

Anderson's Prouty column and the Berkeley Gazette 7/3/71
report on his BBC appearance: I met Prouty through Bud
at two parties. When I wanted to talk to him Lesar, much
taken by him. monopolized, so my personal contact was
very slight. He is an impressive man with the credentials
give. However, I begin with an initial prejudice, that
anyone interested in the assassinations, attracted to
Bud and the CTIA and then continuing that relationship,
lacks discrimination at best and may be, as most are, a
little paranoid on the subject. Some of the things he has
said are paranoid, like the Secret Service always has all
the rooftops and windows cowered. (Try that in Manhattan!)
When I saw this column, knowing from Jim that Pentice-
Hall was rushing the book, I told him about the late
Sidney Kramer (Wife operates book store). Sidney was an
authentic expert on books and was employed by OSS for
that skill. For a while his desk was next to mine. I
thought Prouty could get some mileage from this. There is
the part of the column you marked, that the CIA managed
to keep things out of the Pentagon Papers. Don't think it
worked that way. They kept everything they could out of
anybody's hands so the papers were not available for use.
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A Book About the CIA's 'Dirty Tricks'



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THE cloak-and dagger boys at the Central Intelligence Agency are trying to get an advance copy of a book which is highly critical of the CIA's "dirty tricks department."

The author, ex-Air Force Colonel L. Fletcher Prouty, was the Pentagon support officer for the CIA over a nine-year period. He did everything from supplying them with James Bond weapons to shipping three dozen lobsters to a CIA bigwig. And he has written a book about it, "The Secret Team."

To get the unedited galleys, the CIA library approached the distinguished Sidney Kramer Bookstore only a few blocks from the White House. A representative of the bookstore immediately called Prouty and suggested he could "help the sale" of the book by providing a copy of the galleys.

But Prouty had been in intelligence too long to be an easy touch. He agreed to meet with the Kramer representative and then secretly recorded their conversation. Here is a partial transcript:

"Do you represent others?" asked Prouty.

"I can tell you who wants this," confided the emissary. "They're on our backs — the CIA."

"They are?"

"Evidently someone was going to present them with a copy the day before

yesterday," said the representative, but the deal fell through.

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PROUTY refused to turn over the galleys to the CIA, which had a messenger waiting for them at the bookstore. We can provide the CIA, however, with some of the highlights:

- The CIA, Prouty charges, trained agents in the Maine woods because of the similarity to the Russian fir forests. Then it flew them to Norway where they were hopped into Russia on a light pontooned plane which landed on a hidden lake.

- The CIA skillfully managed to keep out of the Pentagon Papers almost all mention of its assassination and other "dirty tricks" operations in South Vietnam, alleges Prouty. Instead, the CIA larded the papers with examples of how good its intelligence proved to be.

- In 1959, one of CIA chief Allen Dulles' spy planes allegedly was shot down over Russia. The crew was captured, questioned by Soviet Intelligence and later quietly returned to the United States. (They were debriefed after their return, by, among others, James McCord, a former CIA man convicted in the Water-gate scandal.)

- Even though the late President Kennedy ordered the Joint Chiefs to keep a tight rein on covert CIA military operations after the Bay of Pigs debacle, the CIA circumvented the order in Vietnam and the Pentagon supinely let them get away with it, says Prouty.

CIA Hated Kennedy Ex-Pentagon Man: 'Oswald Wasn't Alone'

LONDON (UPI)—A former Pentagon liaison officer with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) said Friday he had the CIA by trying to curb the agency's operations.

L. Prouty, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel and the author of special operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1964 and 1965, said Kennedy issued two directives in 1961 to limit the CIA's power and that the documents never returned and were not implemented.

Prouty, interviewed by the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC), said Kennedy issued two national security memorandums in 1961 after the in-

vestigation of the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion.

"One of them," he signed personally, explicitly stating that any operational activity of a clandestine nature would be either so small that CIA operations could operate it or it should be referred to the J.C.S. Chiefs of Staff.

"Rather than permitting the CIA to mount something as large as the Bay of Pigs again," Prouty said.

Prouty, now a Washington, D.C., banker, said he had handled the documents personally.

"For some strange reason, although they were issued and signed by the president, there was no implementation of them," he said.

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Assassination Views

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had incurred the hatred of the CIA as a result of his attempt to clip their powers.

"I do," replied Prouty. "And I think there are other people who feel that there was a very strong feeling between Kennedy and perhaps Bobby Kennedy and the CIA and that this carried over from these documents, from his real discouragement with the CIA."

"I think he (Kennedy) reacted strongly to the defeat at the Bay of Pigs and moved against the CIA to control them," Prouty said.

MacKenzie then asked Prouty how the CIA could have possibly gotten away with the violation of a document signed by the president.

Said Prouty: "I think this is a lot of the explanation. There must have been some pretty violent meetings in there between June of '61 because to my knowledge the documents were never retracted."

"Do you think the fate of President Kennedy could be in any way related to this," asked MacKenzie.

"I've heard many people mention that and it's a possibility," Prouty answered. "I'm not satisfied that the

present explanation is right." "You mean the Oswald explanation?" asked MacKenzie.

"I don't think Oswald by himself killed President Kennedy," Prouty said.

Prouty also said ranking defense leaders were "bypassed" by CIA operatives.

Citing The New York Times articles on the Pentagon papers, Prouty said the names of Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1960-62, and Admiral Arleigh Burke, chief of naval operations and six other top generals—key men in our staff—never appear in the documents, never appear in the meeting minutes, never appear in any of the planning conferences of this Vietnam buildup.

"I would say there's no other positive effort, nothing so solid as this for proof that there basic military elements were not considered in this area," he said.

Prouty said that when former Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara went in Vietnam on a fact-finding mission in December, 1963, he received a briefing prepared in Washington instead of the field.