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Dear Brothers studying for the priesthood:

I am a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey in the United States serving Human Life International (HLI) as Vice President for Missions with the permission of Archbishop John J. Myers. Part of my new responsibilities will be working with Seminarians For Life, an outreach of HLI. We are dedicated to promoting the Gospel of Life.

This edition of the Seminarian for Life International Newsletter should give you an excellent overview of the primary culprit for much of the population control activity prevalent in the world today—a secret document of the U.S. government entitled “NSSM 200” that was promulgated in 1974, one year after our infamous Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand.



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This subject is not meant to inflame hatred against Americans, because all of the composers of this newsletter are Americans! Rather, it is meant to educate you on the policies and activities of the developed, primarily Western and “First World” countries, on the matter of “population control” and to give you a greater awareness of the results of these policies even today on your countries. It is meant to help you identify some of the key organizations and mentalities that continue to drive the anti-life agenda from Washington, New York and London. As priests, you will need to give your people leadership in stopping the advance of the culture of death in your country, and this information should be helpful to your formation programs.

We hope that seminarians who read this newsletter will pass it on to other seminarians so that we can all share in an understanding of the situations that confront us. We would also like to hear your suggestions for future articles and how we can serve you better. Please email your suggestions to semsforlife@hli.org. Finally, you can learn more about the fight for life around the world through our website at www.hli.org.

God bless all of you!

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THE FORMALIZATION OF UNITED STATES POPULATION POLICY

The United States National Security Council is the highest decision-making body on foreign policy in the United States. On December 10, 1974, it promulgated a top secret document entitled *National Security Study Memorandum 200*, also called *The Kissinger Report*. Its subject was “Implications of Worldwide Population Growth for U.S. Security and Overseas Interests.” This document, published shortly after the first major international population conference in Bucharest, was the result of collaboration among the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Departments of State, Defense and Agriculture.

NSSM-200 was made public when it was declassified and was transferred to the U.S. National Archives in 1990.

Although the United States government has issued hundreds of policy papers dealing with various aspects of American national security since 1974, *NSSM-200* continues to be the foundational document on population control issued by the United States government. It therefore continues to represent official United States policy on population control.

NSSM-200 is critically important to pro-life workers all over the world, because it completely exposes the unsavory and unethical motivations and methods of the population control movement.

THE PURPOSE OF *NSSM-200*

The primary purpose of U.S.-funded population control efforts is to maintain access to the mineral resources of less-developed countries, or LDCs. *NSSM-200* says that

The U.S. economy will require large and increasing amounts of min-

erals from abroad, especially from less developed countries ... That fact gives the U.S. enhanced interest in the political, economic, and social stability of the supplying countries. Wherever a lessening of population pressures through reduced birth rates can increase the prospects for such stability, population policy becomes relevant to resource supplies and to the economic interests of the United States.

In order to protect U.S. commercial interests, *NSSM-200* cited a number of factors that could interrupt the smooth flow of materials from LDCs to the United States, including a large population of anti-imperialist youth, whose numbers must be limited by population control. The document identified 13 nations by name that would be the primary targets of U.S.-funded population control efforts.

According to *NSSM-200*, elements of the implementation of population control programs could include:

- the legalization of abortion;
- financial incentives for countries to increase their abortion, sterilization and contraception-use rates;
- indoctrination of children; and
- mandatory population control and coercion of other forms, such as withholding disaster and food aid unless an LDC implements population control programs.

NSSM-200 also specifically declared that the United

States was to cover up its population control activities and avoid charges of imperialism by inducing the United Nations and various non-governmental organizations—specifically the Pathfinder Fund, the International Planned Parenthood Foundation (IPPF) and the Population Council—to do its dirty work.

This document, which is completely devoid of morality or ethics, has directly and inevitably encouraged atrocities and massive human rights violations in dozens of the nations of the world. Just three examples are shown below.

Peru. During the years 1995 to 1997, nearly a quarter of a million Peruvian women were sterilized as part of a program to fulfill then-president Alberto Fujimori's family planning goals. Although this campaign was called the "Voluntary Surgical Contraception Campaign," many of these procedures were obviously coerced. In fact, women whose underweight children were on government food programs were threatened with the withholding of this food if they refused to be sterilized, and others were kidnapped from their families and forcibly sterilized.

China. For many years, the United States government has funded the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). One of the main targets of UNFPA money is the People's Republic of China (PRC) and its widely-criticized forced-abortion and family planning program. According to its own documents, the UNFPA has donated more than \$100

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million to China's population control program; has bought and custom-designed a \$12 million IBM computer complex specifically to monitor the population program; provided the technical expertise and personnel that trained thousands of Chinese population control officials; and presented China with a United Nations award for the "most outstanding population control program."

Uganda. Uganda became the first African country to roll back its adult HIV infection rate, from 21 percent in 1991 to about six percent in 2004, a 70 percent decrease. The nation accomplished this amazing feat by discouraging condom use and by changing the behavior of the people. The population control groups could not allow this success to interfere with their inflexible template, so they aggressively undermined President Yoweri Museveni's program. Timothy Wirth, president of the United Nations Foundation,

called this highly effective program "gross negligence toward humanity." The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Population Services International, CARE International, and others are pushing condoms as hard as they can in Uganda, and the HIV infection rate is creeping up once again. This is perhaps the most egregious example of population control ideology trumping the science of proven HIV prevention programs.

OUTLINE OF THE POPULATION CONTROL STRATEGY IN *NSSM-200*

NSSM-200 explicitly lays out the detailed strategy by which the United States government aggressively promotes population control in developing nations in or-



der to regulate (or have better access to) the natural resources of these countries.

The following outline shows the elements of this plan, with actual supporting quotes from *NSSM-200*:

1. The United States needs widespread access to the mineral resources of less-developed nations (quote shown above).
2. The smooth flow of resources to the United States could be jeopardized by LDC government action, labor conflicts, sabotage, or civil disturbances, which are much more likely if population pressure is a factor: “These types of frustrations are much less likely under conditions of slow or zero population growth.”
3. Young people are much more likely to challenge imperialism and the world’s power structures, so their numbers should be kept down as much as possible: “These young people can more readily be persuaded to attack the legal institutions of the government or real property of the ‘establishment,’ ‘imperialists,’ multinational corporations, or other—often foreign—influences blamed for their troubles.”
4. Therefore, the United States must develop a commitment to population control among key LDC leaders, while bypassing the will of their people: “The U.S. should encourage LDC leaders to take the lead in advancing family planning and population stabilization both within multilateral organizations and through bilateral contacts with other LDCs.”
5. The critical elements of population control implementation include:
 - a. Identifying the primary targets: “Those countries are: India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nigeria, Mexico, Indonesia, Brazil, the Philippines, Thailand, Egypt, Turkey, Ethiopia and Colombia.”
 - a. Enlisting the aid of as many multilateral population control organizations as possible in this worldwide project, in order to deflect criticism and charges of imperialism: “The U.S. will look to the multilateral agencies, especially the U.N. Fund for Population Activities which already has projects in over 80 countries to increase population assistance on a broader basis with increased U.S. contributions.”
 - a. Recognizing that “No country has reduced its population growth without resorting to abortion.”
 - b. Designing programs with financial incentives for countries to increase their abortion, sterilization and contraception-use rates: “Pay women in the LDCs to have abortions as a method of family planning. ... Similarly, there have been some controversial, but remarkably successful, experiments in India in which financial incentives, along with other motivational devices, were used to get large numbers of men to accept vasectomies.”
 - c. Concentrating on “indoctrinating” [*NSSM-200*’s language] the children of LDCs with anti-natalist propaganda: “Without diminishing in any way the effort to reach these adults, the obvious increased focus of attention should be to change the attitudes of the next generation, those who are now in elementary school or younger.”
 - d. Designing and instigating propaganda programs and sex-education curricula intended to convince couples to have smaller families, regardless of social or cultural considerations: “The following areas appear to contain significant promise in effecting fertility declines, and are discussed in subsequent sections ... concentrating on the education and indoctrination of the rising generation of children regarding the desirability of smaller family size.”
 - e. Investigating the desirability of *mandatory* [*NSSM-200*’s language] population control programs: “The conclusion of this view is that mandatory programs may be needed and that we should be considering these possibilities now.”
 - f. Considering using coercion in other forms, such as withholding disaster and food aid un-

less a targeted LDC implements population control programs: “On what basis should such food resources then be provided? Would food be considered an instrument of national power? Will we be forced to make choices as to whom we can reasonably assist, and if so, should population efforts be a criterion for such assistance?”

6. Throughout the implementation process, the United States must hide its tracks and disguise its programs as altruistic: “There is also the danger that some LDC leaders will see developed country pressures for family planning as a form of economic or racial imperialism; this could well create a serious backlash. ... The U.S. can help to minimize charges of an imperialist motivation behind its support of population activities by repeatedly asserting that such support derives from a concern with:
 - a. The right of the individual couple to determine freely and responsibly the number and spacing of children and to have information, education, and means to do so; and

- b. The fundamental social and economic development of poor countries in which rapid population growth is both a contributing cause and a consequence of widespread poverty.”

Point (6) above cannot be emphasized enough. The motivation for population control is purely selfish. Therefore, the organizations promoting population control must engage in a massive program of deception. They must present their programs as supporting personal freedom, or as concern for the welfare of poor nations.

THE BASIC QUESTION: IS POPULATION CONTROL NECESSARY?

There is growing awareness that the world “population explosion” is over or, indeed, that it never actually materialized. When the population scare began in the late 1960s, the world population was increasing at a rate of more than two percent per year. It is now increasing at less than one percent per year, and is expected to stop growing in about the year 2040, barely a generation from now.

NSSM-200 predicted that the population of the world would stabilize at about 10 to 13 billion, with some demographers predicting that the world population would balloon to as high as 22 billion people. Now we know that the population of the world will reach about eight billion, and then will begin to decline.

The worldwide application of the strategies recommended in *NSSM-200* has resulted in regional population growth rates decelerating so fast that they are already causing severe economic and social problems in Europe, the former Soviet Union, Japan, Singapore and Hong Kong. Many developing nations are now aging even more rapidly than the developed world, which foretells of even more severe problems for their relatively underdeveloped economies. The developed nations had the opportunity to become rich before they became old; if a nation becomes old first, it will never become rich.

From the very beginning, the concept of a “popu-



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NSSM-200 ALSO SPECIFICALLY DECLARED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS TO COVER UP ITS POPULATION CONTROL ACTIVITIES AND AVOID CHARGES OF IMPERIALISM BY INDUCING THE UNITED NATIONS AND VARIOUS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS — SPECIFICALLY THE PATHFINDER FUND, THE INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FOUNDATION (IPPF) AND THE POPULATION COUNCIL — TO DO ITS DIRTY WORK.

lation explosion” was an ideologically motivated false alarm specifically designed to allow rich nations to pilage the resources of the poorer nations. The resulting push for population control in LDCs has borne absolutely no positive fruit in its decades of implementation. In fact, population control ideologies and programs make it even more difficult to respond to the impending grave crisis looming in the form of a disastrous worldwide “population implosion.” It is time to begin urging families to have more children, not less, if we are to avoid a worldwide demographic catastrophe.

The first step in such a massive change in policy is, of course, to change our vision and our values. In order to do this, we must repudiate old ways of thinking and outmoded ways of accomplishing our objectives.

NSSM-200 represents the worst aspect of the “advanced” nations meddling in the most intimate affairs of lesser developed nations. It symbolizes as no other document does the face of the “ugly American.” It advocates violating the most precious freedoms and autonomy of the individual through coercive family planning programs.

NSSM-200 does not emphasize the rights or welfare of individuals or of nations, just the “right” of the United States to have unfettered access to the natural resources of developing nations. The United States and the other nations of the developed world, as well as ideologically motivated population control NGOs, should be supporting and guiding authentic economic development that allows the people of each nation to use their resources for their own benefit, thereby leading to an enhancement of human rights worldwide and healthier economies for all.

No human relationships are closer or more intimate than those found in the family. Yet the “developed” world has spent more than *45 billion* dollars just since 1990 attempting to control the number of children born to families in developing nations through the widespread imposition of abortion, sterilization and birth control under the umbrella terms “family planning services” and “reproductive health.”

All that the tens of billions of dollars of population control expenditures have accomplished is to make hundreds of millions of *large* poor families into *small* poor families. If this massive amount of money had instead been put to the service of authentic economic development—better schools, drinking water, roads, health care—hundreds of millions of people would be living much better lives now.



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Recommended Resources

Written materials

Casti Connubii (1930). Papal encyclical by Pius XI:
www.ewtn.com/library/ENCYC/P11CASTI.HTM

Humanae Vitae (1968). Papal encyclical by Paul VI:
www.ewtn.com/library/ENCYC/P6HUMANA.HTM

Evangelium Vitae (1995). Papal encyclical by John Paul II: www.ewtn.com/library/ENCYC/JP2EVANG.HTM

John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" conferences. Includes original unity of man and woman and reflections on *Humanae Vitae*. Available through HLI's bookstore: www.hli.org.

Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality (1995), www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/family/documents/rc_pc_family_doc_08121995_human-sexuality_en.html

Educational Guidance in Human Love by the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education (1983) www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccatheduc/documents/rc_con_ccatheduc_doc_19831101_sexual-education_en.html

Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994)

Links

www.humanaevitapriests.org Great information about *Humanae Vitae* as well as many good articles and resources.

www.hli.org Human Life International's website. Of particular note are the pages:

www.hli.org/contraception_resources.html
Good articles about contraception.

www.hli.org/condom_expose.html
Exposes many of the myths about condoms. Shows the condom's high failure rate for preventing sexually transmitted diseases.

Bishops Pastoral Letters and Articles

Human Sexuality from God's Perspective: Humanae Vitae 25 Years Later, by The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB): www.usccb.org/prolife/humanae25.shtm.

Marriage: A communion of Life and Love, Bishop Victor Galeone (Bishop St. Augustine Florida USA). The pastoral letter can be found at the following sites: www.ewtn.com/library/prolife/zbodtrut.htm and at www.staugcatholic.org/archives/july-aug2003.pdf.

Electronic Resources:

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