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THE G8 EMW PROJECT

The government will probably find irresistible the temptation to deploy electromagnetic (EM) weapons again next month, like the weapons allegedly used in 1986 against the Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp, but this time against G8 demonstrators.

The Guardian covered the Greenham Common story, under the headlines, "Doctors investigating claims of Greenham radiation cases" and "Peace women fear electronic zapping at base" on 10 March 1986, followed by the publication on 14 March of a letter from Kim Besly, headed "Slow-burn reaction". The reporter was Gareth Parry.

The earlier project produced the first ever, scientific evidence I know about, of the abuse of EM weapons against peaceful demonstrators. The abuse caused some nasty effects upon the women, which the medics on that earlier project documented.

The present project involves measuring the levels and carrier frequencies of microwave radiation, and also the much lower frequencies at which any signals are modulated, to produce non-thermal bio-effects. The purpose is to find out whether EM weapons are still being deployed against demonstrators. On the other hand, our presence might deter planned EM weapon deployment against demostrators that could affect others in Edinburgh at the same time.

The project is a fine example of the "responsible science" that people used to like to talk about at one time.

European Parliament Resolution A4-0005/99 calls for this class of weapons to be banned. The Home Office's Intelligence and Security Liaison Unit has made it clear in writing that the British government doesn't want these weapons banned, or even discussed publicly.