

In her introduction Lewis apologizes to Southcott's followers, writing that the book will "hurt and distress her modern followers, but I doubt that they will bear a grudge." Bizarrely, though, Lewis believes that the long-dead Joanna bears her a grudge — and can act on it! Lewis's research notes for the book were packed into a box while she was moving house and were mistakenly donated to a charity. "Had Joanna somehow deliberately engineered the disposal of my notes?" Lewis writes in the introduction. But Lewis "smartly thwarted her" by digging through the charity's rubbish bags and salvaging her papers.

Later, Lewis was in a head-on car crash that resulted in a hospital stay and delayed her work on the book. Again she blames the "devious and wicked witch," Joanna. The book is so slanted against its subject that the reader may wish Joanna could reach out beyond the grave to get some much-deserved revenge.

This book is clearly written and well researched, but despite all the information it presents, readers will still be left wondering whether Joanna Southcott was a genuine seer, as she claimed to be, the evil fraud Lewis suggests, or merely a deluded — perhaps even demented — fanatic. My guess is she was a little of all three. — Janet Brennan

**Black Helicopters II: The Engage Strategy**

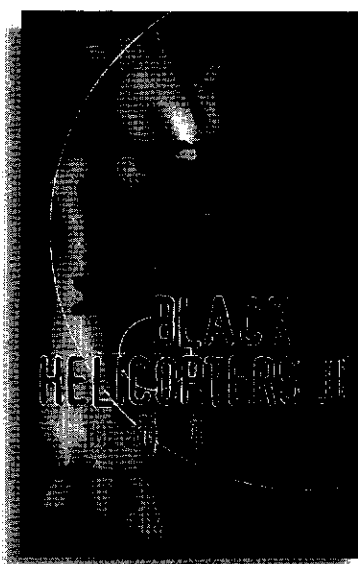
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"Today Americans would be outraged if U.N. troops entered Los Angeles to restore order; tomorrow they will be grateful," declared Henry Kissinger in a 1992 address to the *Bildersberg* group in Evian, France. Were these the words of a prophet — or just empty rhetoric?

As anyone who received an earlier injection of Jim Keith's paranoia-laced *Black Helicopters Over America* knows, such statements should not be taken lightly. America faces a deepening crisis, Keith warns us — and one in which the constitutional rights of its citizens may



one day be obliterated.

While terrorist agitators such as Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols have made the words *New World Order* symptoms of rabid psychosis, Keith has produced a wealth of evidence that a transition to a multinational police state may be more than a figment of some militiamen's imaginations.

Across America, Keith has tracked endless swarms of black, unmarked helicopters — some armed with Gatling guns and sophisticated electronic gear — as they have buzzed residential neighborhoods, farms, and schools and, even more reprehensibly, dispersed toxic chemicals. Keith traces the choppers to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and Forces Command (both headquartered in Atlanta), and he believes they are engaged in covert urban training exercises, CB warfare, and the testing of "non-lethal" weaponry involving microwaves.

At the head of this mutating octopus, according to Keith, sits the U.N. — a belief many see as a classic benchmark of psychosis. If so, why were six hundred U.N. troops wearing black uniforms with blue armbands stationed in Dulce, New Mexico, in July 1994, especially in light of the fact that Dulce coincidentally happens to be a hotbed of cattle mutilations and unexplained chopper activities?

Suspensefully told, Keith's tale is stunningly documented, with horrify-