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Dear Mr. Anderson,

If any of the enclosed is of any interest, please feel free, except for Sarbanes' name. I knew that the Saudis and other also fund WACL but because of my name I omitted that. There is much more in the book your former associate coauthored and he probably has what he did not include in the book.

I'm sorry there is nothing I can do about the prejudice you've made clear but if I could, perhaps you'd see a little more than is in your 1/24/87 column about the CIA and JFK assassination critics. (I'm a minority of one in not being a conspiracy theorist, mine having been from the first a study of how our basic institutions worked in that time of great ~~crisis~~ crisis and since then.) There is a prima facie case that the CIA, through E. Howard Hunt and others, had an antipublishing operation. I've put a fair amount of this together but I can carry it no farther. Hunt then had a cover address, of a military group, as I now recall, at 1750 Penna Ave., NW, an office with the Mullen Agency, despite what Helms swore ~~factly~~ to, worked through and used the address of his agents, Littauer and Wilkinson in New York and the Mullen Agency's cover address in DC (there was a CIA foundation, Littauer, but I've made no connection), and may even have been involved in the ~~Water~~ Watergaters' Mexican laundry. Mullen then did have a Mexico City office and it was on the same street as the lawyer who ran that money laundry. A check of the city directory ought disclose if they were at the same address. Hunt, while still with CIA, was a part of the operation to get Supreme Court Justice Douglas impeached, again with Mullen Agency involvement (that may have been involuntary), with Douglas Caddy, the Watergaters' first lawyer. So much that was readily available did not come out!

If people in the FBI flashed some of the b.s. they have on me, I'll be glad to respond to what you recall. That stuff ranged from gross distortions to outright fabrications.

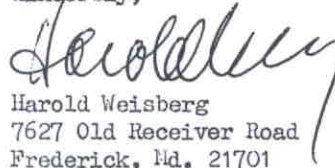
Another possible angle of the CIA and prohibitor of what could be published: do you recall that the Church committee exposed their mail interceptions? Offers to publish never reached me, what I sent my London agent was delayed until a prospective publisher there was fed misinformation, and even copies of the manuscript of my first book returned when I did not respond to publishing offers, like the offers, never reached me.

The CIA even monitored what we critics said in public. I've bills, copies of checks in payment (they used a front called 'Public Affairs Staff' and the 'iggs bank) and a few of the transcripts plus conversations transcribed for me by a former reporter working for the service who was alienated by this first amendment concept. The conversations about me and between him and his home office.

If any of your associates are interested in more, I'm not home until after 10 a.m. because I have daily physical therapy first thing every day.

P.S. I'm sure Les Whitten will tell you that I never misled or misinformed him or argued against his point of view or in favor of my own.

Sincerely,

  
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## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### CIA routinely spreads disinformation

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WASHINGTON — The disinformation campaign aimed at Libya by Adm. John Poindexter has been pretty well swallowed up by the Iran/contras arms scandal that led to Poindexter's resignation as national security adviser. But that doesn't mean disinformation is dead.

There's a good possibility that the Reagan administration and its friends have been using disinformation techniques to deflect attention — and blame — from their own mistakes. Witness the carefully planted stories suggesting that the whole arms deal — including diversion of funds to the contras — was somehow forced on a reluctant White House by the Israelis. This scenario has the fishy smell of disinformation.

The fact is, of course, that governments routinely practice disinformation, leaking false stories to gullible reporters in hopes that the public will believe them — or that at least seeds of doubt will be planted in the public's mind.

As we've reported in the past, the Soviets are masters at forgery and other "dezinformatsia" methods. Their howlers have included stories that the CIA caused an epidemic of dengue fever in Cuba, that a University of Maryland malaria research facility in Pakistan was a germ-warfare plant, that poison gases at a U.S. military base caused 80 infant deaths in Naples, Italy, and that 7,000 Brazilians died from U.S. chemical warfare tests in the Amazon basin.

The Reagan administration, of course, didn't invent disinformation. Its chief distinction is that it was exposed so quickly, and that it used the National Security Council as its disinformative vehicle. Previous administrations preferred the CIA, which had more experience in the black art. Here are some examples:

— In the Carter administration, the CIA fed The New York Times a story

designed to discredit Greek exile journalist Elias Demetracopoulos.

Why? Demetracopoulos had explosive evidence that the Greek intelligence service, subsidized by the CIA, had funneled secret funds to the Nixon-Agnew campaign in 1968. The Times story in 1977 charged that Demetracopoulos had worked for Yugoslav and Israeli intelligence and had been rejected for a job with the CIA — all untrue.

The source of the story was made clear when the CIA was eventually forced to release its file on the Greek journalist: His name was consistently misspelled by the CIA in exactly the way it had been in the Times. Last April, the CIA finally admitted it had "no derogatory" information on Demetracopoulos.

— In the Ford administration, the CIA planted stories blaming the assassination of its Athens station chief, Robert Welch, on his identification by Counterspy magazine. What the CIA didn't disclose was that Welch had ignored an explicit warning, two months before his murder, not to move into his predecessor's house in Athens, because it was well known as the CIA station chief's residence.

— In the Nixon administration, the CIA's manipulation of journalists in its campaign to overthrow Chilean President Salvador Allende was a classic of disinformation. As just one part of its sly campaign to court the press, the CIA made up a story — contradicted by its own intelligence estimates — that Allende planned to abolish freedom of the press in Chile. The media lapped it up.

— In the Johnson administration, CIA headquarters sent out orders directing agents to discredit authors who had written books or articles critical of the Warren Commission's report on the assassination of President Kennedy. "Employ propaganda assets to answer and refute the attacks by the critics," the orders read. "Book reviews and feature articles are particularly appropriate." Some

critics were depicted as anti-American and pro-communist.

**TEACHERS' TROUBLES:** The number of college students planning careers in education is rising, even though federal funding cuts put new teachers' long-range prospects about on a par with sword-swallowers'.

A survey by the American Council on Education shows the number of college freshmen planning to go into teaching has jumped almost 50 percent in the last five years. The study cheerily attributes this to higher salaries — up 28 percent since 1982 for those already on the payroll.

Our sources predict, however, that for many teachers in waiting, the higher salaries will prove illusory. With cutbacks in federal funding, the states have tightened up at the expense of new teachers. Retiring, better-paid teachers are being replaced by "gypsy teachers" hired on a part-time basis, lacking tenure and such important fringe benefits as health insurance.

The gypsies are often called in at the last minute to work for hourly pay. Many wind up teaching in two or more schools to make ends meet, shuttling between assignments during lunch breaks.

One horror story concerned a California junior college gypsy teacher with a doctorate but neither tenure nor health insurance. He suffered an appendicitis attack, but the emergency room doctors couldn't diagnose it immediately and he was afraid to be admitted for testing because of the cost. Result: peritonitis. The teacher's \$11,000 life savings were wiped out by medical bills.

Why are college freshmen heading into the teaching profession, then? One educator suggested that higher salaries have nothing to do with it. They come from affluent families, he said, and though they know teaching is risky, they want to do something that is fulfilling rather than "grow up as unhappy puppies."

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