

Zodiacal Releasing from Spirit: The Tsunami Effect in the Life of John Kerry

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Abstract.

This paper gives a brief example of Project Hindsight research into the techniques of Hellenistic astrology. It shows the results of applying one ancient time-lord procedure, which we call *Zodiacal Releasing from Spirit* – abbreviated ZRS – to two short periods in the life of one individual, John Kerry.

After presenting the mechanics of Zodiacal Releasing, a brief biographical sketch is given of these two episodes in Kerry's life, less than four months each and widely separated in time. It will be demonstrated that not only do biographers themselves link these two episodes, they also regard them as the most defining and critical periods of Kerry's career. It will then be explained how astrologers skilled in ZRS would also see these two periods of time as linked astrologically and likewise delineate them as the highpoints of Kerry's career.

This paper is primarily intended as a reminder and supplement to an oral presentation. John Kerry's Hellenistic Natal Chart and two other Data Sheets for this paper will be handed out at the Symposium.

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DATA SHEET ONE: Level One and Level Two ZRS for John Kerry

DATA SHEET TWO: Levels Three and Four of LEO VIRGO and VIRGO LEO for John Kerry.

Methodology.

The research presented in this paper is not statistical. It is a pioneering example of what we call *intra-chart* validation.¹ Because Hellenistic time-lord procedures allow us to map out the entire life of an individual from a given perspective, they afford us the opportunity of directly comparing different episodes of the life that are linked astrologically.

My approach is as follows. I will first block out Kerry's life into episodes according to ZRS using *Delphic Oracle*,² new Hellenistic software created by Curtis Manwaring and Zoidiasoft Technologies that implements Vettius Valens' procedural statements exactly.³ I will then study the time-lord description of the two short periods in question individually, employing the interpretive principles that Valens recommends in order to see how well these periods accord with Kerry's biography.

¹ See *ASTROLOGICAL RESEARCH: SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT STATISTICS & SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR A NEW PROGRAM* by Robert H. Schmidt elsewhere in this Compendium.

² My chart for Kerry and the two handout data sheets were calculated by *Delphic Oracle* and have been specially edited and annotated for this oral presentation. Besides ZRS, *Delphic Oracle* performs many other Hellenistic calculations and can be ordered through our website at <http://www.projecthindsight.com/products/delphicoracle.html>

³ As found in *THE ANTHOLOGY OF VETTIUS VALENS, BOOK VI*. Translated by Robert H. Schmidt. First published by Project Hindsight in 1995. The revised and updated version with new commentary will be published in 2007.

Next, I will confirm my hypothesis (not made explicit in Valens but implicit we believe in the logic of ZRS) that since these two periods are in fact linked in Kerry's biography, their astrological descriptions should be related. I will then show how the reversal of outcomes in these two episodes could have been expected according to Valens' stated interpretive principles.

It is my contention that ZRS gains a significant degree of credibility by this line of argument, even though we are only studying a single chart.

Mechanics of Zodiacal Releasing from the Lot of Spirit.

Zodiacal Releasing from the Lot of Spirit (to give this procedure its full name) is one of the half dozen or so central time-lord procedures in Hellenistic astrology, each of which establishes planetary rulers for successive spans of time in the native's life.

In the broadest sense, ZRS may be applied to the study of any actions that one performs. In a narrower sense, it finds application in the study of the professional life of the native, periods of success or failure, recognition, changes of employment, etc. It also has relevance for the topic of travel.

1) *First find the Lot of Spirit in a natal chart.* The Lot of Spirit is found by taking the ecliptic interval from the Moon forward in the order of signs to the Sun, and projecting an equal arc from the ascending degree. This is the algorithm for a native born during the day. For someone born at night, it is reversed. The Lot of Spirit is thus a mirror image of the Lot of Fortune across the ASC/DSC axis.

2) *Then project the Lot of Spirit.* Profection means that some significator in a chart is advanced from sign to sign after some interval of time. In ZRS the significator in question is the Lot of Spirit. Beginning from its natal sign, this lot is understood to be profected from sign to sign after an interval of time proportional to the lesser planetary period of the domicile ruler of the current sign of the profection. This planetary ruler is also considered to be the current major time-lord. The lesser planetary periods used by the Hellenistic astrologers are as follows: for the Sun, the period is 19; for the Moon, 25; Mercury, 20; Venus, 8; Mars, 15; Jupiter, 12. Saturn's lesser period is 30, but in ZRS 30 is only used for Aquarius; 27 is used for Capricorn profections. These numerical values can refer alike to "years" (consisting of 360 days each) or "months" (consisting of 30 days each) or to smaller periods of 60 hours and 5 hours. The smaller periods are all 1/12 of the next larger period. As an example, the length of the major profection in Cancer is 25 360-day years. To calculate it in days, multiply 25 times 360 days, which equals 9000 days, a little over 24 ½ years. This period is then subdivided into 30 day months. Cancer gives itself the first 25 months, the Sun the next 19 months, Virgo the next 20, Libra the next 8 and so on. These minor periods are subdivided in a similar manner to get the third & fourth level profections.

3.) *The Loosing of the Bond.* If the period in years of the major time-lord is long enough, then after the minor profections have made one complete circuit around the zodiac (totaling 211 30-day months), the assignment of minor profections does not repeat, but jumps to the sign opposite to the major sign and continues in zodiacal order from that sign. This important feature is called the "loosing of the bond" and occurs in signs ruled by the Sun, Moon, Saturn, and Mercury. After the loosing of the bond, Valens says that the responsibility for the distribution of the remaining times is actually handed over to the sign opposite to the sign of the major profection,

and in practice it does appear that the power of the major sign is played out. To indicate this, we write CN before the loosing of the bond in that sign, and (CN) afterwards. Occasionally we might write *CP* in italics instead of (CN) to indicate that *Capricorn* now has responsibility for Cancer's remaining times. A similar practice would be followed with the lord(s) of the sign.

Why We Have Chosen John Kerry as an Example.⁴

John Kerry's life is a good example for this short paper, not only because these events in his life story are familiar to many people, but because it also gives us an opportunity to perform a little experiment and test two special conditions mentioned by Valens. It will also give us a chance to exhibit an interesting phenomenon encountered in ZRS.

1.) *A special case of the ZRS procedure not applicable to most lives.* This is Valens' rule that when Fortune and Spirit are in the same sign, profecting should begin from the next sign in the case of Spirit releasing. John Kerry has both Fortune and Spirit in Gemini. Thus, John Kerry's ZRS printout begins with the Cancer major period instead of the Gemini major period. However, Kerry's Lord of Spirit is still Mercury.

2.) *A special interpretive principle for mercurial signs.* This is Valens' maxim that the loosing of the bond in a mercurial sign is a time when the individual's life may change rapidly for better or worse depending on the general condition of the times. John Kerry not only has a mercurial major period – Virgo – but Virgo is moreover his 10th House and thus particularly concerned with his life work. We will experiment by comparing Kerry's major Virgo period with an earlier minor Virgo period, particularly looking at the loosing of the bond in both periods.

This in turn will allow us to exhibit *a common phenomenon that does not occur with such spectacular devastation in most lives.* Namely, a multi-level loosing of the bond similar to a small irregular wave caused by a distant erupting volcano deep under the earth traveling harmlessly for many nautical miles and then rapidly escalating into a tsunami as soon as it hits home in shallow water. In this case the wave is traveling through time and it takes 33 years to reach its destination.

The Biographical Sketch.

During 1971, Kerry was a national leader in the war protest movement and received a great deal of media attention by accusing American soldiers of committing war crimes on a massive scale in Vietnam, with full knowledge and encouragement by officers at all levels. The high point of this period was from around mid-April 1971 through the end of July 1971. During these few months, Kerry was center-stage at an elaborate six-day protest in Washington DC. All cameras were on him as he gave shocking testimony before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and participated in throwing service medals into the trash. He subsequently appeared as a guest on several television shows and was interviewed numerous times. On June 30, 1971, the Dick Cavett Show featured John Kerry in a debate with John O'Neill, another Vietnam veteran. One of Kerry's biographers characterized this debate as Kerry's high-water

⁴ Other examples of ZRS can be found in *ZODIACAL RELEASING FROM SPIRIT*. A Project Hindsight audio intensive by Robert H. Schmidt. (2007); *PEAK TIMES AND PATTERNS IN THE LIFE OF DANE RUDHYAR* by Robert H. Schmidt and Ellen Black. Geocosmic Journal: Classical Astrology. Fall, 2006. Robert Schmidt and I are also working on a book about Zodiacal Releasing which will contain many examples.

mark for many years, saying that afterward “as quickly as Kerry’s star had risen, it began to fade.” About two weeks before the end of the period we’re looking at here, on July 22, 1971, Kerry gave a big press conference surrounded by relatives of POWs urging that the United States surrender to North Vietnam on terms proposed by a Viet Cong representative.

A little more than 33 years later, John Kerry was again in the limelight as the clear front-runner shoo-in for the Democratic presidential nomination. All seemed to be going well for Kerry, and he was again center-stage in the mainstream media. On May 3, 2004, the Kerry organization launched a \$25 million ad campaign which portrayed Kerry as a war hero in the Vietnam war. However, many of the Vietnam veterans Kerry had collectively accused of war crimes were still angry about what they adamantly insisted were Kerry’s lies. In particular, many of Kerry’s fellow Swift Boat veterans – including most of his fellow officers and his entire chain of command – had organized and were ready to attack him. John O’Neill was now the principal spokesman for Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, which was announced at a press conference on May 4, 2004, coincidentally the day after Kerry launched his massive ad campaign. A press release made it clear that the Swift Vets vehemently opposed Kerry, and was accompanied by a letter demanding that Kerry release all his military records. When the efforts of the Swift Vets received almost no major media coverage, they turned to other tactics. They raised money, expanded their website, created ads and wrote a book. When John Kerry made a big point about his military service in his biography and acceptance speech at the Democratic national convention in late July, they were ready. The first TV attack ad was launched on August 4. The book *Unfit for Command* was released on August 15 and quickly became a best-seller. A barrage of other ads and press releases followed and the whole story quickly broke into center stage in the main-stream media. By the end of August, Kerry and the whole Kerry campaign were considerably bloodied. The triumphant Vets published another open letter: “Tell the truth and we’ll stop the ads.”

These two scant four month periods⁵ are the *ONLY* extended periods in John Kerry’s life when he was the *STAR* at the epicenter of media attention with friendly reporters hanging on his every word. In the first case, his star began to fade. In the second case, it began to fall.

The ZRS Sketch in LEO VIRGO and VIRGO LEO.

Kerry’s Expected Peak Times.

Now let’s look at these two scant four month periods in John Kerry’s ZRS. The first period, when John Kerry is center-stage as the leader and spokesman of the war protest movement, occurs in LE VI. Now, Leo contains Jupiter, which means that Kerry should have opportunities for advancement and prominence

⁵ Information about John Kerry’s life during these periods can be found in the following: JOHN F. KERRY: THE COMPLETE BIOGRAPHY BY THE BOSTON GLOBE REPORTERS WHO KNOW HIM BEST. Michael Kranish, Brian C. Mooney, Nina J. Easton. (New York: Public Affairs, 2004) ; TOUR OF DUTY: JOHN KERRY AND THE VIETNAM WAR. Douglas Brinkley (William Morrow, 2003) ; UNFIT FOR COMMAND: SWIFT BOAT VETERANS SPEAK OUT AGAINST JOHN KERRY. John E. O’Neill and Jerome R. Corsi, Ph.D. (Washington DC: Regnery, 2004); THE SWIFT BOAT VETERANS WEBSITE. www.swiftvets.com Besides letters to Kerry, press releases, and other informative compositions posted on the site, the Forum also has an enormous amount of detailed research done by dedicated and skilled researchers. But you have to dig for it at this point. I first read much of it shortly after it was written.; THE WINTER SOLDIER INVESTIGATION. www.wintersoldier.com This site also has an enormous amount of detailed information and research on Kerry’s activities.; VARIOUS POSTS ON JOHN KERRY AND HIS BACKGROUND. By “Fedora” <http://www.freerepublic.com/~fedora/>

during this 19-year Leo major period, all the more so because the Sun, the lord of Leo, is angular in the first whole-sign house. The best opportunity for prominence would be when the minor proflection comes

to Virgo, the tenth whole-sign house and hence, the place of career, Mercury its lord being relatively well-placed in a succedent house and trining the tenth. In fact, Kerry becomes (briefly) nationally famous under LE VI, sinks into relative obscurity for years where he does have some advancement in the private sector, re-enters public life as Lt Governor under LE GE, and finally comes back into some national political prominence as a US Senator towards the end of the LE major period under LE CN (which is the second best figure he could have in the Leo major period).

The second period, when John Kerry is center-stage as the Democratic choice for President, occurs in VI LE, when the major and minor proflections are reversed. Now Virgo is the sign of the major proflection. It is Kerry's tenth house, and when it begins, Kerry is already a Senator. He will sustain that level of prominence for 20 years in the Virgo major period until he finally decides to run for President. His best opportunities for rising above the rank of Senator during this interval should occur again during the Leo minor proflection where he would have the same signs and time-lords involved but inverted. This is in fact what happened. He is just one of the Democratic pack of presidential candidates at first, but he gradually becomes more prominent under VI LE and finally emerges as the clear front-runner in the spring of 2004.

Conclusion: That Kerry's two periods of prominence are coincident with the two Virgo periods is confirmation of Valens' rule for beginning the Spirit proflection from the next sign in cases when Fortune and Spirit are in the same sign. If we had not started the proflection in Cancer, these periods would not be Virgo periods, nor would they be singled out as obvious peak times according to ZRS, nor would they have such a clear "mirroring" relationship with each other.

Parallelism in the ZRS Time-Description of Kerry's Two "Star" Periods.

Because of the symmetry of the two four-month "star" periods that I established biographically above, it seems reasonable that this should be reflected in some sort of parallelism in the ZRS time-description of the corresponding periods under LE VI and VI LE. If we compare Kerry's two four-month "star" periods under LE VI and VI LE, we see the following parallelism.

For his activist period:

For the Swift Boat Veterans' episode:

LE VI GE – warm-up
LE VI CN – development
LE VI LE – climax
LE (VI) PI – aftermath

VI LE GE – warm-up
VI LE CN – development
VI (LE) AQ – climax⁶
(VI) PI – aftermath

In both cases the episodes really get going when Gemini is the third level proflection⁷ and the natal

⁶ A similar sequence occurs in the fourth level proflections under VI (LE) AQ – the laudatory Kerry biography, with special focus on his service in Vietnam, is featured the second night of the Democratic Convention under GE, the acceptance speech is under CN and the first attack ad under LE, and Kerry's first reaction is also under LE and continues under VI at the fourth level. With his last burst of LE and VI energy, Kerry makes the mistake of trying to suppress the ads by having his lawyers threaten station managers with law suits.

⁷ Again, just as in the higher proflections, Gemini is the place where the action shifts into higher gear.

enclosure mentioned above is activated by that profection. They develop during the third level Cancer profection in each case. They then come to a climax during the next third level profection, which is Leo during the activist period. However, there cannot be another third level Leo profection under the second level profection of Leo during the Swift Boat Veterans' episode; the Level Two loosing of the bond on July 10, 2004, when VI LE CN jumps to VI (LE) AQ interrupts the sequence. The aftermath occurs in both cases under (VI) PI. The first time they are second and third level protections; the second time they are first and second level protections.

Why is the first episode on the whole favorable for Kerry,⁸ the second unfavorable? There are five principal reasons:

- 1) First, since the general time defined by the Leo major profection in the first case is favorable (with Jupiter in Leo and the Sun its ruler good naturally and here by position as well), loosings of the bond from Mercury signs to Jupiter signs should be favorable. The second time the general times are not so favorable, since Virgo contains no benefics, and Mercury is not as benefic as the Sun as major lord either by nature or by position. Thus, this example is in accord with what Valens says about the loosing of the bond in Mercury's signs, which is one of the reasons we chose this chart for investigation.
- 2) As long as the Sun is activated as a time-lord, particularly the major time-lord, it can intervene in the seventh house malefic enclosure of the Moon, and it is activated throughout the first episode as the major time-lord. But by the end of the Swift Boat episode, the Sun has dropped out of the time-lord scheme entirely and can no longer intervene; consequently the malefic enclosure is free to damage Kerry's popularity. It is worth noting that this enclosure is neatly symbolic of the Swift Boat episode itself: Kerry's general popularity (Moon) is besieged by old or retired (Saturn) soldiers (Mars).
- 3) The first episode effectively ends with a Sun/Jupiter period, and the mutual reception between these two is very favorable; by contrast, the second episode ends with a Mercury/Saturn period. Mercury and Saturn are in mutual reception, but this mutual reception is not generally favorable in Hellenistic astrology. Mercury and the Sun are also in aversion—in this case, five signs apart—and this is also not favorable.
- 4) Because Mercury is also averse to the Sun—they are in adjacent signs—Mercury cannot contribute anything of its own questionable nature to the Sun's overall jurisdiction of the first episode during LE VI; the Sun is calling all the shots. But by the same token, the Sun cannot contribute any of its own benefic character to Mercury during the VI LE period; now Mercury, the planet of contest and controversy, is calling all the shots.
- 5) Finally, when the third level profection gets to Gemini under VI LE, the very time when the controversy heats up in the second episode, Mercury as the ruler of Gemini has a second chance to reassert itself independently of any other planet.

⁸ "Favorable" here meaning that there were no immediate bad effects for Kerry. This period was an isolated incident disconnected to the progress he made during the rest of the LE period. It did not help in any obvious way to further his career. Similarly, "malefic enclosure" does not mean the Swift Boat veterans were bad, but only that Kerry would experience this activated natal figure as bad, once the protection of the Sun's ray was no longer active.

The “Tsunami Effect” during Kerry’s Presidential Candidacy.

Not only are the two episodes under consideration symmetrically analogical (a phenomenon we have seen time and again in our research), but they are directly linked in Kerry’s life in the sense that the first episode is the precursor of the second. This is consistent with the logic of ZRS insofar as Mercury as ruler of Virgo ties both these episodes together. But Mercury is also the ruler of Kerry’s natal Lot of Spirit in Gemini, which means that these mercurial episodes have a bearing on his career as a whole and are not merely confined to some one major period.

We can probe deeper into these events by bringing in all the instances of loosing of the bond during this period and also by considering some fourth level profections.

If we look for the two times in which Kerry was first publicly challenged on his activism, we find John O’Neill as the person tying these two episodes together. They first encountered one another in the famous debate on the Dick Cavett Show under LE VI LE SA. Years later, the Swift Vets gather for their first press conference with John O’Neill as their principal spokesman *coincidentally* the same day as Kerry launches his \$25 million ad campaign *and coincidentally* right at the loosing of the bond under VI LE (GE) SA. Since Gemini after the loosing of the bond has a strong Sagittarius flavor for the remainder of the Gemini period, we could effectively write this VI LE SA SA. Look at what has happened here. The signs of the second, third, and fourth levels in the first incident in 1971 have risen to the first, second, and third levels in the second incident in 2004, indicating that the whole issue is being taken up an “octave.” And indeed, this Level Three loosing of the bond with its twin events serves as the trigger for a series of events, ending in a major devastation that wrecks all of Kerry’s plans.

If we now study a few of the signal events that populate this scant four month episode, a very interesting phenomenon emerges: as events unfold, Saturn signs or Saturn influence steadily replace other signs at higher and higher levels of profection at the times of the loosing of the bond, till at the end, just before the loosing of the bond at the second level, we are effectively left with Mercury as the major time-lord and Saturn as the dominant time-lord influence at levels two, three and four. With Mercury and Saturn averse and being in their unfavorable mutual reception in Kerry’s chart, this does not bode well for him.

Level Three Loosing of the Bond in VI LE GE – marks a small but ominous turn for the worse...

VI LE (GE) SA – Kerry launches his big ad campaign; Swift Vets surface with first press conference.
Mercury/Sun/(Mercury)/Jupiter or Mercury/Sun/*Jupiter*/Jupiter

Level Three Loosing of the Bond in VI LE CN – unnoticed in Kerry’s media hoopla, the swell grows...

VI LE (CN) CP – Vets get some funding and they are busy behind the scenes.
Mercury/Sun/(Moon)/Saturn or Mercury/Sun/*Saturn*/Saturn

VI LE (CN) AQ – Public posting of letters & press releases on Swift Vets relatively primitive website.
Saturn influenced (CN) has replaced (GE) at third level, AQ comes in at fourth level.
Mercury/Sun/(Moon)/Saturn or Mercury/Sun/*Saturn*/Saturn

VI LE (CN) TA – Swift Vets gather again to film first two ads “Any Questions?” and “Sellout”

Level Two Loosing of the Bond in VI LE – danger unnoticed, response delayed & heavy-handed.

VI (LE) AQ AQ – Kerry’s Mercury/Saturn combo becomes fully manifest during this six-week period.
Mercury/(Sun)/Saturn/Saturn or Mercury/*Saturn*/Saturn/Saturn

VI (LE) AQ LE – Kerry blindsided by first Swift Boat ad. – Last appearance of LE at any level.
Saturn influenced (LE) has replaced LE at second level, AQ has risen to third level, LE at fourth level.
Mercury/(Sun)/Saturn/Sun or Mercury/*Saturn*/Saturn/Sun

VI (LE) AQ SA – *Unfit for Command* published 10 days later, and soon climbs to best seller list.
Saturn influenced (LE) at second level, AQ at third level, SA assumes fourth level.
Mercury/(Sun)/Saturn/Jupiter or Mercury/*Saturn*/Saturn/Jupiter

VI (LE) AQ CP – within days, Swift Vets launch an all-out attack with a barrage of ads & press releases
Saturn governed CP replaces SA at fourth level a few days before loosing of the bond.
Mercury/(Sun)/Saturn/Saturn or Mercury/*Saturn*/Saturn/Saturn

All this Saturn pressure building up from beneath and affecting the overall character of the times has resulted in this very unfavorable loosing of the bond in a mercurial sign for John Kerry.

Level One Loosing of the Bond in VIRGO – Dazed powerless Jupiter left with big mess to clean up.

(VI) PI PI PI – The Sun is nowhere in sight, Mercury is exhausted, and Saturn has just done its worst.
(Mercury)/Jupiter/Jupiter/Jupiter or *Jupiter*/Jupiter/Jupiter/Jupiter

All of a sudden, on August 22, 2004, the affair is largely turned over to Kerry's Jupiter, whose first duty is to rectify the ugly situation it has inherited from Mercury to the extent it can. Jupiter is a naturally restorative planet. However, it is cadent in the chart in terms of whole-sign houses, which hampers its ability to fulfill this function. Furthermore, (VI) PI PI is followed by (VI) PI AR (9/21/2004), which only serves to emphasize the enclosure of the Moon. The last opportunity for assistance comes from the next third level period (VI) PI TA (10/29/2004) only a few days before the election. Venus is also a restorative planet, but not only is Taurus cadent, but Venus is as well. The coup-de-grace comes on the day of the election under (VI) PI TA GE, where the enclosure in Gemini is activated again at the fourth level.

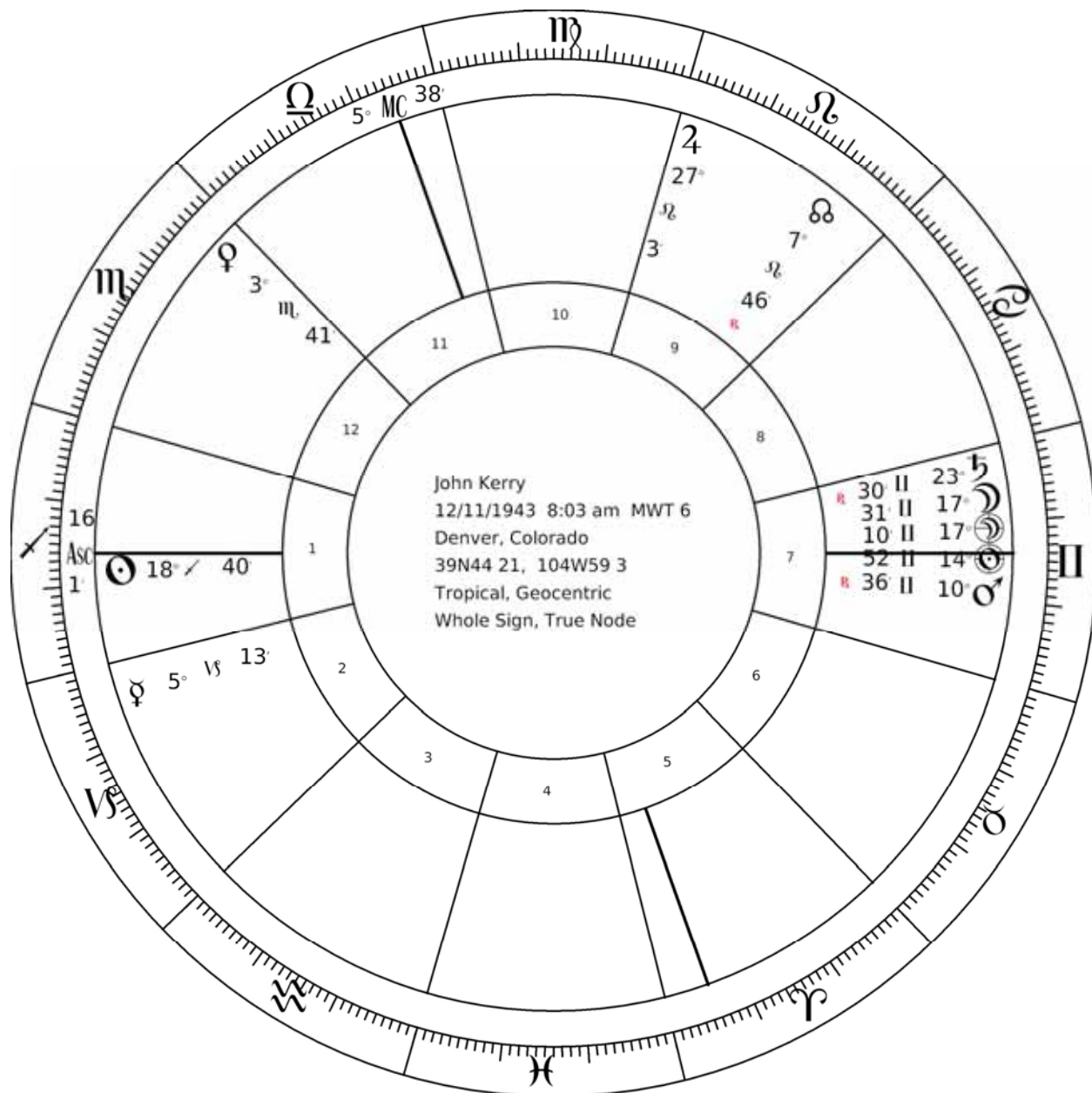
In one sense, we are not just comparing the LE VI period with the VI LE period, we also comparing the relatively tiny six-week LE period under LE VI (6/17/1971 – 8/3/1971) with the *entire* VI LE period (1/30/2003 – 8/22/2004). John O'Neill first makes his entrance at LE VI LE SA, and Kerry gives the press conference with POW relatives urging that the US surrender on Vietnam's terms during LE VI LE GE. Thirty-three years later, the entire VI LE period is almost entirely dominated by the activities of the Swift Boat Veterans. Under VI LE LE, John Kerry has his operation for prostate cancer (an indication of lunar vulnerability, that the Sun's ability to protect the Moon by intervention is weakening). The next third level profection, VI LE VI, marks Kerry's media-heavy visit to the Swift Vet reunion. When the third level profection reaches the next mercurial sign Gemini, the simmering volcanic anger Kerry incited in his Glory Days of 1971 first begins to erupt and John O'Neill again returns to prominence right on cue at the loosing of the bond at VI LE (GE) SA. He challenged Kerry in 1971 and in 2004 he returns to challenge him again. The main issue quickly moves from Kerry being characterized as a slacker and a liar to Kerry being denounced as a traitor with the "Sellout" ad appearing right at the big loosing of the bond in the Virgo major period. Shortly after that, the Swift Vets merge with an organization of POWs and their relatives, and they attack Kerry relentlessly on all fronts until the election and beyond.

Conclusion: Many people think that Kerry lost the election due to the activity of the Swift Boat Veterans. Valens' procedure of Zodiacal Releasing from Spirit, derived from the original Hellenistic system and restored to new life by Project Hindsight, would confirm this. ZRS zeros right in on the karmic blast from the distant past and times all the stages of the escalating wave during the Democratic presidential campaign in the summer 2004. The tsunami surfaces at the LOSING OF THE BOND AT LEVEL THREE in

GE, moves along steadily through CN, starts building rapidly after the LOOSING OF THE BOND AT LEVEL TWO in (LE) AQ as soon as the fourth level profections hit GE, CN, LE and VI, and finally hits with full force just at the LOOSING OF THE BOND AT LEVEL ONE in Kerry's 10th House Virgo major profection.

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John Kerry's Hellenistic natal chart. This chart uses whole sign houses and only the seven traditional planets. The Lots of Fortune and Spirit are indicated with new glyphs that reflect their nature: Fortune as the Lunar Lot, Spirit as the Solar Lot.

For the analysis we are doing here, the important things to notice about Kerry's chart are:

1. The enclosure of the Moon in Gemini by Mars and Saturn, also in Gemini. This is a very nasty figure and by itself does not bode well for Kerry's success, especially because the Lot of Fortune is in this sign, which has the effect of making this proflection more active.
2. However, the Sun in Sagittarius is in a position to break the enclosure by intervening with a ray cast to 18+ Gemini, and this will be very helpful when the Sun becomes a time-lord, particularly the major time-lord.
3. Also, the Sun is in mutual reception with Jupiter in Leo.
4. But Mercury is in mutual reception with Saturn.
5. And Mercury and the Sun are in adjacent signs and hence in aversion to each other.
6. In Hellenistic astrology Mercury is the planet of contest and controversy.
7. The Lots of Fortune and Spirit are in the same sign (Gemini), which means that the proflection of the Lot of Spirit begins from Cancer. However, Mercury is still the ruler of both Lots.

Zodiacal Releasing from Spirit: JOHN KERRY

About Zodiacal Releasing

Cn gen / sub - 12/11/1943
Le sub - 12/30/1945
Vi sub - 7/23/1947
Li sub - 3/14/1949
Sc sub - 11/9/1949
Sa sub - 2/2/1951
Cp sub - 1/28/1952
Aq sub - 4/17/1954
Pi sub - 10/3/1956
Ar sub - 9/28/1957
Ta sub - 12/22/1958
Ge sub - 8/19/1959
Cp sub - 4/10/1961
Aq sub - 6/29/1963
Pi sub - 12/15/1965
Ar sub - 12/10/1966
Ta sub - 3/4/1968

Le gen / sub - 8/1/1968 – 4-month Swift Boat tour in Vietnam
* **Vi sub - 2/22/1970 – Leader/spokesman of national war protest movement**
Li sub - 10/15/1971
Sc sub - 6/11/1972 F A D E S F R O M V I E W
Sa sub - 9/4/1973 AFTER KERRY'S WAR PROTEST
Cp sub - 8/30/1974 PERIOD IT TOOK YEARS FOR
Aq sub - 11/17/1976 HIM TO RETURN TO ANY
Pi sub - 5/6/1979 SIMILAR PROMINANCE IN
Ar sub - 4/30/1980 NATIONAL POLITICS.
Ta sub - 7/24/1981
Ge sub - 3/21/1982 – *elected Lt. Gov in MA*
Cn sub - 11/11/1983 – Kerry elected US Senator
Aq sub - 11/30/1985

Vi gen / sub - 4/24/1987 KERRY HAS LONG CAREER
Li sub - 12/14/1988 IN US SENATE AS THE
Sc sub - 8/11/1989 JR. SENATOR FROM MA
Sa sub - 11/4/1990 – *re-elected Senator*
Cp sub - 10/30/1991
Aq sub - 1/17/1994
Pi sub - 7/5/1996 – *re-elected Senator*
Ar sub - 6/30/1997
Ta sub - 9/23/1998
Ge sub - 5/21/1999 – *contender for VP spot*
Cn sub - 1/10/2001 – *re-elected Senator*
* **Le sub - 1/30/2003 – Kerry runs for President on war record**
Pi sub - 8/22/2004 – Height of Swift Vet attack – Kerry loses race
Ar sub - 8/17/2005 F A L L I N G S T A R, joke ruins last hope
Ta sub - 11/10/2006

Li gen / sub - 1/9/2007 – 1/24 Kerry announces that he
Sc sub - 9/6/2007 will not run for President
Sa sub - 11/29/2008 again in 2008.
Cp sub - 11/24/2009
Aq sub - 2/12/2012
Pi sub - 7/31/2014

Sc gen / sub - 11/28/2014
Sa sub - 2/21/2016
Cp sub - 2/15/2017
Aq sub - 5/6/2019
Pi sub - 10/22/2021
Ar sub - 10/17/2022
Ta sub - 1/10/2024
Ge sub - 9/6/2024
Cn sub - 4/29/2026
Le sub - 5/18/2028

Sa gen / sub - 9/10/2029
Cp sub - 9/5/2030

DATA SHEET ONE – John Kerry's Life Blocked Out in ZRS Showing Levels One and Two

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The major periods are calculated by multiplying the lesser periods of the planets (Sun 19, Moon 25, Mercury 20, Venus 8, Mars 15, Jupiter 12, Saturn 27 for Capricorn and 30 for Aquarius) times 360 days (a Solar/Lunar year). The minor or second level periods are calculated in a similar manner using ideal 30-day months, which are 1/12 of the 360-year. Levels three and four have units of 60 hours (2½ days) and 5 hours, which are also 1/12 of the next highest level. **The Loosing of the Bond** – marked with a line -- happens after all twelve signs have received their full share and there is still time left over. At this point, instead of keeping the next group of months for itself, the major lord hands over responsibility for the remaining times to the opposite sign, which keeps its allotted share and distributes whatever remains to the next sign(s) in order. Each profecion breaks off when its time is over and the new profecion begins immediately. In the opposite column, the Cancer Major profecion lasts from Kerry's birth until the moment the Leo Major profecion takes over on 8/1/1968.

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DATA SHEET ONE – *Zodiacal Releasing from Spirit for John Kerry, The Major and Minor periods (Levels 1 and 2) of Kerry's life.* This shows John Kerry's career blocked out into episodes according to ZRS. **Here we are interested primarily in Virgo**, John Kerry's tenth house profecion, particularly the period near the loosing of the bond. **Therefore the LE VI minor period and the entire VI major period – especially the VI LE sub-period with its outstanding events – are emphasized in bold.** Notice that there are no other Virgo periods in Kerry's adult life.

John Kerry's Zodiacal Releasing from Spirit begins with Cancer because he has both Fortune and Spirit in the same sign, Gemini. In such cases, Valens says to begin Spirit profecion from the next sign. However, Kerry's lord of Spirit is still Mercury, not the Moon. Valens' rule certainly works well in Kerry's case because Kerry's periods of greatest success and national prominence coincide with the Virgo periods.

Periods ruled by Mercury can suddenly go from good to bad (or vice versa) at the loosing of the bond, according to Valens. This is also true in Kerry's life, where the loosing of the bond in the Virgo Major period came at the height of a surprise attack by the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth which left the Kerry campaign in a shambles.

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DATA SHEET TWO – *Zodiacal Releasing from Spirit for John Kerry, Details of the two subperiods LE VI and VI LE (Levels 3 and 4) ending with the loosing of the bond.* This gives a more detailed zoom-in on the period just before the loosing of the bond in the VI major period and the LE VI minor period 33 years earlier. This sheet shows that both times when Kerry achieves exceptional prominence during these subperiods it is during the scant four-month period just before the loosing of the bond. It also shows that the two periods are closely related; that what Kerry did during one period had repercussions in the other. Moreover, it shows that separate events within these short periods (and during the periods building up to it) have a kind of symmetrical relationship, even to the point of occurring on the same "parallel." These results are not unusual; they are typical of what we have found in many people's lives when we do detailed biographical research and compare it with ZRS printouts. This sheet also demonstrates how loosings of the bond change and build up the action from one sign to the next. This can be especially dramatic when moving to a higher level loosing of the bond, especially when this happens twice in short succession, as happened to Kerry in the summer of 2004, and as can be seen by studying the left column which sketches out the last few months of the VI LE period.

Capricorn Mercury in mutual reception with Saturn
Moon in Gemini enclosed by Mars & Saturn – *Swift Veterans*.

Sagittarius Sun in mutual reception with Jupiter breaks enclosure
of Gemini Moon with ray. But 33 years later, VIRGO trumps LEO...

JOHN KERRY SPIRIT – LEVEL 3 & 4 OF VIRGO LEO 2003 - 2004

Le L3/L4 - 1/30/2003 **KERRY IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT**
Level 4 detail omitted. **VIRGO IS THE MAJOR PROTECTION**
Vi L3/L4 - 3/18/2003, 20:03 – Swift Boat Veterans reunion 3/20 – 3/23
Level 4 detail omitted. Kerry makes a brief media appearance
Li L3/L4 - 5/7/2003, 20:03 angering many Vets. During the reunion
Level 4 detail omitted. former Swift Boat commanding officer
Sc L3/L4 - 5/27/2003, 20:03 retired Rear Adm. Roy Hoffmann was
Level 4 detail omitted. interviewed by Kerry historian Douglas
Sa L3/L4 - 7/4/2003, 8:03 Brinkley for his book *Tour of Duty*.
Level 4 detail omitted.
Cp L3/L4 - 8/3/2003, 8:03 – 9/2 Kerry makes formal announcement
Level 4 detail omitted. that he is running for president.
Aq L3/L4 - 10/9/2003, 20:03
Level 4 detail omitted.
Pi L3/L4 - 12/23/2003, 20:03 – *Tour of Duty: John Kerry and the*
Level 4 detail omitted. *Vietnam War* published 1/6/2004
Ar L3/L4 - 1/22/2004, 20:03 – angered by book's assertions, Adm. Hoffmann
Level 4 detail omitted. starts contacting John O'Neill & other Swift Vets.
Ta L3/L4 - 2/29/2004, 8:03 – *Newsweek* (March 8) uses a group photo
Level 4 detail omitted. of Kerry with fellow Swift Boat officers.
Ge L3/L4 - 3/20/2004, 8:03 On 3/15 John Kerry, aware that Adm.
Cn L4 - 3/24/2004, 12:03 Hoffmann is organizing the Swift Vets
Le L4 - 3/29/2004, 17:03 to oppose him, calls and proposes that
Vi L4 - 4/2/2004, 16:03 *Tour of Duty* will be revised in his favor if
Li L4 - 4/6/2004, 20:03 Hoffman drops his efforts and backs off.
Sc L4 - 4/8/2004, 12:03
Sa L4 - 4/11/2004, 15:03 4/18 – Kerry admits on *Meet the Press*, "My words
Cp L4 - 4/14/2004, 3:03 in '71 [war criminals] were a little bit over the top."
Aq L4 - 4/19/2004, 18:03 4/23 *Swift Boat Veterans for Truth* registers as 527
Pi L4 - 4/26/2004, 0:03
Ar L4 - 4/28/2004, 12:03
Ta L4 - 5/1/2004, 15:03

VI LE (GE) SA ***

5/3 Kerry launches \$25 million war hero

Level Three Loosing of Bond ad campaign using officer group photo

***Sa L4 - 5/3/2004, 7:03 – 5/4 **Swift Vets announce the formation of**
Cp L4 - 5/5/2004, 19:03 **Swift Boat Veterans for Truth at press**
Cn L3/L4 - 5/9/2004, 8:03 **conference & send Kerry protest letter.**
* Le L4 - 5/14/2004, 13:03 – 5/17 Swift Vet open letter to Kerry: "Someone
Vi L4 - 5/18/2004, 12:03 who heaped scorn and lies on his own unit
Li L4 - 5/22/2004, 16:03 for his personal political gain is not fit to be
Sc L4 - 5/24/2004, 8:03 Commander in Chief." VI LE CN LE
Sa L4 - 5/27/2004, 11:03
Cp L4 - 5/29/2004, 23:03 – Swift Vets' lawyer sends letter to Kerry saying
Aq L4 - 6/4/2004, 14:03 "cease & desist" using picture with officers' images.
Pi L4 - 6/10/2004, 20:03 Meanwhile since May, John O'Neill – with input from
Ar L4 - 6/13/2004, 8:03 many Swift Vets – has been working on a book
Ta L4 - 6/16/2004, 11:03 about Kerry in Vietnam & his war protest activities.
Ge L4 - 6/18/2004, 3:03

Level Three Loosing of Bond LATE JUNE VETS GET SOME FUNDS

Cp L4 - 6/22/2004, 7:03
** Aq L4 - 6/27/2004, 22:03 – 7/1 Swift Vets use their small website to post
Pi L4 - 7/4/2004, 4:03 ignored press releases & letters to Kerry
Ar L4 - 7/6/2004, 16:03 VI LE (CN) AQ
Ta L4 - 7/9/2004, 19:03 *Kerryites keep hacking Vets' website.*

LEVEL TWO LOSING OF BOND Vets film their first two ads 7/9 & 10

Aq L3/L4 - 7/10/2004, 20:03 **& are working on new website (launched 7/22)**

Pi L4 - 7/17/2004, 2:03
Ar L4 - 7/19/2004, 14:03 VI (LE) AQ GE/CN ***
Ta L4 - 7/22/2004, 17:03 *Democratic Convention 7/26 – 7/29*
*** Ge L4 - 7/24/2004, 9:03 "I'm reporting for duty." Kerry says
** Cn L4 - 7/28/2004, 13:03 as he accepts Democratic nomination.
* Le L4 - 8/2/2004, 18:03 – 8/4 & 8/5 First Swift Vet ad: "Any Questions?
Vi L4 - 8/6/2004, 17:03 Ask the men who served with John Kerry."
Li L4 - 8/10/2004, 21:03
Sc L4 - 8/12/2004, 13:03 VI (LE) AQ SA ***

***Sa L4 - 8/15/2004, 16:03 – 8/15 release of *Unfit for Command*.

Level Three Loosing of Bond 8/20 Swift Vets launch Second Attack

Cp L4 - 8/18/2004, 4:03 – **8/20 Swift Vets launch Second Attack**

LEVEL ONE LOSING OF BOND with 2ND ad "SELLOUT"

(VIRGO) PISCES 8/22/2004, 8:03
A barrage of ads, press releases, and media publicity around the
Loosing of the Bond leaves Kerry bloodied, and on 8/31 the Swift Vets
publish an open letter: "Tell the truth and we will stop the ads."

BATTLE CONTINUES UNDER (VI) PI
TILL ELECTION AND BEYOND....

DATA SHEET TWO – John Kerry

VIRGO LEO (2003-2004) compared to LEO VIRGO (1970-1971)

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A KARMIC BLAST FROM THE PAST

JOHN KERRY SPIRIT – LEVEL 3 & 4 OF LEO VIRGO 1970 - 1971

KERRY IS PROTESTING THE VIETNAM WAR
Vi L3/L4 - 2/22/1970, 8:03 **LEO IS THE MAJOR PROTECTION.**
Level 4 detail omitted. – 3/1 Kerry leaves active duty in US Navy early to protest
Li L3/L4 - 4/13/1970, 8:03 the war soon after 2/13 *Harvard Crimson* interview.
Level 4 detail omitted.
Sc L3/L4 - 5/3/1970, 8:03 – Late May: Kerry meets with Viet Cong Communist
Level 4 detail omitted. delegate Madame Binh & North Vietnamese in Paris.
Sa L3/L4 - 6/9/1970, 20:03 – June: Kerry joins *Vietnam Veterans Against the*
Level 4 detail omitted. *War – VVAW* – and is soon appointed to its
Cp L3/L4 - 7/9/1970, 20:03 leadership committee – LE VI SA
Level 4 detail omitted. – 9/4 VVAW takes "Operation RAW" to Valley Forge.
Aq L3/L4 - 9/15/1970, 8:03 9/7 Kerry gives a speech at conclusion of protest.
Level 4 detail omitted. PR MOON CONJUNCT NATAL MARS
Pi L3/L4 - 11/29/1970, 8:03
Level 4 detail omitted.
Ar L3/L4 - 12/29/1970, 8:03 – Free ad in Feb '71 *Playboy* (out on 12/29)
Level 4 detail omitted. for VVAW brings in many new members for
Ta L3/L4 - 2/4/1971, 20:03 protest movement. About a month later, Kerry
Level 4 detail omitted. was immersed in VVAW project to collect
Ge L3/L4 - 2/24/1971, 20:03 and film testimony of atrocities allegedly
Cn L4 - 3/1/1971, 0:03 committed by American soldiers in Vietnam.
Le L4 - 3/6/1971, 5:03 2/19 Kerry proposes big protest in Washington DC.
Vi L4 - 3/10/1971, 4:03 "Let's take this thing to Congress!"
Li L4 - 3/14/1971, 8:03 – 3/15 At public announcement of upcoming war
Sc L4 - 3/16/1971, 0:03 protest Kerry famously says "American soldiers
Sa L4 - 3/19/1971, 3:03 are dying for the biggest nothing in history."
Cp L4 - 3/21/1971, 15:03
Aq L4 - 3/27/1971, 6:03
Pi L4 - 4/2/1971, 12:03 Early April, the VVAW is totally broke. Kerry makes
Ar L4 - 4/5/1971, 0:03 a few phone calls & raises \$75,000 to transport war
Ta L4 - 4/8/1971, 3:03 protesters to Capitol Building in Washington DC.

Level Three Loosing of Bond

Sa L4 - 4/9/1971, 19:03 4/18 – 4/23 LE VI CN CN/LE
Cp L4 - 4/12/1971, 7:03 **War Protest Week: "Operation Dewey Canyon III"**
Cn L3/L4 - 4/15/1971, 20:03 – 4/18 Kerry makes accusations on *Meet the Press*
* Le L4 - 4/21/1971, 1:03 – 4/22 John Kerry testifies before *Senate Committee*
Vi L4 - 4/25/1971, 0:03 *on Foreign Relations* that US soldiers in Vietnam
Li L4 - 4/29/1971, 4:03 committed war crimes on vast scale with officers
Sc L4 - 4/30/1971, 20:03 knowledge. 4/23 Kerry throws medals over fence.
Sa L4 - 5/3/1971, 23:03 LE VI CN LE
Cp L4 - 5/6/1971, 11:03 4/27 Huge protest march in DC, Kerry gives speech
Aq L4 - 5/12/1971, 2:03 LE VI CN VI
Pi L4 - 5/18/1971, 8:03
Ar L4 - 5/20/1971, 20:03
Ta L4 - 5/23/1971, 23:03 *Does Kerry want to be President?*
Ge L4 - 5/25/1971, 15:03 – 5/25 "No, that's a crazy question..." Kerry replies
to host Morley Safer on *60 Minutes*

Level Three Loosing of Bond

Cp L4 - 5/29/1971, 19:03
** Aq L4 - 6/4/1971, 10:03 – 6/6 Kerry repeats war crimes accusations against
Pi L4 - 6/10/1971, 16:03 fellow soldiers & officers in *Washington Star*.
Ar L4 - 6/13/1971, 4:03 LE VI (CN) AQ
Ta L4 - 6/16/1971, 7:03
Le L3/L4 - 6/17/1971, 8:03
Vi L4 - 6/21/1971, 7:03
Li L4 - 6/25/1971, 11:03
Sc L4 - 6/27/1971, 3:03 LE VI LE SA ***

*** Sa L4 - 6/30/1971, 6:03 – 6/30 *Dick Cavett Show Debate* with John O'Neill.
Cp L4 - 7/2/1971, 18:03 Kerry biographer says this event marked Kerry's
Aq L4 - 7/8/1971, 9:03 high-water point for many years. "Soon after, as
Pi L4 - 7/14/1971, 15:03 quickly as it had risen, Kerry's star began to fade."
Ar L4 - 7/17/1971, 3:03 **7/1 – COMMUNIST PEACE PLAN PUBLISHED**
Ta L4 - 7/20/1971, 6:03 LE VI LE GE ***
*** Ge L4 - 7/21/1971, 22:03 – 7/22 Kerry urges – in the presence of relatives of
Cn L4 - 7/26/1971, 2:03 POWs at press conference – that President Nixon

accept as *is* the 7-point peace plan proposed by
Aq L4 - 7/31/1971, 7:03 Communist negotiator Madame Binh on July 1.

LEVEL TWO LOSING OF BOND

Pi L3/L4 - 8/3/1971, 20:03 LE (VI) PI
Ar L4 - 8/6/1971, 8:03 August 1971 – Kerry makes another trip to Paris
Ta L4 - 8/9/1971, 11:03 to meet again with Madame Binh.
Ge L4 - 8/11/1971, 3:03 *LE (VI) PI continues....*

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