

# "Accidental" Giant Navy Swastika Building Was No Accident (/stories/2007/9/28/391393/-)



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*"We knew what it [the building complex] was going to look like" - Architect John Mock*

The story of the US Navy's giant swastika-shaped barracks, built in the late 1960's and located at the Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, just South of San Diego, has been all over the news. Rightly so - it's the biggest government subsidized swastika display on Earth.

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Below is a YouTube presentation - a simple silent slide show of clips taken of views, through Google Earth, that zoom in, from space, on the giant NAB swastika complex.

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The US media has now deigned to make this story into a major media spectacle. But, media depictions you may have heard in the last 24 hours, on the origin of the giant swastika-barracks which houses Navy SEALs, will probably all amount to evasion, distortions, or even lies.

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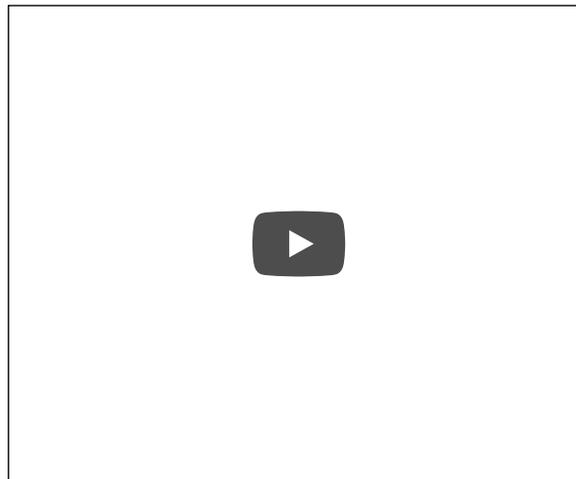
Here's the media whitewash:

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After Google Earth made the Navy's giant government-subsidized swastika building complex, located at the Coronado Naval Amphibious Base near San Diego, visible to anyone on Earth, the resultant publicity, outcry, and mounting political pressure has led the US Navy to budget \$600,000 to change the swastika shape of the barracks: to unmake the swastika, which according to the US Navy was the result of an embarrassing planning oversight.

CNN below, repeats the United States Navy's claim that the NAB Swastika complex was accidental. But, that claim has been disproved, as detailed further in this post, by researcher Avrahaum Segol.

Here's CNN's story:



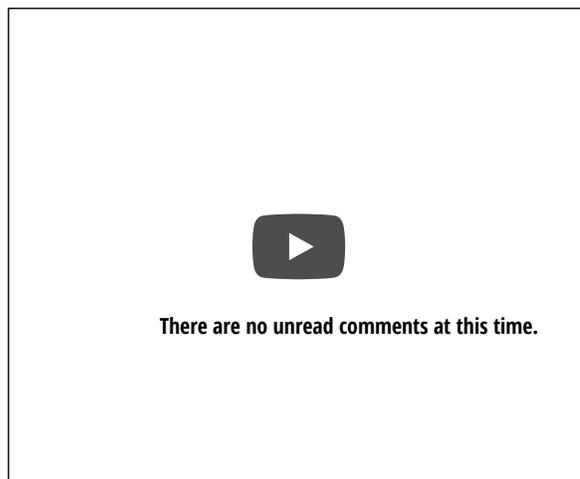
"There are two important questions attendant to this controversy. The first is now that the issue is again on the front burner, what can or will be done to get rid of the swastika? The second is *how in the hell* did a swastika design ever get there in the first place?....

World War II cost the lives of 318,274 U.S. service personnel—182,070 of them in the European theatre. These brave soldiers and sailors died fighting the people whose symbol inexplicably mocks their deaths from the grounds of a U.S. Naval Base." - Donald H. Harrison, San Diego Jewish Times December 13, 2006

CNN's **"Oops! - gosh darn it... accidental swastika!"** explanation, offered as a joking commentary (as if a giant swastika building is *funny*) is both grotesque and also amounts, at best, to journalistic incompetence.

Thanks to the efforts of Israeli American researcher Avrahaum Segol, much is known about the origin of the Navy's enormous swastika shaped barracks complex, and the likelihood that the complex was "accidental" is close to zero. Evidence unearthed by Segol demonstrates, almost certainly, that the building complex was no "accident"...

To get another perspective on the sheer scale of the Coronado NAB swastika barracks, which houses Navy SEALs, let's look at a Reuters news story:



Reuters did not discuss the building's possible origin - how could such a thing have happened by ACCIDENT?! But Reuters is to be commended - the news service did not, as did CNN newscasts, turn the giant swastika building into a joke. Unlike CNN, Reuters simply avoided the question of how the freakish Coronado NAB swastika complex came to be.

What's the true story?

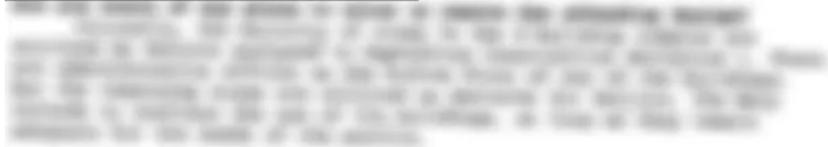
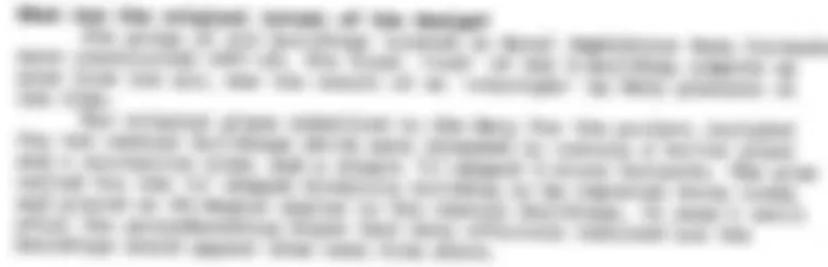
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First of all, you should be aware of a bit of swastika history. The Nazis, of course, did not invent the swastika symbol, which has been used widely around the world for thousands of years.

But, the Nazis did appropriate the swastika symbol to make it their own. Swastika symbols are typically displayed upright, with the symbol resting flatly on one of the swastika arms. In contrast, the Nazi swastika is distinguished, most notably, because it is always rotated at 45% degrees off true North.

The Coronado NAB Amphibious base swastika is oriented at 45% degrees off true North, as a properly displayed Nazi swastika would be, and it rotates in the same direction as did the Nazi swastika.

**Here is the US Navy's official explanation** on the origin of the Coronado swastika building complex. The following picture is an excerpt from a reply by Navy public affairs officer Steve Fiebing ([http://www.thepowerhour.com/news2/navy\\_response\\_letter.htm](http://www.thepowerhour.com/news2/navy_response_letter.htm)) dated August 17, 2006, in response to a certified letter, sent by Dave vonKleist of The Power Hour ([http://www.thepowerhour.com/press\\_release/press19.htm](http://www.thepowerhour.com/press_release/press19.htm)), asking about the origin of the complex.



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The United States Navy's official explanation on the origin of the Coronado Swastika complex is contradicted by documents unearthed by Israeli-America researcher Avrahaum Segol.

Segol's extensive research into the Coronado NAB swastika is part of a broader research project Segol has undertaken, to uncover, expose, and publicize what he describes as a widespread pattern of anti-Semitic (and also anti-Islamic) religious symbolism represented in United States government architecture built from the 1930's through the 1960's (and even, in at least one case perhaps, recently).

One central document obtained by Avrahaum Segol is a copy of an architectural document submitted to the US Navy, by the architectural firm that designed the Coronado swastika complex, that was signed off on by US Navy Rear Admiral Robert R. Wooding (http://www.usna.com/NetCommunity/NC/History/ClassOf1940/W.htm) [link to bios of US Navy personnel. Scroll down page for Wooding's bio] on March 5, 1968.



According to Naval Public Affairs Officer Steve Fiebing [from letter excerpt above]:

"The original plans submitted to the Navy for the project included... a single "L"-shaped 3 story barracks. The plan called for the "L"-shaped dormitory building to be repeated three times and placed at 90-degree angles to the central buildings."

Fiebing's account suggests that Navy officials were shown a proposed architectural design of one "L"-shaped barracks with the additional instruction, probably written, that the "L"-shaped barracks was to be repeated three more times. But, the vicinity map obtained by Avrahaum Segol, that was signed off on March 5, 1968 by United States Rear Admiral Robert Reynolds Wooding, does not show a single "L" shaped building at all. It depicts four "L"-shaped buildings that form a swastika shape. Fiebing's account is directly contradicted by the vicinity map Rear Admiral Wooding signed.



The US Navy's official explanation, that the configuration of the building complex was not initially comprehended as forming a swastika shape, is also contradicted by an October 20, 1968 news story from the San Diego Union. Obtained by Avrahaum Segol, the news report seems to contradict the Navy's account. As Segol notes, the San Diego Union story entitled "NAVY BARRACKS PROJECT STARTED IN CORONADO" includes the following description of the project:

*"CORONADO PROJECT: Perspective by architectural firm of Hendrick and Mock shows a layout of four L-shaped buildings to provide housing for more than 1,000 men at the U.S. Navy Amphibious Base at Coronado. The \$2,350,000 project is scheduled for completion in July by the Reis Co."*



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As an additional note, it would have been standard architectural practice, for a proposed project of such magnitude, to be rendered in a three dimensional model that would be shown to those commissioning the project: in this case the United States Navy.

Below is an excerpt from an email letter Segol sent in September 2007 to various United States government officials:

6 September 2007 ce.

To: Public Affairs Officer Kevin B. Dixon; and  
The Senior Commanding Officer at NAB Coronado

cc: Commander-In-Chief/President Of The United States Of America, Mr. George W. Bush;  
Ambassador Jones [for Delivery Of This Disclosure To The Personal Attentions Of President George W. Bush];  
United States Chief Justice/Chancellor of The Smithsonian Institution, Mr. John G. Roberts, Jr.;  
Senator Arlen Specter; For Himself and Distribution To Membership of Constitutional Judiciary and Appropriation Committees Upon Which He Sits;  
Congressman John Conyers, Jr.; For Himself and Distribution To Membership of The Constitutional Judiciary Committee Which He Chairs;  
All Interested Press and Parties Addressed:

Re: **\*\*NEW EVIDENCE OF NAVAL DECEIPT & CRIMINAL ACT OF MISINFORMATION;**

Dear Sirs:

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Shalom u'vrachot; Greetings and blessings.

The NAB Coronado Website continues to publish false facts and information as to the process followed in official planning, approval and construction of the Complex 320-325 designed as a Christian-NAZI Gammadion/Swastika. The offensive structures remain.

[www.nbc.navy.mil/index.asp?fuseaction=NBCInstallations.NAB320](http://www.nbc.navy.mil/index.asp?fuseaction=NBCInstallations.NAB320)

In my last communications dated 18 August 2007 ce., written to the NAB Coronado Public Information Officer Kevin B. Dixon, I specifically requested that the offensive structures be immediately altered physically or actually demolished; and that the official NAB Coronado website explanation of Complex 320-325 be changed to reflect the truth of facts.

More than one full year's effort has been spent by me to uncover and reveal the "truth of facts" surrounding the Navy's official guilt and participant knowledge in planning, approval and construction of the offensive stucture defined by Complex 320-325.

The offensive structures remain. The Website is not updated.

#### NEW EVIDENCE AND FACTS

Now, NEW EVIDENCE in the form of an article published in the San Diego Union on date of "October 20, 1968", long ago referred to in A Cold War Era Buildings Study and Supporting Form Report, alleged to be unavalaible/unattainable by the Navy's Public Information Officer has finally now been located and retrieved.

The cited San Diego Union article entitled, NAVY BARRACKS PROJECT STARTED IN CORONADO, was published Sunday morning, on page 2 in Section F (Realty Round Up), "October 20, 1968", and is attached hereto; as are the relevant above referred Cold War Buildings Study and the supporting Form Report, which documents respectively cite said "October 20, 1968" San Diego Union article in footnotes "3" [three] and "41" [forty-one].

Information in the San Diego Union article makes picture clear that a Perspective rendered by Architect Firm of Hendrick and Mock displayed "... layout of four L-shaped buildings ...", proving a Christian-NAZI Gammadion/Swastika to be visually recognizable at all times.

The illustrated architectural "Perspective", seen depicted in the article, has a caption typed beneath it. I quote:

" CORONADO PROJECT: Perspective by architectural firm of Hendrick and Mock shows a layout of four L-shaped buildings to provide housing for more than 1,000 men at the U.S. Navy Amphibious Base at Coronado. The \$2,350,000 project is scheduled for completion in July by the Reis Co. "

[emphasis added]

The United States Navy/United States Defense Department, and the designing Architectural Firm of HENDRICK & MOCK, acted with guilty knowledge to intentionally plan, and approve, and construct the Christian-NAZI Gammadion/Swastika signs and symbols representative of the world's enemy.

Project plans were submitted to the United States Navy for approval by Architect John R. Mock, the senior partner in Hedricks and Mock, on date of "28 NOV 67".

The project plans were "APPROVED" by the U.S.Navy/Department of Defense by signature of RADM Robert R. Wooding, CEC, USN on date of "MAR 5 1968". The construction of Building Complex 320-325 commenced in "1968" and with intentions to be completed by July "1969".

Please see attachments for the relevant Architectural & Landscape Plans seen in NAVFAC Drawing Numbers 29898 and 29904; and Cold War Era Buildings Study with Supporting Forms, which also refer in footnotes to the above cited San Diego Union article, published on "October 20, 1968". Also please review my intentionally high lighted version of Lanscape Plans which provides a full definition of both the constructed Gammadion/Swastika and "SS" "curvilinear" walkway cleverly designed by Hendricks and Mock.

[ See a Professional Biography for Architect John R. Mock, published by "MODERN SAN SIEGO" (<http://www.modernsandiego.com/JohnMock.html>) at: [www.modernsandiego.com/JohnMock.html](http://www.modernsandiego.com/JohnMock.html) . ]

The "Channel 8" photo depiction of the NAB Coronado Swastika from GOOGLE appears on San Diego Channel 8's website, bringing public attention to a Special Assignment Report which aired on November 21, 2006 ce., compiled and presented by Investigative Reporter Steve Price. [see below citation to View Video of the Special Assignment Report]

As a December 13, 2006 story in the San Diego Jewish Times described Segol's efforts:

One reason that the story of the swastika complex is being addressed again is because of the persistence of Avrahaum Segol, a Wisconsin-raised Israel resident who holds dual U.S.-Israel citizenship...

Besides the swastika on the Amphibious Base, Segol has been researching the Mount Soledad Cross controversy...

...[Segol] obtained the Vicinity Map, and passed it on to the Jewish Times, and it was he who has been in touch with numerous San Diego journalists, including Steve Price, who covered this issue on KFMB-TV.

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 (/comments/391393/13807390#comment\_13807390)

**Well** I'd say you've thrown in a lot of documentation showing what Mr Segol believes.

Proving intent vs accident is tricky at best, though, and what may seem plainly intentional to one person can be totally accidental to the one who did it.

How many thousands of papers did Rear Admiral Wooding sign during the course of his career? Did he read every single one, or whip off stacks of signatures on forms passed to him by a petty officer every morning? Without a time machine and direct observation, there is no real way to tell whether he seriously looked at the 'vicinity map' when signing or not.

Throwing in the comment about the beard on a frieze saying Moses advocates sinning actually detracts from the rest of the argument, as it sounds like a tinfoil hat type of thing.

Dunno if Segol is right or not, but I think he should be looking more for evidence of anti-Semitism at the architectural firm than the Navy. I find it extremely hard to believe that servicemen, many of whom probably fought in WW 2, would intentionally use a symbol of the main enemy of that war.

But really, as I said above, one man's intent is another's coincidence.

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Troutfishing AUTHOR ▶ drbloodaxe  
 Sep 28, 2007 at 09:31:09 AM  
 (/comments/391393/13807475#comment\_13807475)

**Incorrect. Please deal with the facts** You're trying to change the subject:

1. The Navy's explanation
2. Documents that appear to contradict the Navy's explanation.

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drbloodaxe AUTHOR ▶ Troutfishing  
 Sep 28, 2007 at 09:36:27 AM  
 (/comments/391393/13807575#comment\_13807575)

**Um no.** My 'subject' was the weakness of some of the arguments presented in your article.

And if you try to explain something today that took place 50 years ago, are you sure your explanation is going to be right?

If pressed for an explanation, you'll no doubt try to give one, but without having been the person on the ground at the time, your explanation is not necessarily going to be dead on.

That still doesn't make it 'a coverup'.

Documents that appear to contradict the Navy's explanation.

Were those documents in the hands of the person trying to explain something that happened 50 years ago? If not, then they didn't have all the info to make their 'best guess explanation' as correct as possible.

**There are no unread comments at this time.**

I don't deny there may have been anti-Semitism involved in the design of the building, but I think you're trying to build a conspiracy theory here now, when there are simpler explanations.

2 Replies 2 Recommended

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Troutfishing AUTHOR ▶ drbloodaxe  
 Sep 28, 2007 at 09:55:55 AM  
 (/comments/391393/13808010#comment\_13808010)

**I didn't allege a "coverup". That's your term.** The Navy may simply be lying about the origin of the building, which could actually have been the decision of the Rear Admiral alone. We just don't know.

We can safely assume the Navy is now very embarrassed that it has let the building stand for several decades and that they'd rather minimize the controversy.

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Troutfishing AUTHOR ▶ Troutfishing AUTHOR  
 Sep 28, 2007 at 10:02:10 AM  
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**And, I'm rather dubious about your criticisms...** The Coronado NAB complex was constructed about 2 decades after hundreds of thousands of US soldiers were killed or wounded fighting the Nazis.

Many of those who fought and survived would have been in their 40's when the Coronado NAB building was put up.

As an analogy, imagine that a US Army base were to, this year, construct a giant barracks in the shape of a symbol that clearly, unequivocally evoked the ideology of the Viet Cong.

A winning proposition ?

"Accidental" Giant Navy Swastika Building Was No Accident

As for your - claim that the Rear Admiral who signed off on the NAB swastika building simply signed lots and lots of documents, well...

I'm rather dubious given the scale and footprint of the Coronado swastika barracks. It almost like saying the design of the pyramids was due to administrative oversight.

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**drbloodaxe** ▶ Troutfishing AUTHOR

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:13:38 AM

(/comments/391393/13808366#comment\_13808366)

**My dubiousness :)**

As for your - claim that the Rear Admiral who signed off on the NAB swastika building simply signed lots and lots of

There are no unread comments at this time.

I didn't 'claim' that. I put it forth as one possibility about as equally likely in my mind as the rear admiral being an anti-Semite with no other corroborating evidence to his positions.

The higher up you are on any chain, the more paperwork you generally have to deal with, and the more you tend to rely on subordinates to sort out the important things from the mere signing off on of things that are already underway.

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**drbloodaxe** ▶ Troutfishing AUTHOR

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:10:27 AM

(/comments/391393/13808300#comment\_13808300)

**Granted.** coverup, and in other comments 'conspiracy' were my own word choices.

Those are words I tend to use when people allege intent to mislead and/or 'lying' on a fairly long term or large scale.

But I do agree with the rest of that particular comment.

We just don't know.

We can safely assume the Navy is now very embarrassed that it has let the building stand for several decades and that they'd rather minimize the controversy.

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Troutfishing AUTHOR ▶ drbloodaxe

Sep 28, 2007 at 12:28:10 PM

(/comments/391393/13810884#comment\_13810884)

**That reminds me....** I probably should have thrown a "Kudos to the navy" for deciding to do something about the building. That's commendable.

Before Google Earth it was a non-issue except, maybe, for a few on the base in question who noticed and were bothered.

Google Earth changed all that.

Does a giant swastika building, unobserved, cause harm ? In general I'd say no.

But, I have to wonder about US Naval personnel who have noticed the building... what do they think ? Do they consider the building some sort of official endorsement of fascist ideas ?

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Joy Busey ▶ drbloodaxe

Sep 28, 2007 at 11:01:18 AM

(/comments/391393/13809402#comment\_13809402)

**You're kidding, right?** I was born - into the U.S. Navy - a bit more than 50 years ago. In 1968 I was a senior in high school. It was an eventful year, there was a war going on that relied upon draftees, and the Navy enjoyed the enlisted presence of lots and lots of guys who didn't want to go to VietNam and didn't want to run away. The Navy had/has a nuclear power school in San Diego. Lots of those enlistees were Jews who would know a swastika when they saw one.

I can assure you my father, 'planning officer' at Subic for the theatre during the Korean conflict, would have known a swastika if he saw one, 50 years ago or 39 years ago. Before, during and after the construction of these buildings, more than a few Naval personnel of various rank would have known it's a swastika. Flights come in and out all the time, even to an 'amphibious' station. Naval pilots and their Naval passengers would see that it's a swastika.

This story from the Navy is not credible.

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drbloodaxe ▶ Joy Busey

Sep 28, 2007 at 01:26:43 PM

(/comments/391393/13811934#comment\_13811934)

**Well then** Given all that you just said about flights coming in all the time, how do you explain that it's never been an issue until now? Are you implying that everyone in the Navy is anti-Semitic? (Or at least all of those pilots and their passengers?)

That's the part that isn't credible to me. Everyone keeps talking about how 'everyone knows a swastika when they see it' and some add that 'all sorts of people would have seen the plans' and 'seen it from the air'. And yet it doesn't seem to have EVER in 50+ years been an issue until google earth came along.

What exactly would be a credible story to you that could also be credible to me? (Ie, explain how nobody else in 50 yrs has had a problem with it.)

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**Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ drbloodaxe

Sep 28, 2007 at 04:00:26 PM

(/comments/391393/13815091#comment\_13815091)

**Once again...** Who in the US military member would make noise about it ? Prior to Google Earth, they'd likely have been assumed to be stark raving mad. Trying call public attention the NAB swastika building would probably a quick end to a career.

There are no unread comments at this time.

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**Joy Busey** ▶ Troutfishing AUTHOR

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:00:33 PM

(/comments/391393/13820810#comment\_13820810)

**I think the good doctor...** ...is just having a little trouble figuring out why it took an angry American with Israeli dual citizenship and Google to get all upset about the building. Everyone who could see it from the air or draw a plot map of the complex knew it's a swastika. For 39 years.

They just thought it was funnier than shit, and you shovel a lot of that in the military. I'm quite able to believe no one (outside of the architect, perhaps) had any real evil intent, which is what MAKES it so funny. Like a Freudian slip... §;o)

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**Joy Busey** ▶ drbloodaxe

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:51:26 PM

(/comments/391393/13820712#comment\_13820712)

**You're not familiar with the military...** ...are you? I can pretty much guarantee this building has been a notable landmark for everyone who ever saw and recognized it for what it was, from the air or the ground. A highly humorous confirmation of just how oxymoronic the system really is, top to bottom.

If you happen to be living in that oxymoronic system for short or long chunks of your life, such comic relief is a necessary outlet. Who

would want to knock it down, when it's such a hoot just as it is?

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▼  • **Salo ▶ Troutfishing** AUTHOR  
Sep 28, 2007 at 09:37:01 AM  
(/comments/391393/13807586#comment\_13807586)

**A fascinating** nazident.

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▼  • **A Mad Mad World ▶ drbloodaxe**  
Sep 28, 2007 at 09:47:51 AM  
(/comments/391393/13807818#comment\_13807818)

**That Moses frieze thing** almost made me stop reading the diary.

Without some corroborating evidence, it's like the purple teletubbie.

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▼  • **Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ **A Mad Mad World**  
Sep 28, 2007 at 10:04:38 AM  
(/comments/391393/13808187#comment\_13808187)

**Well, I've got pictures...** But, I think the issue is a distraction, so - in response to your criticism, I've chopped that bit out.

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▼  • **A Mad Mad World ▶ Troutfishing** AUTHOR  
Sep 28, 2007 at 10:14:02 AM  
(/comments/391393/13808370#comment\_13808370)

**Take two tablets** and call me in the morning.

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▼  • **Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ **A Mad Mad World**  
Sep 28, 2007 at 12:29:20 PM  
(/comments/391393/13810900#comment\_13810900)

**My that's rude. n/t**

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▼  • **Salo ▶ Troutfishing** AUTHOR  
Sep 28, 2007 at 09:33:50 AM  
(/comments/391393/13807525#comment\_13807525)

**MOTHER OF GOD!** Is our children learning!

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▼  • **pattyp ▶ Salo**  
Sep 28, 2007 at 10:42:28 AM  
(/comments/391393/13809026#comment\_13809026)

**Yesterday Bush said** they is.

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▼  • **corvo**  
Sep 28, 2007 at 09:17:14 AM  
(/comments/391393/13807250#comment\_13807250)

**Dear Troutfishing:** Damn, you're good! :-))

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✓  • **Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ corvo

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:26:21 AM

(/comments/391393/13807387#comment\_13807387)

**Not all me though !** It's a team effort - but Avrahaum Segol did all the research heavy lifting.

He's the real hero in this - I'm mostly packaging what Avrahaum Segol has, by extraordinary diligence and massive persistence, uncovered.

IN other words, its his story. I'm helping him to get it out,

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✓  • **corvo** ▶ **Troutfishing** AUTHOR

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:28:38 AM

(/comments/391393/13807428#comment\_13807428)

**Well, I suppose I could always hide behind** the fact that "you're" can be plural.  
**There are no unread comments at this time.**

Credit where credit's due to both of you (and in the appropriate proportions)!

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✓  • **Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ corvo

Sep 28, 2007 at 12:29:47 PM

(/comments/391393/13810905#comment\_13810905)

**Well, thanks anyway. n/t**

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✓  • **Niniane**

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:23:40 AM

(/comments/391393/13807355#comment\_13807355)

**This one really is a no-brainer** Anyone familiar with architectural drawings knows that this is not, and could not be "an accident".

One glance at the "vicinity drawing", which you so graciously supplied, makes this clear.

Even if the "4 L shaped buildings" were all drawn on separate sheets, which is very possible, at least one (as shown above) would show the complete layout. It's very likely that there would have been others as well.

My question is this:

Was everyone involved in the project secretly supportive of the Nazis?

If not, how could others not have noticed, unless there was a serious cover-up involved?

Was this discovered too late in the project and officially "shushed" to keep the embarrassment to a minimum?

Lotsa questions, I'll bet the answers are pretty interesting...

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✓  • **drbloodaxe** ▶ **Niniane**

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:30:14 AM

(/comments/391393/13807459#comment\_13807459)

**Well, I'm not 'familiar with architectural...' drawings,** but I've seen some damn weird accidents in my time.

I would point more to your questions

Was everyone involved in the project secretly supportive of the Nazis?  
If not, how could others not have noticed, unless there was a serious cover-up involved?

Exactly why I still think it's possibly accidental. If there was intent, how could so many hundreds or even thousands involved in the construction not have thrown a hissy fit at the time?

Again, if there was anti-Semitism at work, I'd look to the architectural firm, not the Navy.

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• **A Mad Mad World** ▶ drbloodaxe

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:46:22 AM

(/comments/391393/13807777#comment\_13807777)

**Here's my guess** Architectural plans get drawn up. Some junior architect notices the swastika, but doesn't dare tell anyone the boss made such a mistake, god knows what would happen ~~there are no unread comments at this time.~~

Cue to the Navy: at some point, someone there notices the swastika, but by that point they've spent so much money on the design (or building), and no one wants to take responsibility for starting over, so they quietly file the drawings away. Hell, no one will ever notice, who would ever look at these buildings from the air?

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• **drbloodaxe** ▶ A Mad Mad World

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:51:36 AM

(/comments/391393/13807909#comment\_13807909)

**A much more** logical argument, very much more Occam's razorish than assuming any kind of conspiracy.

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• **oldjohnbrown** ▶ drbloodaxe

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:01:32 AM

(/comments/391393/13808130#comment\_13808130)

**Occam's Razor removes complexity** "They built it that way" is a much more common and straightforward explanation than "there was a perfect storm of ass-covering, incompetence and inertia that allowed it to be built" in the general case.

I suspect there's a joke about the Navy in there.

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• **drbloodaxe** ▶ oldjohnbrown

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:14:31 AM

(/comments/391393/13808378#comment\_13808378)

**laugh. good point. n/t**

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• **Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ drbloodaxe

Sep 28, 2007 at 12:31:57 PM

(/comments/391393/13810938#comment\_13810938)

**Maybe it WAS just more "efficient"....** And, they never imagined that anyone would be able to view it from high up enough to see the shape except for occasional military personnel.

Some still could call it an ideological endorsement though.

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oldjohnbrown ▶ **A Mad Mad World**

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:59:59 AM

(/comments/391393/13808096#comment\_13808096)

**There are several buildings in my hometown** that are precisely designed to be seen from the air. They're a lot smaller than this barracks. San Diego has a lot more planes buzzing around it than Iowa City does.

It's possible that sunk-cost psychology and fear of reprisal led to the Navy approving what would transparently have resembled the Nazi symbol in diagrams and in the scale model, but even your hypothesis acknowledges that they knowingly built the thing. **There are no unread comments at this time.** But so soon after WWII?

I notice that the building was rotated 45 degrees from the drawing on the vicinity plan, which is the crucial detail that makes it a Nazi symbol rather than an ancient mystical sigil.

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oldjohnbrown ▶ **oldjohnbrown**

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:04:36 AM

(/comments/391393/13808186#comment\_13808186)

**Whoops, n/m about rotation n/t**

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Troutfishing AUTHOR ▶ **oldjohnbrown**

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:08:47 AM

(/comments/391393/13808272#comment\_13808272)

**It does, however, fit the NAB grid layout...** So, that could have been accidental too.

Hence - "The Accidental (world's largest and properly displayed too!) Giant Swastika".

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**A Mad Mad World** ▶ **oldjohnbrown**

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:10:21 AM

(/comments/391393/13808297#comment\_13808297)

**Knowingly built the thing** Yeah, I suspect that did happen. But knowingly is not the same thing as willfully.

We have to keep in mind that WWII was still very much on peoples' minds in the 60's. Though I believe there was an American Nazi party at the time, I'm not aware that it had any real presence in the military.

One could argue that the inflammatory nature of the error is precisely why it was hidden rather than corrected -- who would want to be the architect or officer responsible for such an embarrassing gaffe?

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• **Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ **drbloodaxe**

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:06:39 AM

(/comments/391393/13808223#comment\_13808223)

**It's probably not relevant...** But one of the top Nazi scientists grabbed by the US military, a guy who did ground breaking work in missile technology, was installed at the NAB base.

Maybe the design was meant to make him feel at home.

Just kidding.

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• **Niniane** and **drbloodaxe** commented at this time.

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:30:18 AM

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**Typically** dozens of folks have access to these prints, from designer right on down to field construction superintendents.

Of course, higherups have control of what their subordinates get to see...

This was built in, like what, 1968?

How many of those construction types do you think might have spent time in the German theatre as younger men? Normandy, maybe?

I'll bet they would have raised a little rucus if they knew what was going on...

The only explanation is that everyone involved was involved... or that information, like the vicinity drawing was not distributed as is normal in a project like this one. That means cover-up, whether for nefarious means or just to avoid embarassment...

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• **Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ **Niniane**

Sep 28, 2007 at 12:33:40 PM

(/comments/391393/13810972#comment\_13810972)

**Interesting...** Thanks for that apparently informed speculation.

On "How many of those construction types do you think might have spent time in the German theatre as younger men? Normandy, maybe? "

I've wondered about that.

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• **occams hatchet** ▶ **Niniane**

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:07:29 AM

(/comments/391393/13808240#comment\_13808240)

**Exactly, Niniane.** I'm in commercial real estate, and when I first saw the story in the LA Times the other day, my first thought was, "Bullshit." No project on earth is going to go forward without site plans, which would CLEARLY show the outline of the buildings. The coverup is a crock - anyone who saw those drawings knew what configuration the buildings were in.

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**Trim Your Bush** ▶ **occams hatchet**

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:48:12 AM

[\(/comments/391393/13809135#comment\\_13809135\)](/comments/391393/13809135#comment_13809135)

**Especially our paper-happy military bureaucracy** Everything is done in triplicate, reviewed by scores of people. This one didn't just "slip by."

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**elmo** ▶ **Niniane**

Sep 28, 2007 at 11:01:10 AM

[\(/comments/391393/13809396#comment\\_13809396\)](/comments/391393/13809396#comment_13809396)

**maybe not supportive of the Nazis per se** but just in sympathy with some of their ideas?

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**Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ **elmo**

Sep 28, 2007 at 12:34:33 PM

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**There are no need comments at this time.**  
**Seems like it could have been taken....** By some in the Navy who knew what it was as an institutional endorsement.

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**shanikka** ▶ **Niniane**

Sep 28, 2007 at 03:56:57 PM

[\(/comments/391393/13815021#comment\\_13815021\)](/comments/391393/13815021#comment_13815021)

**Looking at this Drawing** I agree with you that this design wasn't an accident, but I don't agree that the only conclusion is that someone cleverly designed a swastika on purpose.

What I see visually is what is literally described as the intended layout in the text: a central building, with 4 "L's" radiating from them at 90 degree angles. The rendering above, however, is not in the shape of the swastika from the architect's main orientation; what is shown above is the traditional symbol, which as the diarist notes long predates the Nazis. Nothing suspicious about that, right? It's **only** if you deliberately turn these drawings on their side so that true north is pointing upward (as both the diarist and his underlying source seem to insist is required, but why I don't know since nobody looks at plans that way even if north is always required to be shown on the plans). And it is true that if you do that highly artificial thing, visualize from that orientation, the buildings suddenly appear as a swastika.

But I have no idea why someone would **presume** that an architect or client or anyone else for that matter would purposefully evaluate what their buildings looked like from above from an angle that is not the angle at which the plans are drawn, such that one has a rational basis for concluding that the design must have been on purpose. I don't see why evaluating a building's visual footprint with true north as the primary "top reference point" is necessary or required. In fact, it would make no sense to draw or view the document that way given the surrounding street layouts shown above. Even in an overall site plan, which from all I have seen focuses on surfaces facing outward towards streets. (And the drawing above makes clear what direction "true north" is pointing.) I say that not even being an architect, but as someone who as part of my public role reviews dozens of sets of architectural drawings a year.

I also presume that there were a hundred or more architectural drawings accompanying this single page which is included in this diary: including the separate elevations you reference, landscaping plans, wiring and other plans, underground utility plans between buildings, the whole shebang. Respectfully I see nothing here to suggest that there is anything sinister in this situation at all in terms of the design. Nothing in the remainder of the diary reads like anything but tin foil hat to me. Sorry.



**Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ shanikka

Sep 29, 2007 at 11:30:57 PM  
(/comments/391393/13834392#comment\_13834392)

**Know any Jews ?** I just have to ask.

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**chumley**

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:24:16 AM  
(/comments/391393/13807362#comment\_13807362)

**Great research.** Thank you, TF

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**Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ chumley

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:28:13 AM  
(/comments/391393/13807420#comment\_13807420)

**Sure - but thank Avraham Segol!** I'm doing some work, but Segol has done vastly more.  
~~There are no unread comments at this time.~~

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**MadRuth**

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:26:27 AM  
(/comments/391393/13807388#comment\_13807388)

**Isn't that CNN morning team** a barrel of laughs? They are so cute I throw up a little bit in my mouth every time I make the mistake of switching over to them from the BBC.

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**Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ MadRuth

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:29:25 AM  
(/comments/391393/13807442#comment\_13807442)

**Yeahhhh, they're like smurfs or teletubbies !** Or something.

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**DJShay** ▶ MadRuth

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:30:13 AM  
(/comments/391393/13807458#comment\_13807458)

**I get up early every morning** 4:45 am early and turn on the news. Usually CNN. This morning they were broadcasting CNN international and the Myanmar story. Very interesting. Then about 5:15 am they broke in with an AC 360 repeat. Ugh.

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**MadRuth** ▶ DJShay

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:59:20 AM  
(/comments/391393/13808080#comment\_13808080)

**Isn't it amazing** how much difference there is between CNN and CNN International? One seems to be written by Karl Rove for illiterate immature 12 year olds, while the other actually provides important news stories for adults. If more Americans watched these two networks side by side, they would see how much contempt CNN has for us.

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**DJShay** ▶ MadRuth

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:49:59 AM  
(/comments/391393/13809169#comment\_13809169)

I thought the exact same thing this morning. It was night and day.

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qphilo

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:29:27 AM

(/comments/391393/13807443#comment\_13807443)

They say... it was "an 'oversight' by Navy planners". So I guess Navy planner 'oversaw' it.

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Troutfishing AUTHOR ▶ qphilo

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:49:09 AM

(/comments/391393/13807845#comment\_13807845)

Heh ! ;) n/t

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ThirstyGator

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:31:31 AM

(/comments/391393/13807482#comment\_13807482) this time.

asdf I suppose that by the 60's the federal government was so scared of the great red menace that they had forgotten all about all the despicable nazi's that weren't hung after Nuremberg.

Sickening.

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Rich in PA

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:32:04 AM

(/comments/391393/13807492#comment\_13807492)

I don't care Really, I don't. Someone 40 years ago built it to look like a swastika, and let's say for purposes of argument that it was done to advocate Nazism. To whom? Nobody who lives in or uses the building would know it. Only a negligible number of people would fly over it. Current civilian-accessible satellite imagine like Google Earth was at that time unknown and unforeseeable. Oh, and there's no evidence to suggest which person or persons were in on the scheme. I might spend 60 dollars to fix it, but I wouldn't spend 600,000.

I should point out that while Mr. Segol is right in his observation--yes, that is swastika--there is strong circumstantial evidence that he is a crackpot. I refer readers to his letter, cited in this diary

That this should be a highlighted diary is pretty strange. It deserves to wallow in obscurity, in the absence of any evidence that the design of the building was someone's idea of s sick joke.

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Rich in PA ▶ Rich in PA

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:35:02 AM

(/comments/391393/13807552#comment\_13807552)

Correction Sorry about the typo in the last sentence:

"In the absence of any evidence that the design of the building was **any more than** someone's idea of a sick joke."

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RumsfeldResign ▶ Rich in PA

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:40:20 AM

(/comments/391393/13807665#comment\_13807665)

**The Moses thing is a bit weak** "According to Segol, Moses' beard falls in front of the tablets in such a way that the Hebrew word "Lo" (typically translated "Thou Shalt Not") is missing from each of the commandments proscribing murder, adultery, stealing, perjury and coveting. To a Hebrew reader, the frieze could appear as if Moses is advocating these sins."

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Troutfishing AUTHOR ▶ RumsfeldResign

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:11:09 AM

(/comments/391393/13808310#comment\_13808310)

**It's actually part of a larger pattern there....** Described by Segol. I've haven't looked into it to make a decision what I think, but I will say this - there were lots of Nazis and Nazi sympathizers in the US i the late 20's through the 30's - when the US Supreme Court art discussed by Segol was put up.

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tony the American Mutt ▶ Troutfishing AUTHOR

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:44:28 AM

(/comments/391393/13809069#comment\_13809069)

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like Prescott Bush nobody really thinks that stopped wit him do they?

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Troutfishing AUTHOR ▶ tony the American Mutt

Sep 28, 2007 at 12:36:03 PM

(/comments/391393/13811013#comment\_13811013)

**Some do, some do.....** These days I worry about apocalyptic Bibles.

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Sep 29, 2007 at 09:26:42 AM

(/comments/391393/13824279#comment\_13824279)

**evre read Good Omes by Terry Prachette** Much fun with 'special' bibles LOL!and Neil Gaiman?

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Sep 29, 2007 at 11:37:45 PM

(/comments/391393/13834468#comment\_13834468)

**No, but I'd like to hear more....** I own a few "special" Bibles....

Evidence, literally. Bibles with extra stuff for the troops.

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**and I can't help but think Prescott's attitude** of disregarding all but those with power as 'real' people has come down at least 3 later generations. If they ascribe to a particular name of an ideology or not is besides the point. They may not venerate Hitler, but they would be

very comfortable in a social situation with him, they would understand each other. And to me that is creepy enough...

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Sep 29, 2007 at 11:38:52 PM

(/comments/391393/13834474#comment\_13834474)

The ideology of privilege.... That is what I would call it.

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tony the American Mutt ▶ Troutfishing AUTHOR

Sep 30, 2007 at 01:48:14 AM

(/comments/391393/13835319#comment\_13835319)

yep, and it can use any ideology to attach itself to and suck resources to make sure they keep the privilege without ever earning anything. That fits every bush to a tee

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pidge not midge

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:32:10 AM

(/comments/391393/13807493#comment\_13807493)

Anyone who knows anything about architecture, design, engineering, planning, construction, etc. knew this story was spin from the word go. As if "no one" saw this on a site plan, foundation plan, floor plan, roof...well you get the picture.

I am continually amazed at the process of history rewriting itself.

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lysias ▶ pidge not midge

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:37:49 AM

(/comments/391393/13807608#comment\_13807608)

Speaking of DOD spin control, there's an elaboration in today's Washington Post of the cover story of the B-52 nuclear missile incident the paper carried a few days back.

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Troutfishing AUTHOR ▶ lysias

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:12:06 AM

(/comments/391393/13808336#comment\_13808336)

Oh yeah. The "migratory tactical nukes" ! They just wanted to fly South for the Winter.

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drbloodaxe ▶ pidge not midge

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:40:05 AM

(/comments/391393/13807660#comment\_13807660)

So therefore, obviously EVERYONE INVOLVED knew it was a giant swastika and was fine with that? Give me a break. Either it's the conspiracy of all conspiracies, and hundreds of people were in on it and no one ever leaked it over 50 years, or there was no conspiracy.

Which seems more likely?



Troutfishing AUTHOR ▶ drbloodaxe

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(/comments/391393/13807708#comment\_13807708)

**I did not say that. n/t**

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drbloodaxe ▶ Troutfishing AUTHOR

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:49:52 AM

(/comments/391393/13807865#comment\_13807865)

**No, I just said it.** As the logical inference to be drawn from what pidge not midge wrote.

But really, I think this went tinfoil.

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Troutfishing AUTHOR ▶ drbloodaxe

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:18:07 AM

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**Actually there are more likely possibilities** "EVERYONE INVOLVED knew it was a giant swastika and was fine with that?" - that's silly. It wouldn't be necessary. You can spin such a tale but it's not logically required here.

The Rear Admiral who signed off on the building retired in 1971. He was very close to retirement when he OK'd the project.

Who knows - maybe he just wanted a swastika shaped building ? If so, what would others on the base say or do ? Go against a Rear Admiral ? Run around shouting "there's a giant swastika building at the NAB base" ?

No, they'd probably do as people on the base have done for decades - keep quiet, because the building is a terrible embarrassment.

Quite simple.

No conspiracies need be posited here.

But, don't let me hold you back from spinning conspiratorial possibilities.

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drbloodaxe ▶ Troutfishing AUTHOR

Sep 28, 2007 at 01:34:03 PM

(/comments/391393/13812106#comment\_13812106)

**Well** Maybe I've just been misinterpreting the tone of some of the comments to which I've responded. The really annoying thing about emails, blogs, etc, is the loss of body language. So maybe people are sitting there just brainstorming instead of weaving conspiracy theories.

And remember, I'm on the other side. I'm thinking either it was anti-Semitism at the architect's place of employ or actually was an honest to gods accident, and nobody really thought about it til work was too far along.

I was complaining about the folks who kept saying things that, if you continued them under what I would consider logic, would seem to be implying that lots of people knew, possibly in advance, and kept the project moving along for their own agendas beyond simple 'CYA and don't make waves'.

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occams hatchet ► drbloodaxe

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:10:43 AM

(/comments/391393/13808307#comment\_13808307)

**Anyone who saw the drawings** knew what they were looking at - unless they were all cultural/historical imbeciles, utterly ignorant of what was at that time very recent history.

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That much is indisputable.

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drbloodaxe ► occams hatchet

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:20:52 AM

(/comments/391393/13808513#comment\_13808513)

**You keep saying that** And I'll keep asking:

Does that imply you believe everyone who saw the drawings approved or kept silent intentionally? Or that only a few select conspiristas were allowed to see the drawings?

I don't like to think of myself as a cultural imbecile, but there are a lot of modern references I don't notice til people specifically point them out to me.

So given the indisputability of your axiom, what is the logical inference to be drawn about everyone who saw the drawings? State it explicitly, please.

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Troutfishing AUTHOR ► drbloodaxe

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:29:30 AM

(/comments/391393/13808722#comment\_13808722)

**We're talking about a Nazi swastika here** The symbol isn't obscure or arcane.

Tens of millions ( at least ) were killed under that symbol.

Ever seen how that killing was done in Eastern Europe ? Look up "sardine packing".

Now, imagine what how that term would apply to naked women holding children in their arms, immanently due to be shot from behind.

There are photos. Look them up.

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**drbloodaxe** ▶ **Troutfishing** AUTHOR

Sep 28, 2007 at 01:43:20 PM

(/comments/391393/13812369#comment\_13812369)

**The symbol** may not be obscure or arcane, but you look for symbols in context. If I were looking over a shopping mall layout, the last thing I'd be looking for in the blueprints would be swastikas, SS lightning bolts and the like.

And yes, I've seen the standard high school week and a half of nauseating concentration camp films. I'm not claiming to be ignorant of the evil perpetrated under the Nazi regime.

What I have said repeatedly, is that it is entirely possible that many of those involved in the design and construction of this set of buildings did fail to notice the pattern formed when all 4 buildings were finished, and that IF the initial design was anti-Semitic, the blame most likely resides with the architect.

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**occams hatchet** ▶ **drbloodaxe**

Sep 28, 2007 at 11:37:30 PM

(/comments/391393/13821914#comment\_13821914)

**It's not a case of, "the pattern formed when all 4 buildings were finished"** - that is an absolute misrepresentation of the process. I know - I do this for a living. The pattern was evident from the very first set of drawings - even before the construction drawings, in fact; the site plan is the first drawing done. And in the mid-1960s, anyone old enough to be doing architectural drawings knew full well what a swastika was.

Many people saw the swastika right from the get. Guaranteed.

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**Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ **occams hatchet**

Sep 29, 2007 at 11:28:30 PM

(/comments/391393/13834363#comment\_13834363)

**Well...** For the record, I knew this was likely a losing story.

It's "historical", to begin with.

I've written it up here to make good on a promise I've made. But, I did not think this would be an easy sell regardless of the factual merits of the case.

Still, I think this was an Overton Window worth shoving.

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And, I'd add (since few will read this) - as a MRFF researcher I hear about a good deal more anti-Semitism in the US military than comes to public light. It's real. Is it growing? Very possibly.

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**occams hatchet** ▶ Troutfishing AUTHOR

Sep 30, 2007 at 12:23:55 AM

(/comments/391393/13834905#comment\_13834905)

**Yeah, TF, as I mentioned elsewhere in this thread**

the minute I saw this story and read the dismissals of the buildings' design, I thought, "Bullshit. No way was this an accident. Just doesn't happen that way."

I'm very familiar with the process of how buildings are built. Somewhere in this process, someone with decision power OK'd this - and either the higher-ups (if there were any) didn't look closely enough, or were complicit. There are no other possibilities.

Well, let me amend that: The ONLY other possibility might be (although it is EXTREMELY unlikely) that the buildings were designed and built in stages, and someone deceptively drew the successive site plans to minimize or omit the position of the other buildings' configuration from those drawings. That is a very remote possibility, but a possibility nonetheless - and in any event, it still indicates culpability.

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**tony the American Mutt** ▶ occams hatchet

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(/comments/391393/13809102#comment\_13809102)

**proto-O'Lielly fans?**

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**drbloodaxe** ▶ tony the American Mutt

Sep 28, 2007 at 01:46:37 PM

(/comments/391393/13812459#comment\_13812459)

**Are you?** I'm certainly not.

If you've bothered to read all of my comments, you'll note that I don't in any case deny the possibility of anti-Semitism behind the building layout, I merely suggest the most likely culprit would be in the architect's office, not the Navy.

And, since life is often weirder than fiction, it's entirely possible this was one giant blunder that went unnoticed until construction was too far along.

But if you want to resort to O'Reilly tactics and start name-calling or Bush tactics and link two unrelated things, go for it. It only hurts your own reputation.

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• **tony the American Mutt** ▶ drbloodaxe

Sep 29, 2007 at 09:44:37 AM

(/comments/391393/13824479#comment\_13824479)

**get over yourself and take your own advice** and look at my comments and for that matter look up PROTO. And you could also look as 'fans' in pluar as opposed to singular. Several hints in there, even for a raging look of a dipso.

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• **BDA in VA**

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:32:44 AM

(/comments/391393/13807503#comment\_13807503)

**asdf** So if it wasn't an accident as the Navy has tried to claim, then my question is "WHY?".

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• **drbloodaxe** ▶ BDA in VA

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:41:30 AM

(/comments/391393/13807695#comment\_13807695)

**Even if it was** an accident as far as the Navy was concerned, it could have been intentional on the part of the individual architect who did the design work. If they really want to get upset over it, they should research that guy in detail.

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• **occams hatchet** ▶ drbloodaxe

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:11:26 AM

(/comments/391393/13808316#comment\_13808316)

**Agreed.** But many people in the Navy let it proceed, knowing what it was.

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• **Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ occams hatchet

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:20:18 AM

(/comments/391393/13808496#comment\_13808496)

**Or, maybe it was just Wooding....** Could he have pushed it through alone? Maybe, and I doubt we'll ever know. But, he did retire in '71.

As I wrote above,

"If so [if it were Wooding alone], what would others on the base say or do? Go against a Rear Admiral? Run around shouting "there's a giant swastika building at the NAB base" ?

No, they'd probably do as people on the base have done for decades - keep quiet, because the building is a terrible embarrassment."

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• **real world chick**

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:32:50 AM

(/comments/391393/13807505#comment\_13807505)

**Why would anyone in our military do that?** I'm not being naive, it just seems contrary to human nature. The Germans were the enemy and they killed alot of our people. Who in the military would honor those responsible for so many of their deaths?

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**AmericanHope** ▶ real world chick

Sep 28, 2007 at 09:47:23 AM

(/comments/391393/13807809#comment\_13807809)

**anti-semitism stronger than you think** WWII came and went. but anti-semitism is forever.

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**real world chick** ▶ AmericanHope

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(/comments/391393/13807876#comment\_13807876)

**That's some serious anti-semitism also** some pretty juvenile anti-semitism

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Sep 28, 2007 at 09:51:17 AM

(/comments/391393/13807906#comment\_13807906)

**not so juvenile** not so juvenile at all. lower down there is a link to a page:  
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with this quote

Intelligence and government officials faced a delicate moral quandary in 1945—whether it was worth it to give American homes to men who had invented weapons to kill American soldiers, men who in some cases subscribed to beliefs that hundreds of thousands Americans had died to eradicate. In the end they decided it was, if these men could help the United States defeat the Soviets.

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**real world chick** ▶ AmericanHope

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:00:08 AM

(/comments/391393/13808101#comment\_13808101)

**I appreciate the point but, wether right or wrong** they were mining a brain trust. Not the same thing as endorsing the underlying political philosophy -- like a thug spray painting a swastika on the side of a building but w/ a way bigger budget and far better tools.

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**Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ real world chick

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:31:06 AM

(/comments/391393/13808754#comment\_13808754)

**What about the Nazi scientist war-criminals ?** What of the component of that "brain trust" that had conducted painful, disfiguring, and often deadly "medical experiments" on children ?

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real world chick ▶ Troutfishing AUTHOR

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:34:22 AM

(/comments/391393/13808841#comment\_13808841)

**Yeah. I'm with you. All kinds of reprehensible**

stuff. Makes you want to take a shower and, um, scream

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AmericanHope ▶ Troutfishing AUTHOR

Sep 28, 2007 at 10:39:19 AM

(/comments/391393/13808956#comment\_13808956)

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**Oh come on, what are you getting so worked up about?**

/definite snark.

it should surprise me at how many "liberal" bloggers are so flippant w/nazism and such, but it doesnt anymore.

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Troutfishing AUTHOR ▶ AmericanHope

Sep 28, 2007 at 12:19:45 PM

(/comments/391393/13810747#comment\_13810747)

**I see it as ideological creep.** My current concern though (despite this post) is, rather than Nazism, the spread of apocalyptic ideology in the US military. The Pentagon has been actually promoting such ideas. That's not good.

Not nearly enough concern on that front, I say.

But, people do pay it more heed than this sort of post - which I felt obligated to do for reasons I needn't get into here.

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Wids ▶ AmericanHope

Sep 28, 2007 at 02:36:04 PM

(/comments/391393/13813548#comment\_13813548)

**Nobody** Is flippant about **real** Naziism; but this fabricated, irrelevant crap is only good for laughs.

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AmericanHope ▶ Wids

Sep 28, 2007 at 03:17:56 PM

**yeah, its all pretty funny if you think about it**  
or...not.

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**Troutfishing** AUTHOR ▶ **Wlds**

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**What's fabricated ? Praytell ?**

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