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>PENTAGON CHANGES NAME OF Y2K READINESS EXERCISE

>According to WorldNet Daily, the Pentagon is still planning a nationwide call-up of the National Guard for May 1 but has changed the name of the exercise.

>WorldNet Daily "has confirmed that the National Guard is indeed planning a nationwide mobilization test. But due to the publicity surrounding the original plans, the name has been changed from COMEX/MOBEX to Communications CPX," or Exercise COMMO CPX 99.

>Lt. Col. Kirk Krist, a spokesman for the Pentagon's Y2K Task Force, said the exercise is just a test of the Army's communications system in the event of Y2K-related blackouts and not a dress rehearsal for Operation Abacus.

>"We are still planning on holding the COMEX/MOBEX but we have officially changed the name to COMMUNICATIONS CPX to avoid any assumptions that we plan to mobilize the entire (USA) National Guard on 31 December 1999. We do not plan to do that," explained Lt. Col. Kirk Krist of the Y2K Task Force."

>"The purpose of the exercise...is to test the high-frequency radio network the Guard will use in the event there is a failure of telephone communications" as a result of the expected Y2K computer crisis.

>Over 460,000 National Guardsmen in all fifty of the USA's states will participate in the three-day exercise beginning May 1, 1999." (Many thanks to Y2K Newswire for February 2, 1999 for this item.)

Y2K is a subject which I have seen discussed on UFO web pages, in UFO discussion groups (not this one though, at least as far as I have seen), email and print UFO related bulletins, etc. Not until now did I really bother to ask why. The Y2K issue is one that interests me, as it probably interests most people to some degree or another, but why is it being more and more commonly associated with UFOs, or is this just an incorrect perception on my part? Why do publications which cover UFOs seem more likely to cover Y2K than, say, a bird watching mailing list, a journal on evolutionary biology or anything else? I do not see the Clinton impeachment affair (no pun) mentioned in American UFO publications or discussion groups, and that is a major news event in US circles, so why Y2K? I ask this with no disrespect to the UFO Roundup crew (their e-zine is one of the best ways to catch up on the happenings in the UFO field, IMO), I mean this as a general question regarding what some people seem to feel is some sort of relationship between the subjects (or else it wouldnt be covered).

In what way does Y2K relate to UFOs? Is it some conspiritorial aspect? hints of government quietly planning for social instability (as some maintain they must do for 'when the reality of UFOs is disclosed'? My fear is that it merely provides fodder for those who say that the UFO field is just "saucer groupies" who are all millennialists, paranoid people awaiting any sign of armaggeddon, or people who have nothing to do but await the end of the world, be it brought by "the alien threat" or riots in the streets.

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