

THE OFFICIAL WEATHER REPORT AND OTHER CRUCIAL ELEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE'S PLANNED STATE
OF NEW ENDINGS – OR HOW WINSTON GAINED A HERO OF THE PEOPLE AWARD.

PRINCIPALS OF THE PLANNED ECONOMY

In a properly organised and planned economy it is axiomatic that The State must plan for and control all major factors likely to or in fact impacting on the continuing success of The Revolution. It must be a guiding principal that the mere fact that control is bureaucratically challenging is not a reason to relax the degree of control. In circumstances where cognitive dissonance arises between the apparent state of affairs as perceived by Citizens in a Quantum Subversive state and The State, it is of crucial importance that Official Position be used as the basis for all decision making and actions.

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SUBVERSION OF THE REVOLUTION: Quantum Subversive state assumption.

The primary goal of The State is to bring order to chaos. The ultimate expression of chaos is the probability function as described in the main Quantum Physics Theories. It is a fact of statistical inevitability that some citizens will form part of the wave function tendency to subvert the revolution. All citizens are therefore considered to be in a Quantum Subversive state where the probability of a wave function collapse (into subversion) can be calculated and assessed. It is the role of The State, to identify Citizens approaching the point of Probability Wave function collapse into subversion and bring appropriate corrective wave function forces to prevent or suppress the functional collapse.

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PART 1: THE SYSTEMS WITHIN THE STATE

The rain beat hard on the window, great grey gobs of water splattering with an almost martial sound. Winston looked out, then across to the weather forecast displayed on the vid screen. He read the official weather status... " bright sunshine for the day". He groaned, put on his light sports coat, the most that could reasonably needed in the conditions set and walked out into the bright sunshine, which drenched him almost immediately in its cold watery downpour..

The walk to the ministry was no harder or easier than usual, he dodged the crowds as much as he could, but as a ministry official he also kept his senses alert of recidivism. Most of the crowd wore appropriate clothes. Those who felt themselves to be particularly politically astute could be seen wearing plastic beach shoes with flower designs incised or moulded into them. Winston knew that such "overtly appropriate" clothing was considered by the Department of Arts and Culture to be the first step toward subversive satire. Such citizens, he suspected, risked being invited to be the stars of their own one man show in a small dark basement room, from which the only cry for an encore was a small strangled scream.

THE OFFICIAL WEATHER REPORT BACKGROUND

NOTE – The past tense or the present tense are the official tenses of all State Commentary Documents. It is recognised that a Future Tense could be considered as being indicative of having some uncertainty. Hence it is important that all documents are written in the past tense or present, even where such documents are a forecast of a future known state.

The Official Weather report has a simple position in The State. Since The State is a perfectly balanced and ordered society there is an inevitability that the weather will also be perfectly balanced. The Science Council had carefully considered the Politburo requirement for a perfect weather pattern. Such a climate was considered, identified, defined, and codified. The weather report therefore merely reports the weather required for any given day in order that the Perfect Climate be achieved.

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Winston continued his walk to work, his light cotton jacket clinging to his body, trousers soaked, hair plastered to his face – accepting with his customary tolerance the challenge of Temporary Climate Dissonance. He has read and understood from the commentaries that such Dissonances can occur. He can recite the controlling source documents “On occasional times the weather qua weather did not entirely meet the required pattern as laid down by the Science Council. This Temporary Climate Dissonance was recognised as a political challenge of considerable magnitude. After a careful review of the doctrinal issues it was better understood that the most important aspect of the Perfect Climate doctrine was that The State should work to the principal of the Perfect Climate, irrespective of any purely temporal and local issues. To achieve this goal it was recognised that it was important that the Citizenry cooperate by acting and dressing on the basis of the official weather, not the temporary and (generally recognised as aberrant) actual weather”

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE CORRECT USEAGE OF THE OFFICIAL WEATHER REPORT

The Official Weather Report has a secondary and a tertiary function. The secondary function leads inevitably to the third. This Cascade of Logic Imperative was enshrined in the Crime Allocation Ministry Standard Operating parameters before the ministry was formed. This is how both aspects are applied.

Secondary function of the Official Weather Report– as a time piece. The Official Weather report is given in hours, First hour – Rain, second hour- Sun etc. Given that this is the case, any citizen who is aware of the weather forecast and the weather, is able to tell the time merely by reference to the Official Weather Report. If the Official Weather report states a single type of weather for more than 1 hour then devices similar to egg timers are available to count off the consecutive hours.

Tertiary function of the Official Weather Report - as an example of the Cascade of Logic Imperative. In this case the Cascade leads to the identification of a Quantum subversive. Whether the suspect is actually a subversive will depend on the status of the allocation of subversive status as required by the known count number of subversives who will be identified in the year vs the number actually identified to date. In this case, the Cascade logic is applied as follows.

The Official Weather report provides the timing of each change in the weather. Merely by seeing the weather and cross referencing with the status of the egg timer device it is possible to know the time. **Citizens who choose to use watches or other time pieces are therefore either incapable of the task or doubt the veracity of the weather forecast.** In the former case citizens can be allocated a suitable IQ if one is available, in the latter case they are placed on the Quantum Subversive list for investigation if the full subversive allocation has not been filled.

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CASCADE OF LOGIC IMPERATIVE (COLI)

A COLI is a process by which State Logic can be applied. It often relates to the way a crime statistic requirement can be fulfilled. The Cascade begins with a particular act, viewed through the observational focus of the Department of Physics and corrective actions. Since the number and nature of all subversive acts and crimes forms part of The State planning system it is inherent within such a system that the crimes and subversions are merely waiting to be observed. The COLI provides the Standard Operating Procedure for establishing the Observation process. As an example. A Citizen attempts to declare the birth of a child, at a time when the number of births known to have occurred on that day (by reference to the planning data) has already been reached. Since the birth of a child does not happen spontaneously it is clear that the act of subversion has been pre-planned. Additionally since the procreation act requires two individuals the act was a “joint enterprise over time” and is thus a conspiracy. The COLI observation route is thus:

Birth Report-Pre planned subversion event-Joint Enterprise=Conspiracy.

It should be noted that the mere existence of an infant as “evidence” of a birth is not considered germane to the case.

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Winston arrived at the Ministry of death certificate allocation. He usually enjoyed his role there for the dual challenge it provided. Every day he would receive a note advising him of the number of death certificates that would be issued that day. This number corresponded precisely to the planned economy number of deaths that would occur. Each day applications would be made for death certificates, usually by citizens who required themselves to be declared dead in order to avoid paying the fees associated with their work roles. Mostly such applications would be made by family and friends as the worker requiring the certificate would not be able to be removed from the work schedule until declared dead. In such circumstances they could not therefore find the necessary time to apply for the certificate (a beautiful example (thought Winston) of the Cascade of Logic imperative). This aspect of the job was the one he liked. He had a certain number of certificates to issue, and grateful people who wished them issued.

There were two aspects he did not like. The first was when the number of people requesting a death certificate was higher than the number of certificates available. His task then was to try to ascertain

which of the applicants had been incorrect in believing themselves (or the person they had applied for) was dead. The easiest route was to assume that anybody who arrived after the last certificate had been issued was either mistaken, or subversive ((COLI). However this approach was sub-optimal and carried a high likelihood of being inaccurate if a Senior Figure in the Party was to apply late in the day.

TIMING OF DEATH CERTIFICATE ALLOCATION

It is standard practise not to open the citizen doors of the Ministry until a few seconds before the official closing time. By this approach any person in the lobby would be considered to have arrived in time to be considered for the allocation of a death certificate but would only be issued one if the issuance of the certificate was in line with the known number of dead for that day. By this route those whose mistake (were such a mistake possible) would have taken the count of actual dead over the planned and known level of actual dead will be able to correct their mistake and leave. It is of course SOP that the Quantum subversive status of such citizens would by this act have been established. Only those without a collapsed subversive state could be given the chance to leave the ministry lobby with their records if not unmarked, at least not actually accorded subversive status.

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Winston had perfected the art of the true Bureaucratic Memory. The core principal being that if there were no record, then there was no memory. This therefore allowed citizens who appreciated they had made a mistake in believing their loved ones to be dead on one day, could return the next day (and many consecutive days) in the same potentially mistaken belief until a certificate was actually available to confirm their assumption. By maintaining a Bureaucratic Memory, Winston was able to never know that repeated mistakes had been made by the citizen. On occasions their pleas and complaints, and the occasional offering of small body parts (typically fingers) as evidence might have made the slightest of impressions, but he steadfastly refused to admit to the case. He had discovered over time that his position, affording him as it did the opportunity to review the Quantum Subversive State of many citizens, lead to many instances of him benefiting under the doctrine of Bureaucratic Entitlement.

BUREAUCRATIC ENTITLEMENT

The State recognises the unique sacrifices made by those whose role is fundamental in maintaining The State planning processes. It is a natural consequence of the recognition of this that Citizens will wish to show their gratitude to Bureaucrats. Such gratitude can be provided in any form that The Citizen or Bureaucrat feels appropriate.

Committee for the furtherance of Bureaucratic efficiencies and effectiveness

Winston glanced at the viewing camera into the waiting room lobby. As usual it was filled primarily by aged women and burly men. There were only very occasional times when young and attractive widows came to the registry, as they so often made mistakes. He was always (however) glad that they were required to show their gratitude to him for pointing out the error – no matter how many times they made the mistake. The potential irony in the situation, whereby he was the only arbiter of

whether a mistake had been made or not, indicated to him the beauty of The State system, rather than anything else.

ACTIONS UPON ISSUING A DEATH CERTIFICATE

The issuing of a Death Certificate leads to a number of bureaucratic actions. Amongst those is the cessation of the payment required from citizens in respect of the job provided to them by the state (Role Allocation Payment).

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ROLE ALLOCATION PAYMENTS

In capitalist and similar countries where the provision of jobs is typically by the inefficient private bodies the government levies a tax on the workers efforts – which tax varies with payments made by the private individuals. In the State the citizen pays the state for the role provided by the State. By this method the tax revenues are more easily calculated. It should be noted that since the provision of a death certificate naturally results in preventing the deceased from carrying out his role it is important that the death certificate issue date is in line with the revenue levels expected from the citizen.

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*One of the complications of the role for Winston was the matching of revenue levels and death dates. Over time he had realised that The State system recorded the number of deaths on the basis of the date of issue of the Death Certificate. However it was also apparent that the death certificate had a separate date which recorded the **actual** date of death. It was therefore quite within the SOP guidelines to have a date of death sometime well AFTER the date the certificate was issued – if that was necessary in order to match the revenue levels. In fact this approach had a double benefit since by issuing death certificates before the recorded date of death he was able to achieve a previously unheard of level of efficiency for his department. This might have created issues within the tightly resource controlled echelons of the bureaucracy, since over production could be argued to be a subversion of the state plan. However State Bureaucrat citizens are accorded “Super Hero” status and allowed certain levels of over production. A minor problem which Winston had noted but not memorised, was that on occasions it was necessary for the Citizen to have a Date of Death which might be several months, or even a few years after the Date of the issue of the Death Certificate. He had known several such “Fiscally Responsible Dead” citizens to be quite generous supporters of the state even several years after they had died.*

EMPLOYMENT LEVELS WITHIN THE STATE

The economic necessity which leads (COLI) to the existence of Fiscally Responsible Dead citizens is an important factor when calculating the number of employed citizens in the state. The State recognises that Fiscally Responsible Dead citizens will be less productive than Fiscally Responsible Living citizens. However it is clear that such Fiscally Responsible Dead citizens are occupying

economically important roles. Therefore their numbers should be counted when preparing data for provision to state and other departments. This data will be used in regards to demonstrating that the number of roles within The State (as defined by The Plan) is verified by the actual number of jobs occupied by both Fiscally Responsible Dead and Fiscally Responsible Living citizens.

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Winston glanced at the television. A number of Collapsed State Subversives were about to be executed. These executions had been set in the 5 year plan so were of no surprise. He glanced at the crime of the first, a previously well-known mathematician. The Mathematician had suggested that by adding the total number of Fiscally Responsible Dead and Fiscally Responsible Living it was possible to demonstrate that the number of Fiscally Responsible Citizens exceeded by some significant margin the number who had ever existed within the state. Since this was patently impossible The State Statistician was not required to respond.

PART 2 - EMERGENCY PROTOCOL NUMBER 457/P/oe.tz

The element of the role that Winston was less comfortable with related to actions to be taken in the event of under identification of deceased parties.

IN THE EVENT OF UNDER IDENTIFICATION OF DECEASED PARTIES

The State recognises that non Bureaucratic Office Citizens are inefficient and need guidance. The Bureaucratic office was established to provide such guidance. The situation has arisen where the number of deaths reported by the inefficient citizenry is lower than the actual number of deaths in The Plan. It is the responsibility of the Ministry of death certificate allocation to identify those citizens who are in a state of pre-deceased readiness and ensure they are provided with the appropriate death certificate. By this step they can be assigned death status and the requirements of The Plan is achieved

Ministry of death certificate allocation

Over a period of 5 weeks in June he began to be aware that far fewer citizens were arriving to be declared dead than the plan called for. This gave rise to the calling of a review by interested committees and much discussion in the corridors of review and correction. A team was formed and it was agreed that since it was clear that the population was of a certain size, and citizens died at planned rates, the fault lay in the inability of citizens to recognise when they (or their families) were officially dead. This being a problem already seen in the past in the context of believing they (or their family members) were dead when this was not the case. This situation was merely the reverse, citizens (or family members) believing themselves to be alive, when in fact they were not.

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL NUMBER 457/P/oe.tz

FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMIC PARAMETER VARIANCE – CORRECTION 1

The Committee for the monitoring of The Plan is aware that a divergence has arisen between the number of citizens reporting themselves as deceased and the number known to have died in accordance with The Plan.

Accordingly a review of The Plan has been carried out and it has been confirmed that The Plan is correct. COLI a number of Collapsed State Subversives are failing to report deaths, or are continuing to live in direct contravention of the requirements of The Plan.

For the period of this variance the *Corrective Actions and Adjustments Department will work directly with the Ministry of Death Certificate Allocation to ensure that the number of Deaths which have occurred as detailed in The Plan matches the number of deaths which are recorded*

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The first step to dealing with this issue was to consult his colleagues in the Corrective Actions and Adjustments Department, Winston was never entirely comfortable dealing with this department. He always had the uncomfortable feeling that they viewed most citizenry (including bureaucratically employed citizens) as in Quantum state of living. He had on occasions heard reference to “proactively collapsing somebody’s probability wave” which he did not think was entirely in the spirit of The Plan.

But the Corrective Actions and Adjustments Department ,were required, and began to deal with the situation with their customary vigour.

Winston didn’t like to recall the period of the parameter variance correction 1. It had been a time of heroic effort. That the dead citizens existed there could be no doubt. On that basis it was clear that the practical challenge was the identification of the dead citizens. It was agreed that the best approach was for Winston each morning to issue the Corrective Actions and Adjustments Department with however many unused Death Certificates still remained - signing them but leaving the names clear. The dark suited and growingly grim faced men would then disappear into the streets and towns identifying dead citizens as they went. Often the deaths of the citizens coincided with the arrival of the Corrective Actions and Adjustments team. Sometime the citizens would be found freshly dead lying beneath the tyres of the cars of the Corrective Actions and Adjustments teams, showing how well the teams were able to understand where such dead bodies could be found. However, even these heroic efforts seemed unlikely to achieve the discovery of the number of deaths known to have occurred. This was a dark period in the history of The Plan which had until the delivered faultlessly in accordance with all records held.

Winston was assigned to understand the route to the dilemma, why were dead citizens becoming so much harder to find than had previously been case. He decided to begin by reviewing birth records to see if the births corresponded to some planned nuclear accident or chemical exposure period which might have caused such citizens to become invisible. There was no evidence of this.

The biggest practical challenge was that some 70 year before had been the period of the Great Expansion. That period had seen the birth rate in The State leap to levels well above those in any other country. This had demonstrated the success of The State approach, but had brought with it the biological necessity for a growing number of deaths in the future. This period had now been reached.

PROGRESS REPORT NUMBER 36/zt/eo.p

GREAT EXPANSION – PROGRESS REPORT 4

The Committee for the monitoring of The Plan is pleased to confirm that through the heroic efforts of the citizens of the state and the superior medical and health facilities in The State, the population of The State has increased 75% in the last 3 years. Such an increase is a testament to the planning capability of the state and the dedication of The State citizens. The planning team have thus demonstrated that by setting challenging but realistic procreation targets, all goals are achievable. It is with pride that the Great Expansion Committee recognise the determination of the Citizenry to achieve the goal of 3 in 30 – 3 children in 30 months – per female of child bearing age

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Winston's father had been a bureaucrat at the time. His job had been to issue birth certificates in line with the known growth rate of numbers of citizens at the time. This fact had been the cause of Winston's greatest concern during the period of the EMERGENCY PROTOCOL NUMBER 457/P/oe.tz. If an error was found in his father's work, he knew that his own probability wave would face collapse.

During the period covered by the EMERGENCY PROTOCOL NUMBER 457/P/oe.tz it was therefore expedient for him to refer to the records of the GREAT EXPANSION in order to ensure that the number of births had been correctly recorded. The possibility that an error had been made seemed unlikely – given that the birth numbers had equalled The Plan, but a well maintained State should be prepared to review all options – thought Winston.

He studied the records carefully, noting his Father's distinctive penmanship and style in every one. As he did he could hear floating in through the windows the occasional screech of tyres, scream and possibly a gun shot as another Dead Citizen was assigned their certificate.

BIRTH RECORDS - SOP

All births must be recorded. When recording births it is important to recognise that the number of births has already been determined, it is therefore necessary that each Birth Record reflects each and every birth which occurs and that no Birth Record is left unfilled on any given day.

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The records tallied. Neatly tidily, and correctly. He stared at the vid screen. A public service announcement was being made requesting citizens to volunteer to help meet the heroic death targets of The State. Martial music played. He lifted the heavy wooden drawer of birth certificates,

lost in his despondent thoughts – The Plan was dying. A scream echoed through a high slitted window.

He slipped, and tripped. As he did, the certificates exploded like snow from the drawer, a blizzard of sheets caught in the updraft from the window – whirling around him taunting. Wearily he stooped to gather the certificates, and begun to place them in numerical order.

He noticed an oblique reference in his father’s hand. A single slash against the certificate number, then a 1, such as 989765/1. Why /1? There should be no reason for sub records for a birth certificate? A bureaucratic thrill swept through his mind, as he sensed the challenge his father had faced – and how the challenge might have been resolved.

Winston reread the instructions.

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*The instructions were clear – each certificate was required to record a birth, however nowhere in the instructions was there a requirement that each certificate issued would need to relate to a **different** birth. The State would use the birth certificates issued as a primary calculation record, but as long as the record was accurate there was no requirement for the uniqueness of any given record.*

*He checked again, as he had suspected ... the certificates 989765/2 recorded **the birth of the same child to the same parents** as 980765/1. Feverishly he rechecked other records. It was true. On numerous occasions a single birth had resulted in multiple birth certificates being issued in order to match the number required by The Plan on that day. And whilst a further bureaucratic challenge existed – it was possible that the pressure put upon the Corrective Actions and Adjustments Department during their hunt for dead citizens might yet be relieved.*

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL NUMBER 458/P/oe.tz

FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMIC PARAMETER VARIANCE – CORRECTION 2

As per the previous report, The Committee for the monitoring of The Plan is aware that a divergence has arisen between the number of citizens reporting themselves as deceased and the number known to have died in accordance with The Plan.

In order to continue to ensure the correct calculation of the number of death records within The State is it necessary that on death, **any** Birth Certificate issued should be matched with a corresponding and appropriately issued death certificate. The number of birth and death certificates relating to any single citizen’s birth and death must be the same.

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Winston believed his father would be proud of him.