

ORGANIZATION NAME: US-BSO

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ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND:

This small federally funded division, based out of Washington DC, was first constructed in the mid 1960's to help combat any possible biological and/or chemical attacks or outbreaks on U.S. troops and South Vietnamese during the Vietnam War. The U.S. suspected possible biological culturing labs, commonly referred to as shadow labs, to exist throughout North Vietnam, which were alleged to produce highly contagious and deadly viral neurotoxins to help aid their fight against U.S. forces. There were an estimated 5,000 civilians and army personnel that became infected with an unknown viral epidemic from 1964-1967, which was thought to be a direct link to the existence of these shadow labs. The division, christened the US-BSO or United States Biological Security Operations, was sent in not just as a treatment facility, but also as a covert team to locate and collect any information on any bio-chemical weapon production that may exist. No records were kept as to the outcome or resources collected or destroyed by the division during its time spent in Vietnam.

From 1982-1994, the US-BSO started acquiring several highly decorated bio-chemical scientist and engineers to aid in the neutralization process of extremely deadly and contagious manmade viral contagions that could be used as terrorist weapons upon U.S. soil and throughout the world. The division was furnished with almost unrestrained and limitless resources during this time and used every bit of it to thwart many terrorist biological endeavors to eradicate the general U.S. populous and foreign allies. Most of these newly recruited members were also trained as field agents, traveling to some of the most dangerous and darkest parts of the world, occasionally putting their life on the line for national security.

Charges of homeland security infractions and domestic negligence on behalf of the US-BSO were brought up in 2001, when it was discovered that the division neglected to release all of its findings and facts about some of the manmade or "home grown" viral contagions that were being developed and tested at their Los Angeles, CA facility. Funding for the US-BSO budget was severely cut and reprimands given out to the upper echelon within the division, along with the immediate dismissal of the Director of Operations. The US-BSO is more closely watched and regulated and has willingly established critical stop points within its own infrastructure to ensure that another incident does not happen again. Martha J. Swenson, appointed in June 2001 and now acting Director of Operation of the US-BSO, has tried meticulously to pull the division back on track over the last several years and erase the dark cloud that has loomed over the division, but only with moderate success.

