

# Danny Graham's friends in L-5 Society

by Ira Liebowitz

In a Jan. 29 *Time* magazine article titled "An ESP Gap," Lt. Gen. Danny Graham (ret.) is quoted on the subject of psychic research: "I wouldn't be surprised if the intelligence community were following this. They would be remiss if they didn't." Why is Graham endorsing "paranormality"? The answer may have to do with Graham's friends in the L-5 Society.

L-5 came out of the 1975 session of a conference series at Princeton University hosted by Dr. Gerard O'Neill. Funding for O'Neill's 1974 conference came from Stewart Brand's California-based Point Foundation, a slush fund of the *Coevolution Quarterly*. *CQ* promoted Gregory Bateson, mind-altering drugs, and environmentalism during the 1960s, and publishes the *Whole Earth Catalog*.

In 1975, the scientists attending L-5's founding dinner at Princeton were presented with two hippies who would later run the new society from Tuscon, Arizona: Carolyn Henson and her husband at the time, Keith. Carolyn reported to the astonished scientists on her "experiments" with organic farming and the production of "rabbitburgers" in her back yard.

Coopting the term "High Frontier" used in a book by Gerard O'Neill, L-5 was set up to draw in legitimate scientists seeking to use L-5 to reach the U.S. population on behalf of tackling the space frontier and win their support for schemes compatible with the Club of Rome's zero-growth thesis (solar-powered space colonies for excess population). One board member was Freeman Dyson, a Princeton scientist in the Bertrand Russell tradition, and Carolyn Henson also brought in LSD guru Timothy Leary. Henson used Leary in an L-5 publicity campaign that included lectures to the "boring engineers" at the 1978 conference of the American Astronautical Society in San Francisco.

## L-5 and the High Frontier

L-5 officials say there are different factions in the U.S. society—anti-nuclear, environmentalist, nuclear-freeze activists; proponents of space exploration without using nuclear science; opponents of "militarization of space"; and supporters of non-nuclear space defense systems such as Graham's High Frontier. That translates into an L-5 division of labor with a great deal of influence over U.S. space-related defense policy. It appears that most L-5ers agree on one thing, as

does Graham: that Dr. Edward Teller's proposal for the use of nuclear-pumped x-ray lasers as well as other beam sources for ABM defense should not be deployed.

"L-5 is part of the High Frontier Movement," Henson-Bosma told an interviewer recently. High Frontier is the space defense plan of General Graham and the Heritage Foundation which purports to be an anti-missile defense system but shuns the use of the most advanced laser and directed-energy weapons, proposing to use instead rocket-powered vehicles with conventional explosives and projectiles to intercept enemy ICBMs. Dr. Edward Teller, one of the architects of President Reagan's March 1983 beam-weapons proposal, told Graham in a letter last December that there was only one thing wrong with his High Frontier program—it won't work.

An L-5-controlled debate on space policy is designed to eliminate the proposals associated with Dr. Teller. Those involved include Henson-Bosma; her current husband John Bosma, a consultant for High Frontier and the Heritage Foundation; Maj. Robert Bowman of the U.S. Army's kooky Delta Force-First Earth Battalion and the Washington Institute for Space and Security Studies; and a self-avowed "disarmament groupie" who has been tagged as Bowman's "controller," Carol Rosin of the Institute for Security and Cooperation in Space.

While Robert Bowman acts as Graham's left-wing critic, Rosin counts as her "close personal friends" John Bosma and Carolyn Henson-Bosma. Through her status as a delegate of the International Association for Educators for World Peace to the United Nations, "I have also opened a negotiating channel to the Soviets," Rosin told one interviewer, to explore the Soviet proposal for a ban on weapons in space.

## Cultists, and others

Others involved in L-5 include Barbara Marx Hubbard of the World Futures Society, current candidate of the Aquarian Conspiracy for vice-president of the United States, and Ira Einhorn, the 1960s radical who murdered and shellacked his girlfriend in Philadelphia. Einhorn was a member of the Neo-American Church, a witchcraft cult founded by Timothy Leary; two other members were identified as employees at the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor before the incident in March 1979 in which sabotage was strongly suspected. Einhorn was also a leading organizer for the national "Sun Day" celebration organized in 1978 by then-Energy Secretary James Schlesinger.

Before 1980, when she was pulled out of L-5, apparently to run her operation with Graham, Henson-Bosma had brought into the society, among others, Norrie Huddle, believed by a source to have been a member of Einhorn's and Leary's Neo-American Church. Henson-Bosma herself has said she was a member of the Druids.

Despite this track record, former L-5 president Randy Clemens recently identified Henson as currently enjoying

“national security clearance” at the EDI Corporation in Arlington, Virginia. She is also advising Graham at High Frontier’s office, and sharing its assessments of administration decisions on space-related defense systems.

L-5 circles overlap networks based at Michael Murphy’s Anglo-Russian Esalen Institute in California, Willis Harman’s Stanford Research Institute, the Institute for Noetic Research of Palo Alto, and the Paranormality Institute at Duke University. These centers, and spinoffs such as the Lifespring and est, are coming under scrutiny for their “psychic research” programs, many of which involve collaboration with Soviet “ESP” researchers. The concern is Soviet espionage and brainwashing capabilities.

Philip Chapman, current president of L-5 and a researcher at the Arthur D. Little Company in Boston, professed shock at Graham’s statement in *Time*, and quipped “I certainly think there are more effective defense” policies than ESP. Asked whether Graham’s High Frontier organization grew out of the L-5 Society, Chapman said: “What it grew out of is the Citizen’s Advisory Committee on National Space Policy, of which I’m a member. And to some extent it [CACNSP] is sponsored by L-5. It was established in early 1981; in large part it was organized by Jerry Pournelle, because the Reagan administration had no adequate transitional policy to formulate space policy. Danny Graham was in parallel with that sort of thing.”

CACNSP’s meetings on space-related defense include congressmen and people from the major aerospace and defense companies. Jerry Pournelle is an L-5 leader who says he writes CACNSP “consensus reports” for the administration. He is the co-author of a current bestseller, *Lucifer’s Hammer*. Pournelle says his role in these discussions is to work out “compromises” on space-related defense systems, overcoming so-called personality conflicts between “Teller’s people, Graham’s people, Hunter’s people, people from Wallop’s office, and others,” i.e., undercutting advocates of a full-scale beam-weapons program.

In contrast to Graham’s proposal for government funding, Pournelle favors private funding of research on the paranormal. Citing the Stanford Research Institute, the Institute of Noetic Science, and Duke University, he says, “I would not die of shock if ESP were proven to work.” He believes “everyone has had at least one experience of psychic phenomena.” His occurred when a book by Robert Morris (a doomsday writer) fell off his bookshelf.

Current and former advisers and directors of L-5 include John Glenn (who has been endorsed for president by L-5 and given \$5,000 by its PAC); Rep. Newt Gingrich (D-Ga.); Mark Hopkins, L-5 executive director, economist at the RAND Corporation; Isaac Asimov and Robert Heinlein; Kathy Keaton, chairman of *Omni* magazine; Marvin Minsky, MIT artificial intelligence specialist; former Sen. Frank Moss (R-Ida.); Frank Haig, S.J. (Al Haig’s brother); former Gov. Jerry Brown of California; and Robert Anton Wilson of the Illuminati cult.

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## State Department

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# Alec von Bennigsen and the ‘Islamic Card’

by Allen Douglas

In mid-February, shortly after the U.S. Marine withdrawal from Beirut and the collapse of U.S. policy and influence in Lebanon, ABC-TV evening news ran a “human interest” story on the 1 million-strong Shi’ite Muslim population of Lebanon. The message? Well yes, the U.S. strategy for Lebanon has collapsed, but since these Shi’ites are fiercely anti-communist, at least the Russians won’t make headway. Two weeks before, in a quiet series of meetings at the State Department and in Congress, the same line of “Islamic fundamentalism as a bulwark against communism” was being hammered home throughout the administration by the one man who over the past decades had done more than anyone else to promote it: Count Alexandre von Bennigsen, Russian nobleman and lifelong member of the Russian Orthodox Church.

It was, of course, the Bennigsen line, as mouthed by the Jesuit-trained Zbigniew Brzezinski, which served as perhaps the most important rationalization in convincing many military professionals and U.S. intelligence officers to acquiesce in an insane plan—the overthrow of the Shah of Iran and his replacement by the Shi’ite “divine,” Ruhollah Khomeini. Now, at five minutes to midnight for the U.S. position in the Middle East, it is time the mask is ripped off the “respected though somewhat crankish elder statesman of Central Asian Studies,” the man whose grandfather was keeper of the hounds under the last Russian Czar, Nicholas II. The obvious must be stated at long last. Count Bennigsen is now, and has been for a number of years at least, deployed on behalf of the strategic policy objectives of the Soviet KGB.

### The question of motive

As the howls go up from academic and State Department circles who regard “dear Alec” as a venerable, albeit slightly fanatical spokesman for an important field of study, it is worthwhile to ask whether dear Alec, in helping to destroy the secular nation-states of the Middle East on behalf of Islamic fundamentalism, *knows* that he is working for the KGB? As the U.S. presence is driven out of nation after nation by Moscow-associated Islamic fundamentalists, the question in that form misses the point. Just as the Shi’ite fanatic who rams a hexogen-laden truck into a U.S. Marine compound may think he is doing the work of Allah, while on this side of Paradise, he is aiding and abetting a Soviet takeover of the region.