

CHAPTER THREE

CONCLUSION

After reading and analyzing Tom Clancy's *Op-Center: Line of Control*, I come to the conclusion that the novel is one of the best techno-thriller novels because of the events in the story are closely related. All the suspenses in the novel are answered by the surprises. The events are logical and well connected to one another.

Tom Clancy's success in writing this novel is due to the interesting thriller story and the plot's good development, especially the suspense. There are eight suspenses in the novel. From the first until the fourth suspense Clancy raises the readers' curiosity by showing events that are nudging their interest to read further, and then he comes up with the first surprise which surprises the readers. With the next four suspenses that follow, Clancy builds the tension by creating events that are thrilling. The example of the suspenses can be seen from the sixth suspense when San Husain, the director of the Special Frontier Force, orders major Dev Puri to assemble an army in order to hunt down Sharab and her group of Free Kashmir Militia along with the Civilian Network Operative, Nanda Kumar. In order to successfully execute India's plan to strike Pakistan, Sharab and Nanda

must not reach Pakistan. The situation makes the readers curious to know what will happen next.

The surprise is also well-presented. There are seven surprises that I have found in this novel. The first surprise comes up after the fourth suspense and continues to the second and third surprise that occurs after the fifth suspense. Afterwards, the fourth and fifth surprise comes after the seventh suspense. The last two surprises come right after the last suspense to show how the Striker team manages to carry on its mission and what happens to India and Pakistan. The most important surprise or the climax is the last surprise, which answers the second, fourth and sixth suspenses. Mike Rodgers manages to lead his party to the coordinate sent by Bob Herbert. It turns out to be the location where the Striker is meant to gather the nuclear information from in the first place, the Pakistani nuclear missile facility. Herbert informs Rodgers that the facility has the means to accomplish the Striker's mission to stop the potential nuclear war between India and Pakistan. The facility has cameras monitoring its premises and Rodgers uses one of them to record Nanda's testimony and he sends it for the world to see. The last surprise ends up with Paul Hood suspecting what would happen to the plotters behind India's scheme. Clancy manages to make the readers feel surprised due to the thrill that he uses to further the story.

The element of suspense and surprise in this novel are acceptable and plausible because of how Clancy makes the readers keep on reading the novel until the end. The curiosity that appears at the beginning of the story is left unanswered until the surprises reveal the truth. Clancy has successfully managed

to deliver a good story through the chain of events which acts as the suspense and surprise that build the good artistic unity of this novel.

In conclusion, I am of the opinion that *Op-Center: Line of Control* is one of the great thriller novels because of its elements of plot. Tom Clancy's success in writing this novel has come from the interesting subject of the novel and the good development of the plot. Clancy could write such a story in which the solution is held back in order to raise the readers' tension. Through the novel, he could lead the readers to a point where they would wonder of what happens next. The actions and thrills in the storyline give the readers the feeling of suspense and surprise. Therefore, this novel is really intriguing and worth reading.

