

The Connor O’Ryan story: Was this S-4 whistleblower given a fatal disease by the US government?

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Fascinating as the Connor O’Ryan story is, *JAR* would not have run an article on it except for the element of the “fatal disease.” As readers of the companion article, “It’s my party and I’ll cry if I want to,” will have noticed, there are numerous claims in the UFO community that researchers and witnesses have been murdered via the infliction of a fatal disease, and by other means, but I was unable to substantiate any of it. Then the Connor O’Ryan story came along.

The O’Ryan story is very much a UFO story, but it is not about foul play inflicted upon innocent persons in the UFO community. Instead, it is about violence practiced and inflicted between guilty insiders in UFO coverup circles and other secret realms of our government.

The O’Ryan story does not finally resolve the questions at hand, but it does offer insight. It gives us a glimpse into the modalities of secret official violence, including the bizarre alleged modality of inflicting fatal diseases upon persons the US may want to eliminate.

As the reader will see, it is not clear Connor O’Ryan had a fatal disease given him by the US government. It is likely O’Ryan was falsely told he had a disease in order to destabilize him for certain purposes the government had in mind.

What is clear is O’Ryan was willing to believe he was a victim of assassination by fatal disease. Of course, O’Ryan was an assassin himself, so he had reason to know.

After 11 years in Special Forces “on commission to the CIA,” whatever were the experiences O’Ryan accumulated and the circles he travelled in, it was apparently quite plausible to him the US government would give an American citizen a fatal disease in order to eliminate them. And that is something to think about.



Derek Hennesey, aka Connor O’Ryan

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His real name is Derek Hennessey

The Connor O’Ryan story is a tale currently being told by longtime UFO researcher and retired Air Force Lt. Col. Wendelle Stevens. It concerns whistleblower “Connor O’Ryan” (pseudonym), a US Marine alleged to have been a guard at the secret AF facility in Nevada known as S-4. O’Ryan’s real name is Derek Hennessey.

According to Wendelle, Connor O’Ryan contacted him in October 1991 indicating he had information to reveal. Wendelle took O’Ryan in, and he remained with

related to the case; and other segments on S-4.

In the video interview, O’Ryan says that during the nine months he worked as a guard at S-4 (1990-1991) he saw alien discs and alien bodies in cryogenic storage and witnessed a visit by then Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney to the S-4 facility.

O’Ryan portrays himself as increasingly uneasy with the ET mission of S-4, and after a time he identified three other S-4 colleagues who were as discontented as he was. These four men smuggled a camera into the facility and took pictures which they planned to somehow release

to the public. Allegedly, the pictures were duplicated and secreted at five locations.

In the midst of this, O’Ryan says doctors at S-4 told him he had contracted a fatal form of Hodgkin’s disease and he would be discharged for medical reasons. The four conspirators then conferred and decided O’Ryan would be the one tasked with delivering the pictures to someone on the outside. When O’Ryan contacted Stevens he had been out of the military for several weeks and he was, he says on camera, “on the run.”



Wendelle and associates of Wendelle in Arizona for a six-week period. At the end of the six weeks, O’Ryan disappeared.

An S-4 whistleblower

S-4, where O’Ryan says he worked, is associated with the secret Air Force Groom Lake Area 51 complex north of Las Vegas, believed to be a location where ET craft and technology are being back-engineered. It is the same location described by another whistleblower, Bob Lazar, who reported in 1989 he had performed engineering work on alien artifacts at S-4.

This month all the information held by Wendelle Stevens on this case is being released in the form of a lengthy documentary produced by Rick Keefe of Arizona and posted on YouTube. (See links on pg. 27 of this issue.)¹

The film, which is very good, includes video interviews with O’Ryan, Wendelle Stevens, Jim Dilettoso, Bob Dean, and others; the presentation of documents

Connor O’Ryan was 29 years old in 1991 and, according to Wendelle, he was “a Marine, a US Navy Black Seal,² Delta 6, a sentry at S-4.” He had been assigned to “Special Forces, special operations, intelligence” for eight or nine years prior to 1991. The YouTube documentary presents a W-2 type form indicating O’Ryan held the rank of sergeant and was “on a commission to the CIA.”

It turns out O’Ryan was a government assassin. One of his jobs was to kill people on orders from the US government. In fact, according to Wendelle, O’Ryan said he had killed 18 people, including US citizens—people O’Ryan described as “enemies of the US government.”

These assassinations were carried out periodically after O’Ryan joined the Marines/Special Forces in 1980. Reportedly, the last assassination took place while O’Ryan was working at S-4. Immediately prior to S-4, O’Ryan said he was on “submarine duty.”

It seems the modus operandi was O’Ryan would

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find his orders to kill under his pillow. He would then be dispatched on the “special mission,” following which he returned to whatever more normal duties he was assigned to at the time, such as submarine duty or being a guard at S-4.

Six weeks with Wendelle

The events that unfolded in the six-week period after O’Ryan contacted Stevens are complicated. Here is the basic plot line:

October 1991 Wendelle Stevens is contacted by Connor O’Ryan who tells Wendelle there are discs and alien bodies at S-4.

Wendelle permits O’Ryan to stay at his Arizona home and the two begin a dialogue. Wendelle learns the man is a government assassin and that on his last “special mission” O’Ryan killed a fellow Special Forces sergeant in Hungary.

O’Ryan tells Wendelle of the smuggled camera, the pictures, and his health condition. He says the four confederates at S-4 picked Wendelle Stevens as the outside person they wished to contact.

O’Ryan claims five sets of the pictures were made, referred to as “caches,” secreted at various locations. O’Ryan’s confederates at S-4 have the idea the pictures are an insurance policy which will ensure their survival in case their illicit picture-taking activities are



discovered by their superiors.

O’Ryan is not sure he actually has a fatal disease, but if he does he strongly suspects he was given the disease by his superiors because he “knows too much” after having assassinated 18 people.

O’Ryan says he has mailed a parcel with one set of the pictures to Wendelle, but when they go to pick up the parcel, it does not arrive.

Threatening letters

After O’Ryan is at Wendelle’s home two days, they begin to receive hand-written threatening notes insisting

O’Ryan “come home” to Delta 6. These notes continue to be delivered throughout the six weeks, and one of the notes includes a severed human finger.

O’Ryan and Wendelle conclude O’Ryan’s own Delta 6 Special Forces colleagues from S-4 have been sent after him. They come to believe, however, that O’Ryan will not be picked up until all the caches are in the hands of the government.

Wendelle becomes apprehensive and O’Ryan is moved to the home of Arizonan Jim Dilettoso, one of Wendelle’s close colleagues. Gem Cox, Wendelle’s grandson, with whom O’Ryan has become close, accompanies O’Ryan. While at Dilettoso’s home, the parties become aware of two covert intrusions onto the property.



The threatening tone of the notes escalates; O’Ryan is called a “traitor” and informed a “termination” order has been issued against him. Somehow O’Ryan arranges a meeting with his CIA “mentor” at an airport. Following this, O’Ryan’s behavior becomes erratic. After the severed finger arrives at his home, Dilettoso asks Cox and O’Ryan to leave.

They do and travel to Florida ostensibly to retrieve one of the caches of photos. An associate of Wendelle’s, a woman named Omnec Onec goes with them. The effort to retrieve the cache of photos proves unsuccessful, and Gem and the woman return to Arizona without O’Ryan. In the meantime O’Ryan makes his way back to Wendelle’s home but remains only a short time. After he leaves, Wendelle never hears from O’Ryan again.

As for the photo caches, none ever fall into Wendelle’s hands.

Sources for this case

The sources of the information on this case are not all we would want, and the reader will notice the too

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frequent use here of the term “according to Wendelle.” Wendelle is interviewed extensively on Rick Keefe’s YouTube documentary, and so are O’Ryan and Dilettoso. However, Gem Cox is missing from the film and the woman who accompanied Cox and O’Ryan to Florida, Omnec Onec, is also missing.

As for O’Ryan’s interview, it centers on descriptions of S-4. Some of the other information we are interested in here, including O’Ryan’s work as a government assassin, and the circumstances of his alleged fatal disease, are not attested, or not fully attested to by O’Ryan in the taped interview. Instead, it is Wendelle Stevens who tells us the most about these subjects.

Much of what Wendelle speaks about is information derived from conversations among O’Ryan, Stevens, Cox and Dilettoso during the six-week period, information which was never put on tape but which is recalled by Stevens and Dilettoso.

Dilettoso seems to have kept his distance from O’Ryan and lodged Cox and O’Ryan in an out building, not in his home. Dilettoso, a computer engineer and longtime UFO photo analyst, tells what he recalls in the YouTube documentary, but more of what we learn relies on the recollections (testimony) of Wendelle Stevens.

In addition, several documents are shown on screen in the Keefe YouTube film, including several of the threatening notes, the W2-like form, and the alleged order to assassinate the man in Hungary, on CIA letterhead. Readers will want to watch the excellent Keefe documentary to gain the fullest understanding of this case.

Wendelle Stevens’ credibility

Wendelle Stevens has held the Connor O’Ryan story for 18 years, although he did release some of it in 1998 and 2001. He held the story, he says, out of concern the O’Ryan events were some sort of trap set for him by the US to compromise his credibility and possibly incriminate him; and also for concern for the safety of Connor O’Ryan. Now, due to Wendelle’s advancing years and the urgings of colleagues, the full story is being released, I am told.

My own view of Wendelle Stevens takes into account his advancing years (86), the length of time he held the story, his extended tenure in ufology dating from the 1960s, his military service to our country, and Wendelle’s many loyal friends in the UFO community.

Based on these factors, I believe Steven’s account. It is hard to imagine he would leave a hoax as his final legacy after some 50 years in ufology. There are some discrepancies in Wendelle’s account, but I chalk these up to the many details involved in this case and the 18 years of elapsed time.

“...a crazy ass disease”

Connor O’Ryan said the doctors at S-4 told him he had a fatal form of Hodgkin’s disease. But did he in fact have a fatal disease and if he did, was he infected with the disease by his superior at S-4 as a form of assassination by fatal disease?

One of the problems with this idea is the disease O’Ryan claimed, Hodgkin’s, is not fatal. Hodgkin’s, a cancer of the lymph system, is said to be highly curable. Furthermore, O’Ryan reportedly had no symptoms and felt perfectly well.

Here is what O’Ryan says on tape about his alleged disease: “At my last physical they told me I’ve contracted a form of Hodgkin’s disease. To be perfectly honest, I don’t know what the truth is or not.” At another point, regarding his medical condition, “I’m still checking that out.” He also says, “I’ve been discharged for medical reasons; I’m unfit to perform my duties.” Also, “It became an obsession to find out [about Area 51 and S-4], because I almost feared for my own safety. I didn’t want to walk away with some crazy ass disease.”

In an interview Wendelle told me the following. My questions in italic:

I tried to take him to a doctor, but he wouldn’t go. He said, “I don’t want to know about it. I don’t want to be planning my death every day. If I’ve got it, I’ll go when it happens. If I haven’t got it, they lied to me.” He said he felt perfectly healthy. . . and his conclusion was, if he had a disease. . . his superiors at S-4 had given it to him. And he’s going to bring the whole house of cards down before he died.

Do you think that’s what led him to become a renegade?

Yes, because he had \$300,000 in the bank and he’s gonna die before he could spend it.

What was the disease they told him he had?

Hodgkin’s Disease, but it does not move that fast unless it’s a particularly virulent form, like intelligence uses.

Did he indicate he ever killed anyone by infecting them with a disease?

No, he did not do that. He used a pistol.

Dilettoso confirms

Did O’Ryan tell others besides Wendelle that he might have a fatal disease and how he thought he might have gotten it? He told Jim Dilettoso.

“I do recall,” Jim said in an email, “generalities O’Ryan told me, [including] his concern he had contracted a specific fatal disease (or would in the future); his concern

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that his female associate [girlfriend] had contracted a specific fatal disease; and his belief that specific fatal diseases are covertly injected into human targets who would otherwise be assassinated by conventional means.”

By “injected,” did Jim mean medical injection? Yes, he did. Jim also confirmed O’Ryan claimed to be a government assassin.

As for the “female associate [girlfriend]” mentioned in Jim’s email, I’m told O’Ryan did not have a girlfriend, but one of his S-4 confederates did, and O’Ryan knew her. Perhaps she is the woman referred to.

“Special mission” means assassination

On video O’Ryan says little about being a government assassin. He mentions only “special missions.” In an interview, Wendelle told me the following:

[O’Ryan said he was] one of the Special Forces executioners used by the government [who] carry out “special missions.” I said, “Isn’t that murder?” He said, “Of course not! It’s not murder. It’s what we’re trained to do—take out enemies of the American government,” and he says, “When there’s a traitor or a spy or somebody in the government who needs to be removed and he may have secrets they don’t want to come out in court, we take care of it.”

He had a tattoo on his left bicep with a mark for every “special mission,” and I came to understand a “special mission” is a government execution. He had 18 marks.

You mean like notches in a belt?

Yes.

Was the man in Budapest he supposedly assassinated an American citizen?

Yes, an American Army Green Beret, senior sergeant.

Why was he assassinated?

They didn’t tell O’Ryan. They just. . .said he was to terminate a man by this name assigned to the Embassy in Budapest. . .a mug sheet showing front and side pictures with his fingerprints, where he lived, maps to and from his work and to and from the school where the kids went and to and from the grocery store. All those things.

He disappeared in the crowd

O’Ryan was given Hungarian clothes, shoes, and cap and a weapon with Hungarian ammunition, and paired with another Special Forces troop. . .

They were given keys to an apartment rented in

their Hungarian names in Budapest, and they stayed there one day planning their operation. Two days later they carried it out and executed the guy coming out of a grocery store with his arms full of groceries in front of his two teenage kids in the car, and disappeared in the crowd, went back to the Embassy, got their own clothes back, turned in the Hungarian clothes, were driven to the airport immediately by an Embassy car, put on an airplane and sent out of the country.

Did you ever confirm this man had been murdered, independently from what Connor told you?

No, I did not. I left that to somebody else because I knew if I started meddling in it I’d get too close to the subject. [Author’s note: this statement reflects Wendelle’s concern the O’Ryan episode was a trap intended to compromise or incriminate him.]

Do people understand that if they become assassins—

Wait a minute. They don’t consider themselves assassins. O’Ryan told me, “Our training is to take out enemies of the US government, and that guy was characterized as an enemy.” He said, “We don’t disbelieve our superiors. He was a spy and had to go. We couldn’t afford to take him to trial.” *Sounds like O’Ryan’s mind was divided. On the one hand, he was still defending what he had done—* Oh yeah! He didn’t think he had done anything wrong. He was so patriotic when he saw the American flag go up the flagpole, he wept.

So he was still holding on to these ideas even after he became a renegade himself--

Yes, he was defending the position. He said, “There are traitors who have secrets the government can’t afford to expose in a trial, and they have to be terminated before they can release the secrets. That’s our job.”

Yet he was on the run?

Yes. He was being terminated himself, he thought.

A deepening vulnerability

So, did he regard himself as dangerous to the government? Did he regard his own execution as justified?

Well, he said, “I probably know too much after the 18th assassination.” Any of those could come back on him.

So he was close, or on the edge, of justifying his own assassination?

Right. He believed them when they told him [he had a fatal disease] because he said he felt

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vulnerable during the last couple of executions when he was doing the same thing to other Special Forces troops. He had a feeling they might know too much, too, and have to go.

You mean he began to suspect he and they were not that different?

Yes.

And he comes almost to the point where he says, 'I can understand why they'd need to take me out.'

Yeah, right.

So then why didn't he just volunteer? He didn't go that far. . .

He had \$300,000 and he didn't want to die with that still in the bank. I explained to him, "When they put those bonuses in the bank, if you die they just take [the money] back." He said, "I know that, but I don't want 'em to; that's my money."

Did he have any heirs? Was he married?

No. He was an orphan raised by foster parents he was not close to.

So he didn't have children?

That's the way they're selected [by the government]; that's what qualifies them.

Why do you think they didn't grab him before he got to you?

They could have grabbed him at any time. And they sent his own—he was a member of Delta 6, a Seal team in Area 51—they sent his own team after him, which tells you how sincere they are. He was part of Delta 6 and they sent his own teammates to get him! But they knew they couldn't take him out, couldn't do anything with him until they got all the caches. They figured out he had made six copies of the pictures and put them in five different locations, and they had to get all the pictures before they terminated him.

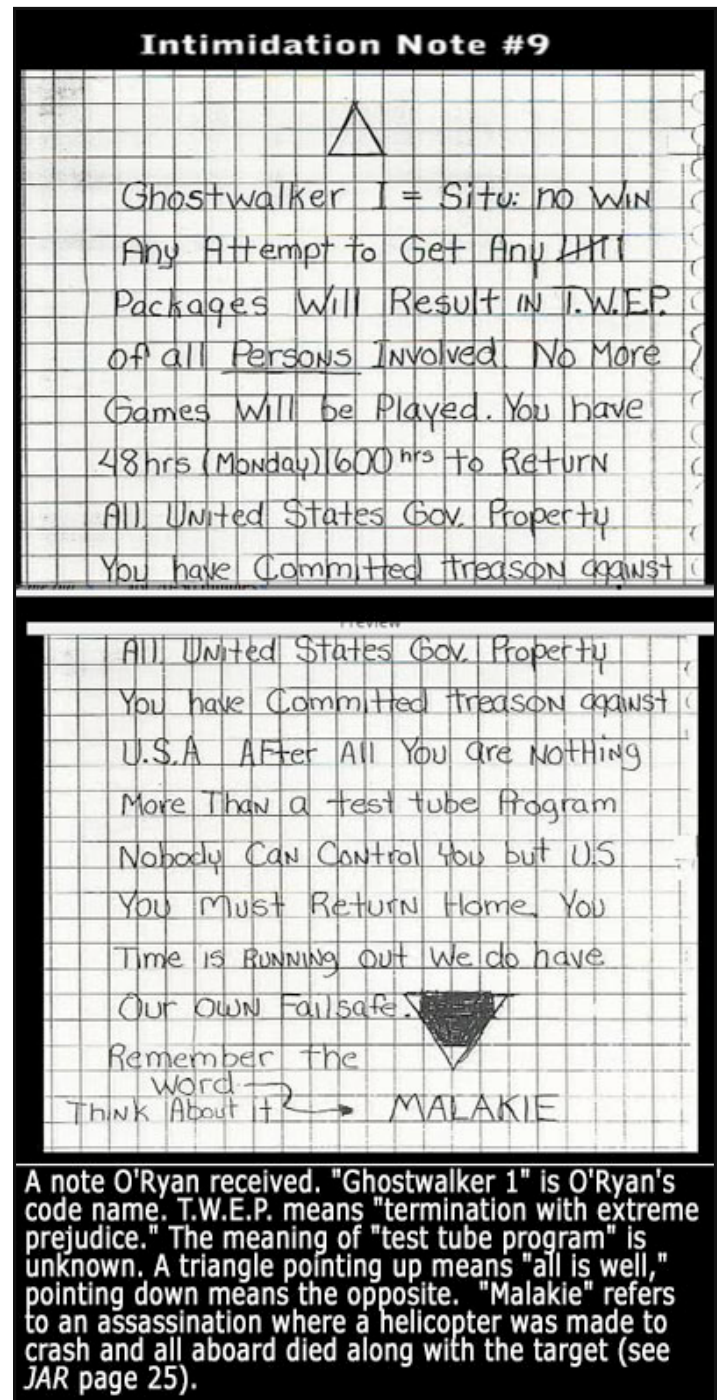
Intrusion of the Ninjas, first

As indicated above, there were two covert intrusions on the Dilettoso property during the six weeks. Wendelle tells the story of the first intrusion as he learned it from his grandson, Gem Cox.

Gem and Connor were asleep in the bungalow on Dilettoso's property. In the middle of the night, Gem woke up to find a man standing on his bed astride him and pointing an AK47 at Gem's head. The man was dressed entirely in black, in Ninja style clothing including one-toed Ninja boots. Gem looked across the room and saw an identically dressed man standing on Connor's bed, his gun pointed at Connor. Connor did not wake up and apparently the man guarding Gem did not realize Gem was awake.

Gem also saw a third man, wearing a business suit, searching the room. After observing this, Gem lost consciousness. When Gem and Connor awoke the next morning it was very late, long after they would normally have gotten up.

According to Wendelle, O'Ryan told him that



people working for the government who break into people's houses at night use a gas they inject into the room at a window frame. The gas renders the inhabitants unconscious for 20-30 minutes.

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Intrusion of the Ninjas, second

The other intrusion occurred in November at Dilettoso's one or two days after O'Ryan, Gem and Omnec Onec had left the property. As Dilettoso relates in the Keefe documentary, he awoke during the night when exterior lights came on triggered by motion detectors outside his home.

Jim called the police, then he cut all the lights off and looked out the window. "I saw someone go around the side of my house no more than 5 feet from me. He had on a Ninja outfit, all black, hood and mask." Jim then began turning the light on and off to frighten the intruder.

When the police arrived, they found Ninja footprints. Jim had been irrigating his lawn and it was wet. The intruder had been on the wet lawn, then ran onto a dry sidewalk, leaving wet footprints. "The footprints looked like a one-toed sock, like martial arts foot gear which for me matched what the guy had on," Dilettoso says.

What derailed O'Ryan?

Let's consider the origins of what happened to Connor O'Ryan. Originally, I'm told, O'Ryan was not planning to leave the military. Special Forces was his home. He was so patriotic he wept on seeing the American flag. Only weak family ties tugged at him from civilian life. According to Wendelle, O'Ryan was abandoned by his mother as a child or infant and raised by a foster family he was "not close to." As for

the assassinations, O'Ryan claimed they didn't bother him; they were simply—his "job."

For years, then, O'Ryan felt no fundamental conflict with his role in Special Forces. According to Wendelle, he had been planning on remaining in the

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military and "making a career of it." But something went wrong, very wrong, for Connor O'Ryan.

Perhaps they made him do too many assassinations, including of men who seemed very like O'Ryan himself, men such as the young Special Forces sergeant he said he killed in Hungary in 1991. In 10 years O'Ryan said he committed 18 assassinations. That's 1.8 a year. So every six months O'Ryan had to kill somebody.



Notwithstanding, it was S-4 that seems to have driven O'Ryan over the edge. Being a sentry at S-4 was boring, and the security was draconian, but there was more. It seems to have been the vulnerability he felt on learning the profound nature of the secret he was guarding that destabilized Connor O'Ryan.

"I'd already done nine years in covert operations with a Seal

team," O'Ryan says on tape, "so I think they pretty much trusted me to keep my mouth shut, which I would've. I don't want to be one for ringing the bells, but this goes way beyond covert operations."

Connor says it took him two weeks from the beginning of his assignment at S-4 to figure out what was going on there. But apparently, after he figured it out, it got to him. Or maybe it was it was not only S-4, but S-4 combined with everything else in Connor O'Ryan's life.

They took pictures

O'Ryan found three others at S-4 who couldn't take it either. They brought a small camera in and took pictures. When exactly this activity was discovered by those in charge of S-4 we do not know. However, one way to look at the events which followed is to say these events are best explained by assuming the activity was discovered after the



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caches of photos had been stowed outside the facility.

What would the government do? Neutralizing the 4 conspirators immediately would have been an option, but what about the caches? Did they decide to falsely tell O’Ryan he was dying and then turn him loose on the street so he could lead them to the caches? Does this explain everything?

“You have a fatal disease”

We don’t know the exact circumstances of O’Ryan leaving the military. On tape, O’Ryan says, “I’ve been discharged for medical reasons; I’m unfit to perform my duties.”

According to Wendelle, “A few days after the physical when the blood tests had time to get reported back they called him in and told him he had a fatal disease that would take him out in two or three weeks. They were going to discharge him and let him go home to straighten out his personal affairs before his death.”

However, elsewhere on the video O’Ryan says, “They were going to put me back in the regular Navy but I didn’t want that because I’ve always been part of a Seal team. So they promised me I would be taken care of medically, but I [privately] talked to my colleagues [his confederates] at the facility and we decided since I’m in this kind of situation [dying]. . .we’re going to try to bring this out in the open.”

From these inconsistent characterizations we can’t tell whose idea it was O’Ryan be discharged. The scenario in which O’Ryan is told point blank he has a “fatal” disease and “two weeks to live” is not normal medical practice. Normally, doctors do not declare any condition “terminal.” They say, You’re very ill and we’re starting treatment.

On the street

If O’Ryan had a naturally-occurring disease, he ought to have been transferred to a military hospital. That this procedure was not followed is the main reason I believe O’Ryan was falsely told he had a fatal disease. Another reason is, he was not ill. By all accounts he looked and felt perfectly well, and an individual who will die in “two weeks” does not feel perfectly well.

Alternatively, O’Ryan might not have been sent to

a hospital if the government intended to assassinate him and had given by him a fatal disease, but in that case, why would they tell him about it?

There is the suggestion in the above that O’Ryan chose to leave the military. Perhaps he was told you can be transferred back to the “regular Navy” and “taken care of medically,” or you can be discharged and “go home to straighten out your affairs.” If this is what happened, it sounds calculated to me.

I cannot believe O’Ryan’s superiors would have put him on the street unless they had something very different in mind than what they told him. A 29-year old whose whole adult life had been in Special Forces, with little or no family ties, an assassin with 18 notches in his belt, privy to the biggest military secret in history, who thinks he’s dying, and whom the government knows has committed espionage. No, they wouldn’t put him on the street unless it was a calculated move. Apparently, the government wanted O’Ryan on the street.

Then too there is the disease, allegedly Hodgkin’s.

Hodgkin’s is not equivalent to the common cold, but it’s highly curable. It’s as though they were telling him, ‘If you’re bright enough, you’ll see through this pretense, but we don’t think you’re bright enough.’ Or, more correctly, we think you’ll be too desperate to think straight.

And sure enough, although nobody I’ve

talked to knows what O’Ryan did in the weeks between his discharge and the point he phoned Wendelle, the one thing we know he did not do was go to a civilian doctor to find out if he was ill or not. And when he got to Wendelle’s house, he refused to see a physician.

“...you’d get as far as 7...”

Furthermore, “techniques” were being used on O’Ryan (and apparently all the other guards at S-4). I refer to the periods O’Ryan was blacked out during his physicals or during his security screenings. “You’d go in a room and they would hook us up to an IV. They’d tell us, count to 10 and you’d reach as far as seven and that would be it. You’d wake up 50 minutes later with a tremendous headache.”

Most certainly, Connor could have been directed under hypnosis as to what choice he would make upon

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learning he had a fatal disease. ‘You will choose immediate discharge’ he could have been told.

But the main thing is, if getting the caches was the issue, it should have been easy for those in charge at S-4 to use the same means—drugs and hypnosis—to determine where the photo caches were stored. They wouldn’t have needed to chase O’Ryan around the country, which they

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—Connor O’Ryan

subsequently did.

The idea O’Ryan had a fatal disease, and the idea the government had given him a fatal disease in order to assassinate him does not hold up well. So why was O’Ryan told he had a fatal disease? Subsequent events suggest the government was aware of the espionage O’Ryan was engaged in, and it appears to me destabilizing O’Ryan and putting him on the street was part of what the government decided to do about it.

The noose tightens

How does the situation appear from O’Ryan’s point of view? He has no evidence his superiors at S-4 are aware of the espionage. He hasn’t been questioned; his confederates still have their normal jobs at S-4 and they haven’t been questioned.

All that’s happened is suddenly O’Ryan is terminally ill and about that he is deeply suspicious. He is sure the disease is not a natural event and that the government is assassinating him. Since he hasn’t been accused of espionage, all he can think is that he is being eliminated because of the 18 assassinations.

It does not appear O’Ryan initially thought his superiors at S-4 might be lying about the disease. Probably that dawned on him only later as the weeks went by and he did not die.

Instead, O’Ryan is perfectly prepared to believe the government has infected him with a fatal disease. So the question arises, was there anything in O’Ryan’s background that familiarized him with assassination by fatal disease?

Wendelle gave me two different answers on that. I asked, Did O’Ryan ever participate in giving anyone a fatal disease? “No, he used a pistol,” Wendelle said.

But in the Keefe documentary, Wendelle says something different: “O’Ryan knew they use virulent strains of cancer and other diseases because he had been involved in some operations involving diseases, and accidents too.”

The part about the accidents refers to O’Ryan’s allegation he knew of assassinations accomplished by helicopters made to crash and buses blown up where innocent persons were killed along with the target. One of the threatening notes from Delta 6 refers to the helicopter crash assassination, and a newspaper article about the so-called “accident” is shown in the Keefe film. But I learned no details about what O’Ryan may have known about assassination by fatal disease except for the statement he made to Dilettoso about “injections.”

Therefore, whether O’Ryan believed in the reality of assassination by fatal disease because he had firsthand knowledge of it, or whether he believed it simply because it is possible and therefore in principle might be done, I do not know.

It should also be noted that Wendelle Stevens, through whose eyes we are seeing this case, fervently believes US intelligence engages in the practice of assassination by fatal disease, and he will elaborate on it at a moment’s notice, citing other cases where he believes this occurred. If it’s pointed out that Hodgkin’s is not a fatal disease, Wendelle will say the government has engineered its own “fast moving” lethal strains.

It wasn’t the assassinations

So O’Ryan ends up at Wendelle’s house, and there were really two questions at that point. Did he really have a fatal disease? And why had he been discharged?

As noted, it must have started dawning on O’Ryan there was more to his discharge than met the eye when the

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weeks went by and he did not die or even fall ill. After all, he’d been told he had only “two weeks” to live.

In addition, 30 minutes after telephoning Wendelle, O’Ryan’s bank accounts were frozen and Wendelle had to send him money for the bus ride. O’Ryan also thought

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he was under physical surveillance in the bus station and that is why he mailed to Wendelle the cache of photos he allegedly had with him, instead of carrying them on his person.

My impression is that on arriving at Wendelle's, O'Ryan still clung to the notion all his troubles stemmed from the 18 assassinations. If that were true, the caches might still be secure and he could fulfill his purpose of getting one of them to the public.

The fear that pervaded both Wendelle and O'Ryan was that S-4 was always going to be O'Ryan's last assignment. The idea was that after O'Ryan's 17th assassination he already "knew too much" to be allowed to survive. He was used goods, so send him to S-4, deepen the contamination; it doesn't matter because he was destined to be eliminated.

Filmmaker Rick Keefe has a dark vision of the dynamic at work in O'Ryan's situation. "You don't get out of some of these jobs alive," Keefe says. "They have one



Rick Keefe

kill the next in a chain of assassinations. Once you've seen enough to compromise the leaders" you're doomed, Keefe believes. "They leave no one at the bottom alive."

It was just this kind of reasoning that apparently had made O'Ryan so uneasy after he got to S-4. "It became an obsession to find out [about Area 51 and S-4] because I almost feared for my own safety," he had said. And so, out of a deepening sense of vulnerability, O'Ryan perversely began to dig his own grave.

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"Desperate" is how Wendelle Stevens describes Connor O'Ryan. After 18 years of examining this case from all angles, Wendelle has come to believe O'Ryan was not a "plant" and was not lying. As Wendelle sees him, O'Ryan was driven by a sense of doom.

Whatever was in Connor O'Ryan's mind during the bus trip to Wendelle's home, within 48 hours O'Ryan and Stevens realized the espionage at S-4 had been discovered.

One clue was O'Ryan telephoned the girlfriend of one of his confederates, that is, one of the four who'd taken

the pictures. Reportedly, the woman said she had not heard from her boyfriend and she "feared the worst." Another clue was the package O'Ryan had mailed to Wendelle

They sent his own team—he was a member of Delta 6, a Seal team in Area 51—they sent his own team after him, which tells you how sincere they are. He was part of Delta 6 and they sent his own teammates to get him!

failed to arrive.

"You're a traitor"

Still another clue, and it was a biggie, were the notes that started arriving written in Special Forces lingo accusing O'Ryan of being a "traitor." The notes had symbols in them representing various of the photo caches, with some symbols x-ed out indicating that cache had been seized. This kind of thing continued with the tension escalating in a war of nerves.

Then there was the incident with O'Ryan's ID card. O'Ryan had left S-4 with his S-4 entry card, which he shouldn't have been able to do. One night at Wendelle's he buried the ID card in the backyard before going out to dinner. On return, the ID was gone. That suggested to Wendelle and O'Ryan the ID card had a tracking device in it, and that meant wherever O'Ryan had gone post discharge, the government had known where he was. O'Ryan then suggested there might be other tracking devices, even inside his body.

No where to hide

Why did the people shadowing O'Ryan pick up the

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card? That would further alert O'Ryan he had been tracked. All I can think of is it was calculated to further unnerve O'Ryan, intentionally letting him know all his activities were transparent to his pursuers. In the meantime, probably there was another tracking device in O'Ryan's body or they wouldn't have sacrificed the card. A real cat and mouse game.

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But they never picked him up. Right through to the end of this bizarre escapade, Connor O’Ryan was never arrested, and the last time Wendelle saw O’Ryan, he was still free. He drove away from Wendelle’s house in a car with a woman he met in Florida whom he apparently persuaded to drive him from Florida back to Arizona. As Wendelle says, “They could have picked him up at any time,” but they never did.

Waterboarding would have worked

The idea O’Ryan was not picked up because of the caches doesn’t hold up. O’Ryan insisted that was the case, and at the time Wendelle succumbed to the idea as well, but it doesn’t hold up. All the government had to do to wring every bit of information out of Connor O’Ryan was to use drugs and hypnosis, and if not, they could have resorted to old-fashioned waterboarding.

Frankly? The only reason I can see why this whole O’Ryan scenario was allowed to play out was as a training exercise for the Special Forces—a training exercise and possibly punishment of Connor O’Ryan and an object lesson for any number of people on the inside who participated or had knowledge of it.

Sending a message

Borne home to all insiders concerned would have been a message, the message of the futility, the sheer folly, of rebelling against or attempting to betray the security apparatus of the United States government. On display for many people to see, including, by the way, Wendelle Stevens, would have been the ruthless efficiency of the methods and technologies the US has at its disposal to discover and neutralize traitors.

So Connor O’Ryan, we have to see him as a 1991 version of Winston Smith from Orwell’s novel *1984*. After he was finally arrested and brought “home,” we can picture them saying to him, “Oh, come now, Connor, you didn’t really think you and your three pals could get away with this little plot of yours, did you?”

As close as we’ll get

Finally, what about the fatal disease? As the foregoing makes clear, I do not believe Connor O’Ryan had a fatal disease and that means we do not have here an example of the US government assassinating someone by using a fatal disease. We do have here, apparently, a case of the US government

assassinating an American citizen, the Special Forces sergeant in Hungary.

And we also have a case of an insider, Connor O’Ryan, someone who had reason to know, quite prepared to believe himself a victim of assassination by fatal disease at the hands of the US government. This case doesn’t prove the US does this kind of thing, but it is about as close to substantiation as I expect we will get.

Footnotes

1 S-4 Informers:

Vol. One: http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=CD7424712D84DEE3

Vol. Two: http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=03AB12ACB6CB22B9

Vol. Three: http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=55324C71E40F58A5

Website:

<http://www.ufohypotheses.com/>

Website page devoted to S-4 Informers:

<http://www.ufohypotheses.com/s4informers.htm>

YouTube Website:

<http://www.youtube.com/ufohypotheses>

2 I am unable to find the term “Black Seal” in use. Perhaps the term is a colloquialism used by Special Forces personnel but not having official status.



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O’Ryan has no evidence his superiors at S-4 are aware of the espionage. He hasn’t been questioned; his confederates still have their normal jobs at S-4 and they haven’t been questioned. All that’s happened is suddenly O’Ryan is terminally ill.
