

Hello everyone, this is Berg with a first installment in what will be a continuing series of emails. I hope to have 2 sections, one covering random material on the net that I find amusing or interesting. The other, more personal, will cover some elements of my private life.

I am putting some of you in my Bcc list as requested, others, as prearranged, will be in my Cc list. There are at this moment 18 of you, some are friends, others are customers I have gotten to like. You can at any time, ask to be removed from my email list or be switched from Cc to Bcc or vice-versa.

I feel that perhaps an apology is due some of you as I have been "making myself scarce" of late. In my own defense I can only quote this from an unknown French author:

"Everything from without informs man that he is nothing. All within tells him that he is everything."

And now for some links of interest:

Here is a Youtube video of a poor soul on a mission to buy some (more) beer at a liquor store. Unfortunately the mission was not accomplished.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8M_oBYNb6UU

Another Youtube video of a little French girl summarizing the plot from the Winnie the Pooh story. Adorable!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RQMVKcNgFw>

A very interesting Youtube video, about 1.5 hours long by a physicist (Steven Hsu) on the subject of intelligence. Well worth it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgCSkGeBUNg>

And last here is a striking picture of a sandstorm in Phoenix Arizona.



La Rubrique des Tonton Macoutes améliorés:

Here is a Youtube video of a brief discussion of some perhaps not well known tactics in use by the federal government. From the Russian television channel RT:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=LpTOrNQ3G9Q#!

Here you will find an article in the New York Times on the same subject.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/29/opinion/sunday/terrorist-plots-helped-along-by-the-fbi.html?>

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I would also recommend for those of you interested in some of the techniques of the East German Stasi (their version of the secret police) the following book by Luke Harding, a journalist with the BBC: "Expelled: A journalist's descent into the Russian mafia state." The concept of interest here is known as "Zersetzung" in English, "Undermining."

As part of the goings on in my personal life, I wish to announce here that I have today filed 3 Privacy Act and FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests with the Dept. of Homeland Security, the FBI and the Army. These are the first of several requests which will be going out in the next few weeks.

I will now end this first email with a poem:

The Stalin Epigram

Our lives no longer feel ground under them.
At ten paces you can't hear our words.

But whenever there's a snatch of talk
it turns to the Kremlin mountaineer,

the ten thick worms his fingers,
his words like measures of weight,

the huge laughing cockroaches on his top lip,
the glitter of his boot-rims.

Ringed with a scum of chicken-necked bosses
he toys with the tributes of half-men.

One whistles, another meows, a third snivels.
He pokes out his finger and he alone goes boom.

He forges decrees in a line like horseshoes,
One for the groin, one the forehead, temple, eye.

He rolls the executions on his tongue like berries.
He wishes he could hug them like big friends from home.

Osip Mandelstam