



## MEMOS CENSORED BY THE D.E.O.

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### Endnotes

1. Grant Morrison, JLA #9
2. Karl Kesel and Tom Grummett, Superboy #62
3. GL oath attributed to Alfred Bester, real origin unknown
4. Mark Waid, Silver Age #1
5. Issue unknown
6. Grant Morrison, DC One Million #4
7. Mark Waid, Silver Age 80 pg. Giant #1

### Annotations

**Physical Powers - Dampening:** Grimbor, a.k.a. “Grimbor the Chainsman”, is a pre-Crisis enemy of the Legion of Super Heroes. He specialized in anti-super-hero restraints.

**Physical Powers - Digestive Adaptability:** In the post-Zero Hour continuity of the Legion of Super-Heroes, Tenzil is the team cook. Before their timeline was

completely restarted, however, Tenzil was better known as “Matter-Eater Lad”, and was one of the earliest members of the team.

**Physical Powers - Microwave Projection:** Blackrock is a pre-Crisis Superman villain who “worked” for a TV station that was a rival of WGBS'.

**Physical Powers - Shapechanging:** Morgan Edge was owner of WGBS and a major player in Intergang. Lucius Fox does most of the work of running Wayne Enterprises. Helena Sandsmark is an ally of Wonder Woman's and mother to Cassie Sandsmark a.k.a. “Wonder Girl”. Gregory Reed played Superman in the movie biography about him in the DC Universe.

**Physical Powers - Suspended Animation:** E. Nelson Bridwell was a comics writer, but is primarily known as the caretaker of the pre-Crisis Superman mythology.

**Mental Powers - Empathy:** “Brave and Bold” was a Batman team-up series; Richard “Dick” Sprang was a famous Batman artist.

**Mental Powers - Illusion:** Oblique reference to the classic WB cartoon short, “One Froggy Evening”.

**Mental Powers - Mind Control:** Homage: to the cover of Flash #133 a.k.a. “Plight of the Puppet Flash!”; The Flash's full name was Barry Henry Allen.

**Mental Powers - Postcognition:** In pre-Crisis Superman lore, Professor Phineas Potter was a famous eccentric inventor, Lana Lang's uncle (on her mother's side), and a semi-constant source of irritation to both Superboy and Superman, with inventions that often ran wild. He was also sometimes of some assistance.

**Mental Powers - Spirit Storage:** Kordco is the company owned by Theodore “Ted” Kord, the Blue Beetle; Deadman strikes again

**Mental Powers - Telekinesis:** WHIZ is the radio station Billy Batson works for. Captain Marvel was introduced in Whiz Comics.

**Transportation Powers - Dimensional Travel:** Before Crisis, Barry could travel from one dimension to another by changing his “vibrational frequency” to that of his target dimension.

**Transportation Powers - Flight:** See “Physical Powers - Suspended Animation” note.

**Transportation Powers - Jump:** Oblique reference to Project A-Ko; the character A-Ko is the daughter of a man named Clark and a woman named Diana.

**Manipulation Powers (Force) - Weather Manipulation:** See “Mental Powers - Mind Control” on Henry Barr / Barry Henry Allen.

## ***DoS Decoded***

Note: Many of the “hidden” references used by the authors of the *Directive on Superpowers* used an alpha-to-numeric code. The letter “A” would be represented by a “1”, “L” by “12”, etc. Specific examples are given below.

**Mental Powers - Astral Form:** BB = Boston Brand, secret ID of Deadman; 1967 = year of his first appearance

**Mental Powers - Mental Blast:** 3600 = number of sectors assigned to GL Corps; AS = Atomic Skull; 0113 = Dr. Albert Michaels, the Silver Age Atomic Skull's mundane ID

**Mental Powers - Postcognition:** 3691 = 1963 reversed; OS = Oliver Stone; 1103 = K.C. = Kennedy Conspiracy

**Manipulation Powers (Universe) - Astral Manipulation:** (Memo was included in the *DoS* on p. 125) 0416 = D.P. = Doom Patrol; EG = Elasti-Girl; 1806 = R.F. = Rita Farr, Elasti-Girl's secret ID; 1305 = M.E. + NTO = MENTO helmet; M = Mento; 1904 = S.D. = Steve Dayton

**Operative 367:** 367 = C.F.G., an acronym making reference to a crustacean-shaped mask worn by the current holder of a classic hero name.

**Operative 4182:** (DCU character write-up) This one's not D.A.H.B. or D.R.B., it's 2814 reversed. Put that number together with the information in “Jay Hall's” biography and it should become fairly obvious ;-).