

RUDY'S HIGH-TECH LAIR A \$12 MILLION WEAPON AGAINST ALL ENEMIES

Fabled Command Center
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Remember the command center in the sky derisively referred to as Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's private bunker? Well, less than a year after plans for the facility came to light, the high-tech facility is open for business.

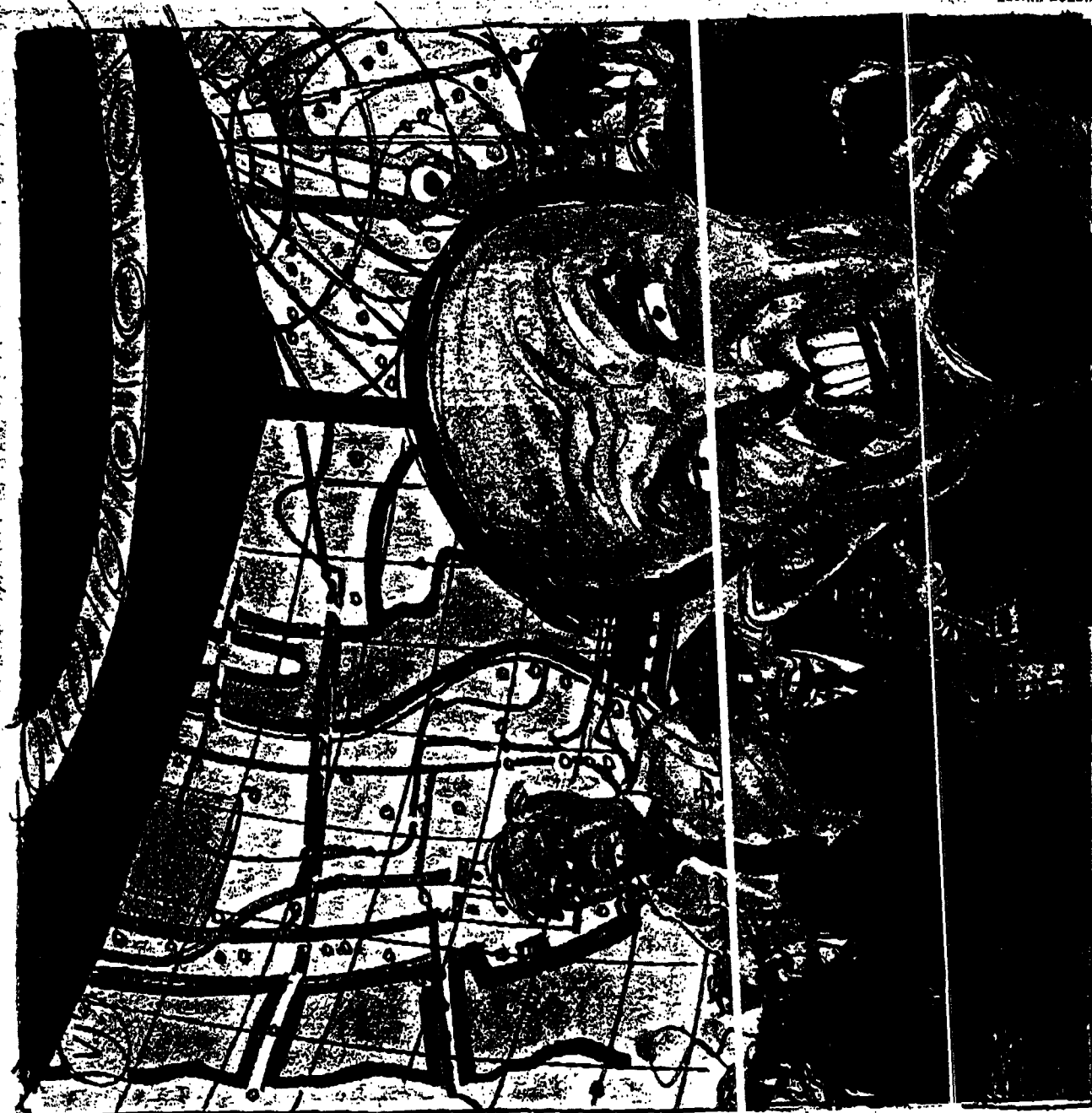
The \$12 million project, located on the 23rd floor of 7 World Trade Center, is "90 percent complete but fully operational," said Denise Collins, a spokesman for the city's Department of Administrative Services, which oversees some city capital projects. Yes, there's a private place for the Mayor to sleep and shower, but it's in a pretty prosaic, good-enough-for-government style. —hardly the forbidding bunker that critics imagined last spring.

From that office and an adjacent conference room, the Mayor can run the entire city, communicating with the outside world via bugproof telephones.

The command center takes up a sprawling 46,000 square feet in a building just north of the World Trade Center towers—ironically enough, the site of a terrorist attack in 1993. The facility is meant to coordinate the responses of at least 50 city, state and Federal agencies to all sorts of disasters, except, perhaps, those of the electoral variety. The center is surrounded by...

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