970s certain WASP-dominated covert factions behind the American Government and military decided to try to eliminate what they saw as particularly ‘undesirable’ sections of the human race – principally the populations of Third World nations, homosexuals, prostitutes, drug addicts and blacks – and created a disease that would do the job for them very efficiently without a shot being fired in anger.¹³

After all, there would be a huge public outcry if the American Government simply lined up known homosexuals against a wall and shot them (though all the indications are that many members of Congress and the Senate, if not the current British Government and Opposition, would be privately supportive). But killing them secretly with a disease – especially a disease that the American medical establishment is actively and very publicly trying to eradicate – was a far better solution.

Unfortunately, if that were the case, they did the job rather too well, and as a result AIDS now threatens everyone – straight, gay, black, white, you, me, and more especially our children and our grandchildren. Already,

babies are being born HIV-positive, and it's probably only a matter of time before children emerge from the womb with full-blown AIDS contracted from their innocent, white, non-drug-abusing, single-partner, heterosexual, American or European parents.

Our children are the future. When infected parents produce infected children, the entire human race stands in jeopardy.

Is it possible that shadowy powers behind the American Government of the 1970s engineered not only the destruction of what they perceived to be undesirable elements infesting this planet, but also the end of our whole civilization?

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