

Due to the complexity of the subject, W+D GmbH had produced for the editorial procedures a data carrier with all documents mentioned in the text, etc. Everything is available on request from W+D GmbH.

**Following: The references in the wording of 1997.**

(1) Scenario, designed by the "Pure Food Campaign", located in the USA (Little Marais, State of Minnesota). The "Action Plan" was spread since January 1997 in various ways, including the Internet,  
file: <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/1527/callPlan.html>

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(2) The Pure Food Campaign ("PFC") designates itself as a project of the "*Foundation on Economic Trends*" (FET). Its President, Jeremy Rifkin is described as "*environmental author and technology critic*". A self-portrayal of the "PFC" can be found on the Internet:  
<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/1527/index.html>)

Document available from W+D. Here also: Several versions of the "PFC"-homepage.

The first call for the "*Global Days of Action against Gene Foods*" dates from January 15, 1997; it is signed by Jeremy Rifkin.

The call is said to have gone to a large number of organizations all over the world and, as explained in an accompanying paper, serve to support a process "*to promote peoples grassroots globalization*." This paper is also signed and available from the Head of the "PFC", Ronnie Cummins. Other persons were mentioned as signatories, but not named; description: "*other co-sponsors of April events*". The appeal was also presented by the "*Initiative to Prohibit Genetically Modified Food*", a "Maharishi organization", on the Internet (<http://www.netlink.de/gen/Zeitung/970115a.htm>).

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The "PFC" has drawn up a list of persons and organizations, described as: "*concerned about genetically engineered foods and crops*." It is not known to the author whether the inclusion in this list is authorized by the named persons or not.

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The list contains, as far as German and Swiss entries are concerned, some orthographical mistakes.

For October 1997, the "*Pure Food Campaign*" is planning another "*worldwide*" Action; it will take place from October 2 to 16, 1997. The call is dated: July 30, 1997.

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(3) Quotation in the original text: *"Due to the fact that this is the first global protest of this nature, and due to the fact that food safety, agriculture, trade, and genetic engineering are 'hot button' issues, we expect to see major national and international news coverage of the April actions."*

(4) *"Greenpeace actions turn up the heat"* is the heading of a call by Michelle Sheater, head of the *"Greenpeace"- "Soya Push Team"*, (<http://www.greenpeace.org/~comms/97/geneng/gene2.html>). Mrs. Sheater states, the *"Greenpeace"*-actions against the import of genetically engineered genetically modified plants were on the first pages of the news in Europe, in other parts of the world *"as in New Zealand, Japan, Canada"* the press coverage in this regions is growing.

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On the data carrier: Some *"Greenpeace"*-basic texts (9 *"Greenpeace Briefings"*).

(5) The *"Transcendental Meditation"* (*"TM"*) was founded in 1957 by the Indian Maharishi Mahesh Yogi; she is the first of many organizations dedicated to the movement of the Maharishi. Maharishi Mahesh Yogi is called *"His Holiness"*: In a Self-representation *"Transcendental Meditation"* is described as an *"easy to learn mental relaxation technique"*; and *"the most important one on the most thoroughly scientifically researched meditation technique"*. File: *"TM after Maharishi Mahesh Yogi"*, <http://www.netlink.de/tm/>.

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The *"Maharishi University of Management"* in Fairfield/Iowa (from 1971 -1995 operating under the name of *"Maharishi International University"*) runs a *"College of Maharishi Vedic Medicine"*. There, Maharishi-oriented academic degrees are to be awarded; information in: file: *"College of Maharishi Vedic Medicine"*, <http://www.mum.edu/CMVM/index.html>).

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The claim of the *"College"* is to create elements within the framework of medical education not existing in usual training:

1. *Consciousness*
2. *pulse diagnosis, Diet, Herbal Food Supplements, and Physiological Purification Techniques*
3. *Environmental Health*
4. *Effects of the Extended Environment on Health, The "Cosmic Counterparts" of Human Physiology*
5. *Collective Health.*

The latter refers to the *"Maharishi effect"*, which is described as *"a powerful influence of coherence, positivity, and harmony in society. The result is the reduction of negative trends such as crime, accidents, and illness."*

File: <http://www.mum.edu/CMVM/Integrated.html>

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In 1997, the College offered *"Degree Programs in Natural Preventive Health Care"*. A *"holistic approach"* is described:

*"Only a holistic approach that taken into consideration all aspects of mind and body together can be successful in handling health"*

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(6) Maharishi Mahesh Yogi alias Mahesh Prasad Warma is founder of a some companies and organizations serving the purpose of *"realization of heaven on earth"*. The *"Maharishi Movement"* is present in many countries of the world. areas of society and economy. The "movement" is owner of a large number of trademarks, indicating economic intentions.

A list of trademarks distributed by the *"Maharishi University of Management"* as file: <http://www.mum.edu/library/home.html>; original text: *"Transcendental Meditation, TM, TM-Sidhi, Science of Creative Intelligence, Maharishi Ayur-Veda, Maharishi International University, and Maharishi Sthapatya Veda are service marks registered in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, licensed to Maharishi Vedic Education Development Corporation and used under sublicense. The following are service marks, trade names, and trademarks licensed to Maharishi Vedic Education Development Corporation and used under sublicense: Transcendental Meditation Sidhi, Maharishi Ayur-Veda, Maharishi Sthapatya Veda, Maharishi Jyotish, Maharishi Gandharva Veda, Consciousness-Based, Maharishi Science of Creative Intelligence, Maharishi TM-Sidhi, Maharishi Transcendental Meditation, Maharishi Vedic A approach to Health, Maharishi Ayur-Veda University, Maharishi Medical Center, Maharishi University of Management, Maharishi School of the Age of Enlightenment, Maharishi Integrated System of Education, Maharishi Corporate Development Program, and Maharishi Amrit Kalash."*

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(7) In a self-portrayal about the founder of the *"Transcendental Church"*: *"Maharishi Mahesh Yogi is considered today as the greatest expert in knowledge the wholeness of the laws of nature. In the last 37 years, he has worked for the application of the technique of Transcendental Meditation, the Maharishi Ayur-Veda and knowledge of the laws of nature in all areas of society, especially in education and health care."*

Source: File: "Transcendental Meditation: The 1% Effect, Internet Address: <http://www.netlink.de/tm/effekt.htm>".

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By beginning the research on this subject we found a connection between the *"Initiative zum Verbot genmanipulierter Nahrung"* (translated: *"Initiative for the*

*Prohibition of Genetically Modified Food"* and the Maharishi-Movement - besides the fact that the "initiative" describes itself as "neutral".

The "Initiative" is available on the Internet at  
<http://www.netlink.de/gen/>; the "Transcendental Meditation" at  
<http://www.netlink.de/tm/>

(8) In the place cited, p. 2

(9) In the place cited, p. 2

(10) In the place cited, p. 2

(11) The "*Maharishi movement*" explains that when thinking a particular thought, for example that of flying, a TM-expert would be capable to "*fly*" indeed.

(12) A description can be found in the text "*Transcendental Meditation: Yogic Flying*" in the internet, file:  
<http://www.netlink.de/tm/yfliieg.htm>; Quotation: p. 1

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(13) In the place cited, page 1

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(15) According to the "Maharishi Movement", there are now in more than forty states "*natural law parties*" existing. Intensive activities can actually found in the USA, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. It appears to be the case, that individual natural law parties have successfully used contemporary trends to find supporters outside religiously oriented population groups. and to involve them in projects of the movement. Establishing the "*Initiative to ban genetically modified food*" as an important source of information, uses groups that understand themselves as "left-wing" or "progressive" groups is a success of the "Maharishi movement", which in the meantime present itself openly as a "political" group.

It is noteworthy that in some parts of the world the "Maharishi movement" in form of the "Initiative for the Prohibition of Genetically Modified Foods" or "Mothers for Natural Law "(located in Fairfield/Iowa) have taken over the factual management of campaigns. So in New Zealand a "*Natural Food Commission*" is "*coordinated*" by the local "*Party of Natural Law.*" Under the leadership of representatives of the "Maharishi-Movement" various institutions, including Greenpeace, were named. In the file "Coalition calls for a moratorium" ([http://www.NaturalLaw.org.nz/genetics/g\\_press/c9612\\_02.htm](http://www.NaturalLaw.org.nz/genetics/g_press/c9612_02.htm)) Greenpeace" Campaigner" Stephanie Mills is named and a representative of the Pesticides Action Network, Meriel Watts.

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Some key documents on the "natural law parties":

1. Definition of "natural law" from the programme of the German "Naturgesetzpartei" (natural law party)

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2. Self-representation of the USA's Natural Law Party

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3. Resolution of the German Natural Law Party: "Genetic Engineering"

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4. Selfdescription: The German "Natural Law Party" would "science into politics"

Document available from W+D

5. Representation of the USA's Natural Law Party: Genetic engineering will become a hot topic in the future. a "*hot political issue*".

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**(16)** see: (12), page 1

**(17)** In the place cited (12), page 1

**(18)** Self-portrayal of the "*Pure Food Campaign*", file: "The Pure Food Campaign Homepage",  
<http://www.geocit.ies/Athens/1527/index.html>; p. 1; original text:  
"The PFC's strategy is to help build a national and international consumer / farmer / laboratory / progressive retailer boycott of genetically engineered and chemically contaminated foods and crops".

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**(19)** The "*Foundation on Economic Trends*" has in many cases made its public appearance with spectacular activities. The organization, based in Washington, DC, is controversial. Its founder, Jeremy Rifkin, was described as an agitator using pseudo-scientific arguments.

**(20)** Text on the title of the Rifkin book "Entropy", Hoffmann and Campe, 1982.

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The American original edition was published under the title "*Entropy: A New World View*", 1980; holder of rights was the "*Foundation on Economic Trends*".

**(21)** This action did not have a recognizable legal form; responsible persons were not detectable. The media reported consistently positive about the campaign.

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**(22)** 6 documents; available from W+D

**(23)** The "*Mothers for Natural Law*" designate themselves as a "*non-profit-making institution*". The "Mothers" are carriers of the American branch of the "*Campaign to Ban Genetically Engineered Foods*" and the "*The Million Signature Initiative for Mandatory Labeling*".

Following some documents about this organization:

1. proof: "non-profit"organization:

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2. proof of sponsorship:

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3. Document to "*The Million Signature Initiative*"

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4. Blank signature sheet of the Initiative.

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A retrospective self-portrayal can be found on the Internet under:  
<http://www.lisco.com/mothersfornaturallaw/campaign.html>

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6. call of the mothers,"Action Alert"; here also: References to the "*Retailer Campaign*" ([http://www.lisco.com/mothersfornaturallaw/ action. html](http://www.lisco.com/mothersfornaturallaw/action.html))

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**(24)** In the text "*The Dangers*" ([http://www.lisco.com/mothersfornaturallaw/](http://www.lisco.com/mothersfornaturallaw/dangers.html)) dangers. html), p. 2, the following comparison is made: "*Gene Pollution Cannot Be Cleaned Up Once genetically engineered organisms, bacteria and viruses are released into the environment it is impossible to contain or recall them. zip chemical or nuclear contamination, negative effects are irretrievable and irreversible.*"

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(25) Original text in file <http://www.lisco.com/mothersfornaturallaw/mission.html>, S. 1:

*"Our understanding of natural law is inspired by the programs taught by His Holiness Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. These programs expand conscious awareness to encompass the whole universe, and bring human awareness into perfect alignment with natural law. A large number of individuals functioning from this level of consciousness will spontaneously enliven nature's own intelligence and organizing power, to repair the damage already done, and ensure the future integrity of civilization."*

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(26) The "American Campaign to Ban Genetically Engineered Foods" designates as part of "Dr. Fagan's Global Alliance".

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The similar activities of the European Maharishi initiatives the "mothers" describes as exemplary: One could read in the press almost daily about the success of the "European Campaign", quotation from a self-portrayal. File: <http://www.lisco.com/mothersfornaturallaw/inyourarea.html>. The recipe for success":

*"All it took was a handful of consumers, and look what's happened! European doctors, governments, manufacturers and retailers are standing up in support of safety, environmental responsibility and freedom of choice."*

Specified file, p. 1

In fact, the Maharishi Movement in Germany has established a "Consumer Initiative", which gave wrong impression about the own long lasting history. It was, however, recently founded by two persons, candidates for German Natural Law Party for the federal elections in Germany. The bank account of the initiative was in fact the private account of these people.

(27) The original English text (File: <http://www.netlink.de/gen/redaktion.html>):

*"At the moment genetic engineered foods are being introduced into the market: without any proper risk assessment, without information of the public, without any other reasonable justification. As concerned members of the internet community we try to contribute, independent of any party and organization our part to stop these possible fatal developments."*

Documents available from W+D (German and English versions)

(28) The listing is part of the German- and English-language version of the database; a Spanish and a Swedish version formally deviates from the versions mentioned above. Facsimiles of the respective homepages of the

databases (all queried on August 22, 1997):

English version: <http://www.netlink.de/gen/>

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English version: <http://www.netlink.de/gen/home.html>

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Swedish version: <http://www.algonet.se/-genman/contents.html>

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Spanish version: <http://ww2.grn.es/avalls/>

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In the file "Introducion" (<http://ww2.gm.es/avalls/agenmenu.htm>) were mentioned as activists against genetic manipulation:

Natural law parties,

Greenpeace,

Aedenate,

Pure Food Campaign,

Friends of the Earth Europe.

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Document from the Spanish version: Links ("*Vinculos a paginas relacionadas*"); "*Greenpeace*" is named, in addition to various "Maharishi" organizations.

It should be noted that the author has not been able to obtain knowledge of whether the mention of "*Greenpeace International*" happened with or without the consent of "*Greenpeace International*"-organization.

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**(29)** For example, in a text of the New Zealand "*Natur Food Commission*", which is chaired by the Natural Law Party there.

(File: <http://www.NaturalLaw.org.nz/genetics/default.htm>, p. 4): "*The European story-sponsored by the German Natural Law Party*".

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**(30)** Meanwhile, an evaluation of data on "*economic efficiency*" has been carried out. Effects of boycott actions" shows that "Greenpeace", at least in the early stages, had used the findings of the "Maharishi Movement".



**(31)** An overview is given in the flyer "*Biosketch - Dr. John Fagan*", conveyed by the "*Mahrishi University of Management*" in Fairfield/Iowa.

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**(32)** *Genetic Engineering: The Hazards / Vedic Engineering: The Solutions. Health Agriculture - The Environment. Maharishi's Vedic Engineering -comprehensive, life-supporting solutions. Genetic Engineering - partial, short-term fixes with damaging side effects. Maharishi International University Press, Fairfield, Iowa, USA, 1995.*

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Prof. Fagan dedicated the book to Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. The dedication has in the following text:

*"IN GRATITUDE TO MAHARISHI MAHESH YOGI whose Vedic Science inspired the inquiry that led to this book, and whose Vedic Technologies expand humane progress far beyond dependence on dangerous technologies□bring life into full accord with natural law."*

**(33)** loc. cit., "Table of Contents".

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**(34)** In the place cited, original text: *"This book reveals the poison to be purified and brings to light the nectar to revitalize life on earth. It is a textbook for everyone who is either a scientist or the beneficiary of scientific research, a book for everyone in the world today."*

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**(35)** The document is also distributed as an internet-file "*Fagan's Papers*" ([http://www.NaturalLaw.org.nz/genetics/f\\_label.htm](http://www.NaturalLaw.org.nz/genetics/f_label.htm)).

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**(36)** So a statement in the Canadian magazine "*Farm & Country Crops*", Article by Tom Button, "*Greenpeace attack threatens soy exports*", November 1996.

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**(37)** Fagan begins his article with the following sentences: *"There's a war on in Europe, and most Americans have hardly heard about it. It concerns the safety of something very basic to human life: our food. Why are we so uninformed while European consumers are up in arms and their governments are taking swift action against the uncontrolled introduction of genetically modified foods?"*

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This text is an indication that the campaign of the Maharishi-movement in the United States is not so successful as in Germany.

**(38)** Already the first message of the "movement" in the English version of the database *"Initiative for the Prohibition of Genetically Modified Food"* referred to Prof. Fagan, described as proprietor of *"The Solution"*. *"The Solution"* was twofold: Fagan has found suppliers of "GMO-free" products and developed a test based on 10,000 samples. He could find out the one soybean *"genetically engineered"* out of 10,000 soybeans.

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**(39)** In January 1997, *"Greenpeace e. V."* published a listing of "Suppliers of GE-free Soybeans" and announced, that it would be *"possible to supply the entire European market with RRS-free soybeans"*.

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In an enquiry on April 18, 1997, the author was told by *"Greenpeace e. V."* that this listing would not be disseminated further as it has been incorrect. The named companies could deliver no or only small quantities of RRS-free soybeans.

**(40)** In a self-portrayal, it is stated that Dr. Fagan has developed the *"Genetic ID"*-test. However, Dr. Fagan did not have any of material interests in the test. Original text:

*"Dr. Fagan has taken an advocacy role with regard to the impact of genetic engineering on health and the environment. For this reason, Dr. Fagan has declined to accept any interest in the company."*

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**(41)** The company *"GENETIC ID"* identifies itself as *"limited company"* and its owner of the trademark *"Genetic ID"*, offering a test of DNA e. g. in soybeans; see document at (40)

**(42)** *"GLOBAL 2000"*, dated 16 September 1996, spread a Press release, titled "(translated): *"New procedure for the detection of genetically modified soya"*. It was referred to a joint initiative with the *"Pure Food Campaign"* in Vienna, a mutual press conference. It was announced: *"GLOBAL 2000"* will *"hold talks with Austrian companies on the import of genetically modified US soya."*

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**(43)** see also list of sources (4)

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