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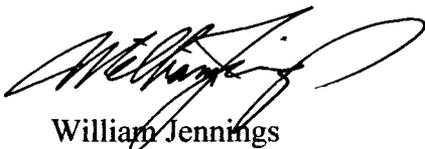
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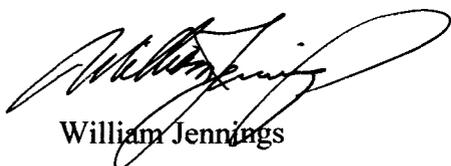
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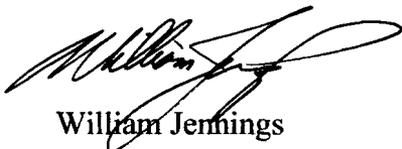
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Golitsyn posited that the on-going deception would likely manifest itself in supposed revolutionary "changes," which would include among other things: the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact; fall of the Berlin Wall; reunification of Germany; democratization throughout the Soviet bloc nations; and, even the dissolution of the Soviet Union itself. The Soviet Union dissolved in 1991, eleven years following Golitsyn's warnings.

As explained by Golitsyn, the ascension of this younger Russian leader would mark the beginning stage of the deceptive plan's most dangerous phase, "the final phase."

From Gorbachev to Putin, the long-range plan was never abandoned (nor ever acknowledged as having once existed) and is still operational today. And, it includes the coordination and cooperation of the plan's main co-partner, China.

This introduction is intended to be brief; therefore, it will not delve into an in-depth presentation of the issues surrounding "the final phase." It is meant solely as a starting point giving a general outline. The overall material presented here is meant within the context of "the final phase" plans of Russia and China. Your attention is invited to view the material herein while keeping its context in mind.

Please feel free to explore this site and pose any questions that may come to mind.

Thank you and welcome to The Final Phase.

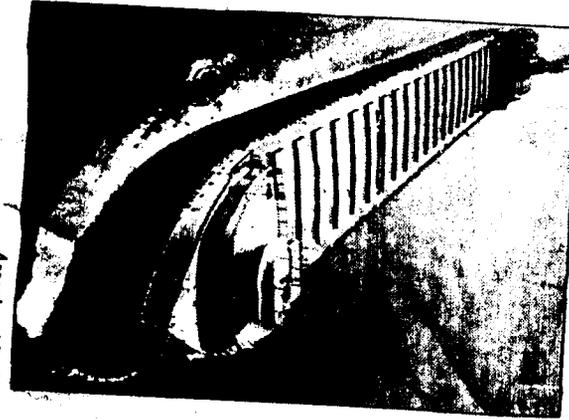
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Edmund Fitzgerald's grip on hearts still powerful 20 years after sinking

Family members, others recall demise of ship and crew with tributes.

By John Fleisher
Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY — A legend born on this date in 1975 is being marked with public ceremonies and private reflections by those who mourn 29 crewmen of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

A Lake Superior storm sank the ore carrier and everyone aboard 20 years ago today. Great Lakes sailors, victims' relatives, shipwreck buffs and others are marking the disaster's anniversary.

"We're hoping that this will help give a sense of closure for some of the family members," said Tom Farnquist, director of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point. It's hosting a private service for crewmen's families at the edge of the tiny peninsula on the northern Upper Peninsula.

Guests will include Canadian balladeer Gordon Lightfoot, whose song *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald* secured the vessel's place in modern folklore.

Also scheduled today are a memorial at the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City and a banquet in Port Huron hosted by Fred Shanahan, who led a submarine mission to the Fitzgerald in 1994.

In Duluth, Minn., the Lake Superior Marine Museum's annual "Gales of Govenor Banquet" focuses on the anniversary.

Historic Mariners' Church next to Renaissance Center in Detroit, where the Rev. Richard Ingalls tolled the bell 29 times the morning after the sinking, will hold its annual memorial service at 10 a.m. Sunday.

The remembrances are testimony to the Fitzgerald's enduring grip on the public imagination.

Some relatives can't put the sadness behind them because of a seemingly endless debate over how and why the ship sank.

More recently, controversy over exploration of the Fitzgerald's gravesites and the discovery of human remains there has fired some family members' survivors with a passion to have the area declared off-limits to divers. Officials in Canada are studying the proposal; the wrecks generally believed to be in Canadian territory.

"I'm very involved with it emotionally. I can't let it go," said Cheryl Rozman of Owim, whose father, Rossom Cundy, was a watchman aboard the ship. "I want to be with it until the finish, when I see that it's a legitimized grave site and the men can rest."

The Fitzgerald, heading Detroit, left from Superior, Wis., with 26,000 tons of taconite ore pellets. The next day, 30-foot waves as guests up to 80 mph hammered the ship, which left radar screens without transmitting an SOS.

A Coast Guard investigation concluded the sinking's cause was unclear. Most likely, it said, the ship — unstable from flooding in the cargo hold — nosedived into a huge wave and plunged to the bottom in seconds, landing with force that snapped the vessel in two.

With the blessing of dozens of the crewmen's relatives, a team of divers recovered the ship's bell last July. It will be the centerpiece of a new memorial wing at the Whitefish Point museum scheduled for completion in 1997.

"It gives us something to touch a place to go and pay our last respects," said Jack Champagne of Marinette, Wis., whose brother Oliver died in the wreck.