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Request for access to environment information in terms of Aarhus Convention under Article 4: Access to Environment Information.

I request access to *environment information* in terms of Aarhus Convention¹ Article 4 from Mr. Greenwald and The Guardian (Mr. Rusbridger) as to the journalistic and editorial decision-making failure to report on Environment-Scarcity-Conflict (such as for example in *As Europe erupts over US spying, NSA chief says government must stop media*²) and its consequences issues as a possible motive for intelligence agency surveillance, in their reporting on Mr. Snowden's disclosure of the NSA Files³; to be provided to me by the latest 28 November 2013.

The environment information relates to 'editorial decision making' to censor information about (a) *Environment-Scarcity-Conflict* contextual information in their reporting of the NSA's national security motivations for its surveillance practices; (ii) the Environment-Scarcity-Conflict arguments submitted to the following NSA/Snowden related surveillance issue courts: (a) Amicus submission to *USA v Snowden* (PDF⁴); before Magistrate Judge John F. Anderson, US District Court Eastern District of Virginia at Alexandria; United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia; (b) Amicus submission to *ACLU et al v Clapper et al* (PDF⁵); in the Southern District Court of New York, before Judge William H Pauly, US District Court, S. District of New York; (c) Amicus

¹ <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/treatytext.html>

² <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/oct/25/europe-erupts-nsa-spying-chief-government>

³ <http://www.theguardian.com/world/series/nsa-files-live/latest>

⁴ http://tygae.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/8/7/13878165/13-07-07_us-va_snowden_nom-amicus-crtsvc.pdf

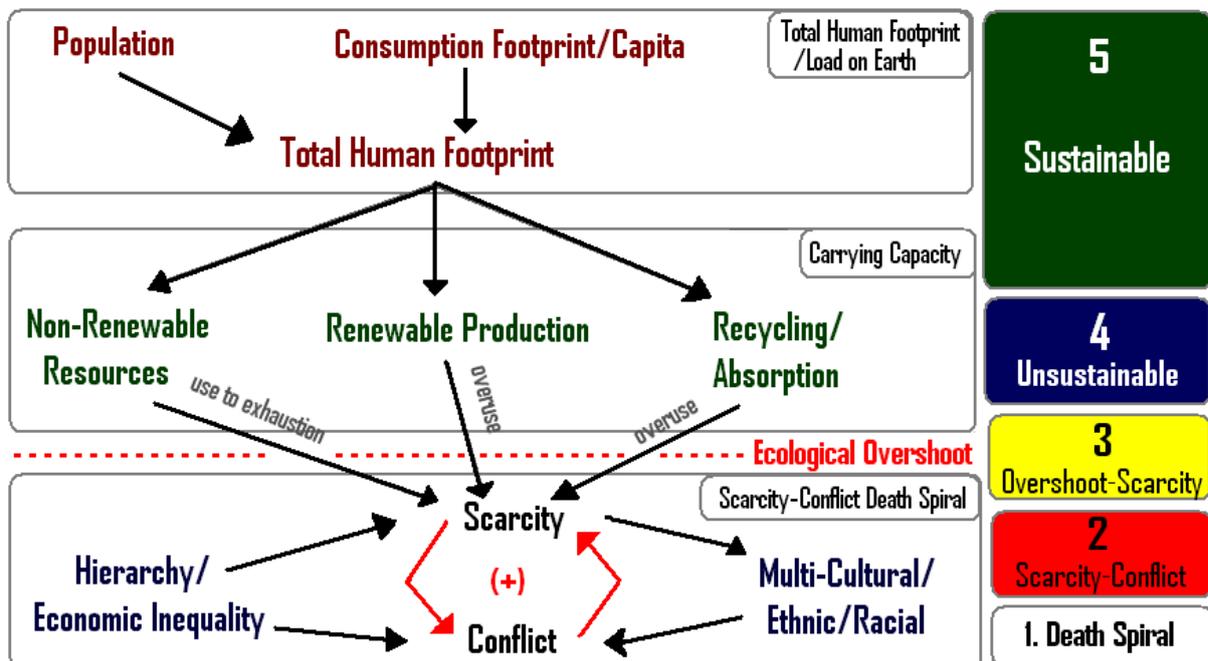
⁵ http://tygae.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/8/7/13878165/13-07-20_ny_aclu-v-clapper_nom-amicus-svc.pdf

submission to *First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles vs National Security Agency et al*, 13-CV-03287 (PDF⁶); in the Northern District Court of California; which the journalist and editors are aware of.

The environmental information requested fits the Convention definition of 'environmental information' under Article 2 (3) (b) as being an editorial policy 'cost-benefit economic analysis decision making activity', the censorship of which aggravates the threat multiplier Impact (I=PAT) Population (P) and Affluence/Consumption (A) causes of ecological overshoot and environmental degradation, which seriously affects (i) the state of elements of the environment, from air, atmosphere, water, soil and land pollution to loss of biological diversity and its components, and the interaction of these elements; (ii) the state of human health and safety as manifested by climate and resource scarcity (oil, water, NNR minerals), resource civil and national war refugees and deaths.

2. Scarcity-Conflict | 1. Death Spiral/Collapse | **SS-DEFCON** | ssdefcon.crowdmap.com
 4. Unsustainable | 3. Overshoot-Scarcity | POPULATION GROWTH X OVER CONSUMPTION OF RESOURCES =
 5. Sustainable: Footprint < Carrying Capacity | [Globe with oil pump] [DANGER! WAR FOR OIL] [Water bottle] [Apple with insect] [Globe with water tap]

Sustainable Security (SS) DEFCON Alert Warning System



Jack Alpert Scarcity-Conflict Video's: <http://tiny.cc/S-Conflict-01> & <http://tiny.cc/S-Conflict-02>

Environment-Scarcity-Conflict refers to extensive documentation from military and intelligence agencies, united nations and governments, NGO's and academic reports, etc, collectively documenting how legislative failure to restrict

⁶ http://tygae.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/8/7/13878165/13-07-22_ca_fuc-v-nsa_nom-amicus-svc.pdf

humanity's insistence on procreating and consuming above carrying capacity limits, and Socialized Corporate Externality Costs: Trillion Dollar Thefts from Global Natural Capital Commons, has resulted in our ecological overshoot of carrying capacity limits by between 700 to 400,000 percent; including crossing urgent Planetary Boundary Tipping Points: (i) Loss of Biodiversity and Species Extinctions; (ii) Climate Change; (iii) Nitrogen Cycle; (iv) Ocean Acidification; (v) Changes in Land Use; (vi) Global Freshwater Use; (vii) State Shift in the Earth's Biosphere; (viii) Peak Non-Renewable Natural Resources Scarcity; with devastating current climate-resource-scarcity-conflict and refugees, and impending threat multiplier aggravation of crisis of 'scarcity-conflict' death spiral consequences.

Media Censorship of Environment-Scarcity-Conflict refers to a corporate media socialized externality cost. Like all corporations, media corporations work to maximize their profits, by maximizing revenues while minimizing costs, by externalizing – avoid paying – as many costs as possible, externalizing them to society. Journalists are aware of how population and consumption affect ecological overshoot, scarcity and scarcity induced conflict, but avoid including such context to socio-political problem stories, because it directly and indirectly⁷ conflicts with their population and consumption growth profit motives. Numerous studies such as Dr. Michael Maher's study: *How and Why Journalists Avoid Population - Environment Connection* (PDF⁸), document how the mainstream media's conscious censorship of the population/consumption-overshoot-scarcity-conflict contextual connection in their reporting on environment, scarcity and conflict related events, is a significant cause of the public's general ecological illiterate inability to make informed environmental decisions, ignorance of the ecological overshoot state of our planet, and its impending scarcity-conflict consequences. Dr. Maher did a random sample of 150 stories about urban sprawl, endangered species and water shortages, and found that only 1 in ten framed population growth as a source of the problem.

Sincerely,

Lara Johnstone
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⁷ Advertisers prefer not to advertise in news media which honestly encourage readers to consume responsibly, by contextually linking the role of overconsumption to the ecological overshoot socio-political problems being experienced by citizens. Many citizens indoctrinated with political correct thinking, also marketed by media and corporations, prefer not to offend readers who prefer to be ecologically illiterate intellectual ostriches who are not confronted with the reality that their consumption and procreation contributes to problems resulting from ecological overshoot. Such readers/viewers would prefer to be told that their consumption or procreation above carrying capacity limits has nothing to do with ecological overshoot related socio-political problems, which are someone else's fault, preferably someone else from a different ethnicity, culture, religion or ideology.

⁸ How and Why Journalists Avoid Population-Environment Connection, www.scribd.com/doc/33694415