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15 More Families Join Suit Against Seattle Children's Hospital Over Deadly Mold

A class action lawsuit against Seattle Children's Hospital is growing.

The 15 families who have signed onto the claim Thursday say their children either died or have gotten very sick from aspergillus mold that has plagued the hospital for two decades.

"It's inexcusable," said Karen Koehler, who is one of the attorney's leading the class action suit.

Some of the children have died and others are still recovering. Teenage mom Ana Hernandez is one of those kids.

The 16-year-old had a brain tumor removed at Seattle Children's in 2014 – all went well then, but when she returned home her condition began to worsen. Finally, when it was too late, Ana's family learned aspergillus was inside her brain.

"The only way that you can get aspergillus fungus in your brain, when you've had brain surgery, is it for it to enter into the brain from the operating room," said Koehler.

The hospital has acknowledged they have struggled with aspergillus in their operating rooms for 20 years.

Last May, they confirmed 7 deaths and 14 surgical site infections all connect to aspergillus at their hospital.

As a result, operating rooms were closed for months for repairs – two different times -- but they are now back open. To read the article, click [here](#).

March 19–20 Protests Against 5G

Demonstrations will be held this coming Friday, March 19, and Saturday, March 20, protesting the deployment of 5G—a technology that, among other issues, presents huge health risks by blanketing the Earth with radiation resulting in cancer and other illnesses, encourages satellite collisions generating space debris, causes depletion of the ozone layer by the huge number of launches planned, and is a major factor in the weaponization of space. (See the article on page 2.)

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A “5G SpaceX Satellite Protest” is to be held Friday, March 19 at the headquarters of SpaceX in Hawthorne, California. SpaceX, of which Elon Musk is founder and CEO.

SpaceX is deeply involved in launching the small satellites being placed in low-earth orbit for 5G. Last week, it launched a rocket carrying another 60 and plans to send up tens of thousands in the next few years in a program SpaceX has named “Starlink.” Also, as part of “Starlink,” SpaceX last year was given permission by the Federal Communications Commission to erect up to one million antennas on earth to serve as transceivers linked to the satellites.

On Saturday, March 20, a “5G Global Protest Day” will be held with protests planned around the world. Information on the “5G Global Protest Day” is available [here](#).

The term 5G represents what is described as a fifth-generation of wireless communication technology. The drive for it has been intense. There has been a barrage in recent times of advertising by telecommunications companies for 5G.

Dafna Tachover, director of Stop 5G and Wireless Harms Project of the organization Children’s Health Defense, says:

“Science on the health risks of wireless radiation has been accumulating for decades. Heedless of the dangers, government and the telecommunications—‘telecom’—industry continue to propagate wireless technologies and infrastructure, helped along by captive regulatory agencies and successful efforts—including legislative—to silence public debate about health effects. At the same time, media campaigns and apps designed to addict the public—and especially children—have been effective in generating consumer enthusiasm. As a result, the wireless transformation has been hugely profitable.”

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March 19–20 Protests Against 5G (continued)

Epidemiologist Dr. Devra Davis, founder and president of the Environmental Health Trust, says:

“The transmissions to and from proposed 5G wireless installations are radiofrequency emissions that are an environmental pollutant found to cause cancer in both experimental animals and humans, DNA damage, neurological damage and other adverse health and environmental effects, e.g., on birds, bees, and trees, according to internationally recognized authoritative research. The prestigious institutions that have conducted these studies include the U.S. National Toxicology Program, the nation’s premier testing institute, and the Ramazzini Institute, a foremost testing center in Italy.”

Moreover, she says, “Wired technologies such as fiber or coaxial cable are far superior to wireless as they are faster, more reliable, resilient, energy-efficient, and more easily defended from cyber-attacks. Above all, wired connections are significantly less hazardous to our health and to other life forms with whom we share this planet.”

Dr. Joel Moskowitz asks: “As a society, should we invest hundreds of billions of dollars deploying 5G, a cellular technology that requires the installation of 800,000 or more new cell antenna sites in the U.S. close to where we live, work and play?”

To read the article, click [here](#). To learn more about the hidden military use of 5G, click [here](#).

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Castle Owner Steps in After Employee's Council House Mould Hell (United Kingdom)

Mould misery is making life hell for a family living in a Tiverton council house.

Sarah Hay, the owner of Bickleigh Castle, is standing up for one of her employees and her three children after seeing the effects their living conditions are having.

The employee, who did not wish to be named and has been living in the property for four years, said she has been urging the council for help to solve the issue at her home in Siddals Garden since last summer, but after a flood in December, the situation has become worse.

In a letter to the council, she wrote: "There is a huge problem which is causing growth of mould and damp."

"For a very long time I tried to do everything to reduce it. I tried to repair damaged walls but that did not help, I used Polyfilla for where parts of the wall fell, but it only helped a little, I used dehumidifier as well."

"The downstairs area is in a bad condition, to the point I worry about family's health and safety. You can smell damp everywhere, and I worry my children may get poisoned."

"The kitchen floor is always wet, which is damaging cupboards and walls. All wooden elements are mouldy and falling off."



Castle Owner Steps in After Employee's Council House Mould Hell (United Kingdom)--continued

"Paint does not want to stick to the walls and is falling off."

She said she cannot live in there anymore.

Mrs. Hay added: "When I was told about it just before Christmas, I phoned the council and was passed on to somebody else. Typical pass the buck approach. I spoke to another person, who said they would look into it."

"I said that if they don't move on, I will be exposing this publicly, she has three children and it is unacceptable."

"I told Mid Devon that they wouldn't live in a damp house with three small children."

"It's now a month on, and I'm being passed from person to person, and nothing is happening."

"It's made me feel terrible, I've had my employee welling up, and it's made me well up. You cannot have three small children living in those conditions, especially in this current climate."

"They could easily move her, and that's what I'm trying to get them to do. The house is clearly not habitable."

To read the article, click [here](#).

Pentagon Wants Wearable Sensors that will Detect Radiofrequency (microwave radiation) Weapons

When U.S. diplomats began mysteriously falling ill in Havana in 2016, scientists were perplexed by the cause. Until they realized that the cause was probably a microwave weapon that bathed the target in deadly radiation.

Now the U.S. military wants a sensor that will alert soldiers when they are being attacked by microwave weapons. Because soldiers may not even realize they are under attack by a beam that is invisible to the eye, but painfully apparent to the brain.

The Defense Health Agency (DHA) is looking for a wearable sensor that will detect radio-frequency (RF) weapons, which project intense beams of electromagnetic energy, including microwaves. RF weapons are already being developed by several nations. The U.S. has developed microwave weapons to shoot down drones or as non-lethal crowd control devices. There are also reports that China might have used microwaves against Indian troops in 2020.

Yet because radio-frequency weapons are largely unknown and untested, soldiers may not even know they are under attack. “Without known patterns of RF injury to guide diagnosis, it will be difficult to differentiate RF injury from other common sources of illness and injury such as heat stroke,” according to the DHA research solicitation. “This ambiguous symptomology is aggravated by the transient nature of RF energy. Without a sensor, it is possible that no residual evidence of RF attack will be available.”

Indeed, the U.S. government initially dismissed reports that U.S. diplomatic and intelligence personnel were suffering from headaches, nausea and ringing in the ears. Since 2016, when personnel at the U.S. embassy in Havana first reported symptoms, ailments have been reported by U.S. diplomats and intelligence agents stationed in Russia, China and other nations.

Were these caused by some natural ailment, or hostile action by foreign governments? And if hostile, what was the cause?

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Eventually, suspicions turned to microwaves, whose effects on the human brain were discovered in the 1960s. “Directed pulsed RF energy, especially in those with the distinct early manifestations, appears to be the most plausible mechanism in explaining these cases,” concluded a National Academy of Sciences study in 2020.

Beyond headaches and vertigo, RF weapons can actually damage the human nervous system. In 2014, the National Security Agency admitted that one of its officials might have been harmed by a microwave attack in the 1990s.

Not surprisingly, the Pentagon worries that a directed energy weapon used against embassies could also be used against soldiers. A wearable sensor would let troops know they’re under attack, giving them to take cover or neutralize the weapon before they suffer injury.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of this project is what it says about the future battlefield. The fact that the U.S. military wants its foot soldiers to detect microwave attacks suggests that these weapons may become a part of conventional warfare.

To read the article, click [here](#).

GIHN Note: See the related article “The Mystery of the Immaculate Concussion” on pages 12-14. How will this sensor differentiate between microwave weapons and high levels of radiation that sometimes occur with cell towers, cell phones and other wireless devices?

See *Wrexham family flat beset with mould* on page 5

Wrexham Family Flat Beset with Mould (United Kingdom)

Jennie May, from Acton, has a council-owned flat which is currently covered in black mould - and has been for several months.

The mould first appeared in the flat three years ago, but has spread dramatically in the last year.

Jennie, who also shares the flat with her partner and 58-year-old mother, told the Leader: "I'm so fed up and stressed out with living in the condition the flat is in.

"I've complained so many times and get nowhere. When I phone the council, I just get told to speak to someone else or they pass me to a different department. I'm literally at breaking point. My physical and mental health and my three-year-old daughter's health is bad but the council don't see this as a problem.

"We're being forced to stay home at the moment which is just making it ten times worse - having to spend all your time in these conditions."

Jennie says she has tried cleaning the mould, has had the council come out and clean it and repaint, just for it to come back within a month later.

She says a contractor for the council surveyed the property but the work needed to sort out the issue has not been done.



Wrexham Family Flat Beset with Mould (United Kingdom)--continued

Jennie, who has now applied to move to a different property, said: "It's even got to the point where it has ruined my draws - so now I have my clothes in a plastic tub, having had to bin not even a year-old sets of draws.

"How the council think it's acceptable for us to be living in these conditions is beyond me."

Wrexham Council was approached for comment on the matter.

To read the article, click [here](#).



Pregnant Mum Demands She be Moved from 'Mould-Infested' Home (United Kingdom)

A pregnant mum is demanding that she and her three-year-old daughter be moved away from her "mould-infested" home.

Kelsey Myatt, 20, who is 16 weeks pregnant and lives in the two-bedroom home with her daughter, said it was "horrible" living in the squalid conditions.

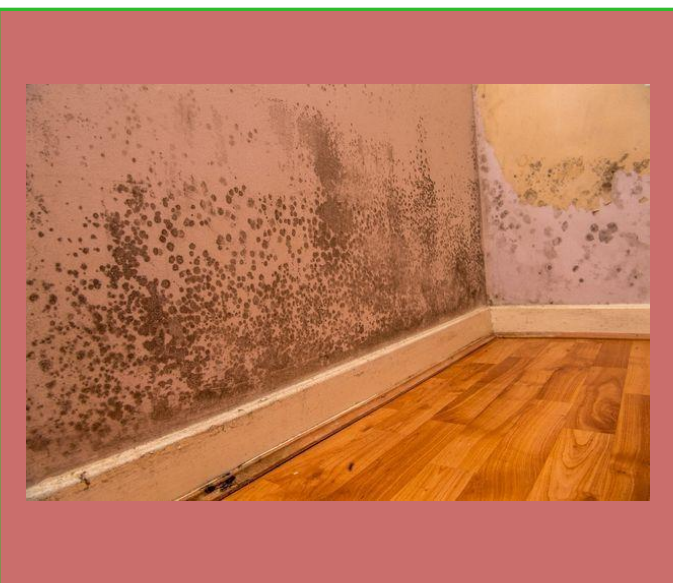
She said she had lived with issues at the property ever since she moved in three years ago.

Now Sanctuary Housing will this week install three new extractor fans in the bathroom and kitchen to try to tackle the problem, Stoke on Trent Live reports.

Kelsey, from Wolstanton, Staffordshire, said: "I had quite a lot of mould in my bedroom when I first moved in.

"It used to travel all the way up the wall and around my bed and I had to move my bed. Sanctuary Housing came out and cleaned that but it didn't change anything.

"It then started to go in my daughter's room and my bathroom walls were covered. Now it's started travelling in my living room.



Pregnant Mum Demands She be Moved from 'Mould-Infested' Home (United Kingdom)--continued

"It's dark and absolutely stinks. It's horrible living like that. I've been trying to move since I've been here but they just won't move me and the problem does not get fixed.

"Since I've moved in, I've had asthma and my daughter keeps getting a very bad chest. I've had to have two inhalers because it has made my breathing that bad."

Kelsey says Sanctuary Housing painted her bedroom with anti-mould paint - and says the problem still remains.

She added: "I don't know what else needs to be done but they need to get rid of it. It's disgusting and they shouldn't expect a three-year-old girl to sleep in that kind of environment.

"She had liver failure when she was born so it scares me in case anything does happen to her and it makes her poorly and she ends up in hospital again.

"I want to move and have been asking them for two and a half years. I want to be in the same area so I can be close to my family.

"It would mean everything for us to be able to move. I need a garden for my daughter. I want to get away from the mould."

To read the article, click [here](#).

Londoner Living in Flat Riddled with Mould (United Kingdom)

A woman says spending the coronavirus lockdown stuck in a flat “riddled with damp and mould” has made her ill.

Kirsty Hampshire says she suffers from asthma and her mental health is at “rock bottom” after more than a year of breathing in damp and mouldy air at her council flat in the Dollis Valley Estate, Underhill.

She claims the walls of the flat have been covered in black and green mould that is caused by a leak from a balcony in an upstairs flat.

But despite telling the council’s housing arm, Barnet Homes, about the leak in November 2019, Ms. Hampshire says workmen only turned up to fix it last month.

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“I am having to use an inhaler,” she said. “If I go for a walk, I get out of breath – but I never used to. I have never had asthma or any breathing problems before. It is making me so depressed.

“I haven’t slept in a bed since October 2019 – I am sleeping on the floor in my living room. All my belongings are ruined, and everything smells damp and mouldy.”



Londoner Living in Flat Riddled with Mould (United Kingdom)—cont’d

Ms. Hampshire said neighbours had told her the flat’s previous tenant was moved out after complaining about damp in the flat, meaning it had been an “ongoing problem.”

She added that after more than a year of inaction, workers “all of a sudden” arrived to put up scaffolding and fix the leak after she told Barnet Homes she had contacted a newspaper.

Ms. Hampshire said she felt the problems had been “brushed under the carpet” because the flats are set to be knocked down.

“They are spending all those millions to regenerate neighbourhoods but not looking out for the people being housed by them,” Ms. Hampshire added. “It is disgusting.”

“And then you can’t ring them. I tried ringing Barnet Homes for about six months, but they had changed their phone number.”

To read the article, click [here](#).



Builders at 'Putin's £1 billion palace' Confirm the Home is Riddled with Mould (Russia)

Builders at a £1 billion palace allegedly owned by Russian President Vladimir Putin have confirmed the once-opulent home is riddled with mould and in a constant state of disrepair.

Russian opposition leader and Putin nemesis Alexei Navalny last month released a series of images purportedly of the palace's luxurious rooms - including a strip club, casino and a theatre.

The photographs were released alongside a YouTube video which claimed the palace was being reconstructed due to a mould issue.

Russian state TV released its own report on the palace, claiming it was an under-construction hotel for unidentified rich Russians - with footage showing building work and a state of disrepair.

Now, builders who claim they worked on the site between 2005 and 2020 said the palace is opulent, but is currently riddled with mould.

One builder - who asked not to be named - told BBC Russia: 'The scale [of opulence] had been incredible. '

He added: 'Walls and ceilings were covered in mould. Just ordinary mould - green. In places even black. It had affected the whole building.'

Builders claim the mould - feared to be caused by the mansion's proximity to the sea and limited ventilation - meant the property had to be disinfected twice.



Builders at 'Putin's £1 billion palace' Confirm the Home is Riddled with Mould (Russia)--continued

Workers were initially drafted in to carry out cosmetic alterations, but the extent of the mould was found to be severe.

A mining engineer who worked on the complex overlooking the Black Sea suggested it had indeed been built for the president and there is a 'whole anthill in the rock under the house'.

The engineer - named only as Viktor - thought of the palace as a 'national treasure' suggesting the 16 underground floors buried in the rock were more ingenious than Dr No's bunker.

'It's not quite like the hideout of the villain from the James Bond films,' he said.

'There are impregnable fences, its own port, its own security, a church, its own permit system, a no-fly zone and even its own border checkpoint. It is absolutely a separate state within Russia,

The investigation alleged that the estate, located in a secluded area that is heavily guarded by Russia's security forces, also had a tunnel from the mansion to the shore.

Following the allegations, Russian authorities mounted an operation to deny the tsarist-scale pile was Putin's.

To read the article, click [here](#).

Two Military Families Sue Over Mold in Base Housing at Naval Postgraduate School

Two military families are suing several private housing companies because the homes that they rented at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, contained mold that sickened their children and ruined their personal belongings.

Navy Commander Louis D'Antonio and his wife Amber Holland-D'Antonio and Marine Corps Major Ryan Keller and his wife Samantha Keller moved into homes in the Parks at Monterey Bay about one year apart.

Both families discovered their houses contained mold and believe the private companies that manage the base housing did not follow proper safety precautions while remediating the homes, which exacerbated the conditions, according to a lawsuit filed Wednesday in the Superior Court of California.

The defendants listed on the lawsuit are Monterey Bay Military Housing, Clark Pinnacle Monterrey Bay, Clark Realty Capital, Pinnacle Monterey and Michaels Management Services, which are the combination of private companies that manage base family housing for the Naval Postgraduate School and the Army's Presidio of Monterey.

The complaints of the two families match those listed in nearly a dozen lawsuits filed in courts across the country. Some military families have turned to the legal system to settle claims that many private companies contracted by the military to maintain and manage base housing have been negligent and force families to live in dangerous conditions.

Jim Moriarty, the attorney behind the Monterey suit and others, said the continued filing of lawsuits shows problems persist despite new reforms that Congress has put into place in the last two years.

"Somebody is going to get one of these cases in front of a jury one day and [the media] will report a verdict that will shock people," he said. "People will be outraged at the conduct of these companies."

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Officials at Michaels Management Services declined to comment on the lawsuit because the executive team has not seen all associated paperwork. Officials at Clark did not respond to a request for comment.

Samantha Keller said her three children, who range in age from 3 to 9 years old, still face lasting health effects from living in the Monterey housing, even two years after they moved.

"The hardest thing was to not only have my husband and I go through it, but to watch our children go through it," she said.

The first house the family moved into in May 2017 had water intrusion that led to mold and sewage issues caused by tree roots growing into pipes leading to the house.

"Mold growth continued to reappear, and representatives of the landlord companies would attempt to remove mold laden sheetrock and trim without proper containment and without taking care to prevent the tracking of moldy materials throughout the house," the lawsuit states.

After one year, the family was moved into another house to allow for mold remediation work, only to end up in a temporary home with mold and insect problems, according to the lawsuit.

All three children suffered respiratory symptoms, trouble sleeping and rashes, as well as emotional trauma.

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Two Military Families Sue Over Mold in Base Housing at Naval Postgraduate School (continued)

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The D'Antonio family and their four children, ranging in age from 6 to 20 years old, moved into their first home on base in June 2018 and shortly thereafter noticed a smell emanating from their then-7-year-old daughter's bedroom closet, according to the lawsuit.

The smell was so penetrating that a teacher at school called Holland-D'Antonio concerned about the smell coming from the child's clothes.

"As the closet smell persisted, the family noticed that mold had begun to grow through the floors and on the tub in the bathroom. In response, the landlord companies sent contractors who were allegedly trained in remediating mold. Instead, these contractors failed to properly contain the problem and tracked mold throughout the house. At one point, they even set moldy construction debris on the family's sofa," the lawsuit states.

The entire family suffered health conditions including persistent runny noses, itchy eyes, coughs, memory lapses and joint pain. One of the couple's daughters suffered from frequent and alarming dizzy spells, causing her to suffer falls and her gymnastics coach recommended she withdraw for her own safety.

All of the younger kids still use inhalers, something that was not needed before moving to Monterey. They moved in May to Naval Air Station Lemoore, also in California, and live in a home that they purchased during a previous assignment there.

"We've gotten better, but we aren't there yet," Holland-D'Antonio said.

Three contractors attempted to solve the mold problems within their first year in the home, and testing revealed multiple types of mold present in the home.

The D'Antonios were moved into a temporary home also found to have mold and then a third home, according to the lawsuit.

"A lawsuit is pretty public, and it brings awareness. There are so many military families out there who are suffering in silence --afraid to tell command, afraid of repercussions, afraid they'll [create] a lot of charges during move out. All of these things are founded," Holland-D'Antonio said. "At end of the day it became, if we don't do this and garner public attention, too many people are suffering in silence. We have to let people know it's OK to speak up."

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It was ultimately decided more work on the original house needed to be done to better understand what was happening, and determine what caused the smell in the closet.

For the last 10 months, the family has continued to pay about \$4,300 in monthly rent through their basic allowance for housing for their original home as they negotiate reimbursement for the damaged property still inside the house. The rent payments continued despite an Army memo that deemed the home uninhabitable, Holland-D'Antonio said.

While the D'Antonios want to be reimbursed for damages they suffered, the final decision to move forward with a lawsuit stemmed from raising awareness on the problems that families continue to face with the private companies that manage military family housing across the country.

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Slow Pace of Improvements for Privatized Military Housing Irks Lawmakers

Dating back to 2018, lawmakers have been trying to make things right for the nation's 1.3 million military personnel and their families when it comes to their living arrangements. But that's proving to be easier said than done.

It has been documented that privatized housing companies have exposed up to 200,000 military families to toxic mold, lead paint, water damage, and infestations.

Thirty-five of the privatized military housing neighborhoods are located in Hampton Roads. They are owned by three companies: Lincoln, Hunt, and Balfour Beatty.

The 2020 National Defense Authorization Act enacted needed reforms to make the companies more responsive and military leadership more engaged.

The House Armed Services Committee on Wednesday got an update on how it's going. The answer? It's still a work in progress.

"We have heard your concerns and those of our residents loud and clear," said Rick Taylor, President of Infrastructure Investments for Balfour Beatty Investments. "And we've taken several actions to improve the residential living experience for our military residents."

However, lawmakers said they continue to hear from constituents of unacceptable living conditions, and they made their displeasure clear.

"You know, we frequently hear from those residents who are not pleased with their situations in housing," said Rep. Elaine Luria (D-Virginia, 2nd District).

Also weighing in, Rep. Rob Wittman (R-Virginia, 1st District): "I think there's been some progress made," he said. "I don't think it's been enough progress. I think there's still a ways to go."

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Rep John Garamendi (D-California) is the Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness. He said the long-awaited tenants' bill of rights "lacks teeth."

He continued: "And this committee will continue to use all of the tools at our disposal to make sure that those families get the quality housing and responsive answers to whatever concerns they may have."

To read the article, click [here](#).

The National Defense Authorization Act for 2021

In the defense bill Congress made law, officials are hoping to protect service members and their families from dangers inside their homes and address health impacts.

The legislation mandates the Department of Defense Inspector General do an audit of medical conditions of service members and their families, who have been stationed in this "unsafe or unhealthy housing."

The NDAA also requires DOD to be transparent in how it measures the performance of private companies it pays to run problematic housing, and how it pays them.

To learn more about the NDAA for 2021, click [here](#).

The Mystery of the Immaculate Concussion (microwave radiation attacks against government employees)

The dangers of microwave radiation have been documented and published in thousands of research papers over the past 50+ years, but the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) and telecommunications industry continue to deny the health effects.

Recent articles about microwave radiation attacks against CIA agents and other government employees have highlighted the danger.

Marc Polymeropoulos was a senior CIA official tasked with getting tough on Russia. Then, one night in Moscow, his life changed forever. He says he was hit with a mysterious weapon, joining dozens of American diplomats and spies who believe they've been targeted with this secret device all over the world—and even at home, on U.S. soil.

Now, as a CIA investigation points the blame at Russia, the victims are left wondering why so little is being done.

Marc Polymeropoulos awoke with a start. The feeling of nausea was overwhelming. Food poisoning, he thought, and decided to head for the bathroom. But when he tried to get out of bed, he fell over. He tried to stand up and fell again. It was the early morning hours of December 5, 2017, and his Moscow hotel room was spinning around him. His ears were ringing. He felt, he recalled, “like I was going to both throw up and pass out at the same time.”

Polymeropoulos was a covert CIA operative, a jovial, burly man who likes to refer to himself as “grizzled.” Moscow was not the first time he had been on enemy territory. He had spent most of his career in the Middle East, fighting America’s long war on terrorism. He had hunted terrorists in Pakistan and Yemen. He did the same in Iraq and Afghanistan. He had been shot at, ducked under rocket fire, and had shrapnel whiz by uncomfortably close to his head.

But that night, paralyzed with seasickness in the landlocked Russian capital, Polymeropoulos felt terrified and utterly helpless for the first time.

Though many of these apparent attacks have been publicized, including those that took place in Cuba and China, others have not been revealed until now, including at least three incidents that officials from the CIA and Capitol Hill say targeted American citizens on American soil.

The Mystery of the Immaculate Concussion (microwave radiation attacks against government employees)—cont’d

Struggling to regain control over his body, Polymeropoulos couldn’t have imagined that this incident would upend his life. It would end a promising career that had just catapulted him into the ranks of senior CIA leadership, and threw him into the middle of a growing international mystery that has puzzled diplomats and scientists, and raised concerns on Capitol Hill.

In the months ahead, he would come to realize that it wasn’t a spoiled sandwich that had mowed him down. Rather, it was his macabre initiation into a growing club of dozens of American diplomats, spies, and government employees posted abroad who were suffering in much the same way he was—targets of what some experts and doctors now believe were attacks perpetrated by unknown assailants wielding novel directed energy weapons.

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A loyal soldier of the CIA even after his untimely retirement, Polymeropoulos has never detailed publicly what he calls his “silent wounds.”

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But in the year since he left, he has become increasingly frustrated by the Agency's reluctance to give him and the other CIA officers affected with the medical care they need.

"It's incumbent on them to provide the medical help we require, which does not include telling us that we're all making it up," he told me. "I want the Agency to treat this as a combat injury."

He has also grown alarmed that the Agency is not investigating nor pushing back against the apparent perpetrators who are targeting his old comrades—and other Americans—in increasingly brazen ways.

"There is a lot of incredible unease and disgust with the Agency leadership and the Office of Medical Services on this issue," Polymeropoulos told me. That leadership, he says, "has not done right by us." "There's a lot of people who are very upset. And how can I say this? The Agency is going to have to answer for this."

In February, after a few weeks of relative normalcy, he started feeling an intense and painful pressure that started in the back of his head and radiated forward into his face. He went to an ear, nose, and throat specialist, who, Polymeropoulos says, thought it might be a sinus infection.

But Polymeropoulos's scans were clear, and a course of antibiotics did not alleviate the pain.

If anything, it was growing steadily worse. The vertigo and nausea came roaring back. His ears started ringing again. His brain was swathed in a dense fog.

By March, his long-distance vision started going and he could no longer drive.

Repeated MRI and CAT scans showed nothing suspicious, but Polymeropoulos was now feeling so ill that he started calling out sick.

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There was no way this was all the result of food poisoning two months prior, Polymeropoulos realized. But what could it have been? He told me his colleagues at the CIA believed he could have been the target of some kind of technical attack in Moscow. But what kind?

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But as his symptoms grew worse, Polymeropoulos and his Agency colleagues noticed that his symptoms lined up with those of American diplomats who had apparently been attacked in Havana.

In late 2016, some two dozen Americans stationed in the revived embassy in Cuba began reporting strange new phenomena. Some heard a strange noise—sometimes high-pitched, sometimes low—and felt a sudden pressure in the skull.

Others heard nothing at all, but many of them developed vertigo and nausea, and had trouble sleeping, difficulty concentrating, persistent headaches, and changes in vision and hearing.

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Like Polymeropoulos's constellation of symptoms, some of these effects waxed and waned at seemingly random intervals, while others seemed impossible to cure—all to maddening effect.

Still, the intense pressure and pain in Polymeropoulos's head would not abate. He started seeing doctors on his own—neurologists, infectious-disease specialists, allergists, dentists, eye doctors, sleep specialists, pain experts, neck and spine doctors.

Countless tests, scans, injections, rounds of steroids, and antibiotics did nothing to diagnose or alleviate the now round-the-clock migraine he had developed. He was in constant pain, which was exacerbated by his staring at a computer for long periods of time. Sitting still for more than an hour or two would sap his energy completely.

Meanwhile, the roster of victims was growing ever longer. In June 2018, the U.S. State Department evacuated nearly a dozen people from Guangzhou, China, where American diplomats and trade representatives reported feeling symptoms eerily similar to those their colleagues had experienced in Cuba.

One victim, Catherine Werner, said that her symptoms began in late 2017, just as Polymeropoulos's had: a splitting headache, nausea, loss of balance. When her mother went to Guangzhou to help her, she, too, fell ill. Even Werner's dogs were affected, her mother told NBC News. They began vomiting blood and avoiding the room where Werner and her mother heard the sounds and felt the symptoms start.

As he grasped for an explanation, Polymeropoulos was paying careful attention to what was being discovered about the incidents in Cuba and China. By the summer of 2018, scientists, intelligence officials, and journalists were zeroing in on a potential culprit: microwave weapons.

Forty U.S. government officials across multiple agencies were victims of debilitating invisible attacks in Russia, Cuba, China and other places around the globe. Just last year, more of these assaults were carried out against CIA officers.

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The notion of weaponizing microwaves dates back to the Cold War, when, in 1961, an American biologist named Allan Frey discovered that irradiating a human head with microwaves could produce the sensation of sound—even in deaf ears, even from thousands of feet away.

As the Cold War progressed, both the United States and the Soviet Union raced to find military uses for what came to be called directed energy weapons.

The radiation also showed the potential to disturb the sacrosanct blood-brain barrier and, according to the DIA, resulted in “the alterations of brain function.” The most common symptoms reported in humans who had been exposed to microwaves for long periods of time sounded familiar: headache, fatigue, perspiration, dizziness, insomnia, depression, anxiety, forgetfulness, and lack of concentration.

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