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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS, TEXAS

In connection with a criminal investigation involving the discovery of a large cache of arms and ammunitions, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Diego Division, interviewed Richard Sydney Watson on February 17, 1977. At that time Watson was incarcerated at the Municipal Jail in Ensenada, B.C., Mexico, on a charge of possession of weapons for revolutionary purposes. There follows the results of this interview of Watson:

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On February 17, 1977, Special Agents ROBERT F. ROGERS and THOMAS J. SUMMERS, JR., accompanied by State Judicial Police Agent RENE GRANADOS and another Mexican Agent known as PANCHO, proceeded to the Municipal Jail in Ensenada and requested that they be allowed to interview RICHARD SYDNEY WATSON regarding LE BARON and weapons being smuggled into Mexico.

WATSON was brought to the Director's office at the jail and there he was made aware of the identity of Special Agent ROGERS and Special Agent SUMMERS as Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and that they were there to interview him regarding any information he may have had concerning ERVIL LE BARON and a large munitions cache located in the desert outside of the Los Angeles area. WATSON advised that he would consent to the interview and at that point he was furnished an "Interrogation: Advice of Rights" form by Special Agent ROGERS inasmuch as he was in custody of Mexican authorities at the time. WATSON read aloud a portion of the form and stated that he understood his rights in their entirety and was willing to waive them at that time and furnish information regarding LE BARON and weapons being smuggled into Mexico.

WATSON advised that ERVIL LE BARON had been released from the Municipal Jail in Ensenada approximately two months ago and that he, WATSON, had first heard of the large arms cache located in the desert outside of Los Angeles in early December by LE BARON. Subsequent to hearing about the discovery of the weapons, he read about the arms in a newspaper. During conversation with LE BARON, WATSON was told of LE BARON's affiliation with the Society for American Patriots headquartered in Chicago, and was told that this society was affiliated with the Minutemen. LE BARON told WATSON that he was the propaganda chief in Baja California for the 23rd of September League, a well known Mexican terrorist organization, and that he, LE BARON, was working in close conjunction with the Society of American Patriots in the Pasadena, California, area.

WATSON advised that he was interviewed some time ago by LORI PECKLUND, a writer for the San Diego Union, regarding these matters and that she has a two and a half hour tape interview

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which he furnished to her. WATSON also furnished BECKLUND with a copy of a letter written by the Vice President for the Society of American Patriots in Chicago, which spelled out in detail the goals of that organization. WATSON stated that LE BARON has a mail drop in Colton, California, at Post Office Box 1324, which is listed under the name "Church of the Lamb of God".

ROSEMARY BARLOW, one of LE BARON's wives, resides in Colton, California, and operates the mail drop. WATSON stated that LE BARON advised him that Los Angeles is the main area from which arms are shipped to Mexico, and LE BARON advised WATSON that the arms cache in the desert was destined for shipment to Mexico to the Sinaloa area, where they would be turned over to TINO and ALFREDO NAVAREZ, known 23rd of September terrorists and currently being sought by the Mexican government as such. The 23rd of September League is trading narcotics for weapons in an effort to increase their arsenal and ultimately effect the overthrow of the Mexican government. According to LE BARON, an individual by the name of ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ, approximately 65 years of age, controls the arms traffic in the Tijuana area and their operation consists of low-level nighttime flights into the Trinidad Valley south of Tijuana to unload weapons and take on narcotics.

WATSON advised that he has furnished approximately 300 pages of written information on CIA activities in Mexico and all information regarding LE BARON, the arms cache in the desert, the Society for American Patriots and arms trafficking in Mexico in general to GEORGE GRAY, a staff writer for the Santa Ana Register, Mission Viejo office, business phone 768-4451, home phone 769-9220.

WATSON was asked why he was furnishing all of this information, and he advised that the letter he saw from the Vice President of the Society for American Patriots in Chicago "really shook him up" and he decided that something had to be done about the matter. This letter was furnished by him to LORI BECKLUND of the San Diego Union.

At this point a composite photograph was shown to WATSON, and he was asked to state whether he recognized any of the individuals in the composite photograph. He stated that he did not recognize any of the individuals.

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WATSON advised that he was born January 14, 1936, at Oakland, California, and has been in prison in Ensenada for eleven months and expects to be sentenced any day on a weapons possession charge. WATSON advised that all of his troubles in California and in Mexico stem from the belief that he was doing what he did in the employ of the CIA.

He finally advised that LE BARON is currently in the hills above San Quintin and continuing to work towards the ultimate overthrow of the Mexican government.

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Based on information furnished by Watson concerning his interview "some time ago" by Lori Becklund, a writer for the San Diego Union, San Diego, California, Lori Becklund was interviewed by the FBI March 10, 1977, in San Diego. She stated she had interviewed Watson while he was incarcerated at the Ensenada Jail and had taped this interview. The interview covered many topics. She declined to furnish the interview tape or to furnish a copy of same to the interviewing Agent. She did make available a xerox copy of a memorandum she had furnished to her editorial desk in which she listed the topics discussed with Watson in her interview. She stated she could not furnish any information as to the validity of the information furnished to her by Watson. There follows a copy of the communication furnished by Lori Becklund to her supervisor:

desk:

A man named Richard Watson is in jail in Ensenada. He has been there since April, when he was arrested with a trunk filled with three guns for revolutionary purposes. He apparently crashed into a lamppost in his car drunk when the guns were found. He has a number of the orics or revelations (depending on how you view them)

Among them:

--That the CIA is hauling dope out of Sierra Madre in CIA-owned airlines. As to motive, he suggests a couple of possibilities. First, that CIA needs to obtain power over Mexican govt. and that is one way of doing it. Second, that individuals in CIA are doing it for own profit w/o authorization.

--That the CIA and Mafia are also tied together in taking out heroin.

--That three leaders of 23rd of Sept. group are blackmailing Castro with some film they have of Castro, Lee Harvey Oswald, and girlfriend of Vaer Valery Kostokov (sp?) in exchange for guns and Castro's desire to cause revolution in Mexico.

--That heroin has been transported on boat bottoms from Ensenada to Southern California during Cinco de Mayo sailboat race. (I've been checking this out and am getting close to story here.)

--That there is a group including two men named Mike Sullivan and Harvey Miller at camp pendleton who are on crews that take weapons out to be dumped at sea (old ones) but that instead of dumping them out they ship them to Mexico for dope. (I gave desk note on this several weeks back). Miller isn't a marine, but the connection. He supposedly has record of possessing automatics with atf.

--That Echeverria knows a Mexican general named Gonzalez is dealing heavily in poppies and that the governors of some states get cuts in profits, but that Echeverria allows it to go on because he maintains power over governors that way. They fail to cooperate and he could bust them.

--That major 23rd Spt. leader, Lucio Cabanas, was not killed by federales about couple months ago as announced and iste instead is now in Canary Islands buying weapons from Belgium and Yugoslavia and that Echeverria told him he was to stay out of the country until after his regime. (no explanation as to why LEA would do that)

--That a hotel receipt showing Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald checked into a hotel together in Port Arkansas, Ark. was never turned into Warren Commission but that several officials neknow about it now.

--That a synthetic durug named M99 (etorphine) was discovered in June, 1963, by man named Dr. K. W. Bentley and D.G. Hardy of William Reckitt & Son, LTD. in Hull, Yorkshire, England that is 1,000 times as powerful as heroin. And that M99 may now being used by dopesters in Mexico and U.S. to treat very low-quality heroin or opium at incredible profits.

--That he has a tape of a man who worked with Rand Corp. (and CIA and Mafia) showing that there is a new bullet called R.I. (or Our Eye) that operates like AC47 gunships in Vietnam, with infrared sensor like guided missiles that can be shot into the dark and find their targets. Supposedly, Rand man took bullets to Gen. Gonzalez (dope dealer he says is operating in Sierra with Govt. knowledge). Rand man may also be involved somehow in M99.

--That arsenizum poison named Ricin that has been suggested as possible cause of Legionnaire's Disease may also be used to tip bullets.

There's more but that might be enough for a start.

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Lori Becklund also furnished xerox copies of letters which were placed on her desk at the San Diego Union. She stated that she did not know where the letters came from or who placed them at her disposal. The first letter uses the letterhead from the Society of American Patriots, Vigilance Council for the Protection of the Rights and Lives of the Teachers of Liberty, 720 So. Michigan, Chicago, Illinois 60605, addressed to the Society of American Patriots Security Council, San Francisco, California 94101, and is signed by Alan J. Crocker, President of the Vigilance Council. The second letter is addressed to the Society of American Patriots Security Council, San Francisco, California 94101, dated October 19, 1976, and is signed by A. Dean Wolcott, President of the Security Council.

The following are copies of these letters:



The Society of American Patriots )  
VIGILANCE COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS  
AND LIVES OF THE TEACHERS OF LIBERTY

720 So. Michigan  
Chicago, Ill.  
60605

The Society of American Patriots  
Security Council  
San Francisco, Calif. 94101

Fellow Patriots,

We submit a copy of the report received from our investigating committee which has been working on the case of the teachers of liberty being held in prison at Ensenada, Mexico.

Liberty and justice are being raped by depraved bigots and corrupt officials in Mexico! There is evident official collaboration with a radical religious group whose extreme fanaticism and hatred has been directed, for the past five years, against the worlds greatest teachers and defenders of liberty and human rights. They have been victimized by bribery, treachery, extortion and collusion of church and state; some of them have been held illegally for seven and one-half months. The foremost leader in the teaching of liberty of our time, along with two of his associates, must be released from prison at Ensenada, Baja California and this defamation and unwarranted oppression must cease.

The rights of the greatest teacher of liberty in modern times must be upheld against the dirtiest onslaught of abuse and oppression that our generation has witnessed. It is of the greatest importance to stop this onslaught, because our nations freedom is directly dependent on the teaching of liberty. The teaching of the laws and principles upon which our nation is founded is what is indispensable to the cause of our country's freedom and the men who are being assailed are the only ones who are doing the job that has to be done. Ervil LeBaron and his associates are the dedicated men who have contributed more to this cause than any other group of men that have asserted this type of educational power, in this century. Our society has desperately needed the knowledge of these principles which he has published and is being benefited tremendously as a result of this education. Our nation was facing collapse and was on the brink of downfall and destruction. Its only hope lies in the educational program that has been

His mans literary works on the principles and laws of liberty, under God, have given our nation renewed hope that true liberty and justice shall again prevail. The concepts and principles which he has advanced, clarifies how our nation can be strengthened, made crime-free and united as a free nation under God. Great numbers of Americans are beginning to realize that "Liberty is more priceless than life, and the principles upon which liberty is based are more priceless than liberty....". For this reason, the services of the greatest and most honorable teachers of liberty are invaluable to our nation. The power of organized education in the universal principles and laws of liberty is a nations best defense from tyranny and oppression. We can not retain our freedom unless

we increase it by defending its foremost source of power. These principles must be taught, understood and applied in order to unite our nation and protect it from public lawlessness and the numerous types of organized crime that are now threatening its complete destruction. If we permit the teaching of liberty to be opposed by organized criminality, we as a nation will fall, because we will be divided and crippled as a result of gross deceptions. In order to honorably wield its great power of force throughout the world, our government must take the lead in upholding this education by protecting its advocates and teachers.

Organized education in the principles of liberty, honor and justice is much more important to humanity than is the present government presiding over any given nation. It is incomparably more important to honorable men, than the lives of men who commit capital crimes, by combining the powers of church and state, to prevent this teaching from being carried out.

The atrocities committed in Mexico by this type of corrupt powers against Ervil M. LeBaron and his associates have few parallels in the annals of history. A long list of barbaric actions of the most radical nature have been enumerated, and accompanied with unquestionable proofs and evidence. We request that the findings of our investigation committee be made available for the benefit of all those who are interested. The unrelenting acts of war and aggression against the educational rights and prerogatives of this champion of liberty and the men who stand with him, have created an international emergency requiring that these acts be halted at all cost. We as responsible american citizens are making the necessary preparations to militarily intervene if this should become necessary. We believe that this action would lead to a long and extremely costly war. In this event we will take all the necessary steps to win and will remove all powers that betray our country by becoming avowed enemies to the cause of liberty and human rights. The honor of all american citizens is at stake, and can only be maintained by international intervention, either by diplomacy or by military might. The patriots of america can not tolerate our governments support of any society or government, without requiring them to uphold the rights of the worlds great educators and defenders of the universal principles of liberty. This includes stopping the government of the State of Baja California in its present lawless and irresponsible course.

It is on this basis that we normally declare that war on the government of Mexico is inevitable unless these men of liberty being held in prison at Ensenada, Baja California are exonerated and set free within thirty days. Should our government fail to act in this hour of greatest emergency it shall forfeit any right it may have had to deal with this situation, and our nations patriots must directly intervene to resolve this pressing international problem.

If the need arises for the patriots of America to invade Mexico, we want all civil authorities to be fully advised that we will not tolerate their involvement in military affairs, unless they enlist their services in our support. All concerned should be informed in advance that no unconstitutional restrictions upon the possession and employment of armament will be respected. In case war breaks out, no attempts to apply the constitutional law of our country relating to this important issue, can be tolerated except in support of its original purpose. This was to keep the power of government in the hands of patriotic citizens, including the balance of military power. Government agencies will not be permitted to use their power to protect outlaws and perpetrators of war against liberty. All those who aid and abet war criminals or lend aid and comfort to the enemies of liberty shall be dealt with as traitors.

Where our present set of outdated and inoperative laws do not permit our government to honorably solve our nations important political problems by upholding and defending freedom, it is required to concentrate on upholding the rights and prerogatives of true patriots and defenders of liberty, who are empowered to act. If it becomes necessary for the defenders of liberty to engage in guerrilla warfare, to prevent the need of a full scale invasion of a foreign nation by our nations armed forces, or to prevent armed

revolution in our country, all loyal Americans are required to give them every possible aid, comfort and protection.

War with Mexico seems inevitable, because the officers of that nation have conducted themselves in a manner that is far beneath any legitimate standard of justice and honor, and they have refused to give heed to repeated warnings. All American patriots everywhere must be on the alert, and all persons responsible for training programs and local defense systems should get them fully activated as soon as possible.

We re-state, that if our government fails to preserve the honor of our nation by carrying out the policy of upholding and protecting the teachers of liberty, the patriots of America will then, by just right, be the most fully authorized and commissioned armed force and diplomatic authority in charge of this specific case. We will then have to assume the full responsibility of honorably solving this far-reaching international problem.

We, hereby swear by the blood of our forefathers that we shall uphold the liberty that they offered their lives to establish. We shall honorably assume those mandatory duties which are indispensable to the upholding of a state of true freedom. This defense of the sacred God-given rights of all loyal Americans and their associates who are dedicated to the ideological defense of our nations rights, powers and prerogatives is more necessary than is any other cause for the use of the powers of force in the world. A state of war against liberty presently exists, and if our government does not make an honorable and legal defense of the rights of the teachers of liberty and justice, we shall offer our blood in their defense. We shall fight unto death, if necessary, and shall make the onslaught of oppression against the cause defended by these men the most costly venture, to the enemies and traitors of liberty, that has been witnessed upon this continent in this century.

Those who are guilty of the crimes described in the report of the investigating committee, are proclaimed enemies of liberty and traitors to their country. The policy of the Patriots of America in dealing with them, as well as with all who engage in war against the teaching of liberty, shall be: fire at will!

Only those who support us in these policies and patriotic activities shall be regarded as having the full rights of American citizenship.

Fellow Patriots, we are going to have liberty, or fight to the death. We call for your support in the position we have taken.

Liberty or Death

*Alan J. Crocker*

Alan J. Crocker  
President of the Vigilance Council

The Society of American Patriots  
Security Council  
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94101

October 19, 1976

Citizens of America:

We, the members of the Security Council, have had the struggle for liberty and justice in northern Mexico in our sights for several years, and have been aware of many of the extreme abuses that have taken place. Last May, the Vigilance Council of our society dispatched investigators to uncover the whole truth relating to this situation.

When the Vigilance Council received the results of said investigation, they convened and made their decisions. Along with the enclosed letter, a copy of the report was submitted to us which we call: "The Rape of Liberty".

The members of the Security Council unanimously approve the position being taken by our Vigilance Council and we agree that thirty days is a reasonable length of time for our government to solve this pressing problem.

Determined men have been holding councils in different areas, impatient to come to grips with the enemies of justice and honor. We have all anxiously waited and prepared for the day when positive action would be taken to again unite our nation in the true cause of liberty, under God. We all agree that our country can not be saved unless we act now. We recommend that the following steps be taken:

1. All able bodied men should now make preparations to act wisely and effectively in event our government should fail to solve our nations most pressing security problems.

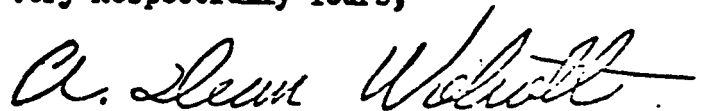
2. All departments and levels of government must be made aware of the seriousness of this situation.

3. All information regarding the position being taken and the principles being upheld by American Patriots must be made available to interested and responsible parties, by those to whom it is being sent.

4. All responsible americans are asked to preserve written detailed reports on any negative and unamerican activities, that could become a threat to our rights and liberties.

Let's keep America the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Very Respectfully Yours,



A. Dean Wolcott  
President of the Security Council

P.S. The report of the investigating committee is available to all American Patriots upon request.