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THE PREVAILING WINDS BRIEFING

Toxic Stealth: The Rough Notes of a Scandal

We admit it. We're writing this *before* all the facts are in. But for the past year or so, we've had glimpses of a story which raises a highly disturbing possibility: *Are deadly toxins released into the environment during the manufacture and testing of the Stealth bomber and other advanced aircraft?* Keep in mind: The reports we have received so far are anecdotal and often second-hand. But a recently-filed lawsuit tends to confirm our worst suspicions.

A professional midwife who delivers babies in the California high desert tells us that clients living in certain desert areas — such as Ridgecrest, the “bedroom community” serving the super-secret China Lake Naval Weapons facility — have experienced an abnormally high rate of stillbirths, miscarriages, and *placenta previas*. This midwife has compared notes with colleagues who also serve these communities; they report the same frightening trend.

Could these problems have any relationship to the many top-secret military projects conducted in the area?

As *Popular Science* and other journals have noted, high desert residents have frequently spotted overflights of unusual aircraft, many quite experimental, all top secret. These craft could include the Stealth fighter and bomber, the teardrop-shaped TR-3A reconnaissance plane (reportedly used secretly during the war against Iraq), and the Aurora, the supersonic spy-plane whose very existence is denied by the Air Force, even though many savvy southern Californians credit it with causing a recent series of sonic booms. Eyewitness reports (including some we have collected personally) describe even stranger craft — including large, silent hovering vehicles, possibly using a radically new propulsion system. Aerial photographs indicate that certain secluded desert facilities conduct open-air radar testing of astonishing new aircraft designs.

Quite recently, we discussed the reported high incidence of stillbirths and miscarriages with a “whistleblower” who worked for a major aircraft corporation. Our source hinted that the problem might well be linked to the high-tech anti-radar material which coats Stealth and successor aircraft.

Similar health concerns surround the controversial Area 51

test site, located at the edge of Groom Lake in the Nevada Test Site, 90 miles north of Las Vegas. About six years ago, self-described “physicist” Robert Lazar drew attention to this covert base when he asserted that the Air Force has used it to back-engineer recovered UFOs. Such hard-to-believe claims may have dissuaded mainstream reporters from paying serious attention to “black projects” being tested at the base — the very existence of which the government refuses to admit, even though Soviet satellites have photographed the facility. Enthusiasts make nightly treks to “Freedom Ridge,” where the base — and,

occasionally, some very odd flying whatzits — can be distantly viewed. Uncle Sam wants to increase his land holdings in the area in order to remove the public's vantage point on the “imaginary” base.

And now thirty-nine former employees of the non-existent base have come forward to bring suit against the U.S. government, claiming that environmental hazards at Area 51 have resulted in numerous illnesses and at least one possible death.

According to the *New York Times Magazine* (6/26/94), these former base workers “are ready to testify

that, thanks to the open-air burning of hazardous and toxic wastes in exposed ‘burn pits’ north of the base, they have sustained long-term damage from dioxins and other hazardous materials. The wastes burned — resins, hardening compounds, and solvents called furrans (used in the anti-radar coating of Stealth aircraft) — are said to cause dioxin-related health problems like liver damage, skin diseases, and *birth defects*.” (Italics added.) One plaintiff, Helen Frost, previously filed a wrongful death suit (dismissed on a technicality) against Lockheed, alleging that burning toxins killed her husband, who was working downwind.

We can't help but wonder if defense workers in the California desert face similar problems.

The toxic side-effects of military R&D remain one of the great under-reported stories of our time. According to an AP story of May 16, 1994, each year the military must find ways to dispose one-half million tons of hazardous chemical wastes, radioactive wastes, and solvents — not to mention the lethal ooze seeping out of old nerve gas weapons. Experts indicate that taxpayers may have to shell out some \$250 billion to clean up the mess at over 900 sites controlled by the Departments of Defense and Energy. And that's not counting the potential health costs of these military toxins and environmental compromises. Is our Defense Department, in its zeal to kill foreigners, accidentally killing us?

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We Need This Like We Need Anthrax

Social spending is being decimated, schools go unfunded, health care remains a privilege for the propertied — yet the Pentagon keeps marching on. Clinton will spend around \$250 billion this year on the military, compared to \$230 billion (measured in constant dollars) during the Nixon regime. (And remember: We were fighting a very expensive war/police action back then.) And now Gingrich and Dole want to increase defense spending.

So: What kind of bang do we get for all those bucks? Well, for starters: The Pentagon wants to spend \$150 million on a new germ warfare lab, located at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. This new lab will specialize in the military use of anthrax and botulism. And bio-war research has resumed at the venerable Dugway proving ground in Utah, even though the Army ceased testing there ten years ago because it could no longer guarantee the safety of its aging facilities.

Of course, the Brass insists that these studies are purely defensive. Back in the early '70s, President Nixon reached a treaty with the Soviets banning all research into the *offensive* use of chemical and biological warfare. But the distinction is moot: Many experts assert that "defensive" bio-war studies can readily convert into offensive usages. Besides, the heirs to the Soviet Union are scarcely in a position to hold the United States to its agreements. Think about it: If American interest in these areas is indeed purely defensive, why won't the DOD let a *civilian* agency take over the research?

Even When They Lose, They Win

Thank God for small failures — specifically, the failures of Senate hopefuls Oliver North and Michael Huffington.

Against prediction, the voters didn't favor thrice-convicted Iran-Contra felon North, who ran for Charles Robb's Senate seat in Virginia. An astonishing amount of money went into this race, much of it from big oil interests, as well as food magnates Jimmie Dean and Clifford Heinz, Thomas Coombs of Sherwin Williams Paint, the Coors family, and Daniel DeVoss, chairman of Amway. Religious supporters included Pat Robertson and Rev. Sun Myung Moon. (Odd, isn't it, how Pat and the Moonies so often back the same horse...?) The man heading this fund-raising effort was Richard Viguerie, Rush Limbaugh's main man, well known for his effective direct mail campaigns. As Viguerie once noted in a candid moment, "A well-organized minority can often defeat an unorganized majority."

Incidentally, North's candidacy posed a direct challenge to the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which states that no "sworn officer of the United States" (which North was) who has "given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof" (which North did) can be a Senator. Since few pay much attention to the Constitution these days, North's opponents had to rally around Robb, an unattractive Democratic candidate. Of course, money raised to combat the massively-funded North could have gone

to other races in other states. This may have been the entire *point* of the North campaign: He is, after all, an old hand at diverting funds.

The mere fact that he attracted so many votes says something disturbing about our electorate. Celerino "Cele" Castillo, a former supervisory agent for the Drug Enforcement Agency, has further substantiated longstanding charges that North protected a massive cocaine operation during the mid-1980s. Castillo informed then-Vice President George Bush about this drug operation; Bush did nothing. A North spokesman has denounced Castillo's assertions as "a nutty conspiracy theory."

The Guardian (of Oct. 5, '94) offered perhaps the most amusing insight into North's run for office. The would-be Senator tried to turn the "threat" of homosexuality into a major campaign issue, even though "his entourage has always included a remarkably high number of gays." North's chief contra-fund-raising aide was Carl "Spitz" Channell, a homosexual who — for reasons best known to himself — once gave a massive donation to an anti-gay organization. According to *The Guardian*, "Other young male associates of North used to write feverish odes about their hero's clear blue eyes and manly bearing."

Meanwhile, on the other side of the country, voters have (just barely) rejected California Senate hopeful Michael (now "Mike") Huffington — who, though not the worst candidate running in 1994, was very likely the oddest. As a House member representing Santa Barbara County, Huff quickly managed to alienate his constituents, who generally regard him as a fabulously wealthy, do-nothing carpetbagger from Texas. He's the chief financial officer of Huffco, an oil and natural gas conglomerate started by his father, Roy — a life-long buddy of the gone-but-not-forgotten George Bush.

Indeed, the Huffington family's financial history fits the pattern set by other Bush associates. Soon after the CIA established a murderous regime in Indonesia in 1965, Roy Huffington established close ties with the dictatorial government in order to exploit the country's previously untapped natural gas reserves. (Eventually, the Huffington family sold shock batons to their neo-fascist partners in Jakarta.) Years later, both Roy and Michael Huffington sat on the board of the now-failed First City Bancorp of Texas, which made billions of dollars worth of sour loans. One of these unsecured loans went to — you guessed it — a Huffco subsidiary in Bakersfield, California, which lost \$100 million.

But — as the national press belatedly learned and as Santa Barbarans have known for some time — to get to the dark, weird heart of the Huffington story you must examine the background of his attractive wife, Arianna, an aristocratic Greek who married Michael about ten years ago. She initially achieved widespread public annoyance a couple of decades ago when she argued, in a book called *The Female Woman*, that feminism devalued motherhood. In 1988, she turned her attentions to the world of art and whipped up a book "proving" that Picasso had no talent. Recently, she wrote *The Fourth Instinct*, a gently reactionary volume which argues that welfare thwarts the public's instinctive urge to practice altruism.

In her recent literary outing, Arianna largely acted as the amanuensis for her guru, or Rasputin — a now-infamous cult leader named John-Roger, a.k.a. "The Mystical Traveler." Born Roger Delano Hinkins, John-Roger has established himself as

THE GUNS 'N' DRUGS READER

"The Guns 'n' Drugs Reader" is a collection of articles, interviews, speeches, and book chapters which deal with narcotics trafficking by sectors of the United States government. The book focuses particularly on the Christic Institute's La Penca lawsuit, providing many primary source materials relevant to that case. The La Penca case is important because it exposes how various intelligence agencies have long used illicit narcotics to fund covert operations. The LaPenca case also provides most of the missing pieces that the Iran-contra committee refused to go near.

"The Guns 'n' Drugs Reader" also presents a wide collection of supporting viewpoints, ranging from "Bo" Gritz to Professor Alfred McCoy (author of *The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia*). Sprinkled throughout the various longer articles are numerous relevant press clippings which add haunting confirmation of what really goes on behind the "national security" facade.

What emerges from the various documents is the sense that, more than anything else, drugs like cocaine and heroin are a form of taxation, a covert way of raising billions of dollars without any form of congressional or public supervision. Given this hidden budget, intelligence agencies are able to conduct their operations without any form of scrutiny.

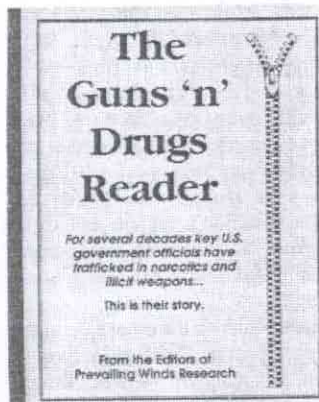
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the grand preceptor of The Church of the Movement of Spiritual Inner Awareness, or MSIA (pronounced "Messiah"). In recent months, the press has devoted much ink to John-Roger, whose vast holdings include a heavily-guarded 140-acre compound near Santa Barbara. Although little of this media attention has been kind, reporters rarely display true insight into his sect.

For unknown reasons, the Mystical Traveler has been repeatedly invited to lecture employees of McDonnell-Douglas and the CIA-linked Lockheed Corporation. His theology includes healthy borrowings from ECKANKAR and various narcissistic self-help systems, mixed in with such concepts as the "Ascended Masters" and the "Priesthood of Melchizedek." Cult-watchers will recognize the "Ascended Masters" as the Aryan demi-deities worshipped by the I AM Religious Activity, a fascist-linked sect that sprang up in the 1930s. If nothing else, the John-Roger story should demolish any lingering misapprehensions that the New Age movement is entirely, or even primarily, progressive in nature.

Arianna is a minister in MSIA, which she joined 22 years ago. Her loyal support helped the sect leader weather 1988 allegations of fiscal and sexual hanky-panky, mostly concerning his affairs with very young men.

Also helping to rehabilitate his reputation was John-Roger's putative co-authorship, with Peter McWilliams, of several huge-



selling books. McWilliams fell in with MSIA about ten years ago. He now charges, in his book *Life 102: What To Do When Your Guru Sues You*, that the cult leader brainwashed him into believing he would fall ill and die unless he credited, and paid, John-Roger as "co-author" of his works. After leaving the sect, McWilliams stopped splitting his earnings, and the messiah of MSIA is suing for over \$400,000 unpaid profits on the books he "co-wrote." (Incidentally, *Life 102* reports that John-Roger has used expensive machines capable of "beaming invisible messages" — a notion McWilliams pooh-poohs, though others may take the possibility more seriously.)

McWilliams' exposé argues, essentially, that John-Roger controls Arianna, who in turn controls her husband. As numerous writers have noted, Michael Huffington almost never makes a decision without consulting his wife.

According to Peter McWilliams and others, John-Roger still maintains close links to Arianna — though she tries to downplay the relationship, insisting that she is actually a member in good standing of the Greek Orthodox Church in Santa Barbara. A representative of that church claimed otherwise in a letter to the *Santa Barbara Independent* (11/3/94): "Arianna Huffington is not a member of the Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church... Neither do they attend services, except when it is election time." The letter further notes that baptism occurs only once in Orthodoxy; thus, one abjures that faith when re-baptised into another. McWilliams' book contains a photograph of Arianna's re-baptism into MSIA.

In all likelihood, we'll be hearing again from the wealthy and ambitious Huffingtons — and from Jolly John-Roger. In the meantime, we note once again the distressing pattern: *A deep-pockets candidate can "win" even if he loses, by forcing the opposition party to divert funds from other races.* What better argument for campaign reform do we need?

Leading Republican Sees Gay Conspiracy

Prevailing Winds keeps an open mind regarding alternative theories of AIDS causation, such as the competing scenarios proposed by Dr. Alan Cantwell and Dr. Peter Duesberg. We're not sure what AIDS is. But we know what AIDS isn't. It isn't an excuse for hard rightists to persecute homosexuals.

Alas, evidence suggests that Dr. Stanley Monteith, chairman of the California Republican Party's Health and Human Services Committee, thinks otherwise. (Most of our info on Monteith comes by way of writer John Roemer, who profiled the doctor in the *Los Angeles Village View*, August 12-18, 1994.) At a recent "Human Life International" conference, held in Irvine, CA, Monteith "staffed a booth where rabidly anti-Semitic literature was displayed alongside his own writings." These writings claim that AIDS is a conspiracy concocted by homosexuals out to destroy hetero America. (Presumably the gay schemers who invented AIDS decided to divert suspicion by first inflicting the disease on themselves. Now *that's* devious.)

Monteith wants mandatory testing, reporting, and possibly quarantine of the infected. Enforcement of such laws could effectively criminalize any sexual behavior Monteith dislikes. He sneers at such notions as needle exchanges and education

campaigns, even though both tactics have proven effective.

Obviously, Monteith's main concern isn't public health but homosexuality *per se*: He "hosted" a video called *The Gay Agenda*, a rumor-mongering piece of homophobic agit-prop heavily promoted by "Reverend" Pat Robertson during the gays-in-the-military debate. Roemer closes his exposé by quoting a 1987 letter Monteith wrote to a fellow reactionary: "The entire subject of AIDS gets into sex education, moral breakdown, humanism, and all of the sinister forces which work behind the scenes to destroy our society... In many ways, this horrible epidemic gives us a chance to rejuvenate the John Birch Society."

Gee, Doc, couldn't you work in some reference to the Illuminati? And remember, folks: This blathering Bircher is the California GOP's *main man* on health issues. Expect to see much more of this kind of thinking on a national scale.

Spying is Forever

Col. Sergei G. Gorlenko of Russia's Federal Counterintelligence Service made front pages worldwide with his charges (first aired in the *Rossiskaya Gazeta* of September 3, 1994) that California's Pepperdine University has sponsored a defense conversion program in Russia with a hidden agenda: Espionage.

Pepperdine, generally regarded as a highly conservative institution, denies the FCI accusation. But the university's conversion program received \$1.7 million from the Agency for International Development — which, as the mainstream American press rarely points out, has a long history of providing cover for CIA operations. John Gilligan, director of AID during the Carter administration, once revealed that "...many AID field offices were infiltrated top to bottom with CIA people... The idea was to plant operatives in every kind of activity we had overseas, government, volunteer, religious, every kind." *Plus ça change...*

Who is Carlos?

The capture of Carlos the Jackal (born Ilich Ramirez Sanchez) has unusually deep ramifications. Many who read newspapers during the 1970s learned to fear Carlos as the terrorist *par excellence*. At one time, the media portrayed him as the mastermind behind the 1972 Olympics massacre and the muscle behind West Germany's Baader-Meinhof gang and Italy's Red Brigades. Evidence suggests, however, that the public has received a distorted view of the Jackal's activities. The time has come to ask the question, who were his *true* sponsors?

Carlos actually had little or nothing to do with the Olympics tragedy, in which Black September terrorists murdered 11 Israeli athletes. His only known connection with that event (according to James O. Goldborough in the *San Diego Union Tribune* of August 22, 1994) is the fact that he worked for a revolutionary named Wadi Haddad in the early '70s. Haddad was a leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and helped train the Black September guerillas.

Israel retaliated for the massacre by attacking Black September operatives throughout the world. One of their targets was a man named Mohammed Boudia, who worked with the terrorist

group in Paris. After Mossad killed Boudia, Carlos took over his position. This ascension established a pattern: The authorities killed or captured *other* terrorists, while Carlos always lived to "fight" another day.

A later Carlos associate, Wilfred Böse, was arrested in Paris in 1975 after he illegally entered the apartment of still another fellow-terrorist, Michel Moukarbel. Mysteriously, Böse was released shortly thereafter, even though the police found evidence linking him and Carlos to a bazooka attack on a Yugoslav airliner. Böse escaped to Germany and helped plan the operation at Entebbe, where the Israeli rescue team killed him.

Shortly after Böse walked away from French custody, unarmed Parisian police, acting on a Mossad tip, came to Moukarbel's apartment, where they found Carlos. In the resultant gunfire, Carlos killed Moukarbel point-blank, and then shot two officers while shouting "I am Carlos!"

Victor Ostrovsky's *By Way of Deception* gives an account of this episode as confusing as it is detailed. Mossad veteran Ostrovsky claims that Moukarbel was an informant for the Israeli spy agency. (The book also mentions a party of South Americans in the apartment, but doesn't say what happened to them.) Ultimately, we have only Mossad's word that Moukarbel was an Israeli informant — the actual informant may well have been Carlos himself. All we know for sure is this: Carlos got away; his comrade ended up dead.

Toward the end of 1975, Carlos and his gun-toting associates rudely interrupted an OPEC meeting in Vienna and took dozens of hostages, including Sheik Yamani of Saudi Arabia. Carlos seemed to have no clear political goal. After pocketing a few million (perhaps as much as \$20 million) in money, he freed the hostages and walked away. Some still find it hard to believe that Carlos could threaten with impunity so powerful a man as Yamani — who, you will recall, had greatly inconvenienced the United States throughout much of that decade.

What could possibly explain the Jackal's phenomenal lucky streak? Perhaps the answer lies in the books *Manhunt* and *Libyan Sandstorm*, which tell the story of "renegade" CIA agents Ed Wilson and Frank Terpil, who caused an early-'80s scandal by smuggling weapons and other military aid to Libya. Many analysts of the Wilson/Terpil affair wonder whether the "renegades" were operating under Langley's instructions all along. One of the first to blow the whistle on the pair was former CIA analyst Kevin Mulcahy, who, back in 1977, told Bob Woodward of the *Washington Post* about the Wilson/Terpil operation. Mulcahy insisted that Terpil — then employed by the Agency — had *trained* the infamous Carlos.

On October 26, 1980 — just before Mulcahy was to testify against Wilson — authorities found the witness dead, just outside his Virginia motel room. Accounts of the death vary; Virginia medical authorities (foreshadowing the Casolaro case) ruled that Mulcahy had expired of natural causes. Whatever the cause, he never had the chance to tell a court about Frank Terpil's links to Carlos the Jackal.

In recent years, Syria sheltered Carlos. But the warming relations between Damascus and Washington apparently made Carlos a liability, so Syria transferred him to the Sudanese government, which eventually turned him over to French authorities. The politics become quite intriguing at this point. Most news accounts of Carlos' capture noted that Sudan, guilty of horrifying atrocities against the Nuba people in the south, has

officially joined the Clinton Administration's list of terrorist nations — in part because Sheik Rahman, of World Trade Center fame, came to America on a Sudanese passport. These news accounts usually left out the fact that Sudan, previously considered a key player in the region's cold war politics, once housed a sizable CIA station and functioned as a key regional ally of the United States.

Sudan is ruled by a fundamentalist clique which draws inspiration from fanatical Hassan al Turabi, leader of the Muslim Brothers. As the summer 1994 issue of *Covert Action* noted, "An influential if small coterie within the State Department welcomed the Brothers as...sympathetic to Western business interests and viscerally hostile to communism." CIA links to the Brothers, and influence in Sudan, may continue to this day.

The latest twist: Carlos' lawyer in France is none other than the mysterious Jacques Vergés, the alleged leftist who represented Nazi murderer Klaus Barbie. According to European news stories, Vergés was identified as a CIA "asset" in newly released files from the Stasi, the former East German secret police.

Even in captivity, Carlos the Jackal continues his tradition of "inadvertent" aid to reactionary causes. A recent article in *Vanity Fair* predicts that Carlos may spice up his upcoming trial

by fingering certain left-of-center French Presidential candidates as "people who were personally implicated in terrorism during the 1970s."

Once again, the Carlos story dances from the political left to the right and points beyond. His former allies — the ones left alive, at any rate — must now be wondering, was Carlos the Jackal actually Carlos the Judas?

Sieg Heil, Old Chap

Two rather embarrassing items about Great Britain and the Nazis:

According to the book *Eminent Churchillians*, by the controversial historian Andrew Roberts, King George VI (father of Queen Elizabeth II) personally intervened to prevent Jewish refugees from fleeing to safety in Palestine, which was then governed by Britain. In early 1939, after the Kristallnacht pogroms, His Majesty had his private secretary write Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax to approve of the steps then being taken "to prevent these people from leaving their country of origin." The King did not favor persecution of Jews — he just didn't want any more of them under British rule.

In the present day: British Brigadier General Andrew Ridgway and two staff officers laid a wreath at a war memorial in Celle, Germany. The wreath was labelled "To the Gallant and the Brave. From the British Army." Apparently, Ridgway had no idea that the memorialized German soldiers were fallen SS officers, nor did he realize that the group organizing the ceremony, the OdR Ritterkreuz, counts dozens of *living* SS officers among its members. Leading SS men in the OdR include Colonel Fritz Darges, who served as one of Adolf Hitler's adjutants, and SS General Wilhelm Mohnke, who, during the war, murdered more than 40 British prisoners of war at Dunkirk. The aged Mohnke may have attended the same Celle ceremony graced by the presence of Brigadier General Ridgway.

Ridgway now commands British forces in Bosnia.

Sieg Heil, Mon Ami

Speaking of embarrassing disclosures: Francois Mitterand, Socialist president of France since 1981 (and now seriously ill), has recently had his war-time dirty laundry aired. According to a new book by French investigator Pierre Pean (who had Mitterand's cooperation), the Socialist politician did not join the French Resistance early on, as he has heretofore claimed. Evidence now indicates that he joined the anti-Nazi forces in late 1943, when the handwriting on the wall already predicted Hitler's defeat. Throughout much of the Nazi occupation, Mitterand supported the elderly Nazi puppet Charles Pétain and his fascist Vichy government, responsible for the decimation of France's Jewish population. Mitterand worked in the Vichy regime's Commissariat General for Prisoners of War, and contributed articles to the anti-Semitic journal *France, Revue de l'État Nouveau*. Pétain awarded Mitterand the Francisque Gallique, a medal bestowed only on those Pétain devotees who had helped bring about Nazi rule.

Mitterand explains that he was young at the time.

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Sieg Heil and Kyrie eleison

"Embarrassing" scarcely describes Pope John Paul II's actions this past year. The Vatican has awarded Kurt Waldheim — former UN Secretary General, and later President of Austria (1986-1992) — the honor of a papal knighthood. In the late 1980s, the world learned that Waldheim had spent the previous four decades covering up his participation in Nazi war crimes as a Wehrmacht intelligence officer.

The Vatican topped this outrage by sending secret envoys to Iran and Libya, the Pope's allies against the United Nations Conference on Population and Development. As editorialist Jim Hoagland puts it: "In the Vatican's viewpoint, the worldwide struggle over abortion and birth control seems to take immediate precedence over the political struggles in Egypt, Algeria, Malaysia and other countries where Muslim fundamentalists want to sweep away secular governments and install theocracies." Hoagland goes on to quote Iranian Foreign Minister Rafsanjani, who met with a papal envoy on August 1: "The future war is between the religious and the materialists. Collaboration between religious governments in support of outlawing abortion is a fine beginning for the conception of collaboration in other fields."

However, according to the *International Iran Times* of September 9, 1994, the Vatican ultimately got little Iranian help during the Cairo conference. There's a big difference between Catholic and Shiite attitudes toward reproduction: "... the Vatican opposes any form of artificial birth control while governments in the Islamic world have almost uniformly embraced birth control apart from abortion." It's rather striking, when you think of it: Compared to the Bishop of Rome, even the fundamentalists of Iran seem like the voices of sweet reason — on the subject of sex, at least.

Mercury, Mossad, Murder, and Nukes

The *Guardian* of July 26, 1994, describes a gruesome murder mystery with possible intelligence links and nuclear consequences. The murder took place in Johannesburg, South Africa, one evening in November, 1991. A 49-year-old British businessman named Alan Kidger received a phone call at home from an unknown person, then told his wife he was stepping out. He never returned. The next morning two young thieves found his car parked downtown, opened the trunk, and discovered Kidger's body. The arms and legs had been surgically severed, and the torso smeared with black paint.

Kidger's family initially suspected that white extremists, angered by his mixed marriage, may have committed the murder. But the case went unsolved until June of this year, when a South African police chief, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Landman, came forward with a startling explanation: Mossad, the Israeli CIA, killed Kidger. According to the police chief, elements of the previous South African intelligence service blocked his earlier investigation into the affair — the same

elements which may have been involved with the bombing of Lt. Col. Landman's car in 1993. He believes the installation of a new South African government frees him to pursue the case anew.

Why would Mossad agents kill this businessman? Kidger worked for Thor Chemicals, a British multinational whose presence in South Africa is resented by many. Environmentalists charge that the Thor mercury reprocessing plant in Natal (the largest such plant in the world) has grossly polluted the Umgeni river. But health issues did not trouble Mossad. Their concerns were nuclear: Kidger may have been involved with smuggling so-called "Red Mercury," a substance potentially valuable in the manufacture of nuclear weapons, to Middle Eastern nations with nuclear ambitions.

Or so says Landman. But many deny the very existence of Red Mercury. Reportedly, the substance originated some years ago, when Soviet scientists discovered a way to use a common mercury compound as a cheap and efficient substitute for uranium in both fission and fusion bombs. Most nuclear experts in Russia, the United States and Britain deny these reports — yet some knowledgeable analysts insist that Red Mercury *does* exist. Included in the latter group are Frank Barnaby, former director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, and Sam Cohen, generally regarded as the father of the neutron bomb. If these experts are correct, the Red Mercury problem could eclipse the plutonium and uranium smuggling scandals now erupting in Russia and Germany.

Thor Chemicals officials argue that South African environmental extremists killed Alan Kidger. Nevertheless, Lt. Col. Landman is adamantly pursuing the Mossad angle, including possible links to the murder last April of chemical expert Wynand van Wyk. Expect the Red Mercury story to heat up in the months and years ahead...

Atoms for Kohl

Speaking of those uranium and plutonium smuggling scandals: The *New York Times* of August 26 notes an aspect of the story seldom reported elsewhere. Officials of the Social Democratic Party charge that German authorities themselves aided the smuggling. The theory, taken seriously by many in Germany, holds that conservative German President Helmut Kohl, who won re-election in October, benefited politically from the spectacular series of arrests which dominated German headlines. As one Social Democratic leader put it, "This smacks of a stunt."

Allegedly, the uranium and plutonium uncovered during the smuggling busts originated in Russia. But Russian counterintelligence experts doubt that the plutonium came from their country, claiming that the type of plutonium reportedly found in Germany is almost never used in Russia.

The smuggling cases raise yet another question. What happens to the recovered plutonium and uranium after the smuggling operations come to light? One doubts that German cops keep the stuff sitting on a shelf in the evidence room. And as long as Russian officials disclaim the material, they certainly won't press to get it back.

Does Kohl's government harbor a clandestine nuclear weapons program? Germany *did* try to beat America to the bomb during the war...

The Party Girl, the KGB, and the Devil

We hope you remember Christine Keeler, the naughty English lass who, during the swinging '60s, shook up the British government by bedding both Defense Minister John Profumo and a KGB operative. The resultant scandal inspired one of *Esquire's* most memorable "dubious achievement" awards, as well as a rather good film — titled, appropriately, *Scandal*.

Keeler now tells British tabloids that she did what she did while spying for the Russians, exactly as some have long suspected. *Prevailing Winds* remains fairly skeptical about this scenario. The former party girl is well known to have fallen on rather sad times financially — and some Western ideologues still go to great lengths to keep alive their favorite anti-communist canards (e.g., the KGB-shot-the-Pope myth, the Alger-Hiss-was-guilty myth, etc).

The Profumo affair has long attracted bizarre interpretations. Perhaps the most striking assertion came from Hungarian film actress Eva Bartok, who married into uppercrust British society — the same circles in which Stephen Ward traveled. (Recall that Ward acted as the "mentor" to Keeler and other attractive women.) Bartok charged that Ward's crew dabbled in Satanism as well as sadomasochism. Maury Terry's controversial book *The Ultimate Evil* also notes Ward's occultic leanings. Terry further implies that a woman named Mary Anne MacLean knew Ward and had, like Keeler, serviced prominent Brits. MacLean later married Robert DeGrimston and co-founded an infamous cult called The Process.

Is any of this provable at this late date? Perhaps not. History may never know whether Christine Keeler was Old Nick's bosom buddy, one of the KGB's best-laid plants, or simply a girl who wanted to have some fun.

The Fire Next Time?

Some observers fear that Elizabeth Clare Prophet's Church Universal and Triumphant could prompt another Waco-style disaster.

A federal investigation has confirmed what Prophet's critics have long asserted (despite denials from church leaders): Top followers of the self-styled "Guru Ma" have been stockpiling weapons in various strongholds around their headquarters in Livingston, Montana. Stuart Gibson, an attorney for the U.S. Justice Department, alleged (in a *Rocky Mountain News* story of 7/6/93) that the cult used a complex stock scheme to launder money from staff salaries for weapons purchases. Such purchases would have violated the church's tax-exempt status.

None of these revelations, of course, could possibly justify another grandstanding raid by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. A repeat of the inexcusable (and, to a large degree, still unexplained) Branch Davidian tragedy *must* be avoided at all costs.

Even so, let's not paint an idealized portrait of Elizabeth Clare Prophet, a far-rightist who practically swoons over Oliver North. Her cult is, in essence, an updated spin-off of the "I AM Religious Activity." This still-active sect, quite popular during

the 1930s, was founded by Guy and Edna Ballard, the students of a mystic-minded American Nazi named William Dudley Pelley, one of this nation's most vicious Jew-haters. Pelley's teachings ultimately trace back to Helena Petrovna Blavatsky's intensely racist *The Secret Doctrine* — a work which also seminally influenced Dietrich Eckhart, the mentor of Adolf Hitler.

I AM-derived organizations still thrive, nipping at the edges of the New Age movement — for example, a few of those rather silly "angel" books contain transparently hidden I AM propaganda. Some latter-day Ballardite sects, such as the one headed by Colorado real estate bigshot George Green, are openly antisemitic. Prophet's group officially eschews racism, although at least one CUT defector has reported that the inner leadership still maintains a *weltanschauung* all too reminiscent of Pelley's.

Jesus Wept

This is the age of miracles. Two pillars of the far-from-liberal mainstream press have actually (albeit belatedly) told some of the truth about a heavily protected right-wing superstar — televangelist Pat Robertson, leader of the Christian Broadcasting Network.

Newsweek recently gave away one of Robertson's unnerving little secrets: He uses funds from his non-profit ministry to set up his for-profit enterprises. That's right — Social Security checks sent to the 700 Club go to Robertson's expanding business empire (which includes the rights to all *Mary Tyler Moore Show* reruns). Robertson spokesmen claim that Pat borrows non-profit monies to make his for-profit investments, which sounds a bit like the sort of rationale Jimmy Hoffa might have offered. (Does anyone really think that the IRS would let an outfit like, oh let's say, *Prevailing Winds* use non-profit donations to fund for-profit ventures? Not bloody likely.)

To top it off, the ABC News program *Prime Time Live* uncovered another way Pat Robertson has explored the virtues of free enterprise. Seems the good reverend has set up a nice little pyramid scheme — oops, beg pardon: We meant to say multi level marketing.

Whichever term you prefer, the basic set up remains the same. Rev. Pat proffers a line of products — in this case, Kalo Vita vitamins, manufactured with water "from the Sea of Galilee"; he also offers a nutritional drink called American Whey. The products are sold via an operation similar to the classic pyramid franchise operation, as described by John Kenneth Galbraith (in *Annals of an Abiding Liberal*): "A salesman recruits other salesmen and gets an override — a share in what they receive as down payments. And then the salesmen so recruited recruit other salesmen and take a similar cut before passing the residue back to the individual who recruited them." In the classic pyramid operation, the operation expands and monies flow back to the originator — who, if he is smart, knows precisely when to bail out and hightail it to some congenial nation without an extradition treaty.

Although pyramid multi level marketing schemes are often fueled by revivalistic religiosity and heart-tugging blather about the free enterprise system, eventually the financial bubble bursts, the naive recruits take a bath, and their enthusiasm turns to anger. What will Reverend Pat do if (when?) his operation

reaches this point?

He will face limited options. Of course, he'll probably heap blame on the "liberal media," as Jim Bakker's flacks tried to do. And he can always point the finger at some hapless underling. Indeed, he has used that very tactic already, in order to explain the failure of an earlier multi-level enterprise, which sold discount coupons to senior citizens.

Pat Robertson denies all charges of questionable business practices. Nevertheless, "multi-level" plans have a sad record (can you name even *one* which fulfilled the promise of profit for all involved?), and most savvy folk steer clear of them.

Key questions remain unanswered. Why doesn't the good reverend simply make his vitamins available via mail order, or on store shelves? Why does he insist on an absurd marketing structure, whereby one super-salesman sells other salesmen on the idea of selling to still other salesmen, who sell to still *more* salesmen, until finally America becomes a nation of vitamin salesmen rabidly selling salesmanship to each other?

Robertson, a Yale graduate and the son of a conservative Virginia senator, deserves closer scrutiny than he has heretofore received. Born into a Virginia "old money" family (related, on his mother's side, to Winston Churchill and President Benjamin Harrison), Robertson reportedly considered suicide after failing the Bar exam. But he was saved by an act of Grace — J. Peter Grace, chairman of W.R. Grace and Co. The fabulously wealthy Grace took a personal interest in the young man, giving him a job assessing "management techniques" in Peru.

Grace is a leading member of the Knights of Malta, the shadowy group which represents American Catholicism's reactionary elite. The Knights, in turn, have longstanding ties to the world of intelligence. Leading members have included German spy chief Reinhard Gehlen and Iran-contra spymaster William Casey, as well as numerous other CIA luminaries. J. Peter Grace headed the American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD), which received massive CIA funding throughout the '60s and '70s. These CIA/AIFLD monies went toward union busting and covert operations in Latin America. So far, no evidence suggests that Pat Robertson spent his South-of-the-border sojourn acting on behalf of a Grace political operation.

In later years, however, Robertson did supply aid to the *contras*, and to the bloodthirsty junta led by Guatemalan leader Efraim Rios-Montt. During the Afghan war, CIA operatives acted as Robertson's drivers during a CBN visit to the Afghan-Pakistani border.

As *Covert Action Information Bulletin* once noted (in its Spring, 1987 issue), "An international organization like CBN, active in 65 foreign countries, would be of obvious use to an intelligence agency like the CIA. Such organizations can be used as conduits of funds and can help administer counterinsurgency programs." *Covert Action* further claimed that CBN, unlike other religious broadcasters, "does not voluntarily issue annual audited financial statements."

Perhaps the most disturbing tale involving Reverend Pat can be found in the pages of a British book called *The Octopus*, as yet unpublished in this country. In this work, a former DIA agent reveals how American intelligence protected selected Lebanese heroin smuggling operations. And it seems that one of the poppy fields in that part of the world may have had disturbing links to a certain highly-televised fundamentalist...

...but that's the start of a very long tale. Rest assured that we'll be looking into these matters in greater detail in future issues. After all, Robertson's Christian Coalition played a large role in the propaganda blitz which led to the recent Republican landslide.

Which means we can't stand pat.

And finally...

Boom Town

USA Today reported (on June 2, 1994) that the southern region of Tucson, Arizona, has been plagued by the sounds of mysterious explosions. Locals hear bizarre booms twice daily. Trouble is, nobody can figure out the cause of the explosions. Perhaps unlucky Arizonans are ear-witnessing the construction of one of those fabled underground military bases? □

THE POLITICS OF HEROIN

"CIA Complicity in the Global Drug Trade"

by Alfred W. McCoy, Ph.D.

"To an average American who witnesses the dismal spectacle of the narcotics traffic at the street level, it must seem inconceivable that the government could be implicated in the international drug trade. Unfortunately, American diplomats and CIA agents have been involved in the narcotics traffic at three levels: (1) coincidental complicity by allying with groups actively engaged in the drug traffic; (2) support of the traffic by covering up for known heroin traffickers and condoning their involvement; and (3) active engagement in the transport of opium and heroin. It is ironic, to say the least, that America's heroin plague is of its own making."

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I am the walrus

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "to speak of many things..."

A look back at 1994

By now, you've probably all heard the joke about the newspaper reporter who spots Bill Clinton walking on water, then writes an article headlined "Clinton Can't Swim." This story resonates not because anyone hallucinates Messianic abilities on Bill's part (*hardly!*), but because we've all seen that particular reporter's work — and his byline is Legion.

The media's devilry never stops. After the great Republican midterm massacre of 1994, in which some of this nation's most obnoxious reactionaries clobbered all competition, conservative spin doctors immediately set to work. They portrayed the vote as a rejection of liberalism in general, and Clinton's policies in specific.

Nonsense. The voters rejected a President, not a set of policies. They spat in the eye of a man, not an ideology.

November 8, 1994, did not mark the occasion when a slap-happy American populace shouted "Thank you Ronald Reagan!" for busting unions and turning \$14-an-hour jobs into \$6-an-hour jobs. The people did not collectively forgive Reagan and Bush for forcing Mom to punch a time clock alongside Dad. The people did not cheer Big Business' not-so-secret plans to keep wages low by keeping unemployment high. The people did not bestow their blessings on Reagan/Bush-era budget deficits, serviced by bonds which only the wealthy purchase and profit from. The people did not shout *hosanna* for an increasingly toxic workplace. The people did not say *aye* to the gutting of Medicare and restrictions on abortion. The people did not suddenly see the wisdom of increased tax breaks for the decadent, arrogant, indolent, elitist pseudo-humanoids comprising the American plutocracy.

No. When questioned on *specific issues*, the public still expresses opinions and preferences well to the left of Newt Gingrich, and often to the left of Clinton himself.

Although the Radio Right — perhaps the most effective propaganda force in history — has successfully painted Clinton red, he is essentially a sell-out mushy moderate who could have found a home in either party. Thus, predictably, the President finds himself damned by the marginalized left press because he isn't a socialist, and damned by everyone else as Lenin reincarnate. The disinformationists have created a false Clinton and made him a scapegoat for the sins of corporate America.

His task, all along, has been to play the role of the Bad Democrat. During his eighteen months of attempted power, ruling class hirelings on Capitol Hill and in the press blocked any Administration fancies (such as congressional lobbying reform) which might have inconvenienced the corporate elite. Then the Radio Right assigned the hapless president sole responsibility for every American ill during the past two decades — rather like blaming all venereal disease on one impotent man.

An absurd idea, but the American people feast on absurdity. Rush Limbaugh and his clones have completely hijacked the airwaves, yet they bleat continually that a Great Liberal Conspiracy controls the media. Nobody notices the contradiction. On the morning after the elections I couldn't find a *single* liberal, progressive, or even moderate radio commentator on the air in Southern California. Left-wing broadcasters are as extinct as left-wing newspapers; the only exceptions are heard on the Pacifica Radio Network, which Senate leader Bob Dole has targeted for decimation.

Apparently, the Radio Right learned an important lesson from Josef Goebbels: *Always portray your side as the underdog*. Even after the Nazis conquered Europe, Goebbels-approved propaganda films (like the one re-created in *Kiss of the Spider Woman*) pictured the Nazis as fighting an uphill battle against greater, more insidious and pitiless forces. Never underestimate propaganda's power to make people believe the surreal. It was the virus of disinformation, which sent millions into the showers and the ovens, while simultaneously leading Germans into a war that shamed their nation eternally. What makes the people around you right now — at work, at home, in the restaurant, in the mirror — immune to this deadly strain?

Tom Brokaw, speaking more presciently than he knew, called November 8, 1994, "the night of the long knives." We will feel the effects of this night long after Bill Clinton has been reduced to a soundbite from the video archives. Yet we must concede that Bill Clinton — or at least the Bogus Bill erected by the far right — is the man who made this night possible.

Astonishingly, the public has turned against the President because of his perceived "personal flaws," while scandal-ridden reactionaries shamelessly wrap themselves in a banner marked Virtuous & True. House majority leader Newt Gingrich is a womanizer who, after learning his wife had cancer, left her for a younger girlfriend — yet he now poses as our new Cotton

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Mather, hectoring his enemies for their alleged moral lapses. Gingrich also rails against "big government," though his Georgia congressional district remains one of the biggest recipients of federal largesse; amazingly, he once lobbied on behalf of the ultra-spooky Lockheed corporation to allow a sale of Lockheed jets to Khaddafy's Libya. Meanwhile, convicted burglar G. Gordon Liddy regularly denounces Clintonian "sleaze" to his wide radio audience. His younger listeners probably don't know that Liddy once kept silent while an innocent man took the rap for a crime he committed (breaking into psychiatrist Lawrence Fielding's office). Pyramid schemer Pat Robertson runs daily propaganda broadsides at the administration, though non-profit religious broadcasters are forbidden to take a partisan stance.

To describe these years, historians will need a stronger metaphor than the usual one involving pots and kettles.

Pretty Paula

The President's principal "moral lapses" were Whitewater and his alleged sexual harrasment of an Arkansas woman named Paula Jones. These matters are traffic tickets, yet they have garnered more press attention than did the weekly 20-car pile-ups of the Bush and Reagan years. When a bored public finally cried "Enough!" at Paula-gate, television pundits offered such observations as the following (actual quote): "The people just aren't interested in *distractions* like Paula Jones on one hand and Iran-Contra on the other." Apparently, the documented tale of Ronald Reagan giving TOW missiles to the Ayatollah is somehow equivalent to Ms. Jones' unlikely account of then-Governor Clinton offering up his Scud.

Does anyone truly believe that Bill Clinton, in the midst of his 1991 presidential campaign, would suddenly drop his drawers and demand fellatio from a woman he did not know well and whose loyalties he could not gauge? When forced to comment on the tale's unlikelihood, political analysts usually muttered something indecipherable about JFK and the arrogance of power, as if this could somehow render Paula plausible.

Few recall that Gennifer Flowers, the last woman to level such accusations, got some \$100,000 from *Penthouse* magazine for her trouble. (Flowers, recently quoted as saying "I love Republicans," is now crying poor. Maybe Hillary can give her advice on money management.) Few recall that the fellow who delivered Flowers to the press was Arkansas fix-it man Larry Nichols, a close friend to contra leader Adolpho Calero. Few recall that Nichols once lined up a parade of women with similar stories, although the tabloids never printed these tales because the ladies wanted payment in the quarter-million dollar range.

And *nobody* now recalls the forged document — which a source tried to fob off on me during the 1992 campaign — pretending to be Clinton's letter of apology to a lover he once pushed down the stairs of the governor's mansion. Whoever engineered this hoax did a clever, professional job. Why hasn't anyone fingered the fabricator?

I don't know who pasted together that phoney missive, but let's not be in *too* much of a rush to cross Larry Nichols off the list of suspects. Nichols, a longtime Clinton enemy with a truly majestic ability to carry a grudge, has become a heroic figure to the Radio Right, the Fundamentalist fearmongers, and the anti-Semitic gutter press. He continues to level new charges (publi-

cized by the Falwell-approved video *The Clinton Chronicles*), mostly concerning Clinton's putative involvement with drug smuggling. Nichols wanted to tell us these things earlier, you see, but had to hold his tongue — because 'nobody would have believed him.' So what obligates us to believe him now?

Whitewater vs. Silverado

One need not hallucinate a halo atop Bill Clinton's head to be infuriated by the media's handling of the so-called Whitewater scandal. The herd of reporters lapping at Whitewater have implied, without yet offering any evidence, that Clinton funded his gubernatorial campaigns with money from an ill-run Arkansas financial institution called Madison Guaranty. Similarly, when Jay Stephens, a Clinton enemy, was appointed to probe one aspect of the Whitewater affair, otiose private whining from George Stephanopolis became, in the eyes of many journalists, evidence of an attempt to subvert the investigation.

Thus, in the early days of the "scandal," Kathleen Kiely — the Washington correspondent for the *Houston Post* — appeared on the nationwide C-SPAN network, looking the epitome of yuppified loveliness as she insisted that the press was treating Clinton no differently than it had Bush. True, she said, one could draw an analogy between Madison and the monumentally failed Silverado Savings and Loan, which Neil Bush helped run into the mud at taxpayer expense. But, we were told, there was no evidence that pilfered Silverado funds had benefited any of George Bush's campaigns, and no evidence of White House pressure to squelch that story. Silverado was therefore a less important matter than Whitewater.

However, those few who followed the S&L debacle in detail might remember the strange timing of the Silverado failure. Regulators originally planned to shut down the crooked company by the end of October, 1988, just before the Bush election. Then a mysterious telephone caller "from Washington" demanded, and got, a 45-day delay in Silverado's closure. This delay allowed Silverado to rack up another half-billion-or-so dollars in losses, but it helped George Bush sidestep an unpleasant "October Surprise" which might have cost him the presidency. In point of fact, Silverado had been on the ropes throughout much of the Bush campaign, but reporters at that time conveniently chose to ignore young Neil's banditry.

Just as conveniently, most American journalists have now forgotten all about a fellow named Larry Mizel, who ran something called M.D.C. Holdings. M.D.C. received loans worth hundreds of millions of dollars from Neil Bush's firm, including \$208 million worth of "non-conforming mortgage loans" — i.e., loans that were improperly secured. (Compare these figures to those bandied about in the Whitewater affair, which rarely get into the six-digit league.) "Coincidentally," Mizel was also one of the Republican Party's largest contributors. Another huge donor to the GOP was Bill Walters, "coincidentally" a business partner of Neil Bush and the single largest recipient of shady loans from Silverado. Naturally, the American taxpayer had to cover Silverado's losses when its loans went sour. In effect, tax money funded the Republicans — the party of Gingrich, the "party of virtue."

But none of this mattered to Kathy Kiely, Texas' answer to

Brenda Starr, who tossed her dashing red tresses to and fro before the TV cameras while remaining happily ignorant of all I've just mentioned, happily ignorant of Ken Good and Stephan Halper and Fred Malek and all the other GOP fat-cats who helped loot America's Savings and Loan system, gleefully clueless about the persuasive evidence that much of this looted money also funded CIA covert operations.

Why does dear Kathy bug me so much, months after her appearance? Because if she really wanted to discover the truth of such matters, she needed only consult fellow Texan Pete Brewton, author of that invaluable work, *The Mafia, CIA and George Bush*. Brewton once worked for Kathy's employer, the *Houston Post*. Alas, he was "axed" to leave when he dug a little too obsessively into the staggeringly wealthy Walter Mischer, a good friend of, and fund-raiser for, George Bush. Mischer is arguably the most powerful figure in Houston, and has (according to Brewton) ties to the CIA and organized crime.

Oddly enough, you don't see Pete Brewton on C-SPAN, or anywhere else on American television.

Awful Al

Apparently, Clinton's opponents looked back at the Iran/Contra scandal and decided, probably rightly, that all those tales of Reaganite covert thuggery simply left many Americans confused. Shackley, Secord, Singlaub — who could follow their insanely complex trail? The details boggled, and bored. But the odor of high-level malevolence damaged Ronald Reagan's poll numbers, at least temporarily.

So far, Whitewater has been little more than an attempt to recreate that odor artificially — it's a political scratch-sniff card. There is no *there* there; Congress' thudding Whitewater hearings gave us nothing but fumes.

One of the chief fumers was New York's Republican Senator Alfonse D'Amato, one of the most corrupt individuals ever elected to high office, as all readers of Leonard Lurie's new book, *Senator Pothole*, know well. In the great long-playing record of modern American scandals, D'Amato's name pops up with the regularity of a scratch in the vinyl: He played roles in the WedTech scandal, the HUD scandal, the ABSCAM scandal, the Unisys scandal, and of course the S&L scandal. In 1975, D'Amato testified to a Federal Grand Jury that he knew nothing about kickbacks to the Republican party in Nassau County; ten years later he admitted that this statement was a lie.

In spite of this impressive resume, the Senator from New York may be best known for his efforts on behalf of gangsters — for example, back in '85 he asked U.S. Attorney Guiliani not to prosecute mafia chieftain Paul Castellano. Earlier in his illustrious career, D'Amato made a similar effort to reduce the sentence of Mario Gigante, a scion of the Genovese crime family. Interestingly, D'Amato's ploy on Gigante's behalf came directly after an interesting conversation between the mobster's associates and the outlandishly corrupt lawyer Roy Cohn, once the protege of Joe McCarthy. Cohn assured the mobster's pals that \$175,000 could buy Mario an early release from prison. Senator D'Amato was a friend of Cohn's law partner — but that friendship, we are assured, is just a coincidence.

Awful Al now leads the charge on Whitewater, pretending to be the last great champion of decency in politics. If that's so,

then why is D'Amato still blocking the public release of an August 1991 Senate Ethics Committee report outlining his many evils?

D'Amato originally announced that he would be satisfied if Attorney General Janet Reno appointed a special prosecutor on

The senator from New York may be best known for his efforts on behalf of gangsters

Whitewater. This statement proved to be another D'Amato lie. When Reno tapped moderate Republican Robert B. Fiske for the job, the Senator demanded, and got, congressional hearings, which he dominated like the dark god Chernabog presiding over Night on Bald Mountain. At one point, he cut off Senator Kerry's attempt to uncover some Bush-era wrongdoings — specifically, the pressure applied by the Bush administration on the Resolution Trust Corporation for a Whitewater indictment just prior to the 1992 election.

Now, in a ghastly irony, veteran S&L conster Al D'Amato will assume chairmanship of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. And his creature, George Pataki, will succeed Mario Cuomo as New York Governor.

Clinton vs. Reagan

Throughout eight dismal years of Ronald Reagan's presidency, most of our media watchdogs refused to ask a simple question: *How did Ronnie make his millions?* The question is still pertinent, because it puts the Clinton "scandals" into perspective.

Reagan, whose acting career had ended in failure, successfully ran for the California governorship in 1966. Shortly after he won the office, Twentieth Century Fox purchased some Reagan ranch property for \$1.9 million — *nearly three times more than it was worth*. The Governor returned the favor two years later when he gave Fox and the other major studios a massive tax break on their film inventories.

Actually, the deal was a bit more complex: Fox merely acted as a conduit for the \$1.9 million dollars, which originally came from one Dr. Jules Stein, who had excellent reason to shower Ronnie with his gratitude. The good doctor, it seems, owned MCA — a company which had benefited, back in the 1950's, from a classic piece of Reaganesque double-dealing. At that time, MCA was a powerful talent agency vying to go into television production, thus creating a severe conflict of interest: What kind of representation could an actor expect if his agent and his employer were one and the same? Reagan, who then headed the Screen Actor's Guild, winked at the conflict and waived MCA past the usual regulations. Eventually he winked and waived his way into a tidy fortune, and ultimately into the White House.

Compared to a scam on that level, Hillary's cattle trick — even if given the worst possible interpretation — seems about as naughty as pitching pennies in school.

Reagan's friends included crooked Teamster officials, mafia

luminaries such as Johnny Rosselli, and para-Nazi money men like Patrick Frawley and Walter Knott. Speaking to an ABC news executive, Frawley once credited Reagan's 1966 gubernatorial victory to public angst over "Niggers, the Watts riots, dirty students, the Cesar Chavez Reds and fair housing." Oddly, the press never reminded us of that quote back in, say, the 1982-83 period. C'mon, admit it: If a Clinton financial angel had ever muttered similarly vile words within earshot of a newsman, we would now be hearing those words repeated every time we turn on the radio.

Compromised Reporting

American journalists, who had a soft and cuddly attitude toward the presidency ten years ago, act quite differently now. Of course, the press (which loves to pretend to analyze itself) has an explanation for this newfound aggressiveness: "It's the *zeitgeist*." Reporters *just happen* to be in a roughhouse mood right now. And undoubtedly they will *just happen* to be pliant again when a Dole or Quayle or Gramm or Gingrich or Robertson or Spector becomes president. And undoubtedly we will be told then, as we are told now, to blame something in the atmosphere rather than the conscious decisions made by right-wing news lords.

Tellingly, and despite the new *zeitgeist* of vituperation, the loudest media voices still choose their targets carefully. They still refuse to investigate any financial scandals which might sully hideously wealthy and reactionary Washington insiders. Of *either* party.

For example: At the dawn of the Clinton era, Rush Limbaugh — who has become the GOP's Goebbels, even though he looks more like Goering — loudly applauded Clinton's appointment of Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, the appalling Texas Senator who strongly supported the Nicaraguan contras. (He's gone now, and good riddance.) This seal of approval may explain why the Radio Right, in its fury to denounce the Waco debacle, refused to go after Bentsen — even though he was the cabinet officer in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which initiated the raid against David Koresh's cult compound. For that matter, nobody wants to talk about Bentsen's long-standing ties to Walter Mischler, for the Mischler trail leads back to Bush. And mum's the word on those three Texas Savings and Loan institutions Bentsen owned: All three, according to Pete Brewton, have connections to the CIA and the Mafia.

Most journalists have also steered clear of allegations that the CIA ran drugs and weapons through the small airstrip at Mena, Arkansas. Even Limbaugh won't touch this story, for it forces us to confront a bi-partisan scandal. The Mena affair calls into question not just the ethics of then-Governor Clinton, who allegedly protected the operation, but also the ethics of Oliver North, George Bush and the entire contra effort. The details of this insanely-complex affair now fill a 600-page volume (with tiny margins and unreadable type) called *Compromised*, by John Cummings and Terry Reed, published by SPI Books.

I can describe this work's allegations at greater length in the future, if necessary. Briefly:

Terry Reed functioned as an Army intelligence officer during Vietnam, turning to civilian spookery in the late '70s. In 1982, he met Oliver North, who posed as a CIA agent named John Cathey. North coveted Reed's Piper turbo-prop airplane

for use in the "contra war." Reed was asked to give up the plane, report it as stolen, then collect the insurance money. He says he balked at this offer, although the aircraft did indeed turn up missing shortly thereafter; his insurance company coughed up the rather dismal sum of \$6000 as recompense.

This odd episode didn't stop Reed from spending the next few years training contra pilots at a CIA-friendly airstrip just outside the minuscule Arkansan township of Mena, where — in an all-too-familiar scenario — guns went out to the contras and drugs came back to the United States. The chief smuggler was Barry Seal, a swashbuckling criminal turned DEA & CIA asset.

And did Governor Clinton do anything to shut down Seal's drug flights into Mena? To the contrary: *Compromised* asserts that the future President and his cronies profited from the laundering of drug funds through Arkansas financial institutions. (Reed's charges apparently inspired the latest batch of 'shocking new revelations' from Larry Nichols, who, oddly enough, couldn't tell reporters anything about Mena during the presidential campaign.)

In 1986, Reed moved to Guadalajara, Mexico, where his machine tool business functioned as a cover for a similar guns-in-drugs-out operation. This Mexican project had lasted but a few months when Reed's friend William Cooper died in that famous CIA airplane downing over Nicaragua, which only Eugene Hasenfus survived.

At this point Terry Reed got religion. Claiming to be shocked, *shocked* to discover CIA involvement with drugs, he quit the operation in the summer of 1987.

Shortly thereafter, an Arkansas private investigator, who just happened to be a friend of a friend of Bill Clinton, stumbled across that long-lost Piper turbo prop in a hangar back in Arkansas. The FBI went after Reed for insurance fraud. He managed to clear his name in court, despite several unnerving incidents — including the fire-bombing of a car belonging to his lawyer's daughter, and the alleged sequestering of key evidence in the Arkansas governor's mansion.

A number of writers became quietly interested in Reed's tale during the 1991-92 presidential primaries. Most bowed out when Clinton locked up the nomination, and when *Time* ran an article branding Reed a liar. Parts of this article, by *Time* correspondent Richard Behar, strike me as unfair. Besides, the *Mena* story does *not* rest entirely on one ex-spook's credibility. Anyone who telephones Charles Black, a deputy prosecuting attorney in Arkansas who investigated Barry Seal, will definitely come away with the understanding that Clinton refused to prosecute dope-smuggler Seal.

Nonetheless, I have problems with Terry Reed, whose story has grown like Topsy over the years. When we first heard this narrative in the Summer 1991 issue of *Covert Action*, Bill Clinton was a footnote character; now he has become Oliver North's partner and a principal player in a CIA conspiracy. *Compromised* also claims that George Bush's sons had direct involvement with the Medellin cocaine cartel, and that the CIA engineered the Hasenfus crash to push Bush into Reagan's chair prematurely. Interesting notions, and worth following up. But then Reed crosses the boggle threshold when he describes his impromptu meeting with then-Governor Clinton in the parking lot of Little Rock's most popular Mexican restaurant. Clinton was sitting in a van, nonchalantly smoking reefer — and yes, he

inhaled. Right in front of someone he did not know well and whose loyalties he could not gauge.

Or so Reed says. And maybe you'll believe him, if you're the sort who likes to mutter vaguely about JFK and the arrogance of power. But I have trouble buying that particular yarn. A former Christie Institute researcher tells me he accepts much of the original account (e.g., Mena, Seal, and all that), but suspects that Reed has since festooned his basic narrative with rumors and speculation. If this assessment is true, it would place Terry Reed squarely in Riconosciuto territory.

Charles Black, during my conversation with him in late 1991, brought up another important point. A state prosecution of Seal would have cost Arkansan taxpayers some major-league money — probably more than the state has ever spent on any similar trial. We've learned from Whitewater that Clinton's Arkansas simply wasn't flush with funds. (Why else would his gubernatorial campaigns scramble so desperately after the kind of coinage a George Bush would toss out with his pocket litter?) And Ambitious Bill wanted to establish a reputation for frugality. So the temptation to "Let George do it," re: Mena, must have seemed mightily attractive. Don't forget: The federal government mounted its own case against Seal's doings at Mena. And if that case was compromised (as indeed it was), we should heap blame on the Bush White House, not the Arkansas Governor's mansion.

Come to think of it: Why doesn't anyone talk about the drug operations running parallel to Seal's in other states? Exactly similar enterprises have flourished in Arizona, Kentucky, Texas, Pete Wilson's California (specifically in Mariposa County), and elsewhere. We have excellent reason to suspect that these smuggling rings were (are?) involved with, and protected by, certain factions within the American military/intelligence empire. Why do our so-called "liberal" news organs consider drug-related "black ops" worthy of ink only when exposure can humiliate a Democrat?

Terry Reed's case isn't entirely helped by *Compromised*, in which he comes off as a fairly repellent personality, despite John Cummings' attempt to paint a flattering portrait. In the early pages, Reed claims he was appalled and disillusioned when his Vietnam-era duties caused him to target American prisoners for a bombing raid. Such atrocities prompted him to write a poem which includes the lines "If you can't call it a war/Then don't call me." Yet there he was, less than a decade later, infiltrating Japanese firms for the CIA, participating in vile Central American wars-that-couldn't-be-called-wars, and helping Ollie North sneak past congressional obstacles to contra aid.

Even if one sets aside Reed's claims, one can't waste much sympathy on Clinton. In the final analysis, and despite his laudable actions in Haiti and on some other fronts, Clinton is what he is — a moderate, in the worst sense of the word. He's Stuart Smalley, transported from *Saturday Night Live* to the White House, desperately whining for his blood enemies to join him in a big group hug.

Why doesn't he treat his enemies as *enemies*?

More specifically: *Why has he covered up the crimes of George Bush and the Republican Party?* Follow that question to its ultimate end, and you'll likely uncover the darkest truths

about this administration and its failures.

Columnist William Safire reports that Clinton and Bush cut a deal: The new President would ignore the crimes of his predecessor if Bush agreed not to snipe at the new administration. If there's anything to Safire's report (and the matter probably runs *much* deeper), Clinton certainly bargained badly. He could, and should, have decimated his opponents before *they* decimated *him*.

The President should have selected a team of trustworthy Justice Department investigators and set them loose on such issues as INSLAW, the death of Danny Casolaro, Iraqgate, CIA connections to the bombing of Pan-Am 103, and BCCI. Clinton's Justice Department could have investigated Kissinger and Associates, with its ties to the arms trade in both Iraq *and* (here comes the part everyone forgets) the former Yugoslavia. The Justice Department should have refused to accept Christopher Dragoul as the "front man" for the Banco Nacional di Lavoro scandal. Justice could have investigated George Bush's illegal (because unratified by Congress) forgiveness of Egypt's \$7 billion debt. Justice might have unravelled Bush's cover-up of Noriega's drug dealing, as outlined in the suppressed DeFeo Report. The Justice Department might still direct a few worrying questions toward Republican Senator Orrin Hatch, who tried to keep that report quiet.

The Justice Department might have looked into George Bush, Jr., who ought to be sitting in a jail cell instead of the Texas governor's mansion. Back in 1990, Junior thumbed his nose at the Securities and Exchange Commission with an unreported (hence unlawful) insider trade involving some \$846,560 worth of Harken energy stock. The Justice Department could have studied whether Harken's Persian Gulf oil deals unduly influenced the Middle East policies of George Senior. The Justice Department should have examined the younger Bush's ties to the BCCI crime bank.

The Justice Department should have investigated Prescott Bush (the former President's brother), who was employed as a "consultant" by a Japanese firm called West Tsusho, a front for the Yakuza. Justice might also have peeked at Jeb Bush, known associate of Cuban drug smuggler Leonel Martinez, convicted terrorist Orlando Bosch, and Medicare fraud specialist Mike Recarey. (This is the same Jeb Bush who nearly became governor of Florida.) The Justice Department might have considered an ABSCAM-style sting against Al D'Amato, or...

...but why go on? There's a *lot* more; the dreadfully seedy history of Reagan, Bush, and their political heirs is available for anyone to read. If our current President refuses to investigate, or even mention, these wrongdoings, he should be considered an accessory to the crimes of his predecessors. In a way, Limbaugh is right: Democrats *do* coddle crooks.

Forget health care, forget the deficit, forget all else: *The next President must make the exposure and punishment of corruption his primary goal.* If Bill Clinton's soft-n-sweet personality prevents him from engaging in such a battle, we should find someone tougher. And if secrets in his background keep him from the fight, we must find someone cleaner.

Until that battle is won, all others are lost.

— the Walrus

LATE FOR WORK

The Mysterious Massacre at the CIA

by Andy Boehm

"The important thing to know about an assassination or an attempted assassination is not who fired the shot but who paid for the bullet."

—Eric Ambler: *A Coffin For Demetrios*

By unanimous media consent, the February 26, 1993 bombing of Manhattan's World Trade Center was the worst or biggest or most heinous or deadliest or most destructive, etc., terrorist act ever on American soil. Without falling into Chomskyesque disputes over what is/isn't terrorism, the above hyperbole seems valid, at least in quantities of dollars and lives—if the word "peacetime" is added as a qualifier. Otherwise, one would need to factor in the Nazi (or Mafiosi) sabotage of the retrofitted luxury liner/troopship *Normandie*; Sherman's March; the Burning of Atlanta; and the more destructive sallies of Quantrill's Raiders. And if quadrapeds can be terrorists, then the havoc wreaked by the malevolent moo-cow owned by one Mrs. O'Leary of Chicago surely qualifies as the worst act of terrorism ever committed within and against the U.S. of A.

However, one can measure terror not just on the scales of Mammon and the Grim Reaper, but also by its political and social impacts. So return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear, when—one month before the World Trade Center blast—we find what undoubtedly qualifies as THE most morale-destructive, audacious and foolhardy act of terroristic, gutsy bravado ever perpetrated in America against the American power elite. This act is the still-unpunished shooting of CIA employees by a lone gunman standing on a crowded highway (after having stopped his car in the middle of said highway) hard by the Langley, Virginia, entrance to the CIA. The shooting occurred in full view of a U.S. Senator. This was nothing short of a multiple political assassination — and the case is far from closed.

Oddly, after about a week of front-page coverage, this outrageous act faded so fast from public view that most Americans today don't even remember it.

Why did this story so quickly vanish down the Memory Hole? One answer is that the World Trade Center fireworks greatly overshadowed the CIA driveway mas-



sacre. True — except the Langley story vanished *before* the bombing in Manhattan.

Another simple and plausible explanation is that the incident painfully embarrasses the CIA, which considers itself the world's premier intelligence agency. After all, can you imagine a lone gunman cutting down Israeli agents at the front door to the Mossad with the impunity of some boyish Nimrod snatching a Hershey Bar from a blind news dealer on a street corner? Could anybody get away with something of this magnitude at the gates of MI5, MI6, the KGB, or even the headquarters of Lichtenstein's intelligence directorate? Of course not. So it's easy to see why the CIA, painfully victimized at its very front door by one exorbitantly foolhardy gunman who then easily evades an international dragnet, would just as soon let the story die in peace.

Yet the CIA's tender feelings, publicly bruised oft times before, don't sufficiently explain why this remarkable blood-letting is now as nearly forgotten as the Chicago Cubs' last pennant. There appear to be other reasons why the CIA didn't feed the press enough red meat to keep the story alive. The real explanation, I hope to show, for this widespread disregard is that the whole affair is *fishier than Fulton Street*.

Prelude: Stencils on the Street

One day after Christmas 1992, graffiti of a most peculiar nature began appearing in Vienna, Virginia, an arboreal Washington, D.C., suburb next door to the Langley home of the CIA's sprawling 258-acre headquarters. In large, neatly stencilled spray-paint lettering on the pavement of major thoroughfares, these inscriptions appeared:

1. At all locations: "VIENNA, POLICE, CIA, CRIME"
2. At some locations in Vienna and on sidewalks fronting two (some newspapers said three) news services in Washington D.C.: "OFFICER, WICKS, PRICE, KERR, ONE SECTION, CRIMINAL, INTELLIGENCE, NETWORK, COVER-UP, FBI HOOVER, BUILDING-MAIL ROOM, DAMAGE CONTROL, FBI SECURITY MALE 5'10 XXX 210 SUIT 52, SENATE, BRIEFING, 11 DAYS, INFORM JAY STEPHENS"
3. The words "I" and "KERR" were added later to some of the instances of inscription #1.

Wicks and Price were officers of the Vienna Police Department; Daniel Kerr is its chief. Jay Stephens was a Bush-appointed U.S. Attorney for D.C. and a strident critic of Bill Clinton.

In some locales the graffiti letters were four feet high, with the lines (all words between each comma above) spaced at 48-foot intervals. Type styles/sizes varied by location, as did the colors of the industrial-grade paints. In one instance, according to the *Vienna Times*, "each word is repeated twice (sic), once in white and another time in red. The red letters were added several days after the white ones." The words "SENATE, BRIEFING, 11 DAYS" had no clear meaning to the locals; ditto for "210 SUIT 52," which might have been an office (or "suite") number.

The graffiti were amusing curiosities, but nobody placed much importance on them. At least not until ten minutes before

8:00AM on January 25th, 1993, when gunfire erupted on two northbound lanes of Route #123 (a.k.a. Dolley Madison Blvd.), where cars lined up for a left turn into the CIA.

"Just the Facts, Ma'am"

Sure thing, Joe. Just one problem: Every authoritative spokesman and media outlet puts forth *different* facts.

We know this much for sure: As on any early weekday morning, Dolley Madison Boulevard was filled with cars, most driven by civil servants commuting to work in the District or in Virginia's numerous federal buildings. Dolley Madison is an eight-lane highway, four south and four north, divided by a grassy median strip. Cars heading north could either proceed to Washington, D.C., or enter two left-turn lanes leading to the CIA compound. One rarely envisions spooks punching timecards and working in the early morning, but in fact many do. Thus, with ten minutes left before the workday began, several cars waited in the left-turn-only lanes for the green light permitting them to swing into the CIA parking lots. In the outer lanes heading toward Capitol Hill, morning traffic began to thin.

A car suddenly stopped, blocking the inner of the two through-lanes, as if the vehicle had stalled right at the light. (A later, unattributed, assertion placed this car in the outer left-turn lane.) In fact, the car had *not* stalled; it was parked right there in traffic. The driver exited, stood in front of the car, and then walked a few feet until he stood between the two left-turn lanes. He held up a rifle and started firing into the cars lined up waiting to turn left. The *Washington Post* stated (with the imprecision typical of the way journalists covered this incident) that the killer "fired at least ten rounds."

Neither dawdling nor hurrying, the killer walked between the two lanes, firing to the right and left. Southbound drivers as well as those exiting the CIA had distant views of the shootings. At roughly the same time gunfire erupted, one car approached the intersection in the outer northbound lane, which now — according to most accounts — became the only lane through which traffic could continue flowing past the CIA turnoff.

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

The driver, and sole occupant, of this car was New Hampshire GOP Senator *Bob Smith*, a bombastic conservative Neanderthal well known as an unstinting champion of the POWs he is convinced remain incarcerated in Vietnam. Having just dropped off his 13-year-old son at school, Smith was alone, and without the cellular telephone usually found in the car. Why that was he didn't volunteer to the news media.

What he did volunteer (to *Inside Edition*) was the following: As he neared the intersection, "I heard what I thought at the time were pebbles hitting my car. It was kind of a POP POP POP! I looked to my right to see if, uh, if in fact some kid may have been there, throwing stones and I — I didn't see anything. So I looked to my left into the middle of the road ... (and) I saw the gunman who was standing there at the, at the front of two rows of, uh, cars who were stopped to turn into the CIA. He looked

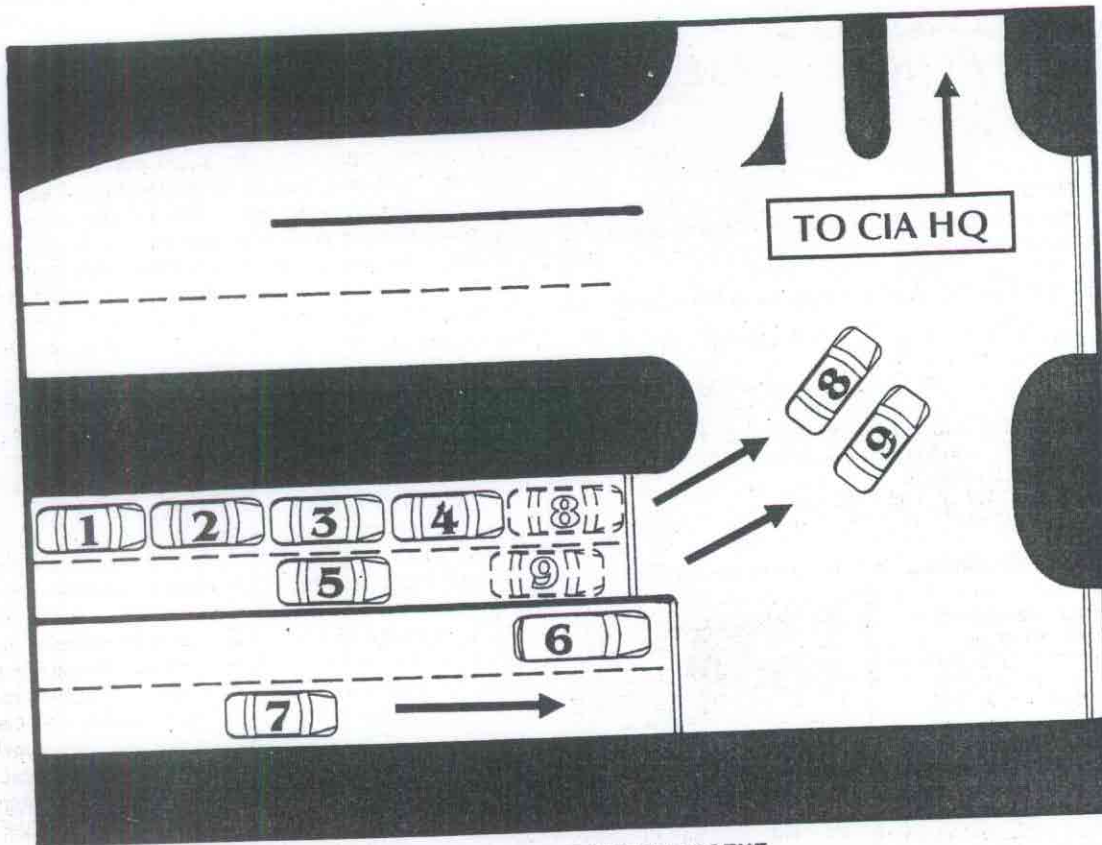


DIAGRAM OF THE MURDER SCENE

- 1 and 2: Unidentified, and uninjured, drivers. Their positions prevented other cars from backing up.
- 3: Volkswagen driven by Frank Darling (killed)
- 4: Cadillac driven by Calvin Morgan (wounded)
- 5: Saab driven by Lansing C. Bennett (killed)
- 6: Car (variously described) driven by the gunman
- 7: Car driven by Senator Bob Smith. Smith proceeded through the intersection and went on to the Capitol.
- 8: Car driven by Stephen E. Williams (wounded), who completed turn into CIA headquarters.
- 9: Car driven by Nicholas Starr (wounded), who completed turn into CIA headquarters.

just momentarily at me; he was, you know, facing me, uh, and I think frankly just decided to shoot still targets instead of moving targets... And he turned and walked between these two lanes of cars and systematically *began* shooting at point-blank range into the windows of the automobiles... He had no expression on his face; he was very methodical, very cool." Smith later said "Coolly and methodically, *with no emotion*, no expression and *no words*, he simply *walked up to the automobiles* and fired at point-blank range into the windows." (Emphasis added)

Smith continued: "First, I heard what turned out to be shots that I thought was pebbles, and I realized they were shots; then I saw him with a gun... He then turned and shot into [unintelligible] deliberately and, uh, you know, very methodically shot into these cars. It happened so quickly I didn't realize what was going on; and when I did, my first reaction was to try to get to a phone... I had to wait till I got to my office because there was literally no place to stop. It was on the parkway." Then, regarding his eye contact with the killer, Smith said "He, he didn't, he did not make eye contact with me; he looked at my car. I could

see his eyes..."

The Victims

Before examining the unfortunates shot in this surprise slaughter, let's remember for whom they worked and on whom we must rely for their identification. They weren't employed at the Bureau of Engraving or the Tea Tasters' Board. They worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, which normally refuses to confirm or deny if any specific person outside its top executives is or is not in its employ.

A rare occasion when the CIA broke this rule came in 1988, when the CIA officially denied that the "George Bush of the CIA" cited in a 1963 letter from J. Edgar Hoover (discovered by *Nation* magazine contributor Joe McBride) was the same George Bush who later occupied the Oval Office. According to the CIA, the Hoover memo referred to *another* fellow named George Bush who worked for the Agency. But this identification later proved false. Which means that anything the CIA says

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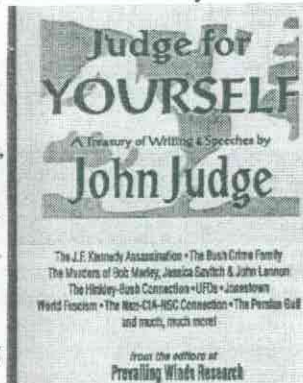
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THE MAE BRUSSELL READER

by Mae Brussell

Mae Brussell served as the well-spring for many researchers examining the Nazi connection to the U.S. intelligence community, and as the years go on, her work becomes increasingly relevant. Starting with her research into the Kennedy assassination, Mae uncovered the cast of characters in an international fascist network which was strangling the American democratic system. Her meticulous research and documentation make it impossible to ignore her political analysis of contemporary America.

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about its other employees may very well also be a lie.

THE DEAD

I. *Frank Darling*, 28, was fatally shot while waiting for the left-turn signal in his blue Volkswagen, second from the front of the innermost lane. Four bullets hit Darling, which suggests that he received extra-special attention from the assassin, since only 8 to 10 bullets in all were fired. Interestingly, Darling's wife Judy was also in the car but came through the ordeal unharmed, at least physically. Some news reports, but not all (such disparities are typical), say she ran out of the car during the shooting. One wonders: Why did the gunman spare her? He surely realized that she could help identify him.

Who, you may ask, was Frank Darling? The *Los Angeles Times* reported variously that:

1. He was a CIA analyst;
2. He was an Agency officer in the operations directorate;
3. "Darling worked in covert operations";
4. He was a communications officer.

Other publications gave other, equally vague, multiple definitions of Frank Darling's occupation. Clearly, he was what some call a *covert op*.

II. *Dr. Lansing Bennett*, 66. Bennett was waiting to turn left in his Blue SAAB 900S in the lane next to the Darlings. (A minor oddity: All reports give the exact model of Bennett's car, but define Darling's only as a blue VW.) Bennett was both "a physician employed by the CIA" and "an intelligence analyst."

Apparently Bennett had what sounds like a "rilly neat gig." He converted photos, intelligence reports and debriefings into medical evaluations of prominent figures. During the Brezhnev era, this sort of interpretation appeared in mainstream news media with considerable frequency, supposedly because old Leonid was getting senile and/or had suffered a near-drowning. According to Jim Hougan's under appreciated book, *Secret Agenda*, intelligence operatives sometimes go to extreme lengths to compile these medical and psychological profiles.

A somewhat far-fetched (but not totally beyond the pale) consideration concerns the possible use of *psychic abilities* in this line of work. It's no secret that many, perhaps all, intelligence agencies everywhere during the 1970s and '80s, got the "psychic" bug and decided to explore ESP, psychokinesis, and other paranormal and parapsychological phenomena. Ignoring these phenomena might give the enemy an advantage, or so the argument went. Some believe that psychic powers can scramble computers, set off or abort missile launches, and/or affect the health of world leaders.

Evaluating the validity of such a scenario is too much for yours truly, but two peculiar points deserve mention:

A. A self-styled psychic from South Dakota has related to this highly dubious author that he (the psychic, not yours truly) once discussed Bennett with the CIA and "knows" that the late doctor was an ESP adept.

B. Someone like Lansing Bennett, well paid to determine the emotional and physical condition of prominent people not eager to visit the CIA for a checkup, would certainly profit from ESP — or might at least *pretend* to have clairvoyant abilities.

Pretty unlikely, you say? Perhaps — but not *totally* impossible, given the zany, always-well-funded researches of the CIA and other spook academies. It's certain that intelligence operatives around the world do not totally dismiss parapsychology.

And if these people accept ESP, where better to place putative psi adepts than in positions assigned to read the psycho-physical health of prominent foreign leaders?

Suffice it to say that if Dr. Bennett *was* a psychic, he surely failed to foretell the problems he'd encounter on his way to his last day of work. Furthermore, his younger wife, Inga Wells-Bennett, in a rather odd TV interview on *America's Most Wanted*, stated that Dr. B. had considered taking the whole day off, then changed his mind and drove to work, and to his death. Not much of a soothsayer, sayeth I.

Worth noting: The *LA Times* of 10/13/93 stated of Darling and Bennett that "The two had never worked together and were in separate divisions" at the CIA. This is a peculiar denial; nobody to my notice ever suggested connections between the two victims, save that they lived near each other (as do plenty of other civil servants) and that their cars adjoined each other when the gunman opened fire. So why the denial?

THE WOUNDED

1. *Nicholas Starr*. Widely defined as "an analyst in the intelligence directorate," Starr was very badly wounded, almost died, and almost lost an arm. In the end, however, he pulled through and kept his arm.

2. *Calvin Morgan*, described as "an engineer." Which means what?

3. *Stephen E. Williams*, employed by AT&T. Clearly, he wasn't there simply to empty nickles and dimes from pay phones in the CIA cafeteria. AT&T refuses to elaborate on Williams' duties. An AT&T spokesman said, "We're not even confirming that he was in the area." Williams himself wouldn't talk to the press.

The Assassin (Stop me if you've heard this one before)

Despite witnesses on the highway and the fact that Senator Smith and Judy Becker-Darling should have been able to describe the gunman, *nobody named in the newsmedia* provided a detailed description of the killer other than that he was a 30-ish Caucasian man with black hair. Neither could anyone provide a solid description of the car. Although later described as brown, it was first APBed, said the *Washington Post*, "as a white van or a black station wagon with four people inside." How a white van could be mistaken for a black wagon and one person confused with four is unfathomable.

Essentially, the authorities hadn't the foggiest notion of who pulled the trigger, and the 1500-plus tips telephoned in by February 5th did nothing to clear the fog. Nevertheless, scarcely a day after the bloodshed, the mass media were already characterizing the killer as — you guessed it! — a *lone nut*, that perennial American folk-villain "responsible" for killing all the politically significant murder victims in American history, at least since President William McKinley went where the woodbine twineth nearly a century ago. Once upon a time, the newsmedia needed only the opinions of a quid-chawing South-

ern sheriff to confirm an *apparent* political assassin as a solo psycho. But given three decades of pesky quibbling from those damned "assassination buffs," the press nowadays requires confirmation from mental-health professionals before rendering the inevitable, cookie-cutter verdict of "lone nut."

So even before poor Lansing Bennett was in his grave (details on Frank Darling's interment, like most details about his life, are absent), the professional nut-buffs came out in full swarm telling us all we needed to know about the Dolley Madison Murderer. For instance, serial killer expert Robert Ressler studied the tea-leaves and gave the following reading: "You can see in this guy something like divorce, job loss, flunking out of school, being dishonorably discharged from the military, turned down by the CIA for a job, or some perceived injustice. This is a tormented person with a lot of problems in his life. He might have been moody or depressed, sitting around feeling as though everybody is out to get him." James Alan Fox, another serial killer savant, told the *Washington Post* that "the killer probably has a long history of frustration." Adding one assumption to another, Fox maintained that "the more *random* the event, the more delusional the killer." (Emphasis added.)

Other academic heavies weighed in with typical nut-buff boilerplate, like Stanford University's Dr. Donald Lunde's assertion that "the two most common agencies that become part of a paranoid delusional system in the United States are the FBI and CIA." Perhaps this is so, and for logical reasons. But all the "learned" speculation above is the sort of delusional confabulation that would earn a *D-Minus* in any of the above academics' classes. After all, none of these nut-buffs had the slightest idea as to *who* shot the five, or why he did so. Yet none of them considered for an instant the possibility that the motive just might have been (gasp!) *political*.

Analyzing Eyewitness Testimony

Senator Smith: It is disrespectful of a public office to insult a United States Senator, even a reactionary nincompoop like Bob Smith. But it is also disrespectful of the public itself to foist on it a tale so tall that only the somnambulistic undead of the mainstream newsmedia would buy it. Clearly, either the shock of the event scrambled Smith's brains, or he just plain lied.

Senator Bob could not keep straight which came first — the "pebbles" that turned out to be gunshots or the brief face-to-face encounter with the gunman *preceding* the shots. Smith said he heard the "pebbles," then looked rightward for the source of the sound, then looked leftward and saw the killer, who "looked just momentarily at me." Then the killer "walked up to the automobiles," and "systematically began shooting."

First question: Either the gunman "began shooting" before Smith looked right, or he didn't fire till afterward. But if the latter were the case, how does one explain the earlier sound of "pebbles?"

Second question: Why did Senator Smith look to his right (i.e., to the passenger side) for the source of the "pebble" sound? All the gunfire occurred to his left (i.e., the driver's side).

Of course, the sound of "pebbles hitting my car" could have

been the sound of windshield fragments falling on Smith's car, not the much louder report of gunshots. But if Smith drove so close to the shooting that glass shards hit his vehicle, surely he should have heard an initial burst of rifle fire.

Pebbles or no pebbles, Smith was unequivocal that he "could see his eyes" when the gunman "looked just momentarily at me... (but) did not make eye contact with me." In fact, Smith's observations segued to the telepathic as he stated that the gunman had "no emotion" and uttered "no words." So he had a sufficiently good look to permit description of the killer's inner emotional state and absence of lip movements. Yet Smith, like all the witnesses identified by name, could (or would) not give a definitive description of the outer, physical characteristics of the man. How curious.

The most perplexing aspect of Smith's self-sworn, "trust me" testimony, which lacked an official interrogation (one was actually recommended by a local cop), is that he claimed he fulfilled his citizen's duty to report a capital crime by calling it in from his Senatorial office 43 minutes after he'd witnessed the incident. Having driven the route numerous times, Smith must have known that well before entering Washington, he could have used any of several exits, including a huge cloverleaf not far from the CIA. After departing the freeway, he undoubtedly could have found a pay phone to contact the Fairfax fuzz.

Perhaps he didn't stop sooner because *he was being pursued by the gunman*. A glance at the diagram of the shooting site reveals that the two left-turn lanes were blocked by dead men's cars, while the gunman's station wagon blocked the next lane. If so, Senator Smith, and *only* Senator Smith, could have driven through the intersection during the shootings. After the shootings, other District-bound drivers wisely held back. The barely inescapable conclusion: For quite some distance (between the shooting site and at least the next offramp) only two cars could have travelled down Highway 123, heading toward the District of Columbia: Smith's and the killer's.

Wouldn't Smith have looked in his mirror at the car behind him? Couldn't he have noted where the car turned off? Didn't he understand that he was being followed by a killer, whose appearance and automobile he ought to have remembered?

And why did Smith concoct the flagrant canard that the nearest telephone was in his Capitol office, many miles away? With the Grim Reaper tailgating him, nobody would've begrudged his refusing to stop and call. But he'd then have had to answer why he could not identify the *only* vehicle proceeding behind him, a vehicle he'd already seen at the crime scene. In other words, if Smith had a reasonable explanation for not reporting the crime, he *lacked* a reasonable explanation for not identifying the getaway car.

Smith gambled that the news media wouldn't notice inconsistencies and contradictions in his unsworn account. For a powerful man dealing with the American press this is never much of a gamble. Yet why take it at all????

Other identified witnesses: Various folk quoted in the news-media chimed in with vague descriptions. They saw the "probably Caucasian" killer leave his car, shoot at the waiting left-turners, then drive off.

Unidentified witnesses: Some person(s) briefly convinced the local police of alternatives to what is now gospel truth in the newsmedia: They saw four, not one, fugitives in a white, not brown, getaway car.

Crime scene photos: Many newspapers published crime-scene photos, and on-site TV coverage was abundant. Simple photo analysis reveals several peculiarities in the crime scene. Published testimony and early-in-the-day videos and photos show the two dead men still sitting up in their drivers' seats. Later on (at least 2:00 PM), we see police photographing a dead body sprawled out on the highway, with gurneys standing by. The bodies could not have fallen on the pavement, so obviously they were placed there. *Why?* Plopping one or both on the pavement for photographic and other purposes could further muddle the forensic evidence obtainable from the corpses. Why was each dead man left to pose grotesquely behind the wheel for such a long time? And why was one or both dropped to the pavement before being taken — presumably — to the coroner?

And what about the *LA Times'* assertion that "after the shooting, drivers of two of the first vehicles in line were able to drive down to the CIA main gate several hundred yards away, where they notified guards of the attack." Does anybody *really* believe that the CIA doesn't monitor its own driveway, and that guards have to be notified of a multiple shooting there?

The Killer Discovered

On January 28, a Pakistani living in Reston, Virginia (near Langley) called in a missing person report on his roommate, another Pakistani named Mir Aimal Kansi. Less than two weeks later, this vanished roommate became the man now "hunted" worldwide as the one and only indicted killer at the CIA driveway.

Before proceeding with details, keep this in mind: The media portraits of alleged killer Kansi are just as vaporous, contradictory and puzzling as the coverage of every other aspect of this incident.

At first, reporters didn't name the roommate who called in the missing person report. Later, the killer's roommate was identified as Zahed Ahmad Mir, 39. Mir had plans to fly to Pakistan around February 13th, but he suddenly changed his ticket to the 9th, the day after the police searched his apartment. Thus, he found himself in the Fairfax County jail under what the *Los Angeles Times* called "a rarely used Virginia law that allows police to detain material witnesses if it is not possible to ensure their appearance in court." Mir didn't object, since for reasons not stated (*what else is new?*) he didn't want to return to the apartment.

At this point, the nomenclature gets tricky. "Mir" is both the alleged killer's *first* name, and his roommate's alleged *last* name. The police kept Kansi's roommate in jail under a pseudonym — which hardly mattered, since he told police that the name "Zahed Ahmad Mir" was itself fictitious. The police won't reveal his *real* real name, perhaps because they don't know it. Later, Mir (who is not Mir) was rewarded with six months in the slammer for lying to immigration officials — and now, the tipster who broke open a murder case awaits trial on *other* immigration offenses. And, just to make matters terminally confusing, Kansi himself habitually used alternative names, such as "Hansi" and "Kasi." *Got that so far...?*

If you do, let's return to the killings and their immediate aftermath.

Zahed Ahmad Mir (or whatever else you choose to call him)

telephoned the cops on January 28. They searched the bachelor pad February 8, eleven days later. Mir (not Mir) claims that on January 31 (nine days before the apartment search), Kansi called him from nobody-knows-where to tell him that "he [Kansi] had to leave in a hurry ... that someone would be coming to the apartment to get his possessions, and that he would not be back." Truer words were never spoken: Kansi, age 28, has not been back, and "someone," namely what newsfolk are pleased to call "authorities," took his possessions.

These included about 600 rounds of ammo, a bulletproof vest, a couple of handguns, an imitation AK-47 established as the death weapon at the CIA driveway, and clothing imbedded with glass shards. This impressive cache was "hidden" under a couch, putatively (albeit unbelievably) unbeknownst to the Zahed Ahmad Mir.

Also unknown is what might have gone in and out of the apartment shared by Kansi and Mir (not Mir), particularly during the 11 days between that first report of Kansi's disappearance and the search under the couch. After the discovery of the weapon, Mir Aimal Kansi was christened officially as the killer, and his photo appeared worldwide — a rare triumph for police artists, because the indicted gunman looked amazingly like the reward-poster drawing authorities assembled with the help of (what else?) an unidentified witness. Kansi's photo, see cover art, is such a good likeness of the Poster Boy that a cynic might imagine the witness personally knew the suspect rather than merely (or Mirly) getting a quick glance at him.

Confusing? You bet your Bippy! Yet even more confusion arrived February 12, when police found a "brown compact station wagon matching [sic] the description of the killer's car, parked in Herndon, Virginia," (where Kansi was employed). In fact, there wasn't one description of the killer's car, but several. Recall the original APB for a white van or black station wagon, not to mention the reported three other passengers. The *L.A. Times* claimed that "the car's owner had been notified and interviewed by police... (who) refused to say whether the owner knew Kansi or was otherwise involved in the case."

According to the *New York Times*, "A man using the same last name as the suspect, Mir Aimal Kansi, had flown from Washington to Pakistan on January 26." (Interestingly, Kansi purchased his plane ticket eight hours after the shootings.) Then he visited his family in Quetta, a city of 300,000 located only 35 miles from the border Pakistan shares with Afghanistan. We are told he partied hearty there for a week. Then, said the Times, he left for parts unknown after receiving a tip from an unidentified (of course!) friend in America that a USA-Pakistani manhunt would soon be on his trail.

Here's the catch: The tip came just before the apartment search back in Virginia — that is, before he was formally identified as the sole suspect. How convenient, and how curious.

At this writing, investigators believe that Kansi resides in Afghanistan. CNN reports that Kansi is protected by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the fanatic terrorist and heroin merchant extraordinaire. Hekmatyar, leader of a mujaheddin faction during the Afghan-Soviet war of the 1980s, was armed to the teeth by — you guessed it — the CIA! Small world, ain't it?

Thanks to Great Britain's *Sunday Times*, we now know a little more about Kansi, the accused killer. He has a Master's Degree in English Literature from Baluchistan University. His family is wealthy and belongs to the Pathan (also called Pushtun

or Pashtoon) cultural group, in particular to a tribe called — so help me God! — KANSI. (The name game never stops in this case.) The *Sunday Times* also dropped a couple of bombshells never seen in any American newspaper:

1. Law enforcement authorities "complained that the CIA has done the bare minimum to cooperate with the investigation, fueling suspicions that the agency may know more about the case than it has admitted so far." One experienced cop on the case was quoted saying "Kansi appears to be CIA-trained because he planned this so well and so methodically." (Emphasis added.) The *Washington Post* once noted that Pakistani "security officials suggested that Kansi might have links to the CIA." Yea, verily: It is indeed a small world.

2. "There is uncertainty on how he (Kansi) entered the United States." Supposedly he applied for political asylum in 1992 after being in the USA for a year, claiming that he had entered the country through New York's Kennedy Airport without being interviewed by immigration officials. In theory that is impossible; either Kansi came in some other way or he had high-level help to avoid official screening. He also won a work permit without being interviewed" by immigration officials. That's another impossibility.

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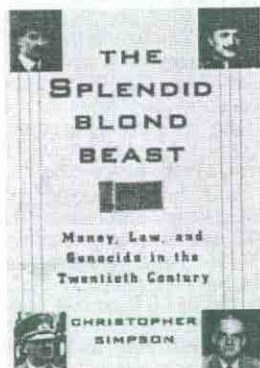
The most appalling crime in human affairs is certainly genocide. But perhaps even more shocking is the fact that those who organize and even those who commit mass murder are rarely punished for what they have done. Most, in fact, profit from their crimes. *The Splendid Blond Beast* is the latest investigation into this seamiest side of the twentieth century.

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In addition to presenting this revelatory expose of government malfeasance, Simpson traces the roots of mass murder as an instrument of state power, from the Armenian genocide of World War I through Hitler's Holocaust. He shows how the existing structures of international law and commerce have at critical points actually encouraged mass murder and the escape of war criminals. Corporate looting and profiteering at the expense of innocents are often built into genocide, Simpson contends, and influence which killers are most likely to escape justice and who is predisposed to help them. (clothbound)

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Kansi's Employer

The man called Mir Aimal Kansi may not have been here legally, and he may be a killer, but at least he wasn't on welfare. In fact, he had a genuine and productive gig with a highly unusual employer: a courier service that held an exclusive contract to deliver packages from the CIA. (Allegedly, Kansi didn't ply that particular delivery route and didn't have clearance to pick up packages inside Agency headquarters.) The delivery service is called Excel Courier. Excel is owned by Chris Marchetti, son of a celebrated local resident, namely Victor Marchetti, who gained quite a bit of fame back in the '70s as a renegade CIA agent, probably the first to go public.

Marchetti the elder mightily pissed off the Company by airing huge loads of its dirtiest laundry in a book he co-wrote with John Marks in 1974, *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence*. Or so we were told. Truly it boggleth the mind that the CIA would hire as courier the son of its great public critic and whistleblower. I doubt, for example, that the Pentagon would ever assign nuclear-weapons deployment to the Meeropol Brothers, who were once named—like their parents, Ethel & Julius—Rosenberg. Well, what the hell....If Chris Marchetti came in with the low bid and proffered good, knowledgeable references (perhaps from Phil Agee or John Stockwell?), then why *shouldn't* he get the gig? After all, This is America, Bunky, not some revenge-ridden oligarchy where children suffer for their parents' sins.

Or maybe, just maybe, there's more to the Victor Marchetti story than we have been told heretofore.

False Starts and Unanswered Questions

The tale of Kansi fleeing to Pakistan and then to the uncharted wilds of Afghanistan may be a total crock. It has never been confirmed that the Kansi who allegedly fired the rifle outside CIA headquarters was the same man who used that name on the flight to Pakistan. Nor is he by any means the only Pakistani with that name.

What we can be pretty sure of is that two popular tales about him are false. One comes to us from Fairfax County prosecutor, Robert Horan, Jr. According to Horan, Mir (not Mir) alleged that Kansi was so incensed over the plight of Moslems in Bosnia that he planned "to make a big statement" with violence against the CIA or the White House. But in fact Kansi has never made a verbal statement, never explained what grievance prompted his crime, even after he got away scot-free. What good is a violent protest if you leave people guessing about your motivations? And as an educated man, he probably knew that the CIA played no part in the Serbians' loathsome ethnic cleansing of Bosnia (unless there's an aspect of the Bosnian situation we don't yet know about).

The second popular fable, which often arises when Moslems are suspected of a violent crime, portrays Kansi as a wannabe martyr intent on ascending in a blaze of glory to that Big Mosque In The Sky. But Kansi bought his *bullet proof vest* one week before the shootout and probably wore it then. Hardly the action

of a would-be martyr. Ditto for his escape and disappearance.

This whole Kansi business raises far more questions than it answers and reeks of deception, artless fibbing and intentional omission of significant information. Who, pray tell, was that "unidentified witness" (shades of "Confidential Witness" who found Vince Foster's corpse)? Why was this nameless sentinel better able than Senator Bob Smith to give the police artist an accurate description of the supposedly unknown gunman? Who was the unidentified owner of the getaway car? What happened to the contents of Mir's apartment during the 14 days between the CIA shooting and the police discovery of Kansi's arsenal? What has happened to Kansi's roommate, Mir (not Mir)?

As to the last question, an exclusive interview with Mir's one-time attorney, Peter Greenspun, both provided answers and raised further mysteries. According to Greenspun, Mir's reward "for being a good citizen by reporting Kansi to police" was unconstitutional detention for six months and then severe prosecution for "garden variety" immigration offenses. Found guilty and having served time on one such offense, Mir now awaits trial for another one. All this, said Greenspun, was to prevent Mir from returning to Pakistan. So long as he remains in America, he'll be available as a material witness if and when the manhunt captures his highly elusive ex-roommate. Yet these harsh tactics to keep Mir around are unnecessary, for, according to Greenspun, his client "found out it would be unhealthy to go back to Pakistan." When I asked what "unhealthy" means, and where Mir is now, and what Mir's real name is, Greenspun declined to respond.

Who was Kansi's helpful American friend and how in hell did he know that the manhunt was about to reach Quetta? Who *exactly* are these people so often called "the authorities" in press accounts, and why did it take them so long to search the apartment in Reston, Virginia? Why did they tell us so little compared to what other "authorities" revealed about the World Trade Center bombings and other terroristic acts allegedly planned by the devotees of Sheik Abdul Rahman? Is there a cover-up going on? If so, what secrets are being hidden?

For the rest of this article and its sequel, the CIA-driveway killer will be called "Kansi." I don't necessarily believe Mir Aimal Kansi is the killer. But since everyone calls him Kansi, I'll go along with that convention — if only for journalistic and reader convenience.

Theories of Causation

While assassinations of the 1960s still provide the most provocative puzzles, the CIA driveway shootings may pose the most unanswered questions per criminal man-hour. After all, the whole affair took about 75 seconds from Kansi's arrival at the intersection until he vanished, unpursued, down the parkway and presumably into suburban Virginia. But despite a nearly overpowering cloak of mystery, there are several plausible theories, none mutually exclusive, that *might* explain what happened and why.

1. Internecine CIA Warfare

Perhaps Kansi was a hit-man for a CIA faction that sought to punish another faction.

Writers investigating the espionage world often hear talk of intra-Agency schisms. An alleged cleft in the CIA pits the "A Team" against the "B Team," both being groups of experts assigned to evaluate the Soviet military threat. During the Nixon-Ford years, the CIA had but one team of experts tasked to gauge the Soviet military threat. They saw it as not much threat at all — thus infuriating and frightening the military-industrial complex, which saw its economic *raison d'être* shrinking just as its Vietnam trough ran dry. Joining this chorus of indignation in 1976 were President Ford's almost-successful nomination opponent, Ronald Reagan, and his commiephobic hordes. In this setting, DCI George Bush appointed another team of analysts, the "B Team," to make a second appraisal. Wouldn't you know it: They arrived at the much-desired conclusion that the Soviet threat was *quite* a threat indeed. Thus the "A Team" became the moderates; "B" the hardliners.

Another alleged schism within the intelligence community is the "Bush Team" vs. the honest CIA patriots. In this scenario, the latter faction fulfills its duties in a constitutional manner, defending essential American interests against genuine threats, while the Bushies bend intelligence findings to promote certain parochial, if not anti-social, economic and political agendas. The 1980 monkey business revolving around US hostages in Tehran, generally called "The October Surprise," is considered the Bush Team's greatest success, because it led to the defeat of a sitting president, Jimmy Carter.

A variation of this scenario is the "Casey Team vs. the McKee Team." The latter was a group of veteran CIA agents, commanded by one Charles McKee, who were trying to locate and rescue American hostages in Lebanon via traditional methods of spycraft. The Casey Team, manned by freelance "contract agents," hired by DCI Bill Casey, was also attempting to rescue said hostages. But the Casey Team decided to cut shady deals with the kidnappers — deals including US assistance to a heroin smuggling operation run by Arab terrorists. According to an investigative agency called Interfor, in 1988 McKee & Co., then based in the Middle East, and couldn't get Casey to stop it. They flew home to blow the whistle on the Casey Team, which decided to blow up the plane first. The flight was none other than Pan Am 103, which exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 280 people — including McKee and his CIA team. Interfor — which admittedly sought exoneration for its client, Pan Am — is staffed mainly by alumni of Israel's Mossad, generally recognized as one of the world's most effective intelligence agencies. (Not that other political theories for the 103 disaster lack validity: Bernt Carlsson, the UN's chief administrator of Namibia, was aboard the flight, as were several Wall Street bigwigs — AND Michael Bernstein, the Justice Department's top man in charge of rooting out Nazi war criminals.)

The "Casey Team vs. McKee Team" scenario closely resembles another quite believable conflict: a schism pitting the "legitimate" CIA administered by Jimmy Carter's DCI, Stansfield Turner, against the 800+ spooks Turner dismissed on Halloween, 1977 to save money and cull out the bad apples. Sadly, as Peter Dale Scott has noted, these cashiered spooks did not open bookstores or French restaurants. Instead, they continued doing in the private sector what they'd done for years as government employees — and Bill Casey was glad to hire such freelancers for all sorts of projects distasteful to CIA careerists.

2. Destabilizing Clinton

This was quite a popular theory after the World Trade Center bombing, which destroyed empty Secret Service presidential limousines. This was combined with the driveway slayings and other events into a catch-all collection of misdeeds allegedly committed by intelligence vets (led by the Bush Team) to destabilize the Clinton Administration and show "Slick Willie" who's really boss, or at least frighten him into accepting control from the Forces of Darkness.

Well...*maybe*. But it would seem that the Kansi affair worked far better to destabilize the CIA than Clinton, who'd become President just five days earlier. In any case, he has never needed much help in destabilizing his own administration.

3. Targeting Specific Victims:

Nobody outside the Agency seems to know much about Frank Darling. Did Kansi focus his murderous intent exclusively on Darling or Lansing Bennett? The accused assassin lived in Reston, the same Virginia town his two slain victims called home. Kansi could have studied their commuting habits for months without arousing suspicion. He expended four bullets on Darling, while every other victim only merited one or two shots. Yet Darling's wife, a potentially valuable witness — and therefore a likely target — was spared, seemingly by intention. True, her husband pushed her under the dash, but a shot through the side window could have easily hit her. Who was Frank Darling, and who is his wife? What was Darling's area of expertise? Did his duties ever concern Afghanistan, or Pakistan? If we knew more, we might unravel this whole affair.

Some answers appeared in a sad *Washington Post* story (9/3/94) titled "For Survivor, The Pain Doesn't Stop," about Judy Becker-Darling's continuing grief and anger. Mrs. Darling was herself a CIA employee, bearing a typically cryptic job title, "logistics officer." She had married Frank Darling, five years her junior, just three months before his assassination. Now on leave with post-traumatic stress, Judy Becker-Darling feels quite bitter toward the Agency — which was so tasteful as to send to her "two CIA employees (who) showed up with a cardboard pie chart that showed the stages of grieving." Strange, isn't it: An agency well-known for hiring hordes of shrinks (to conduct mind control experiments and provide psychological profiles) offers such insensitive solace to a traumatized widow, who was nearly slain herself.

According to Mrs. Becker-Darling, the Agency's attitude toward the driveway murders is: "They want it to go away. They don't want me to speak out." She can't understand why her husband's partially decapitated body was, like Lansing Bennett's corpse, left sitting for hours at the wheel of his bullet-ridden automobile. Angry and miserable, Judy told the *Post* that "If Frank had ever known what I would go through, he never would have saved me." Somewhere "near Philadelphia," CIA covert op Frank Darling is interred in a double grave under a heart-shaped tombstone bearing his name, his life's brief term (1964-1993), Judy's years (1959-____) and an inscription: "I will always love you. My hero." So far, my attempts to communicate with Judy Becker-Darling have proven unsuccessful.

Strangely enough, another, older man also named Frank Darling is cited by Noam Chomsky and Edward S. Herman, in

their 1979 book, *The Washington Connection & Third World Fascism*, as a "CIA analyst." His field of expertise was Thailand. Were the two men related? Does it matter?

4. Creating a Diversion

Another possible motive for the Langley shooting was to create a diversion within the CIA compound or at some other entrance to it. No doubt the whole place erupted in mass freak-out, and if enemies had previously infiltrated the headquarters (as courier, repairman, etc) they might have gotten the opportunity then to install a bug or play some sort of nasty game with a computer. This explanation, transmuted to industrial espionage, has been put forth for the World Trade Center bombing.

One thing is for sure: If this did happen, we'll never know about it. The embarrassment would be too great for the CIA to fess up, and the Agency might not even comprehend what really went down.

5. Afghani-Pakistani blowback

This is the most significant line of investigation.

The term *blowback*, popularized though not coined by Christopher Simpson in his excellent 1988 book of the same name, essentially means the domestic repercussions (often unintended) of covert operations abroad — as when, for example, an American newspaper picks up a false story planted by the CIA in an Italian newspaper. Simpson used "blowback" to refer to the outcome of American intelligence operations designed to recruit Third Reich veterans after the war, for these Nazi-spooks-turned-U.S.-spooks had a dismal influence on U.S. posture toward the USSR. The blowbacks from our crusade against Cuba include a huge Cuban exile army (within which one U.S. president's assassination may have been planned) and a nasty intermingling of government agents with representatives of the *Cosa Nostra*. The blowback from Vietnam features a huge, fervently anti-communist population of Southeast Asians in Orange County, California (including a growing body of predatory gangs), not to mention the U.S. resettlement of the Hmong, an anti-communist Laotian tribe whose matrimonial customs make David Koresh look prudish.

The worst recent case of blowback stems from bipartisan opportunism and Red Menace paranoia inspired by the USSR's foolish 1979 incursion into Afghanistan.

Ever since 1917, each of America's two main political parties has strained to prove its anti-communist mettle. From 1968-72, Gene McCarthy and George McGovern briefly convinced about half the electorate that mindless anti-communism leads to mindless blood baths. But by 1976 the Democratic party had fallen back into the hands of "pragmatists." So when the Soviets invaded Afghanistan in 1979 to prop up a client regime (much as the United States has done elsewhere repeatedly), President Carter directed the CIA to lavish huge arsenals, vast wealth, exalted status and limitless safe-conduct permits on all Afghani and northern Pakistani anti-communist zealots. The ensuing "secret war" accelerated under Reagan, Bush and the indefatigable William Casey, greatly enriching the many Pakistanis who profited from trading arms — and drugs, *a la* the Nicaraguan contras — with Afghani "freedom fighters." Also enjoying lavish CIA underwriting was a sort of Lincoln Brigade

of multinational Islamic commie-killers, some of whom moved later to Jersey City to join Sheik Omar Abdul Rahman.

After the Soviets lost Afghanistan — and their status as a major nation, then their status as a nation period — it became clear that an abiding hatred of Western secular values was the ONLY glue holding together the recipients of American military largesse near the Afghan-Pakistani border. Today, the battles between the various anti-communist groups in and near

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Afghanistan have become exceptionally bloody, making some westernized Afghans — especially women — nostalgic for the safe, orderly, sensible days of Soviet domination.

To finance their internecine carnage, the "freedom fighters" sell huge amounts of cheap heroin (as did their ideological forefathers in Laos). They also sell classified American military technology, and their own guerilla services, to any and all high bidders — even to such international loose cannons as North Korea, Yemen, Iraq, Iran, Libya, and various fundamentalist Islamic revolutionary groups. The situation has become so bad that United States agents are now outbidding all others to *buy back* American missiles from Afghani Islamic fundamentalists. In essence, your taxes paid for these missiles *twice*.

CNN reports that veterans of the war with the Soviets, especially those commanded by mujaheddin leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, now run a sort of *Jihad* University, which matriculates terrorists, spooks, explosives experts and hit men — an army of mercenaries and shock troops intent on overthrowing "Westernized" governments in the Islamic world.

Uncle Sam lavished these warriors with valuable hardware, created a lucrative business delivering arms, and assisted in distributing their opiates. Nevertheless, many anti-communist fighters on the Afghanistan/Pakistan border now feel mightily ticked off at America. Peace is bad for their business, and some entrepreneurs were cold-shouldered or hot-leaded by the CIA and its employees. Others living on the border were killed by the notorious Pakistani dictator, General Mohammed Zia ul-Haq, viewed in some quarters as a CIA puppet.

One of these unfortunates may have been a Pakistani politico named Malik Gul Hasan KANSI, whom *The Sunday Times* calls "a tribal relative of" Mir Aimal Kansi. Like Kansi the killer, Kansi the killed lived in Quetta, Pakistan, once the major point of lucrative CIA gun-drug commerce with Afghani guerillas. *Somebody* blew M.G.H. Kansi away in 1984, and among Pakistanis the most popular candidate is the CIA. Out of this bubbling pot of violent resentments, heated by escalation and then termination of an American-financed war against the USSR, all sorts of people and political tendencies could have arisen, leading directly to the murder of two (and attempted murder of three) employees of the CIA. And the World Trade Center bombing. And political assassinations in Egypt and Algeria. And, some suspect, the recent bombing in Buenos Aires.

Deeper scrutiny of the Afghani-Paki Blowback factor reveals a whole lot more, including one explanation of why the CIA has "let" the press stay silent on the shootings. As we look at Kansi's possible motivations, we see the first light thrown on an obscure CIA dirty tricks campaign of immeasurable historic import — a covert operation designed to destroy the entire "Evil Empire" of the USSR. This anti-Soviet operation may ultimately lead to equally evil pan-Slavic fascism all over Eastern Europe. Beyond that possibility is the very real prospect of frighteningly well-armed Islamic revolts against all three superpowers. (Even China has indigenous Muslim separatists).

Afghani-Paki blowback appears to be the most significant cause of the CIA driveway carnage. Without precluding other causative factors, this line of inquiry opens a window on hidden, ill-conceived CIA actions in that region that may have sent the entire world hurtling in a direction few would have desired or anticipated. Surprisingly, a beautiful blonde from a TV show called *The Price Is Right* helped bring to light much of the secret, but historic (and violent) drama from which Kansi probably arose. We'll examine that drama — and the blonde's misadventures with the CIA — in the next issue of *Prevailing Winds*.

Mind Control?

Earlier, I applied words like *gutsy* and *audacious* to Kansi. In truth, he went way beyond that.

Not only did he shoot five people on a busy highway in full view of horrified commuters, but he did so with every reason to expect a very nasty reaction once he'd lost the element of surprise. Kansi needed 40-50 seconds to nail his five victims, none of whom were bean-counting civil-service lifers. They worked for the justly feared U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, reportedly the trainer of ruthless killers. By the time Kansi got to the last couple drivers, who'd had half-a-minute to prepare a defense, he might well expected quick-killing gonadotropic blowfish toxin to come squirting out of a hood ornament. That didn't happen, but something akin to it *could* have.

So: Our boy Mir Aimal was far more than foolhardy or fanatical. He was unflappable, devoid of emotion, even *robotic* — hardly indicative of a "disgruntled" employee or mad loner, as the expert nut-buffs characterized him without evidence.

These "lone nut" assassins often fit the "Manchurian Candidate" profile. Of course, the mainstream media never discuss such possibilities. Although we now live in an era when "responsible" journalists give value-neutral exposure to angels, past-life regression, and alien space-nappings, the possibility of mind control and brainwashing remains ignored — even though top executives of intelligence agencies worldwide have admitted instituting programs to create hypno-programmed killers.

I know what many of you are thinking: *Mind control?? Another mad raving from the conspiracy buffs...*

Well, don't tell former CIA Directors William Colby and Stansfield Turner. In the mid 1970s, they publicly admitted the existence of *MK-Ultra* and other CIA "experimental" mind-control programs. This is authentic; it happened; this ain't retrieved memory or urban legend; IT'S A GODDAMN FACT! Moreover, programmed assassins were undoubtedly not only experimental goals; they were put into operation. If you think otherwise, take a gander at this zombie jamboree: Sirhan B.

Sirhan, Jack Ruby, John Hinkley, Sara Jane Moore, Dennis Sweeney (Congressman Al Lowenstein's killer), Arthur Bremer and Squeaky Fromme. Examine *closely* the histories of these individuals, and you'll have a hard time denying the possibility of a real-life "Manchurian Candidate."

Mir Aimal Kansi surely fits the picture of the classic mind controllee. As those few historians aware of such matters note, military mind-control goes *way* back, perhaps to Napoleonic times. Hypno-controlled zombies have generally filled two roles: assassin and (*ta daaaah...!*) courier. It might be said that Kansi "Excelled" in both roles.

We'll never know for sure if Kansi is a Manchurian Candidate — but let us briefly indulge in the sort of speculative navel gazing that "mental health professionals," serial-killer savants, and other lone nut-buffs regularly do for the press. If Kansi had been "brainwashed," he could *sincerely believe* he had a valid, personal motive to use American spooks for target practice. Maybe he had been convinced hypnotically that someone had slandered his sister in the lunchroom at Langley, or even that the DCI made a tasteless joke about Moslems. He could believe in his own free will while actually having none.

An essential element for employing hypno-programmed assassins is a cue (verbal and/or visual) that converts a passive *schlub* into a fearless killing machine. You can't have such a zomboid cued up to something ubiquitous like Eveready Bunny commercials or the sound of squealing brakes; s/he then might assassinate all sorts of innocent bystanders and, worst of all, waste the taxpayer dollars spent on creating a programmed killer. So: what if, just *what if*, Kansi's trigger mechanism were a signal from someone recognizable who never appears in public by accident? Say, an important public official — perhaps a U.S. Senator with porcine, flapping jowls that can't be mistaken for those of anyone else? Or perhaps the cue was given by some other individual who exited the CIA to catch a bus a couple of minutes before death time, who could then "fortuitously" give a definitive description of the assassin to a police artist.

Part of the foreword to *Crime and Cover-Up*.

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CRIME AND COVER-UP

The CIA, the Mafia, and the Dallas-Watergate Connection

by Peter Dale Scott

with a foreword by Sylvia Meagher

Admittedly, this is all wacko speculation — but no more irresponsible than the fanciful conclusions offered by Robert Ressler, author of the self-aggrandizing book *Whoever Fights Monsters*. (Ressler, you will remember, characterized the Langley killer, sight unseen, as a "tormented person with a lot of problems.") Ressler's book, in which he crowns himself king of the serial killer "profilers," examines the case of John Joubert, ex-resident of Offutt Airbase and convicted ceremonial slash-killer of little boys in Nebraska. Yet Ressler ignores profuse evidence that Joubert matriculated in the notorious "MONARCH" mind-control program, which is the most likely explanation of why bizarre killings are to Omaha as Country music is to Nashville. The much-rumored MONARCH project at least deserved Ressler's consideration. (Perhaps he himself was "brainwashed" to avoid the topic, although in his case a light rinse would have probably been sufficient.)

American Graffiti

What does it take to supplant Sunday-supplement psychoanalyzing of "lone-nuts" with a more realistic diagnosis of Kansi — a diagnosis that also considers *those who paid for Kansi's bullets?*

Well, the answer's not blowing in the wind. But perhaps it was written on the streets of suburban Virginia — as part of what was described earlier as the most peculiar and coincidental graffiti written in many a year. The local fuzz did, indeed, find a man who seems guilty of this "vandalism," although the media never revealed how the police happened to arrest him. (The *Washington Post* said he was arrested for "a traffic violation," thus begging more questions than I have the energy to address.) He is Michael T. Murray, 29, of Vienna, Virginia, and he readily admitted to Tom Comi of the *Vienna Times* (a more diligent paper than the *Post*) that he was responsible for the large graffiti concerning the CIA which appeared in numerous intersections throughout suburban Virginia. According to Murray, who was arrested with a high-tech Glock 9mm pistol worthy of a professional assassin, his artistic labors had been necessitated by "criminal material directed at me" and a "criminal infrastructure I have been trying to expose." He wouldn't elaborate, but he did predict that "when this goes to court, I'm going to prove I'm right and expose this entire operation."

In a letter to this author, reporter Comi opined that Murray wasn't playing with a full deck. According to Fairfax County police Chief Dan Kerr, Murray "thinks everybody is an agent (of the CIA)... he even thinks his parents are." Notwithstanding the undeniable fact that *some* people's parents truly are CIA agents, the general thinking around suburban Virginia is that Murray's a prime candidate for the rubber room. He surely believes the CIA is persecuting him. Could that belief have been instilled by a forgotten friend who had a soothing voice, a penetrating gaze and a shiny gold watch on a long chain...?

There's a perfectly good reason why sinister forces might have decided to suck poor Murray's brain out and replace it with a floridly paranoid belief system. Perhaps those who paid for the bullets originally intended to pin the blame for the assassinations on a prefab chump, a sort of MANCHURIAN PATSY. Who could have fulfilled that role more perfectly than Michael Murray, with his artistic ravings against the CIA, his

affection for high-tech concealed weapons, and his stated intent to "expose this whole operation?"

Enter the BATF

Before we take temporary leave of this vale of confusion, we need to examine one more tale, which is — of course — buffoonish, bizarre and byzantine to the max. It, too, relates to *artiste manqué* Michael T. Murray.

Just one day after the driveway shootings, a gunsmith named David Fischer, who saw a composite drawing, claimed he could identify the killer. Fischer could do so because he had recently sold a small arsenal to Kansi at David Condon, Inc., a gun shop in Chantilly, Virginia. Fischer told the *Washington Post* that he made the correct identification on January 26th (the day after the shooting) to an agent of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), who refused to take him seriously.

You remember the BATF, don't you? The agency that makes the NRA look warm & fuzzy? Those comical Keystone Killer Cops who barbecued 86 Branch Davidians in Waco? My only encounter with the BATF came when I worked for a micro-brewery that asked the Agency to approve its slogan "German Beer Brewed In Wisconsin." *No way*, said the BATF, which threatened to close the brewery because the slogan could "fraudulently deceive consumers into thinking the beer was made in Germany." That was when I decided BATF personnel had simply washed up at low tide in the gene pool where the feds go fishing for recruits. Nowadays, many Americans feel that the Bureau has become a repository for oafs with itchy trigger fingers who cannot be trusted to do much more than kill, blunder, and righteously lie about anything that makes them look less than heroic.

Which brings us back to David Fischer, the gun dealer who identified Kansi — and may even have done so hours *before* the accused killer flew off to Pakistan. Fischer had shown the BATF agent (never identified by the Bureau) federal and state gun purchase documents which Kansi had signed with his correct name. Yet Fischer says that the underwhelmed agent "blew me off." Why? Because, said the *Post*, Fischer claimed the agent wanted to find "records that would show that Michael Murray, a Vienna man accused of painting anti-CIA graffiti on streets there, had purchased a gun." Fischer's boss witnessed this encounter and related it to Stephen Bittle, a part-time employee at the gun shop who is also Sheriff of Falls Church, Virginia. Bittle considered the incident so important that he had info on it passed to Mike Little, a Fairfax County police investigator.

Eleven days later, when Kansi became the official killer, Fischer and associates brought this story of apparent BATF neglect to the attention of the news media. The Bureau insisted that Fischer got it wrong, even though Fischer's boss backed up his employee's version of events. Then, in May, 1994, the General Accounting Office (GAO) reported to Congress that its investigation "tended to support the statements of the gunsmith and the store manager." Nevertheless, the unnamed agent vehemently denied that any such incident had occurred. A spokesman for the BATF stood by the agent's denial.

And well he might. For if the BATF confirmed that it was searching for someone who resembled Michael Murray, it would have to explain how the Bureau knew who Murray was

and what he looked like *six days before Murray was identified as the graffiti painter*. In other words, Fischer claimed that the Bureau, on January 26, searched for evidence relating to a man who was not a suspect until February 2. (Keep in mind that throughout this period many believed the killer and the graffiti artist might be one and the same.)

Does it surprise you to learn that neither the newsmedia nor the GAO nor the BATF nor any Virginia police noticed this oddity? It sure doesn't surprise me. And it probably didn't surprise Murray, whose arrest gives rise to one further anomaly. According to one local news report, when Murray got busted for his "traffic offense" and was coincidentally discovered to be the graffiti artist, there was already an arrest warrant out for him. But Murray claims that the unexplained warrant misidentified him by one inch in height, 26 pounds of weight, and the color of both his eyes and hair.

At this point, you are probably as exhausted as I from trying to decipher all these conflicting "reports" and obvious lies. Let's remember two things: 1. The CIA is well known for its ability to coerce news media, prosecutors, local police and federal fuzz to dissemble, avoid topics and ignore evidence in the interests of "protecting national security." 2. As noted earlier, the British *Sunday Times* of February 14, 1993, stated that law enforcement "complained that the CIA has done the bare minimum to cooperate with the investigation, fueling suspicions that the agency may know more about the case than it has admitted so far." Amen.

Until Next Time...

As previously mentioned, next issue will wrap up 20 or 30 loose ends on this bizarre affair, while focusing on the ominous ramifications of CIA efforts to "defeat communism." Our second chapter, "Was The Price Right?: The Cost of Destroying the USSR," will discuss how Bob Barker's beautiful blonde bombshell pondered Pakistani problems for 18 years, and what she found out. This line of investigation leads straight back to the Elusive Butterfly Of Death, Mir Aimal Kansi, and his possible protector, the CIA-financed Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

Until then, we'd like to hear *your* thoughts. Drop us a line and try your hand at the following:

1. Who is Frank Darling? Was he simply a victim of ill fortune, or was he specifically targeted?
2. Of the "big three" weekly news magazines in the USA, why did only *Time* write about the shootout *at all* immediately following the tragedy?
3. How do terrorists sashay in and out of our country as if its "tightly policed" borders were made of chiffon and Swiss cheese?
4. Did a U.S. Senator accidentally happen upon the driveway murders at the wrong time, or was there more to his confusing (and seemingly fabricated) story?
5. Why bother having freedom of the press when the press won't exercise it? □

END PART ONE

NON-LETHAL WEAPONS

by Dick Russell

Editor's note: "Non-Lethal Weaponry" has become the new buzz-term for a wide array of advanced defense systems using hitherto-unimagined technologies — including electronic means of affecting the human mind and nervous system. Dick Russell, author of *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, was the only journalist to cover the important 1993 conference on these weapons of the future, which will one day be used in our cities. Much of this new technology remains classified. If any of these "non-lethal" options sound attractive to you, keep one thing in mind: Any technology which makes insurrection impossible also makes tyranny inevitable.

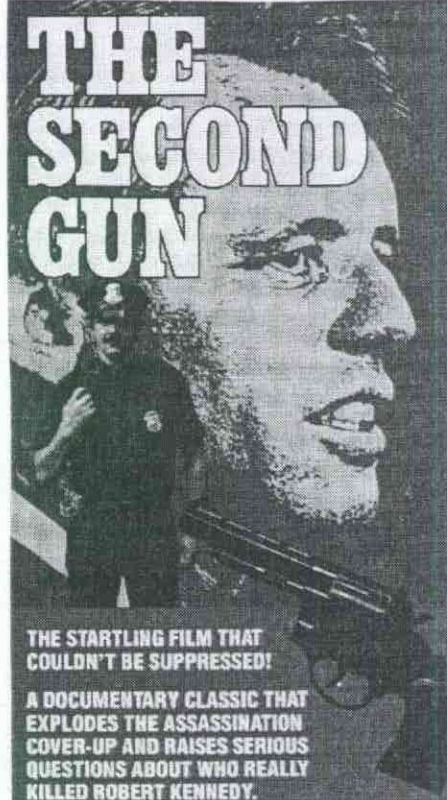
The year is 1997. A group of terrorists is holding hostages inside an American Embassy in Central America, and the President is receiving a Pentagon briefing on various options.

What about hauling out the isotropic radiator? Fired from a conventional weapon, an explosive burst superheats a surrounding gaseous plasma and inspires a laserbright flash. For the terrorists, it's as if they just came out of a dark room and stared directly up at the sun. But the retinal damage is only temporary.

Or how about using infrasound? From banks of speakers driven by highpowered amplifiers, very low frequency sound waves are generated that can easily penetrate most buildings and vehicles. Not only will the terrorists quickly become disoriented, before long they'll also be vomiting and defecating.

Another option is always VSI — Visual Stimulus and Illusion. A holographic image is projected into the clouds right outside the embassy window. When the terrorists look out, one of their long-lost martyrs simply tells them to let everybody go.

These projected scenarios are not far-fetched in certain Pentagon and Justice Department circles. Isotropic radiators, infrasound, and VSI are all part of a new concept of warfare (or riot/crime control) known as nonlethal defense, or "disabling technologies." The program titles — High Power Microwaves, Liquid Metal Embrittlement, Non-Nuclear Electromagnetic Pulse — are best envisioned in the hands of Luke Skywalker, Batman, or maybe Captain Crunch. But proponents believe that these will soon mean incapacitating people and damaging equipment with less bloodshed, less property destruction, and less environmental havoc. Research and development is moving rapidly forward at Los Alamos, Sandia, Edgewood, Picatinny, and other military laboratories.



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After the disaster at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Attorney General Janet Reno wrote to then-Defense Secretary Les Aspin on June 3, 1993, about exploring "dual use applications by both the military and law enforcement" of such projects as acoustic beam technologies. Then, following the ill-fated Ranger raid in Somalia last October, Aspin stated publicly for the first time that nonlethal weapons could play a vital role in future peacekeeping operations, citing crowd control and monitoring of demilitarized zones.

In mid-November, the initial public coming-together of the Defense and Justice Departments on this matter occurred at a largely-classified two-day conference inside the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL). Featured mealtime speakers were Lieutenant General Richard Trefry, now-re-

tired Military Advisor to President Bush, Dr. Edward Teller of H-Bomb fame, and until she cancelled at the last minute and had her prepared speech read by an aide, Attorney General Reno. Behind publicly-closed doors, General "Shy" Meyer (retired Army Chief of Staff) and top brass from all three services listened to such technical talks as "RF Weapons: A Very Attractive Non-Lethal Option." RF stands for radio frequency.

The conference was organized and MC'd by Dr. John B. Alexander, a 56-year-old retired Colonel who went from commanding Special Forces in Vietnam to studying near-death experiences under Elizabeth Kubler-Ross (gaining a Ph.D. in thanatology). Back in 1980, in an article titled "The New Mental Battlefield: 'Beam Me Up Spock,'" published in the *Military Review*, Alexander described how "literally thousands of people have reported the experience of being discretely and consciously located outside of their physical bodies and yet able to view themselves from that perspective with a total awareness of activities in that area. This phenomenon is frequently associated with life-threatening circumstances such as accidents, illness or extreme danger." Such out-of-body travel, Alexander suggested, might be a means "to penetrate secured areas to retrieve desired data."

Since considered the military's resident expert on the Paranormal, Alexander moved on in 1988 to take charge of non-lethal defense research at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. In a speech before the Council on Foreign Relations on October 27, 1993, Alexander noted: "Nothing about this concept should detract from maintaining a highly mobile and extremely lethal force." Or, as Steven Aftergood, senior research analyst at the Federation of American Scientists, says: "I doubt this portends a fundamental change in the structure of our military system or future war-fighting."

Still, there seemed to be considerable enthusiasm for non-lethality among the almost all-male crowd that came to the November conference, sporting name-tags identifying them as CIA, DIA, DOE, National Security Council, Secret Service, Martin Marietta, Lockheed, Grumman, and many more. As one conference speaker, Joseph Burger of the Pentagon's office of Peacekeeping & Peace Enforcement, put it: "Many view non-lethal weapons as futuristic or quite unrealistic. But in the new realities of foreign policy, the U.S. is dealing in uncharted waters. And the ability to destabilize an enemy by other than conventional means has the ability to revolutionize conflict settlement."

I am standing in front of a conference exhibit table for the Army's Edgewood Research Development and Engineering Center. On the back wall are displays of the Edgewood experience with "Anti-material and Anti-personnel Technologies" since the 1920s, the latter being sensory irritants, smoke

technologies, incapacitants, and novel riot control. Edgewood was also the site of drug testing on some 7000 unwitting soldiers during the 1950s.

An Army videotape is rolling, titled "Human Aspects of Using Inflatable Devices for Rapid Confinement Area Displacement." It depicts a feasibility study conducted inside a specially-constructed plexiglass room that's been filled to ceiling height with beach balls. Men are seen stumbling around in sphere-shock, totally without any sense of direction. Theoretically, the beach balls would be self-inflating and might be emplaced inside, say, a prison ceiling ready to be dropped at the touch of a guard's hand to quell rioters.

Another tape segment proceeds, depicting the testing on ferrets of new calumative agents with antidotes. "We put you down, we can bring you out," Edgewood's Larry Bickford explains to me. Nerve-wracking is a more apt way to describe the various wares on the Edgewood display table. The "Soft Rag" is a flying rubber donut, "much safer than a bullet," designed to knock you down when fired from an M16. Next to it is the new, improved "Sting Rag" model which contains CS tear gas.

I ask about the wall picture labeled "aqueous foams." "Sort of like a washing machine gone crazy," says Bickford, the sprayed-in suds effect bringing about lack of traction and disorientation due to obscured vision. There are also sticky foams and slippery gels, producing wondrous wound-up-in-spaghetti and banana-peel type effects. According to David Boyd, scientific director at the National Institutes of Justice (NIJ), the only trouble with this sticky foam is "trying to figure out how to clean it up." Without a molecular reversal of some sort, this particular super-adhesive is currently too tenacious to disentangle its victim. These latter ideas, incidentally, originated with the Defense Nuclear Agency as a means of securing nuclear sites from potential terrorists.

At New Mexico's Los Alamos and Sandia labs, Liquid Metal Embrittlement is being designed to change and severely weaken the molecular structure of metals or alloys. Because it is mercury-based, the idea is to protect the operator by having him apply it with a felt tip marker. Supercaustics, nicknamed C+, are being formulated to cause tires and shoe soles to deteriorate, or damage asphalt roads and roof tops. Anti-Traction Technology includes lubricants ready to render railroads, ramps, runways and stairs ineffective for limited periods.

On the biological side, how about microbes that eat high explosives? Or, better yet, microbes engineered to feast upon the insulation of an enemy's computers or electrical wiring. As John Alexander has said, "There is almost nothing that some microbe won't eat, so the potential applications are extensive."

But are we really moving from "smart" weapons to "nice" ones? Take the High Power Microwaves being investigated at Los Alamos, for example. The purpose of HPM's is to disrupt electronic systems — but should a human being get in between

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the beam and its source, notes weapons expert Janet Morris, "you may not be dead, but you might need a kidney transplant."

Laser rifles with power packs are being readied to disable optical and infrared systems, but they are also being considered to flash-blind people. The temporary damage may be as slight as a centervision blind spot, similar to what happens when you see a flashbulb go off, or it could be significant. "Any system that intentionally blinds would be considered maiming," says John Alexander, "and I'm confident we would not do that as a primary function of the weapon."

A decade ago, the Congressional Clearinghouse of the Future chaired by then-Senator Albert Gore, Jr. drafted a report titled *Future Agenda*, which considered the eventual need for controls on offensive microwave weapons, described as "force fields" which have great destructive power." A section of the November 1982 report added that "the distant future may bring totally new weapons of broad scale destruction," including "new electronic devices such as high-energy directed beams, and mind-control mechanisms. Whether or not these weapons could or should be developed and the means of defense against them in the event of enemy deployment may be subject to debate in the coming years."

For example, it has long been known that certain sound frequencies have definite effects on the human body, depending upon their level of intensity. Infrasound is a powerful, ultra-low-frequency acoustic wave that can re-create the effects of seasickness; the French are credited with its original development for riot-control applications. According to military consultant Janet Morris, "There is also some research in the classified realm about what frequencies affect what organs."

At a higher frequency level, a targetable device can potentially hit someone with the force of a baseball right between the eyes — or even crumble masonry. Sound could be utilized like a controllable earthquake, to shake people out of buildings or tunnels. The Russians are said to be testing a sound-based system which intensifies the effect of an automobile backfire a thousandfold.

Last July, an article in the monthly periodical *Defense Electronics* described a series of secret meetings held last March in suburban Northern Virginia between U.S. intelligence officials and a group of Russian scientists. They were talking, the article maintained, "about the Russians' decade-long research on a computerized acoustic device allegedly capable of implanting thoughts in a person's mind without that person being aware of the source of the thought." The FBI was apparently considering using the Russian device — dubbed "acoustic psycho-correction" — on David Koresh, sending in the voice of God (or, alternatively, of the cult leader's mother) in an effort to get the Branch Davidians to emerge. But the Russian scientists allegedly refused "to promise zero risk."

When the NIJ's David Boyd was asked recently whether any non-lethal weapons were considered for use in Waco, he responded: "I have to answer that very carefully. The fairest

answer is, none were suitable." Another source says that the FBI had discussions about piping thorazine into Koresh's domain, mixed with dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) to absorb the tranquilizer rapidly through the skin of the Branch Davidians.

Considering the ensuing conflagration in WACO that killed more than 80 people, would mind/behavior control have been justified in retrospect? Chris and Janet Morris would say yes. The Morris couple, coauthors of about 30 nonfiction and fiction books (the sci-fi works are generally under pseudonyms), are also Senior Fellows and Research Directors for the U.S. Global Strategy Council, a Washington think tank under the auspices of ex-CIA Deputy Director for Intelligence Ray Cline. Describing the Russians' "acoustic psycho-correction" device, Janet

concedes that "it's potentially scary stuff. What we'd like to have are some open hearings leading to an international set of conventions constraining inappropriate use of this and other non-lethal methods." At the same time, the Morrises are seeking a National Security Council-level decision advocating non-lethal weapons for international and domestic control of violence.

There is no doubt that the Justice Department is looking for a piece of the action. As the NIJ's Boyd, himself a 20-year Army veteran, emphasized to the conventioners at Johns Hopkins, "Police today still have the same choices Wyatt Earp had 100 years ago: talk a prisoner into cooperating, beat him into submission, or shoot him." According to Boyd, recently a working group was formed to take a deeper look

at non-lethal technologies among the NIJ, FBI, Centers for Disease Control, National Institutes of Health, National Academy of Sciences and National Governor's Association, with an advisory panel including ex-FBI/CIA Director William Webster and Admiral Paul Yost.

None of the labs will say how much they're spending on non-lethal weapons development. John Alexander argues that disclosing program details would invite other nations to develop counter measures.

Ironically, one advocate for an end to secrecy is Edward Teller, now 85, who came to the November conference sporting black boots, a blue suit, and a wooden cane almost as tall as he is. The ex-director of Lawrence Livermore Lab's vision of non-lethality foresees small nuclear bombs with the explosive power of 100 tons of TNT, which could be strategically placed across say, North Korea, to wipe out its infrastructure. Civilians would receive advance warning so they could evacuate the area. "A plan of this kind could work without a single casualty," Teller remarked.

Meantime, the conference seems to have sparked momentum. In March, the Army plans to appoint a senior advisory group to guide non-lethal weapons development and draft a master plan detailing future doctrine, training, and materiel issues. Whether the future might determine if somebody's microbe can outwit somebody else's microwave — and maybe offer us mutations of Strangelove or Pavlov — we may find out sooner than you can say Holy Sticky Foam. □

"... the Congressional Clearinghouse of the future chaired by then Senator Albert Gore, Jr. drafted a report titled *Future Agenda*, which considered the eventual need for controls on offensive microwave weapons, described as "force fields" which have a great destructive power."



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STATE POWER AND THE JFK ASSASSINATION

by Michael Parenti, Ph.D.

(The following is adapted from a lecture Parenti gave in Berkeley, California on November 26, 1993.)

For some time I have been impressed—and depressed—by the extent to which history is a chronicle of immense atrocities. Whenever surplus wealth accumulates in any society, whenever people emerge from a subsistence economy, some portion of the population will do everything it can to enslave and expropriate the labor of the rest of the people. This is true whether it is a slave society, as in ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome; or a feudal society, where people were reduced to serfs; or a capitalist society, where people are driven to the edge of insecurity and sometimes starvation, made to work faster and harder for less and less, as throughout the capitalist Third World.

One of the things used in these repressive arrangements is that necessary instrument of control called the state. As Max Weber (who wasn't a Marxist) put it, the state is that organization which has a monopoly on the legitimate uses of force and violence.

In modern times, some peoples have fought back and developed some restraining power against the state, some features of self-protection, or what we call "democratic rights." But even in the much vaunted "western democracies" there exists a great deal of arbitrary state power, whose primary function is to maintain the existing politico-economic structure. Be it democratic France or democratic England or democratic Germany or democratic USA or democratic Canada, all these countries have instruments and agencies that act repressively and largely unaccountably, that use surveillance, disruption, judicial harassment, trumped-up charges and arrests, covert action, subversion, tax harassment, violence, and even assassination—every dirty trick in the book.

In the middle of these democracies, you have the state within the state, known as the *national security state*, a mostly secret unit of misgovernment that is capable of the most unspeakable crimes, crimes that are perpetrated against people all around the world and against dissidents at home.

Not long ago, I got a letter from a woman who has been a community organizer in Chicago. And she said, with grief in her heart, that she remembered the hope and spirit of the 1960s, the tremendous democratic organization and leadership that was

developing in the Latino and African-American communities. She noted that every single one of the community leaders of that day is either dead, shot by the police, or in Marion Prison on trumped-up charges. She went on to describe the demoralization that took place, the shattering of those organizations, after which came the drug traffickers, who were aided and abetted by the federal agents themselves.

What she was describing (though she didn't call it that) was a state engaged in domestic counterinsurgency, a state more interested in keeping a population unorganized and demoralized than in having it organized and effectively fighting for its democratic rights. Because if that population is effective and powerful, it will start making demands and start pursuing its interests. And it will start cutting in on the privileged interests of property and power that those police and undercover people and those military forces are dedicated to protecting.

For hundreds of years, theorists have made just that point, except they made it *proudly rather than critically*. Adam Smith and John Locke both said that "as the divisions of property become increasingly unequal, it is necessary to have a state to defend those who have property from those who do not." In so many words so did James Madison and Alexander Hamilton. The only difference is that when Marx said it, he added that the purpose of the state was to defend those who accumulate wealth from those whose labor produces the wealth. For Marx, it was not just a matter of the haves versus the have-nots; it was the haves taking from the have-nots who produced the wealth.

In the last half-century and even before, throughout the world, dominant economic interests have enlisted the efforts of assassins and torturers. As we talk at this moment, the CIA and other such agencies in this country, and in other countries, have sponsored violence, torture, death squads, and drugs. They've done this from Angola to Zaire to Mozambique to El Salvador to Guatemala to Indonesia to East Timor, and in scores of other countries. They have used repressive ploys in Western Europe and the United States, in Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, and New York.

In many countries the national security repressors have systematically targeted peasant leaders, intellectuals, journalists, student leaders, clergy, labor union leaders, workers, and community activists. Tens of thousands have been murdered and assassinated to prevent social change, to destroy any kind of redistributive politics—any kind of government, any kind of social movement that is not willing to reduce its people to economic fodder for the Fortune 500. And with NAFTA and GATT, the third-worldization of the USA will continue full speed ahead.

The gangster nature of the state is cloaked by a democratic facade and by the democratic substance of government. Some democratic victories have been won by the people after much protracted struggle: universal suffrage, civil rights, civil liberties, the right to collective bargaining, the eight hour day, some civil liberties, public education, some human services. In each instance, these rights are violated or rolled back or put under

siege. Still their reality should not be denied. And most ominously, in the midst of this struggle, the state still exercises an often covert, unaccountable, and largely elitist and undemocratic repressive power.

Consider an issue like drugs. The problem is not that the government has failed to do enough about the illicit traffic and that it is losing "the war against drugs." What is really unsettling is that the government, or certainly elements within the national security state, are active perpetrators and purveyors of narcotics.

Likewise, what is so compelling about the assassination of President John Kennedy is how nakedly the gangster nature of the state is revealed. It is an awakening. To know the truth about the JFK assassination is to call into question the entire state system and the entire social order it professes to protect.

This is why for thirty years the mainstream press has suppressed or dismissed out-of-hand the findings about JFK's death, ignoring or ridiculing the findings of independent investigators like Peter Dale Scott, Harold Weisberg, Carl Oglesby, Mark Lane, Anthony Summers, Philip Melanson, Jim Garrison, Cyril

Wecht, Jim Marrs, Gaeton Fonzi, Sylvia Meagher, Michael Canfield, James DiEugenio, and literally hundreds of others.

These independent investigators are called "assassination buffs." The term "buff" is a marginalizing and diminishing characterization. A buff is someone who pursues odd hobbies and quirky little interests. For the same reason that we would not refer to "Holocaust buffs" so should we not use "assassination buffs." These are serious investigators who are unearthing terrible truths about a dreadful crime perpetrated by the gangster state.

It is no accident that mainstream media pundits, opinion leaders and political leaders in this country relentlessly attack or ignore the literature that piece by piece has established an immense conspiracy to assassinate the President and an even more extensive conspiracy to cover-up the crime. It is no accident that they give fulsome, gushing, ready publicity to the likes of Gerald Posner and his mendacious apologetic.

In his book *Case Closed*, Posner did a grotesque whitewash. The book is not a sloppy job, not a confused work — rather, it is a deliberate contrivance that fabricates evidence, uses outright untruths, to conclude that Lee Harvey Oswald was a disgruntled leftist who killed Kennedy. Posner's book, eloquently described to me by Peter Dale Scott as a "pile of crap," received saturation publicity in every major publication and TV channel. Posner's credibility depends on the public's being totally ignorant of what the independent investigators have been uncovering for the last thirty years. He could get away with his misrepresentations because he is secure in the knowledge that those he criticizes will never be afforded the mainstream platform he repeatedly enjoyed.

For the same reason the mainstream critics lavished praise and maximum exposure on Posner so did they savage Oliver Stone's movie *JFK*, a movie that reached millions of viewers

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with a very accurate account of the specifics of the assassination.

I wrote a book called *Make-Believe Media*, a critique of the politics of entertainment, specifically films and television, so I think I know something about films. As far as I know, *JFK* is the only movie in film history that was attacked, six months before it was released, in the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, in *Time*, *Newsweek*, and every other major and minor corporate-owned publication in the USA. And it continued to be attacked relentlessly for a year after it was released.

During the week of the thirtieth anniversary of the Kennedy assassination, the media revved up once more to saturate the airwaves with programs proclaiming that Oswald was the lone assassin. Like the Warren Commission did, the media assumed *a priori* that Oswald was the killer. The only question asked was: "Did Oswald act alone?" — which was dismissed with a resounding YES. Meanwhile, all the serious investigators ask different questions. Oswald did not act at all. He was not one of the people who shot Kennedy, although he was involved in another way, as a fall guy, in his own words "just a patsy."

The propagandists of the right and the center know why they've got to trash this issue and contain it. Listen, for example, to what Tom Wicker of the *New York Times* had to say. Now, Tom Wicker has never written a movie review in his life. But when *JFK* came out, this Washington columnist for the *New York Times*, suddenly emerged as a movie reviewer. And instead of getting the usual movie review length of 800 words, he got over 2,000 words. His review covered a whole page, with photos and all. In that review, he tells us: "If the wild assertions in Oliver Stone's movie are taken at face value, Americans will have to accept the idea that most of the nation's major institutions conspired together and carried out Kennedy's murder." Wicker goes on: "In an era when mistrust of government and loss of confidence in institutions"—the press not the least—"are widespread and virulent, such a suggestion seems a dubious public service."

So, truth has nothing to do with it. Wicker is saying more than he intends. His function is to keep the system and its institutions stabilized. The question is institutional legitimacy.

Wicker understands the heart of the matter. A full revelation about the murder would invite serious discredit upon the legitimacy of the dominant institutions of state and class, the press being not the least of those institutions. The press is a faithful servant of that system which *New York Times* writers like Wicker are paid to defend faithfully. Playing before mass audiences, the movie *JFK* did not finger a cabal of malevolent perpetrators, but in fact pointed the finger at the national security state itself as the murderer. If such were the case, then millions of people would question what kind of a system they were living in. Damage control becomes necessary.

The media have been tireless in their efforts to suppress the truth about the gangster state. In 1978, the House Select Committee reported after an investigation that there was more than one assassin involved in the Kennedy shooting and therefore there was a conspiracy. In immediate response, the *Washington Post* editorialized: "Could it have been some other malcontent who Mr. Oswald met casually? Could not as much as three or four societal outcasts with no ties to any one organization have developed in some spontaneous way a common determination to express their alienation in the killing of President Kennedy? It is possible that two persons acting independently attempted

to shoot the President at the very same time."

It is "possible," as is any such imagining, but it is also highly unlikely. Instead of a conspiracy theory the *Washington Post* offers us "coincidence theory." Those who deny conspiracies sometimes create the most convoluted fantasies of all.

David Garrow, who wrote a biography of Martin Luther King, patronizingly says, "A large majority of the American people do believe in assassination conspiracies. That allows events to have large mysterious causes instead of small idiosyncratic ones." I would say the *Washington Post* proposed the most mysterious cause of all. In any case, the question of whether a conspiracy exists in any particular situation has to be decided by an investigation of evidence, not by *a priori*, unscientific, and patronizing presumptions about the public mind.

Investigators who conclude there were conspiracies in the Kennedy and King murders did not fashion large mysterious causes, grand imaginings, but came to their conclusions through painstaking probes of material actualities, particular details, discrepancies, inexplicable contradictions, obvious lies and coverups. The investigators have not been impelled by some "yearnings." They were impelled by questions of evidence, by things that just did not seem to make sense, by very immediate empirical circumstances which became more and more compelling.

Everyone talks about finding the "smoking gun" behind this or that mystery. But there is no such thing. Nor will one be found in the still-classified archives. A "smoking gun" is an impossible standard of proof. In any case, historians work by a process of accretion, putting together piece by piece until a picture emerges. In the Kennedy murder there is no one smoking gun but a whole artillery of them, impossibilities regarding the flight of bullets, the nature of the wounds, the disappearance and deliberate destruction of evidence, the sudden and mysterious deaths of numerous witnesses.

The independent investigators have demolished the Warren Commission. The first effort was Harold Weisberg's book *Whitewash*, followed by Mark Lane's *Rush to Judgment*, written twenty-five years ago.

To demonstrate how evidence of conspiracy has been ignored by the powers that be, let us focus on a small part of the case that has been pieced together by investigators, who were looking not for a smoking gun but for particular explanations about simple truths. Consider the background of Lee Harvey Oswald. During the week of the thirtieth anniversary of the JFK assassination, one repeatedly heard on television that Oswald was a "loner," an incompetent, not very bright, and emotionally troubled. Gerald Posner, transforming himself into an instant psychiatric expert, announced that Oswald was "a very disturbed young boy. He had a very disturbed childhood, and he was a passive-aggressive." A passive-aggressive assassin? Perhaps that explains why he used a rifle that could not shoot straight.

He also was a "leftist," asserts Posner and others. Alexander Cockburn joined the right and the center, and in a column in the *San Francisco Examiner* said Oswald was a leftist. The truth is something else.

All of Oswald's IQ tests show that he was above average in intelligence. He was bright and a quick learner. Lee Harvey Oswald spent most of his adult life not as a lonely drifter but

JFK

"The CIA, Vietnam, and the Plot to Assassinate John F. Kennedy"

By L. Fletcher Prouty,
Whose theories inspired the movie JFK
Introduction by Oliver Stone

Millions have been gripped by Oliver Stone's film, *JFK*, and its premise that the plot to assassinate Kennedy originated beyond the highest levels of government. In the movie, the advocate of this theory is a character named "X," played by Donald Sutherland, who explains how and why this plot came about.

As Stone has acknowledged, "X" was not only faithfully depicted in the film, but, as the film's Creative Adviser, provided fully-documented information and analysis that helped shape the script. This mystery man was not a fabricated character, as critics contend. His identity can now be revealed: "X" is L. Fletcher Prouty, a former top level "military-CIA" operative and the author of *JFK: The CIA, Vietnam, and the Plot to Assassinate John F. Kennedy*.

Prouty served during the Kennedy years as the Chief of Special Operation for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was directly in charge of the global system designed to provide military support of the clandestine activities of the CIA.

Among his revelations in *JFK*:

- Kennedy's plan to change the course of the the conflict and to remove all U.S. military personnel from Vietnam by the end of 1965 created enormous concern at the center of the military industrial complex, and led directly to his assassination.

- Upon receiving the report of the Cuban Study Group from General Maxwell Taylor after the Bay of Pigs disaster in 1961, Kennedy vowed to "shatter the CIA into a thousand pieces." He began by firing long-time CIA Director, Allen W. Dulles, and his top aides.

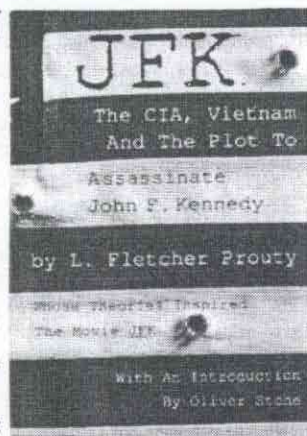
- The Army set up a full-fledged covert operation derisively named "Operation Camelot" to thwart Kennedy's effort to end the war in Vietnam.

- President Johnson reversed Kennedy's orders to wind down in Vietnam immediately following Kennedy's murder. And in March 1964 he set the course for massive troop escalation.

- Why Kennedy was ultimately against the war and why he was really murdered.

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directly linked to the U.S. intelligence community. At the age of 19 in the U.S. Marines he had secret security clearance and was working at Marine Air Control in Atsugi Base in Japan. Atsugi was a top secret base, where the CIA launched U2 flights and performed other kinds of covert operations in China. The next year at the age of 19 he was assigned to El Toro Air Station in California with security clearance to work radar.

Certain strange things began to happen. While at El Toro, Oswald emerged as a babbling Russophile and a "Communist." He started playing Russian language records at blast level in his barracks and addressing his fellow Marines in Russian. He read Russian books and hailed Soviet Communism as "the best system in the world." He even called his fellow Marines "comrades." If Oswald was a Soviet or Cuban spy, as some people now claim, he certainly had a novel way of building a cover.

As Philip Melanson reminds, the U.S. Marine Corps in 1958 was not exactly known as a bastion of liberal tolerance and freethinking. My friend Bernard Livingston wrote a book called *Closet Red*. He tells how while he was in the Army, he found himself working for a unit whose job was to filter out anybody who had leftist or pinko opinions. (Nothing was done about racist or sexist or fascist opinions.) The Army — and I'm sure the Marines — constantly surveils anybody who might begin to behave the way Oswald did.

But in this instance, for some strange reason, Oswald's Marine commanders didn't mind. He kept his security clearance. He retained access to a wealth of sensitive radar information and classified data from secret facilities.

Other odd things began happening. In February, 1959, Lee Harvey Oswald failed the Marine Corps proficiency test in Russian. Six months later he was practically fluent in Russian. In 1974 a document that had been secreted by the Warren Commission was dislodged, thanks mostly to Harold Weisberg's legal efforts. It revealed that Oswald had attended the U.S. Army's language school at Monterey. Now, Monterey is not open to anyone who just happens to have a language hobby. You go only for serious training and you are sent by the government, for government-related work, in a language picked by the government, pertaining to a specific assignment. Oswald learned Russian at the U.S. School of Languages at Monterey.

Another odd thing: Oswald was given an early discharge from the Marines because his mother had injured her foot. It is known as a dependency discharge; Your parent needs you. A jar had fallen on her toe. He put in the request, and he got it within a week. His fellow Marines were astonished at the velocity of the release. This was only one of a number of very strangely favorable treatments that the U.S. government began to give this young Marine.

Oswald then defected to the USSR. But how? To get to Russia in those days would have cost \$1,500, notes Melanson. Lee Harvey Oswald's bank account showed a deposit of only \$203. He traveled from London to Helsinki on October 11, a day when there were no available commercial flights that would have allowed him to make it in one day. He had to have some kind of private transportation to get to Helsinki.

In Russia, he went to the U.S. Embassy, openly renounced his U.S. citizenship and announced he had lots of military secrets that he was going to give to the Soviets. The Soviets didn't bite. They let him stay, but they at no time thought he could be an agent of any use to them. And as the KGB files show,

they kept him under constant surveillance.

While in Russia he worked in a factory. He showed no particular interest in guns, but he belonged to the factory's gun club. He used to join in rabbit shoots but he could never hit the rabbit. Someone had to stand behind him and shoot the rabbit while he was firing; otherwise they would have been there all day. His marksmanship became something of a joke. His shooting record in the U.S. Marines proved no better.

Now, if Lee Harvey Oswald was really a defector and not a U.S. spy, then U.S. intelligence could well have taken the view that his was one of the most damaging defections in history. In all defections, especially those connected with government and military, the intelligence unit does a thorough damage assessment. But no damage assessment was ever made of Oswald's defection. This was noted in the Warren Report and the House Select Committee investigation. No one has ever explained why there was no damage assessment.

After two and a half years, Oswald applies to return to the United States. Remember, this is after renouncing his citizenship and announcing he was going to give away state secrets. Instead of being grabbed when he comes back and arrested for treason, Oswald is accepted with open arms by U.S. authorities. The CIA claimed it had no record of debriefing him. The spooks claim they never touched him, were never near him. Their explanation before the Commission was that there were so many tourists coming in and out, and that there was nothing particularly unusual about Oswald that would have caught their attention. One might wonder what is needed to catch the CIA's attention.

After the assassination, the CIA claimed that they had suspected all along that he was a Soviet spy — which makes it even more curious that they did not debrief him.

What does the State Department do when Oswald departs from the Soviet Union? They pay all his travel and moving expenses back to the United States and those of his wife. He is given back his passport with full rights to travel anywhere around the world. Another curious thing: his wife is exempted from usual immigration quotas, no waiting. Years before she had belonged to the Soviet Komsomol, the Communist youth organization, which automatically bars her from entry into the USA. Yet in violation of U.S. immigration laws, she was allowed in.

In Dallas, Lee Harvey Oswald settles under the wing of one George de Mohrenschildt, a right-wing Russian with CIA ties. Yet he embarks on a series of short-lived forays out into the public eye as a "leftist." He starts a one-person Fair Play for Cuba organization in New Orleans. Never recruits another member and receives no recognition from the national Fair Play for Cuba office. In all his time in New Orleans and Dallas he never once meets a single member of the Communist Party or any other left organization, although he writes lots of friendly letters to the Communist Party USA and to the Socialist Workers Party, two groups which at that time weren't even talking to each other, supposedly asking for instructions.

He blazes a trail as a "leftist" agitator: local TV, fist-fights, inflammatory incidents, leaflets. One of the leaflets shows that his organization was on Camp Street, in the very same building where Guy Banister had his office. Guy Banister was an F.B.I. agent who retained close working

relations with Cuban emigré right-wing groups — and with Lee Harvey Oswald.

Most of Oswald's personal relations were with right-wing anti-Communist Cubans or right-wing crypto-fascists, or CIA types, or others. Besides George de Mohrenschildt, there was David Ferrie. Robert Morrow, a conservative businessman who worked for the CIA, served as a pilot on CIA missions along with David Ferrie. It was known that David Ferrie was CIA. Lee Harvey Oswald also knew Clay Shaw, who was also CIA — as later confirmed by former CIA director Richard Helms. Oswald also knew Jack Ruby, a mobster who was also linked to right-wingers. So while Oswald was supposedly a leftist, almost all his personal associations were with right-wing people associated with the intelligence community.

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They would have us believe that Oswald just happened to get a job at the Texas School Book Depository five weeks before, when it had not yet been publicized that Kennedy's limousine was going to pass right in front of the Depository. He just fortuitously happened to be up there that day to wreak his personal vengeance.

We are asked to believe that this man, who could not hit the side of a barn, chose a Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, whose sights were not even set — a cheap, poor-performance Italian weapon that the Italians used to say never killed anyone on purpose. Supposedly he used this rifle to kill the President of the United States. We are asked to believe that Oswald would forgo shooting President Kennedy when he had a perfect gallery target of him as he came closer and closer right down Houston Street directly toward the Depository.

Instead, Oswald supposedly waited until the car had turned at a hundred-and-ten-degree angle down Elm Street, then fired through a tree (a tree that was later drastically trimmed) rapidly getting off three shots in a few seconds, one that missed the limo by yards and the other two that hit their target with devastating accuracy, a feat that the best marksmen in the country were not able to emulate until after much practice and after the sights on the Mannlicher-Carcano were brought into a laboratory and reset. They had all sorts of remarks to make about the awful performance of this rifle.

We are asked to believe that a bullet would go through John Kennedy, pose in mid-air for two seconds, change direction, and wound Governor Connally in several places and then reappear intact on a stretcher, falling out of Connally's body. In fact, the bullet did not reappear on the stretcher as if fallen out of somebody's body. It was found wedged into the side of the stretcher, obviously pushed in by hand—or perhaps, being the magic bullet that it was, it jumped out of Connally's body and wedged itself in the side of the stretcher.

We are asked to believe that a treasure trove of physical evidence, the interior of the presidential limousine, was just accidentally torn out and totally rebuilt immediately afterwards. We are asked to believe that this was not a deliberate coverup.

We are asked to believe that Kennedy's brain just disappeared. That the X-ray — which now shows a reconstructed head with no exit wound — was, oddly enough, taken with the jaw cropped out of the picture. So the head could be anybody's and there is no opportunity to do any kind of dental identification to see if that X-ray is President Kennedy's. We are asked to believe that the autopsy was botched innocently.

There is Jack Ruby, a gambler and gangster with links to the Cuban exiles and an acquaintance of Oswald's. We are asked to believe that Ruby just took it upon himself to kill Oswald because he was so moved by patriotic vengeance and the suffering that Oswald had caused the Kennedy family. In jail after killing Oswald, Ruby pleaded with the Warren Commission to be taken to Washington where he could tell the whole story. He repeatedly voiced fear for his life and claimed "they are killing me here."

We are asked that when twenty-one witnesses, or persons who otherwise had information related to the case (privy to some conversations, or whatever else), met violent deaths, they were part of a colossal coincidence. Later on in 1978, the second round of killings started, during the House Select Committee investigation; sixteen more died violently. We are asked to

believe that they just happened to die coincidentally violent deaths — including George de Mohrenschildt himself, killed by a gun blast to the head three hours after a House Assassinations Committee Investigator had tried to contact him. He was being set up for an interview. He was being set up for a lot more than that.

In de Mohrenschildt's address book the name of George "Poppy" Bush appears. De Mohrenschildt was a close friend of Bush; there was a correspondence between them. The sheriff's office in Palm County, Florida found that de Mohrenschildt's shooting was "very strange." But it was ruled a suicide.

William Sullivan, the number three man in the F.B.I., was supposed to appear before the House Committee to talk. (According to Robert Morrow, Sullivan was on the CIA payroll.) He was shot right outside his home by a man who claimed to have mistaken him for a deer. The killer was charged with a misdemeanor and released in custody of his father, a state policeman.

Sam Giancana died from natural causes, when his heart stopped beating — after a bullet went through it, one day before he was to testify about mob/CIA connections. He was shot while under government protection. One of the things that emerges from this whole story is the widespread linkages between the CIA and mob families and mob figures. For the gangster state the mob is very functional. Mobsters can do the kind of dirty things that the CIA may sometimes want them to do.

Some writers on the left, such as Noam Chomsky and Alexander Cockburn, argue that our interest in the JFK assassination comes from a "Kennedy revival," as Chomsky puts it, a "Camelot yearning" and the "yearning for a lost Messiah." Cockburn and Chomsky, and others, challenge the notion that Kennedy was assassinated for intending to withdraw from Vietnam or for threatening to undo the CIA or end the Cold War. These things could not have led to his downfall, they argue, because they were not true. Kennedy was a cold warrior, a counterinsurgent who wanted a military withdrawal from Vietnam only with victory.

I have argued similarly in my book *Democracy for the Few* that Kennedy should not be romanticized as a progressive in either his domestic or foreign policy.

Chomsky, Cockburn, and others claim that the change of administration that came with JFK's assassination had no large-scale effect on policy, not even on tactics. In other words, if Kennedy had lived, he likely would have fabricated a Tonkin Gulf *causus belli*; he would have introduced ground troops in a massive land war, as Lyndon Johnson did; he would have engaged in the merciless B-52 carpet bombings of Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam, as Richard Nixon did; he would have risked destroying his own electoral base, proving himself a mass murderer as bad as Nixon.

In fact, we cannot be certain what Kennedy would have done had he lived. The evidence we do have, in fact, is that John Kennedy observed Cambodian neutrality and negotiated a cease-fire and coalition government in Laos, which the CIA refused to honor. They preferred to back a right-wing faction that continued the war. We also know that the surviving Kennedy, Robert, took a turn in a dove-like direction, emerging as an anti-war critic. Robert Kennedy broke with the Johnson administration over Vietnam and publicly stated that his

brother's administration had committed terrible mistakes.

Chomsky recently wrote a whole book arguing that JFK had no intention to withdraw from Vietnam without victory. But Chomsky says very little about troop escalation other than to offer Roger Hilsman's speculation that Kennedy might well have introduced U.S. ground troops in South Vietnam. Maybe so, maybe not. In fact, the same Hilsman noted in a prominently displayed letter in the *New York Times* not long ago — and Chomsky has paid it no attention — that in 1963 Kennedy was the only person in his administration who opposed the introduction of U.S. ground troops. JFK was the only thing preventing an escalation of the war.

Maybe Chomsky is right that the interventionists had no reason to think that JFK would withdraw. But they were sorely bothered by his unwillingness to engage in a full-scale ground war — something Lyndon Johnson did not long after assuming office.

Certain left analysts can argue Kennedy wasn't a progressive or liberal, and that the CIA had no reason to kill him, and that the functionaries of the national security state had no reason to be dissatisfied with him. The question is, did they see it that way? Entrenched power elites are notorious for not seeing the world

the same way that left-wing analysts do.

Some months ago on a San Francisco talk show on KGO, I heard a listener call in as follows: "I've never said this before. It's the first time I'm saying it. But I worked for Army intelligence, and in 1963 I was in Japan, and the accepted word around then was that Kennedy would be killed because he was messing too much with the intelligence community. And when word came of his death, all I could hear were delighted comments like 'We got the bastard.'" Roger Craig records the comments of many Dallas police officers who wanted to see Kennedy done away with.

In 1963, people in right-wing circles, including elements in various intelligence organizations, did not believe that Kennedy could be trusted with the nation's future. They saw something different from what Chomsky and Cockburn have seen. They fixed on Kennedy's refusal to provide air coverage for the Bay of Pigs, his refusal to go into Indochina with massive ground forces, his unwillingness to launch another invasion of Cuba, his no-invasion guarantee to Khrushchev on Cuba, his Atmospheric Test Ban Treaty with Moscow, his American University speech calling for reexamination of our Cold War attitudes toward the Soviet Union, his antitrust suit against General

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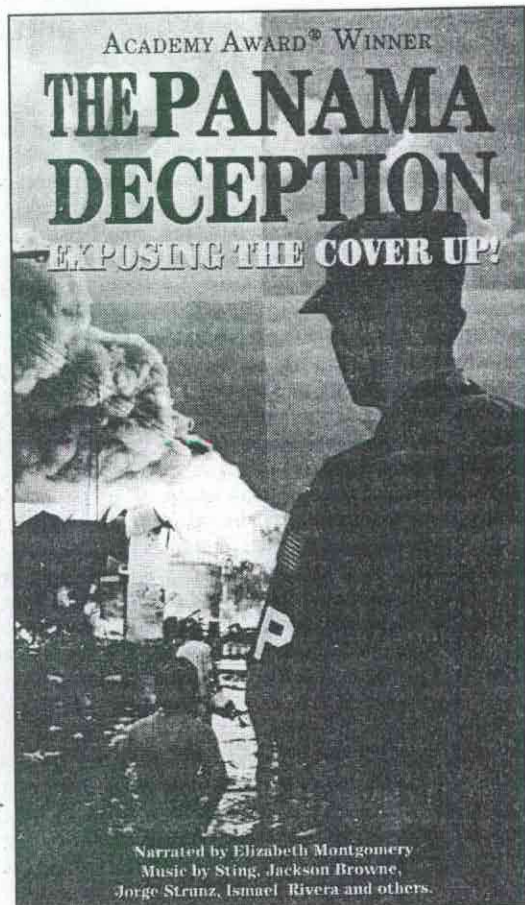
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Erwin Knoll, editor of the *Progressive*, admits he has no idea who killed Kennedy, but this does not keep him from asserting that the Oliver Stone film was "manipulative" and that Stone provided false answers. But if he has no idea who killed Kennedy, how could he conclude that the film is false? The remarkable thing about Erwin Knoll, Noam Chomsky, and Alexander Cockburn is they do not know a thing about the critical investigations that have been carried out. When it has been repeatedly pointed out that the left critics don't know anything about the case, they never deny it. But this does not prevent them from dismissing the whole thing in the most general and unsubstantiated terms—Chomsky with benign condescension, Cockburn with vitriol and venom, and Knoll with a flabby ranting.

When Erwin Knoll allows, in a show of flexibility, that the Warren Commission did a hasty, slipshod job of investigation, he only further reveals his ignorance. In fact, the Commission did a brilliant job of investigation. It sat for fifty-one long sessions over a period of several months, much longer than most major investigations. It compiled twenty-six volumes of testimony and evidence. It had the investigative resources of the FBI and CIA at its command. Far from being hasty and slipshod, it painstakingly crafted theories that moved toward its foreordained conclusion, that Oswald was the lone assassin. It framed an argument and moved unfailingly to fulfill that argument. It failed to call witnesses who saw something different from what it wanted to hear, who not only heard but *saw*, people on the grassy knoll shooting behind the fence. The commission failed to call them. It ignored or reinterpreted what little conflicting testimony that did creep into its proceedings. All this took deliberate and careful effort. A hasty, slipshod investigation would show traces of randomness in its errors. But the Commission's distortions consistently move in the same direction in pursuit of a prefigured hypothesis.

Knoll talks about the gullible U.S. public and says he "despises" Oliver Stone for playing on that gullibility. There is not a small amount of elitist presumption among the ignorant left critics, who conclude that the public is not as perceptive as they are because it comes to a different conclusion than they do about the JFK assassination. It never occurs to them that the public is just better informed than they.

In fact, the U.S. public is anything but gullible. It has not swallowed the official explanation the way Cockburn has. Seventy-eight percent say they believe there was a conspiracy. Both Cockburn in the *Nation*, Chomsky in *Z Magazine* and again in an exchange with me in *Z*, dismiss that fact and use the identical

argument. They point out that over seventy percent of the people also believe in miracles. One might ask, what has that to do with the question at hand? That people can have a stupid opinion about one thing doesn't mean they're stupid about everything. In fact, Chomsky and Cockburn are themselves evidence of that.

In any case, the comparison is between two different things. They're comparing the public's gullibility about miracles with the public's unwillingness to be gullible about the official line that is being fed and shoved in their faces for thirty years. The latter is not gullibility at all.

Alexander Cockburn and Noam Chomsky have told us that we must not reduce great developments in history to conspiracy, for then we lose sight of institution, class, and the other systemic factors of American capitalism. I have spent my life looking at the institutional forces and systemic factors in U.S. capitalism. I use a structural analysis in all my writings. But in investigating the JFK conspiracy, we are not looking for an "escape from something unpleasant and difficult," to quote psychiatrist Noam Chomsky. Rather we are hitting upon the nature of state power in what is supposed to be a democracy.

As I pointed out in a letter to both Cockburn and Chomsky (who have both ignored the argument) conspiracy is not something that exists in contradistinction to structural analysis. It is part of it.

Ruling elites will use conspiracy. They will use overtly legitimating procedures. They will finance elections, publicity campaigns, publishing houses, wire services, and academic studies. They will set up liberalish organizations, alternative trade unions. They will use secret surveillance, mobsters, terrorists, assassins and death squads. They will use every single conceivable thing there is. And when they had someone in the White House who was giving them trouble, when they had an agenda to save Southeast Asia from Communism, they would even kill one of their own if he hesitated and proved reluctant.

And that is a tremendously startling revelation to the American public. The revelations about the JFK case made them realize what kind of a gangster government and national security state we really have in this country and what it does around the world.

A structuralist position should not discount the role of human agency in history. Institutions are not self-generating forces. The "great continuities of corporate and class interest" (Cockburn's phrase) do not just happen of their own accord, like reified, disembodied social forces. Neither empires nor national security institutions come into existence in a fit of absent-mindedness. As I argue in my forthcoming book, *Against Empire*, they are both the product of conscious planning and often forceful and violent effort directed at specific goals and elite interests.

Evidence for this can be found in the very existence of the

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national security state itself. It is the essence of the state and the function of state institutions to act as conscious agents in recreating the conditions of politico-economic hegemony. That is what state leaders are dedicated to doing. To achieve their goals, they have resorted to every necessary form of mass manipulation, deception, and violence, even against one of their own whom they have come to see as a liability.

Conspiratorial action is not something separate and exclusive of institutional presence. In fact, there's a constant interplay between the two. While Cockburn and other *Nation* writers call for a structural analysis and institutional analysis, we might ask, where's the institutional analysis in the *Nation*? All you get in that publication are articles preoccupied with particular issues, events, personalities, secret deals, inside intrigues — one might say — conspiracies, all of vastly lesser magnitude than the JFK assassination. Yet in thirty years the *Nation* and the *Progressive* have never published a single word by independent investigators, except as a letter to the editor on rare occasions.

G. William Domhoff makes an argument very much like Cockburn's. In response, Peter Dale Scott makes an argument very much like the one I made in my exchange with Chomsky in *Z Magazine* and also in the *Nation* in my exchange with Cockburn. I made the point that "conspiracy" and "institutional analysis" are not mutually exclusive. Neither Cockburn nor Chomsky ever responded to that point, either to rebut it or to accept it or to show how it does or doesn't apply here. They just ignore it.

Domhoff points out: "If conspiracy means that these men" meaning the ruling elites "are aware of their interests, know each other personally, meet together privately and off the record, and try to hammer out a consensus on how to anticipate and react to events and issues, then there is some conspiring that goes on in the Council for Foreign Relations, not to mention the Committee for Economic Development, the Business Council, the National Security Council, and the Central Intelligence Agency."

But Scott notes that Domhoff shares Cockburn's and Chomsky's resistance to the idea that an assassination conspiracy could have a lasting impact on our political arrangements. In his book *Deep Politics*, Scott quotes Domhoff: "We all have a tremendous tendency to want to get caught up in believing that there's some secret evil cause for all of the obvious ills of the world. Conspiracy theories encourage a belief that if we get rid of a few bad people, everything will be well in the world."

Then Peter answers: "I believe that a true understanding of the Kennedy assassination will lead not to a few bad people but to the institutional and power political arrangements which constitute the way we are systematically governed. The conspiracies I see as operative, in other words, are part of our political structure, not exceptions to it."

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The left critics are concerned that you might like Kennedy and not see how bad he really was. They mistake the low political value of the victim, JFK, whom they hate and detest, with the high political importance of the issue and the implications for democracy, the revelation of the gangster nature of the state.

Back in 1894, Captain Alfred Dreyfus was a conservative militarist. Clemenceau once conjectured that if the man's name had not been Dreyfus, he would have been an anti-Dreyfusard. Does that mean that the political struggle waged in *l'affaire Dreyfus* was a waste of time? The issue was quickly drawn between the right and the left, between those who stood with the army and the anti-Semites, and those who stood with the Republic and justice.

The same with Benigno Aquino. Aquino was a member of the privileged class in the Philippines. He promised no great structural changes. He was even more conservative than Kennedy. Does this mean that the Filipino people should have dismissed the conspiracy that led to his assassination as an event of no consequence? Should they have said, "Ah, just another ruling class pig; what do we care?" Instead, they used it as ammunition against the hated Marcos regime, as a revelation of what that government was really doing.

Archbishop Romero of El Salvador was a member of the Salvadoran aristocracy. He could not have made it to the top of the church hierarchy otherwise. When he was ordained, the aristocracy came with presents. They hugged and kissed him. And the minute he opened up his mouth and made some critical remarks about the war and some concerned comments about the poor, he was assassinated. If he hadn't been assassinated, I doubt that Salvadoran history would have been much different. Does this mean that solidarity groups in this country and El Salvador should not have tried to make his murder an issue that revealed the homicidal gangster nature of the Salvadoran state?

Instead of seizing the opportunity, some left writers condescendingly ascribe a host of mass psychology motivations and emotional needs to those of us who are concerned about the JFK assassination cover-up. They psychologize about our illusions, our false dreams, our longings for messiahs and father figures, our inability to face unpleasant realities the way they can. They deliver patronizing admonitions about our "conspiracy captivation" and "Camelot yearnings." They urge us not to escape into fantasy. They are the *cognoscenti* who guide us and out-left us on the JFK assassination, a subject about which they don't know a damn thing and whose significance they will never be able to grasp.

I have a different name for our interests. It is not JFK worship. It's not "Camelot yearnings," as the left critics would say. It's not conspiracy titillation, as the mainstream media would say. Our interest is born of *democratic struggle*. A desire to know what is going on. A desire to have rulers who are worthy of our name and the name of democracy. □

NutraSweet™

The NutraPoison

NutraSweet and the Military-Medical-Industrial Complex

by Alex Constantine

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I recognized my two selves: a crusading idealist and a cold, granitic believer in the law of the jungle.

— Edgar Monsanto Queeny,
Monsanto chairman, 1943-63,
The Spirit of Enterprise, 1934.

The FDA is ever mindful to refer to aspartame, widely known as NutraSweet, as a "food additive" — never a "drug." A "drug" on the label of a Diet Coke might discourage the consumer. And because aspartame is classified a food additive, adverse reactions are not reported to a federal agency, nor is continued safety monitoring required by law.¹ NutraSweet is a non-nutritive sweetener. The brand name is a misnomer. Try Non-NutraSweet.

Food additives seldom cause brain lesions, headaches, mood alterations, skin polyps, blindness, brain tumors, insomnia and depression, or erode intelligence and short-term memory. Aspartame, according to some of the most capable scientists in the country, does. In 1991 the National Institutes of Health, a branch of the Department of Health and Human Services, published a bibliography, *Adverse Effects of Aspartame*, listing no less than 167 reasons to avoid it.²

Aspartame is an rDNA derivative, a combination of two amino acids (long supplied by a pair of Maryland biotechnology firms: Genex Corp. of Rockville and Purification Engineering in Baltimore).³ The Pentagon once listed it in an inventory of prospective biochemical warfare weapons submitted to Congress.⁴ But instead of poisoning enemy populations, the "food additive" is currently marketed as a sweetening agent in some 1200 food products.

In light of the chemo-warfare implications, the pasts of G.D. Searle and aspartame are ominous. Established in 1888 on the north side of Chicago, G.D. Searle has long been a fixture of the medical establishment. The company manufactures everything from prescription drugs to nuclear imaging optical equipment.⁵

Directors of G.D. Searle include such geopolitical heavy-hitters as Andre M. de Staercke, Reagan's ambassador to Belgium, and Reuben Richards, an executive vice president at Citibank. Also Arthur Wood, the retired CEO of Sears, Roebuck & Co., disgorged by the clan of General Robert E. Wood, wartime chairman of the America First Committee.⁶ America Firsters, organized by native Nazis cloaked as isolationists, were quietly

financed by the likes of Sullivan & Cromwell's Allen Dulles and Edwin Webster of Kidder, Peabody.⁷

Until the acquisition by Monsanto in 1985, the firm's chairman was William L. Searle, a Harvard graduate, Naval reservist and — a grim irony in view of aspartame's adverse effects — an officer in the Army Chemical Corps in the early 1950s, when the same division tested LSD on groups of human subjects in concert with the CIA.⁸ The chief of the Chemical Warfare Division at this time was Dr. Laurence Laird Layton, whose son Larry was convicted for the murder of Congressman Leo Ryan at Jonestown ("Come to the pavilion! What a legacy!"). Jonestown, of course, bore a remarkable likeness to a concentration camp, and kept a full store of pharmaceutical drugs. (The Jonestown pharmacy was stocked with a variety of behavior control drugs: qualudes, valium, morphine, demerol and 11,000 doses of thiorazine — a better supply, in fact, than the Guyanese government's own, not to mention a surfeit of cyanide.)⁹

Dr. Layton was married to the daughter of Hugo Phillip, a German banker and stockbroker representing the likes of Siemens & Halske, the makers of cyanide for the Final Solution, and I.G. Farben, the manufacturer of a lethal nerve gas put to the same purpose.¹⁰ Dr. Layton, a Quaker, developed a form of purified uranium used to set off the Manhattan Project's first self-sustaining chain reaction at the University of Chicago in 1942 by his wife's German-born Uncle, Dr. James Franck. At Dugway Proving Ground in Utah, Dr. Layton concentrated his efforts, as did I.G. Farben, on the development of nerve gasses.¹¹

Dr. Layton later defended his participation in the Army's chemical warfare section: "You can blow people to bits with bombs, you can shoot them with shells, you can atomize them with atomic bombs, but the same people think there's something terrible about poisoning the air and letting people breathe it. Anything having to do with gas warfare, chemical warfare, has this taint of horror on it, even if you only make people vomit."¹²

Nazis and chemical warfare are recurring themes in the aspartame story. Currently, the chief patent holder of the sweetener is the Monsanto Co., based in St. Louis. In 1967, Monsanto entered into a joint venture with I.G. Farbenfabriken, the aforementioned financial core of the Hitler regime and the key supplier of poison gas to the Nazi racial extermination program. After the Holocaust, the German chemical firm joined with American counterparts in the development of chemical warfare agents and founded the "Chemagrow Corporation" in Kansas City, Missouri, a front that employed German and American specialists on behalf of the U.S. Army Chemical corps.¹³

Dr. Otto Bayer, I.G.'s research director, had a binding relationship with Monsanto chemists.¹⁴ In the post-war period, Dr. Bayer developed and tested chemical warfare agents with Dr. Gerhard Schrader, the Nazi concocter of Tabun, the preferred

nerve gas of the SS. Schrader was also an organophosphate pioneer, and tested the poison on populated areas of West Germany under the guise of killing insects.¹⁵ Schrader's experiments reek suspiciously of the ongoing aerial application of malathion — developed by Dr. Schrader, a recruit of the U.S. Chemical Warfare Service when Germany surrendered — in present-day Southern California.¹⁶

Another bridge to I.G. Farben was Monsanto's acquisition of American Viscose, long owned by the England's Courtauld family. As early as 1928, the U.S. Commerce Department issued a report critical of the Courtauld's ties to I.G. Farben and the Nazi party.¹⁷ Incredibly, George Courtauld was handed an appointment as director of personnel for England's Special Operations Executive, the wartime intelligence service, in 1940.¹⁸ A year later, with the exhaustion of British military financial reserves, American Viscose, worth \$120 million, was put on the block in New York. The desperate British treasury received less than half that amount from the sale, brokered by Siegmund Warburg, among others.¹⁹ Monsanto acquired the company in 1949.²⁰

The Nazi connection to Monsanto crops up again on the board of directors with John Reed, a former crony of "Putzi" Hanfstaengl, a Harvard-bred emigre to Germany who talked Hitler out of committing suicide in 1924 and contributed to the financing of *Mein Kampf*.²¹ Reed is also chairman of Citibank and long a confederate of the CIA. According to a lawsuit filed by San Francisco attorney Melvin Belli, Reed was an instigator, with Ronald Reagan, James Baker and Margaret Thatcher, of the "Purple Ink Document," a plan to finance CIA covert operations with wartime Japanese gold stolen from a buried Philippine hoard.²²

Other covert military connections to Monsanto include Dr. Charles Allen Thomas, chairman of the Monsanto Board, 1966-65. Dr. Thomas directed a group of scientists during WW II in the refinement of plutonium for use in the atomic bomb. In the postwar period Monsanto operated Tennessee's Oak Ridge National Laboratories for the Manhattan Project.²³ (Manhattan gestated with the Oak Ridge Institute for Nuclear Studies, where lethal doses of radiation were tested on 200 unwary cancer patients, turning them into "nuclear calibration devices" gratis the AEC and NASA, until 1974.²⁴) Nazi scientists and a 7,000 ton stockpile of uranium were delivered to the Project by its security and counter-intelligence director, Col. Boris Pash, a G2 designate to the CIA's Bloodstone program — and the *eminence grise* of PB/7, a clandestine Nazi unit that, according to State Department records, conducted a regimen of political assassinations and kidnappings in Europe and the Eastern bloc.²⁵

Monsanto Director William Ruckelshaus was an acting director of the FBI under Richard Nixon, a period in the Bureau's history marred by COINTELPRO outrages, including assassinations. Nixon subsequently appointed Ruckelshaus to the position of EPA director, a nagging irony given his ties to industry (Browning Ferris and Cummins Engine Co.). CIA counterintelligence on the Monsanto board include Stansfield Turner, a former Director of Central Intelligence, and Earle H. Harbison, an Agency information specialist for nineteen years.

Harbison is also a director of Merrill Lynch, and thus raises the spectre of CIA drug dealing. In 1984 President Ronald Reagan's Commission on Organized Crime concluded that Merrill Lynch employed couriers "observed transferring enormous amounts of cash through investment houses and banks in

New York City to Italy and Switzerland. Tens of millions of dollars in heroin sales in this country were transferred overseas." Merrill Lynch invested the drug proceeds in the New York bullion market before making the offshore transfers.²⁶

As might be expected in view of Monsanto's Nazi, chemical warfare and CIA ties, NutraSweet is a can of worms unprecedented in the American food industry. The history of the product is laden with flawed and fabricated research findings and, when necessary to further the product along, blatant lies — the basis of FDA approval and the incredulity of independent medical researchers.

Senator Metzenbaum described the FDA as "the handmaiden" of the drug industry in 1985, but she comports under all regimes. In the Clinton administration, for example, Mike Taylor was graced with the position of deputy director of the FDA. Taylor is a cousin of Tipper Gore, Vice President Albert Gore's wife, and once an outside counsel to Monsanto. (Gore voted

with Senate conservatives in 1985 against aspartame labelling.)

Under the tutelage of the Clinton administration, one Chicago reporter quipped, the FDA strictly enforces one "unwritten" violation of law — failure to bribe.

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Granitic Believers

G.D. Searle, the pharmaceutical firm that introduced NutraSweet, worked symbiotically with federal and congressional officials, bribed investigators when violations of law were exposed, *anything* to move aspartame to market. As far back as 1969, an internal Searle "strategy memo" concluded the company must obtain FDA approval to outpace firms competing for the artificial sweetener market. Another memo in December 1970 urged that FDA officials were to be "brought into a subconscious spirit of participation" with Searle.²⁷ To that end, with enormous profits at stake, the pharmaceutical house set out on a long struggle to transform the Pentagon's biochemical warfare agent into "the taste Mother Nature intended."

The official story is that aspartame was discovered in 1966 by a scientist developing an ulcer drug (not a "food additive"). Supposedly he discovered, upon carelessly licking his fingers, that they tasted sweet. Thus was the chemicals industry blessed with a successor to saccharine, the coal-tar derivative that foundered eight years later under the pressure of cancer concerns.

Aspartame found early opposition in consumer attorney James Turner, author of *The Chemical Feast* and a former Nader's Raider. At his own expense, Turner fought approval for ten years, basing his argument on aspartame's potential side effects, particularly on children. His concern was shared by Dr. John Olney, Professor of neuropathology and psychiatry at Washington School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. Olney found that aspartame, combined with MSG seasoning, increased the odds of brain damage in children.²⁸

Other studies have found that children are especially vulnerable to its toxic effects, a measure of the relation between consumption and body weight. The FDA determined in 1981, when the sweetener was approved, that the maximum projected intake of Aspartame is 50 milligrams a day per kilogram of body weight. A child of 66 pounds would consume about 23 milligrams by imbibing four cans of Diet Coke. The child might also

conceivably down an aspartame-flavored snack or two, nearing the FDA's projected maximum daily intake.²⁹ Dr. William Partridge, a professor of neuroendocrine regulation at MIT, told *Common Cause* in August 1984 that it wouldn't be surprising if a child — "confronted with aspartame contained in iced tea, chocolate milk, milk shakes, chocolate pudding pie, Jello, ice cream and numerous other products" — consumed 50 milligrams per kilogram in a day.

Internally, aspartame breaks down into its constituent amino acids and methanol, which degrades into formaldehyde. The FDA announced in 1984 that "no evidence" has been found to establish that the methanol byproduct reaches toxic levels, claiming that "many fruit juices contain higher levels of the natural compound."³⁰ But the *Medical World News* had already reported in 1978 that the methanol content of aspartame is 1,000 times greater than most foods under FDA control.³¹

NutraSweet, the "good stuff" of sentimental adverts, is a truly insidious product. According to independent trials, aspartame intake is shown by animal studies to alter brain chemicals affecting behavior. Aspartame's effects on the brain led Richard Wurtman, an MIT neuroscientist, to the discovery, as recorded in *The New England Journal of Medicine* (No. 309, 1983), that the sweetener defeats its purpose as a diet aid, since high doses may instill a craving for calorie-laden carbohydrates. One of his pilot studies found that the NutraSweet-carbohydrate combination increases the "sweetener's effect on brain composition." Searle officials denigrated Wurtman's findings, but the American Cancer Society has since confirmed the irony — after tracking 80,000 women for six years — that "among women who gained weight, artificial sweetener users gained more than those who didn't use the products," as reported in *Medical Self-Care* (387). (Since his battle with G.D. Searle, Wurtman founded Interneuron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., the producer of a sports drink that enhances athletic performance, and a weight-loss drug marketed in over 40 countries. Wurtman's share of the company, established in 1989, was worth \$10 million by 1992.³²)

Even more daunting are the findings of Dr. Paul Spiers, a neuropsychologist at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital, that aspartame use can depress intelligence. For this reason, he selected experimental subjects with a history of consuming it but unaware that they might be suffering ill effects. The subjects were given NutraSweet in capsules of the FDA's allowable limit. Spiers was alarmed to discover that they developed "cognitive deficits." One of the tests required recall of square patterns and alphabetical sequences, becoming increasingly more difficult. The test is challenging, but most people improve as they learn how it is done. The aspartame users, however, did not improve. "Some frankly showed a reverse pattern," said Spiers.³³

Aspartame has been shown to erode short-term memory. At the May, 1985 hearings on NutraSweet, Louisiana Senator Russell Long related a bizarre anecdote:

SENATOR LONG: I have received a letter recently from a person who is well known to me and whose word is impeccable, as far as I am concerned.

This person told me that she had been dieting and she had been using diet drinks with aspartame in it.

She said she found her memory was going. She seemed to be completely losing her memory. When she would meet people whom she knew intimately, she could not recall what their name was, or even who they were.

She could not recall a good bit of that which was going on about her to the extent that she was afraid she was losing

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her mind. . . In due course, someone suggested that it might be this NutraSweet, so she stopped using it and her memory came back and her mind was restored.

Senator Howard Metzenbaum replied that he had received "a number of letters from doctors reporting similar developments. . . There have been hundreds of incidents of people who have suffered loss of memory, headaches, dizziness, and other neurological symptoms which they feel are related to aspartame."³⁴ Senator Orrin Hatch, a hidebound archconservative and NutraSweet advocate, downplayed criticism of the sugar substitute. "Some people have lost their memory after drinking a variety of things," he argued. "The bottom line is this: The studies supporting aspartame's approval have been examined and reexamined. More than enough sound, valid studies exist to demonstrate aspartame's safety."

Hatch of Utah, reports the *Wall Street Journal*, has "given his strong support of the pharmaceutical industries."³⁵ So have the "Hatchlings." David Kessler, FDA Commissioner under presidents Bush and Clinton, was once an aide to Orrin Hatch. Hatch's former campaign manager and aide, C. McClain Had-dow, was sentenced to prison for conflict-of-interest charges arising from his work as a Reagan administration health official. And Thomas Parry, Hatch's former chief of staff, has carved a sumptuous life for himself as a Republican fund-raiser and lobbyist with clients in the pharmaceutical industry. All told, Parry represents 30 clients, including Eli Lilly, Warner-Lambert, and Johnson & Johnson, not to mention ranking defense firms and the Bahamas government. Parry's pharmaceutical clients have enriched Senator Hatch's campaign coffers, and in turn Hatch lavishes his attentions on them.

By the time Orrin Hatch was stumping for NutraSweet in the

U.S. Senate, the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta had received 600 letters complaining of NutraSweet's adverse effects. The National Soft Drink Association (NSDA) had them too: "There have been hundreds of reports from around the country suggesting a possible relationship between their consumption of NutraSweet and subsequent symptoms including headaches, aberrational behavior, slurred speech, etc." FDA Commissioner Arthur Hull Hayes, appointed by Ronald Reagan in April, 1981 (moving the *New York Times* to observe that "some industry officials consider Dr. Hayes more sympathetic to their viewpoints than past holders of the office"), considered such complaints "anecdotal."

Of course, like scores of other conservatives roaming the executive branch in the 1980s, the ethics of Arthur Hull Hayes were entirely malleable — not only did he approve a product based on studies that were "scientifically lacking in design and execution," according to a report issued by *Science Times* in February 1985, but upon leaving the FDA he took the post of senior medical consultant for Burson-Marsteller, the public relations firm retained by G.D. Searle.³⁷

Burson-Marsteller, a huge public relations conglomerate, swelled in the 1980s by leveraging smaller competitors — including Black, Manafort, Stone & Kelley, a lobbying firm best known for influence peddling along the Beltway — presently outsizing even the Hill & Knowlton empire. Typical in the aspartame story are Burson-Marsteller's links to the intelligence community and rightwing operatives of the GOP. Thomas Devereaux Bell, Jr., an executive officer of the firm, is the former chairman of the Center for Naval Analysis in Alexandria, Virginia. Bell was also the executive director of Ronald Reagan's Inaugural Ball Committee (in which capacity he ushered in the likes of Licio Gelli, head of P2, the notorious Italian secret society). Bell's career in Washington began in 1971 as a deputy director of Richard Nixon's Committee to ReElect the President. He went on to serve as an administrative aide to Senator William Brock and the Reagan transition team.³⁸

At the FDA, Hayes used aspartame as a political statement that the Reagan administration was embarking on a grand voyage of conservative "regulatory reform," sluicing through treasonous liberal constraints on "free enterprise." Despite what one FDA scientist described as "very serious" questions concerning pivotal brain tumor tests, Hayes eagerly approved aspartame for use in dry foods in July 1981.³⁹ Three FDA scientists advised against the approval of aspartame, citing G.D. Searle's own brain tumor tests, because there was no proof that "aspartame is safe for use as a food additive under its intended conditions of use."⁴⁰

Hayes has since declined to answer any questions about his decision, which ignored the recommendations of the FDA's own board of inquiry. He relied instead on a study conducted by Japan's Ajinomoto, Inc. — a licensee of G.D. Searle. Hayes acknowledged in his 1981 decision that he had only consulted a preliminary report of the Japanese evaluation, and only skimmed it. More serious, Hayes violated federal law by basing approval on the test, as it had not been reviewed by the FDA board.⁴¹

Who is Arthur Hull Hayes? He was no disinterested bureaucrat. True to the biochemical theme of the aspartame story, Dr. Hayes served in the Army Medical Corps in the 1960s. According to the *Washington Post*, Hayes was assigned to Edgewood

Arsenal at Fort Detrick, Maryland, the Army's chemical warfare base of operations, "one of a number of doctors who conducted drug tests for the Army on volunteers . . . to determine the effect of a mind-disorienting drug called CAR 301,060." According to a declassified 1976 report prepared by the Army Inspector General, Hayes had planned a research study to develop the mind-altering CAR 301,060 as a *crowd control agent*. In 1972, Hayes left Edgewood Arsenal, and a new plan for the experiments was drawn up by Edgewood physicians. The 1976 report notes that similar tests had been conducted before Hayes took charge.⁴²

Also at the center of the effort to land FDA approval of NutraSweet stood Donald Rumsfeld — "Rummy" to his friends — chairman of G.D. Searle upon leaving the Ford administration in 1977. Rumsfeld, the product of a wealthy Chicago suburb, was a Princeton graduate and a Navy pilot during the Korean conflict. He entered politics as a Congressional House aide attending night classes at Georgetown University Law School, which is closely aligned with the CIA.⁴³

Rumsfeld campaigned ambitiously for Richard Nixon, who drafted him to direct the Office of Equal Opportunity on May 26, 1969. He quickly established an office to spy on his employees in a holy crusade to flush out "revolutionaries" said to be granting federal funds to politically subversive organizations — a throwback to McCarthy's tantrums.⁴⁴ Rumsfeld also figured in Nixon's notorious Power Control Group, spearheaded by Charles Colson and John Ehrlichman.⁴⁵ Gerald Ford named Rumsfeld executive chief of staff upon the resignation of Al Haig. In 1986 he was named chairman of the Institute for Contemporary Studies, a neoconservative "think tank" (read: propaganda mill) established in 1972 by Edwin Meese and Caspar Weinberger. ICS has sponsored such opinion-shaping projects as a study of expansions in "entitlement programs" and their erosive effects on the economy, and a book on the uses of coercion by Communist regimes.⁴⁶ Rumsfeld, at 43, became the country's youngest secretary of defense. For many years he has been a vocal proponent of chemical weapons.⁴⁷ He is chairman of the Rand Corp.⁴⁸ In 1988, he dropped a presidential bid, and was named a v.p. of Westmark Systems, led by past NSA Director Bobby Ray Inman. Rumsfeld was one of Westmark's founding directors, sharing the board with Joseph Amato, a former vice president at TRW (and a colleague of Inman's at the National Security Agency), and Dale Frey, chairman of the General Electric Investment Corp.⁴⁹

Rumsfeld, a veteran political operative, was an adept at the vulgar art of public relations. He was recruited by G.D. Searle because he had "a Boy Scout image," according to one company official.⁵⁰ A house politician was precisely what Searle needed to compensate for the damage done by independent researchers concerned about the toxic effects of aspartame. In March 1976, an FDA task force brought into question *all* of the company's testing procedures between 1967 and 1975. The task force described "serious deficiencies in Searle's operations and practices which undermine the basis for reliance on Searle's integrity." The final report of the FDA task force noted faulty and fraudulent product testing, knowingly misrepresented findings, and instances of "irrelevant or unproductive animal research where experiments have been poorly conceived, carelessly executed or inaccurately analyzed."⁵¹

Richard Merrill, the FDA's chief counsel, petitioned Samuel

FDA Commissioner Arthur Hull Hayes ignored the recommendations of the FDA's own board of inquiry.

K. Skinner, U.S. attorney for the northern district of Illinois, for a grand jury investigation of Searle's "willful and knowing failure" to submit required test reports, and for "concealing material facts and making false statements" in reports on aspartame submitted to the agency.⁵² Yet industry analysts, interviewed by the *Wall Street Journal* six months after Rumsfeld's appointment as chairman, noted a rapid turnabout in Searle's fortunes as a result of his direction.⁵³

Searle denies that Chairman Rumsfeld ever had any contact with the FDA, or the Carter and Reagan administrations, to lobby for aspartame.⁵⁴ But the *Wall Street Journal* article reported in 1977 that Rumsfeld "keenly understands the importance of a public image. So he has been mending fences with the FDA by personally asking top agency officials what Searle should do to straighten out its reputation." Westley M. Dixon, Searle's vice chairman, told the *Journal* that without Rumsfeld "we wouldn't have gotten approval for Norpace," a drug investigated by the FDA in 1975.⁵⁵

The grand jury investigation of Searle disintegrated in January, 1977 when the FDA formally requested that Samuel Skinner, U.S. attorney and a protege of Illinois Governor James Thompson, investigate the firm for falsifying and withholding

aspartame test data. A month later, Skinner met with attorneys from Searle's Chicago law firm, Sidley & Austin. Jimmy Carter ascended to the presidency a few weeks later. He announced that Skinner would not be asked to remain in office, but the outgoing Republican wasn't found wanting for employment. He informed reporters that he had already begun "preliminary discussions" with Sidley & Austin.⁵⁶

G.D. Searle and Sidley & Austin are Siamese Twins. Edwin Austin, a senior partner in the law firm, was appointed to the Illinois Supreme Court in 1969. The Searle family drew upon his services extensively, and he taught Sunday school in Wilmette, a Chicago suburb, as did Dr. Claude Howard Searle, whose father cofounded the pharmaceutical house.

The firm is grafted to the beating heart of the Republican party. Morris Leibman of Sidley & Austin was for many years chairman of the American Bar Association's "Standing Committee on Law and National Security," a position that won him Reagan's Medal of Freedom in 1981.⁵⁷

John E. Robson, head of Sidley & Austin's Washington office, was appointed executive vice-president of Searle & Co. in 1977, the same year Skinner was named a partner in the law firm. Robson, too, was active in Republican politics. He was the first General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, and at the behest of Gerald Ford in 1975, chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board.⁵⁸ He moved on to Searle, and stayed with the company until it was bought outright by Monsanto in 1985. Howard Trienens, a law clerk to the late chief Justice Vinson in the early 1950s, was a G.D. Searle director and worked for Sidley & Austin since 1949.⁵⁹ Archconservative California Governor George Deukmejian joined Sidley & Austin's Los Angeles branch upon leaving office in 1991, and is reportedly making a "very comfortable" living. He has a keen "sense" for bringing in corporate clients, a partner in the firm told the *Los Angeles Times*, many of them past contributors to his campaign fund. Deukmejian's business connections have given him a reputation as a Sidley & Austin "rainmaker," but the L.A. City Council has questioned his ethics in promoting a contract with Sumitomo Corp. on a metropolitan railway project.⁶⁰

Searle aside, Sidley & Austin has served some of the most notorious special interests in the country. The firm lobbied overtime, for instance, on behalf of Charles Keating's Lincoln Savings & Loan, and provided counsel on tax issues and dealing with federal authorities. The firm assisted Keating when Lincoln was foundering, and carried political favor to keep the S&L operating despite massive debts. As a result, the firm was forced to settle with Lincoln depositors in 1991, agreeing to cover an excess of \$40 million in claims.⁶¹ Sidley & Austin also represented the AMA when a group of drugstore chains sued seven drug makers—including Searle—for price fixing and antitrust violations. The lawsuit, filed in October 1993, amounts to billions of dollars in compensation.⁶²

Skinner recused himself from the Searle prosecution four months before leaving office—asking, in a memo to subordinates, that the matter be kept "confidential to avoid any undue embarrassment"—a stall that nearly allowed the statute of limitations to expire. William Conlon, a senior U.S. attorney, inherited the case. He eased off, citing case load pressures, and gave a deaf ear to complaints of delays from the Justice Department, which urged that a grand jury be convened to prosecute Searle for falsifying NutraSweet test data. In January, 1979, Conlon too joined Sidley & Austin.⁶³

The 33-page letter from Merrill to Skinner charged Searle with criminal fraud in its animal test results. In 1984 *Common Cause* asked Dan Reidy of the U.S. attorney's office how the investigation had stalled. Reidy replied that because it was a

MASS MURDERERS IN WHITE COATS

"Psychiatric Genocide in Nazi Germany and the United States"

By Lenny Lapon



Documents the mass murder of "mental patients" by psychiatry in Nazi Germany and in the United States -- a fact referred to by the author as psychiatric genocide. In fact, Lenny Lapon shows how the killing of thousands of psychiatric inmates and other "useless eaters" in Hitler's Third Reich set the stage in a practical and ideological way for the later extermination of six million Jews and other victims of Nazi persecution. Other Holocaust researchers rarely acknowledge the incredible importance of this fact.

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grand jury investigation, he was "bound by law to secrecy." A Searle spokesman exploited the demise of the grand jury to claim that there was "no validity to the charges," that the company had been "exonerated." Philip Brodsky, an investigator for the FDA, expressed surprise that Searle hadn't been indicted. "I thought surely they would prosecute them," he said.⁶⁴

Eleven years later Senator Metzenbaum issued a press release charging Skinner with stalling the criminal investigation as he prepared to decamp from office. Metzenbaum and his staff demanded an FBI investigation of Skinner's mishandling of the case. In December, 1988, the conflict-of-interest bombshell blew up in the face of newly-elected George Bush, who was about to appoint Skinner to the position of Transportation Secretary.⁶⁵

Like most of the Machiavellians in the NutraSweet story, Samuel Knox Skinner kept company with hardright Republicans. He entered politics as a campaign volunteer for Barry Goldwater.⁶⁶ In 1975, he was appointed to Federal Prosecutor in Chicago by President Ford. Sidley & Austin promoted him to senior partner after only one year with the firm. Skinner was the director of George Bush's presidential campaign in Illinois. On occasion he was berated for his involvement with the state's Republican apparatus: In 1987, for instance, the *Chicago Sun-Times* linked him with a clutch of lawyers close to Governor Thompson, who were awarded lucrative assignments handling the affairs of financially crippled insurance companies. Skinner was a leading light of the Illinois Fraud Prevention Commission — he targeted welfare cheats (as opposed to white-collar criminals in the drug industry) — and President Reagan's Commission on Organized Crime. In December 1991, he left Transportation to take the position of President Bush's Chief of Staff.⁶⁷

"A Shocking Story"

Had Skinner pressed on with the investigation, aspartame's manufacturer would have been forced to explain a long history of fabricated laboratory tests and slippery dealings with federal regulators, not to mention the public.

Dr. Alexander Schmidt, a former FDA commissioner, said of the original Aspartame Task Force investigation: "What was discovered was reprehensible... incredibly sloppy science." A 1980 public board of inquiry opined that the company's testing procedures were "bizarre."⁶⁸

Searle's decision to market aspartame culminated with the falsification of test results to obtain FDA approval. In November 1969, officials of the firm hired Dr. Harry Waisman, a researcher for the University of Wisconsin, to test for brain damage in rhesus monkeys. Seven monkeys were fed aspartame for periods up to one year. In the end, though, the evaluation flopped because the technicians failed to perform the intelligence tests and autopsies required to determine brain damage. When questioned about the false data by the FDA, Searle officials claimed to have had no direct control over the study. But the protocol for the study was written by a Searle pathologist after it had begun. And, according to Dr. Gross, "Frequent high-level communications took place between Searle executives and Dr. Waisman prior to and during the study."⁶⁹

To make matters worse, Dr. Waisman died in March, 1971,

in mid-study.

Searle submitted the toxicity test to the FDA on October 12, 1972. It bore Dr. Waisman's name as coauthor. Richard Merrill noted: "Dr. Waisman was the expert in the field and his name would carry great weight," but complained to Skinner that Searle took "great literary license" in drafting the report, "which covers up the admitted inadequacy of the design, control and documentation of this study."⁷⁰

Searle submitted some 150 test reports, yet Dr. Martha

Freeman of the FDA Bureau of Drugs noted in a 1973 memo, "the information provided is inadequate to permit an evaluation of the potential toxicity of aspartame."⁷¹ The FDA task force set up by Dr. Schmidt in 1975 reviewed 25 studies on seven products manufactured by G.D. Searle, a total of 500 pages and 15,000 exhibits.⁷² Searle was held to be the author of "reports that the FDA believes contain false information" and "concealed facts resulting from having drafted Dr. Waisman's 'pilot' mon-

key study so that it would appear to be a valid, thorough scientific study," and not a forgery.

In 1975 Searle submitted a battery of cancer test results entitled "The Willigan Report," which contained a statistical table that excluded four malignant mammary tumors detected by Dr. Willigan and incorporated in his data. The malignancies were made to appear benign. Searle dismissed the misrepresentation as a computer "programming error" undetected by supervising statisticians. Dr. Gross interviewed all concerned with the tests. He concluded in a statement to Metzenbaum's committee in August, 1985, that "to accept the Searle explanation is to believe that the unfavorable mammary malignancy data were innocently omitted from the summary table four separate times by three different individuals."⁷⁴

The Waisman and Willigan Reports were prepared by Searle Labs, as were 88% of the safety evaluations conducted by 1981.⁷⁵ They are typical of the shoddy documentation upon which FDA Commissioner Hayes based his decision that aspartame does not constitute a public health risk. Although two members of the 1975 task force considered the tests to be criminal frauds, Hayes and Searle declared the results valid. In an appeal to Hayes' decision, James Turner said: "The entire argument that since the studies are no longer considered fraudulent by FDA they are therefore scientifically valid is an example of a rhetorical shell game that, if successful, can only bring discredit and ridicule on the FDA."⁷⁶

Dr. Gross, the chief scientist on the FDA task force, told the *CBS Nightly News* staff in January, 1984, that Searle made "deliberate decisions" to cloak the toxic effects of aspartame. "They took great pains to camouflage these shortcomings of the study," Gross said, "as I say, filter and just present to the FDA what they wished the FDA to know. And they did other terrible things. For instance, animals would develop tumors while they were under study — well, G.D. Searle would remove these tumors from the animals," surgically masking the cancerous effects of aspartame.⁷⁷ Yet one 1986 *New England Journal of Medicine* article claimed that noncompulsive aspartame intake has "no sinister effects."

Dr. Woodrow Monte told CBS, "Every time a truly impartial team of scientists have looked at NutraSweet, it has been turned down." Dr. Monte, director of the nutrition laboratory at Arizona State University, held that these studies "show extreme

dangers over the long term."⁷⁸

Dr. Monte was rewarded for his comments by a fusillade from the press. On February 23, Dan Dorfman, a business news reporter for WCBS in New York, broke a story that several CBS employees had invested in options on NutraSweet that pay off if the stock price drops.⁷⁹ Dr. Monte and his attorney had purchased the options as well. It emerged that the CBS staffers had purchased the options on the advice of stock market newsletters printed prior to the nightly news report. The investments were not illegal, nor did they reap a profit. Searle's stock was not affected by the publicity, and the investors took a loss.

Nevertheless, the *Wall Street Journal* ran a front-page story condemning the "inside trading." Reed Irvine's Accuracy in Media picked up the cudgel against Dr. Monte and the CBS employees as if they'd committed a shocking Wall Street swindle.⁸⁰ Accuracy in Media, formed in 1969, is an intelligence operation abetted by the CIA. The rabidly right-wing organization was co-founded by Bernard Yoh, a counter-insurgency adviser under the notorious Edward Landsdale in Vietnam, and a fount of CIA funds to military intelligence units in the Delta region. Board member Elbridge Durbrow was once a foreign service "diplomat," and advised commanders of Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. Another AIM board member, Frank Trager, has conducted research for the Pentagon and CIA, and churns out pamphlets on international business and intelligence operations. Major financial contributors to AIM include Richard Nixon, "Bebe" Rebozo, Edward Scripps, the wretched Dr. Edward Teller and former Treasury Secretary William E. Simon.⁸¹

Accuracy in Media is a strident advocate of the chemical industry, which provides it with generous funding. The media "watchdog" has long waged a campaign on behalf of dioxin, denouncing the "Agent Orange scare" as the creation of delirious, anti-business liberals. Among the leading manufacturers of Agent Orange for the Vietnam war effort was Monsanto, preparing — at the very moment AIM took aim at detractors of NutraSweetTM — to buy G.D. Searle.

The Good Stuff

Dr. Monte cautioned in 1987 that he didn't want to sound like a "conspiracy theory" hound, but the aspartame chronology clarifies its commercial emergence. The FDA Board of Inquiry advised against the sweetener on September 30, 1980. On January 21, 1981 — the day after Reagan's inauguration — Searle submitted "ten new studies." Dr. Monte was skeptical. "It is impossible that they could have conducted those studies in four months," he said. "Obviously they'd previously done those studies but hadn't officially submitted them, although much of the information in those studies was informally presented to the board of inquiry." With the "new tests" in hand, Hayes acted as though critical, overriding evidence had proven the safety of aspartame.⁸²

James Turner, representing the Community Nutrition Institute in Washington, D.C., said that Arthur Hull Hayes, to arrive at his decision that aspartame is safe, firewalked a path "through a mass of scientific mismanagement, improper procedures, wrong conclusions and general scientific inexactness." Two FDA officials declared in 1985 that Hayes was determined to clear all obstacles to NutraSweet approval. One FDA bureaucrat reported that "people at the top" were closed to questions concerning the quality of the tests submitted by Searle.⁸³

In July, 1984 a broad investigation of NutraSweet's adverse

effects was conducted by the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control. Federal health officials said at the outset that they believed no harm would emerge from the data to indict aspartame. Robert McQuate, Ph.D., science director of the National Soft Drink Association, predicted with mystical confidence that the study would "provide further evidence that aspartame is a safe ingredient."⁸⁴

Dr. McQuate didn't fret the goring of his biochemical ox. In November the CDC announced that no "serious, widespread" side effects had been found.⁸⁵ It was "unlikely," said CDC officials, that "complainers" could establish a link between NutraSweet and their maladies — the same bromide once tossed to victims of radiation experiments. The reported side-effects of aspartame fell into two distinct categories: central nervous system (65%) and gastrointestinal disorders (24%).⁸⁶ Yet the CDC claimed erroneously that no consistent reaction pattern had been found.⁸⁷ Robert Shapiro, then president of NutraSweet, used the occasion to enthuse that the survey "clearly established the safety" of the sugar substitute.⁸⁸ Nevertheless, the CDC recommended a new set of studies because aspartame users continued to complain of ill effects.

Based on the ersatz assurances of the CDC report, PepsiCo announced that it would drop saccharine and begin sweetening its diet drinks entirely with aspartame. The decision would have been approved by Wayne Calloway, then CEO of PepsiCo and director of the multinationals Citicorp, General Electric and a Exxon. In 1983 soda bottlers, organized around Pepsi, had petitioned the FDA for a delay in approval of NutraSweet for soft drinks until further evaluation verified its safety — interpreted by market analysts as a ploy to drive down the price of the sweetener. They soon abandoned the effort to block approval (and all health concerns they might have had). "We believe saccharine is safe," Pepsi USA President Roger Enrico lied, but "we wanted the taste improvement." PepsiCo, already drawing on a tenth of Searle's 7.5 million pound annual production of aspartame, signed an agreement with G.D. Searle to boost purchases 500 percent.⁸⁹ (Like other corporate pushers of aspartame, Pepsi has long maintained ties to the intelligence community. One product of the relationship was a Pepsi plant in Vientiane, Laos with a laboratory outfitted for heroin production. Alfred McCoy, in *The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia*, documents the efforts of Richard Nixon to promote the plant's construction in 1965, and the CIA's continuing subsidization of the plant. McCoy complained to Pepsi officials that the facilities were but a cover for the importation and refinement of morphine, but it continued to operate unhindered.)

Yet another report was filed by Reagan's General Accounting Office in July 1987, this one on the FDA's handling of aspartame. The GAO concluded that the agency had followed proper procedures and conducted valid studies. But the report noted that the FDA had followed guidelines for *food* — not drug — testing, despite the recommendation of the agency's own biologists favoring *drug* tests, which are considerably more stringent. This recommendation was overruled by FDA officials.⁹⁰

Another blemish in the study was bared by Dr. Louis Elsas, director of medical genetics at Emory University in Atlanta. "They never asked the right questions about what it does to brain function in humans," he told the *Washington Post*. Half of the scientists polled expressed reservations about the safety of NutraSweet. One-fifth reported "major concerns." Monsanto quibbled in a press release that these critics had themselves never conducted aspartame research. A score of independent scientists have. They found side effects.

Senator Metzenbaum berated Searle's flawed and fabricated

tests at the August 1, 1985 Senate hearings. "The FDA," he said, "is content to have the manufacturer of aspartame, G.D. Searle, conduct these studies. How absurd."

He also faulted the AMA:

The *Journal of the American Medical Association* recently published a report on aspartame which, with some significant disclaimers, stated it was safe for most people. I wish that this report could ease my concerns. It does not. It merely restates the FDA position which relies solely on the tests conducted by G.D. Searle. As I have indicated these tests are under a cloud. In addition, the concerns raised recently by the scientists ... were not even included in the report.

In defense of the tests, executives of G.D. Searle argued that the sweetener has been approved by foreign regulatory agencies and the World Health Organization. But H.J. Roberts, an internal medicine specialist in West Palm Beach, Florida, reviewed the foreign studies and found that "the vast majority of these agencies accepted company-sponsored research without ever having done independent confirmatory studies."⁹¹

Deficiencies in testing were aggravated by a lack of laboratory training at Searle. One of the pivotal safety studies involved fetal damage, but the FDA task force found that the medical researcher in charge was "inexperienced in conducting studies of this nature and yet given full responsibility." They were appalled to discover that his sole credential was a field study of the cottontail rabbit for the Illinois Wildlife Service, yet at Searle he'd been assigned to laboratory training and supervision. When asked about his *curriculum vitae* in fetal research, he replied that he'd once attended a seminar on the subject, and the company had provided him with a stack of reference works.⁹² (Yet J.D. Searle, in its 1981 Annual Report, billed itself as "a research-based pharmaceutical company.")

Corporate control of NutraSweet testing continues at Monsanto, torturing the ethics of academic medicine. In August 1987 the University of Illinois, a recipient of Monsanto's largess, issued a study exonerating aspartame of causing seizures in laboratory animals. Dave Hattan, a safety regulator for the FDA, responded that the study only confirmed the need for testing on humans. At independent labs, he insisted, aspartame provoked seizures.⁹³

Industrial support tends to contaminate test data. Dr. Elsas, in a 1988 letter to the *New England Journal of Medicine*, advocates unbiased review of clinical research. "The NutraSweet Co.," he said, "may have had an interest in protocols that would find that their product had no untoward effects."⁹⁴ Monsanto reportedly granted one NutraSweet researcher a \$1.3 million honorarium.⁹⁵ The same hired gun willing to manipulate lab results will have no qualms publicly defending a tainted pharmaceutical, like the diabetic specialist who objected that a Senate hearing on aspartame, which called him as a witness, might arouse groundless public anxiety.⁹⁶

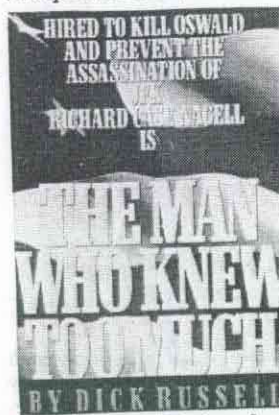
Victims and health activists have attempted in the courts to put a stop to the marketing of NutraSweet, to no avail. In 1985 a coalition of consumer groups were handed a ruling by the federal Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia that the FDA had followed proper procedures in approving aspartame for soft drinks. A year later the *Washington Post* reported that the Supreme Court again refused to consider the case "despite critics' arguments that the product, sold under the brand name NutraSweet, may cause brain damage."⁹⁷

Likewise, the medical establishment has thrown up an im-

THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH

by Dick Russell

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ROSWELL

THE GREAT "UFO" CASE: SOLVED AT LAST?

UFO aficionados are a testy lot, which is why one hesitates to write about the Roswell affair — a maddeningly complex farrago of "spies," lies, and watch-the-skies. New Mexico Congressman Steve Schiff is looking into the story, which recently inspired a rather nifty made-for-cable film starring Kyle MacLaughlin. Saucer fans fixate upon each detail of the Roswell account like mystics contemplating the stations of the cross, and God help the writer who hints at an explanation divergent from the UC (ufologically correct) interpretation.

Yet we must now report that persuasive evidence indicates something *other* than an alien craft crash-landed near Roswell, New Mexico, on July 2, 1947.

During a thunderstorm on that date, an unidentified sky-borne object exploded. The wreckage crashed into W.W. "Mac" Brazel's sheep ranch, situated about 10 miles northwest of Roswell and 30 miles southeast of Corona. The next morning, Brazel and his sons searched for debris. They found shards of an extremely sturdy light-weight metal, and a foil-like substance that was surprisingly resistant to tearing or wrinkling. The ranch had no telephone, so Brazel didn't report his find until he made a trip to the city some two days later. He briefed Major Jesse Marcel, an intelligence officer at the local Army Air Base (home, incidentally, of the 509th Bomb group, specially trained to deliver atomic payloads). Marcel consulted with higher authority and received orders to investigate the crash site.

At the ranch, Marcel found the inexplicable foil, and scooped up bits of a flexible material similar to balsa wood, imprinted with pink and purple "hieroglyphics." The Major had a crew of men scour the area for the debris, then convinced Brazel that silence on this matter would be the better part of patriotism. Apparently, the military later used fairly heavy-handed tactics to convince the unfortunate rancher not to discuss the matter. Soldiers loaded the wreckage aboard a B-29, which flew to Fort Worth, Texas.

On July 8, the public information officer at Roswell base, Walter Haut, issued a press release stating that the 509th had recovered a flying saucer "through the cooperation of one of the local ranchers." *Mistake.* Haut's superiors immediately squelched the report. (Haut's military career didn't last much longer.) To assuage public anxiety, the military needed to come up with a clever diversion — and fast. Thus, at Fort Worth, Brigadier General Roger Momy announced that the wreckage was simply a weather balloon caught down by the thunderstorm. He even allowed newsmen to photograph the recovered balloon pieces (at least that's what they were told the stuff was), which were then sent on to Ohio's Wright Field for analysis. One wonders why a mere weather balloon would receive such treatment.

Ramey's story held until the late 1970s, when author William Moore (and others) decided to look into the matter. Marcel, when interviewed, admitted that the "weather balloon" tale was phoney.

Moore co-wrote a book called *The Roswell Incident* with Charles Berlitz, whose well-known name helped garner a sizable advance. The book mixes solid facts and silly rumors — a sad situation which Moore blames on his former partner. Still, the basic Roswell story got out, and other researchers became interested.

Moore now claims that the material photographed in Ramey's office back in 1947 was the *actual* debris from Brazel's ranch. Most ufologists prefer to believe that newsmen snapped shots of an unrelated downed weather balloon, which Ramey sneakily substituted for the real thing. Moore backs his version of events with interview statements from Marcel and then-Colonel Thomas J. DuBose, who both appear in the controversial photos. If their assertions are true — if those images *do* depict the real "alien" wreckage — then the Roswell case suffers a punishing blow. To most people, the silvery substance in the photographs simply doesn't look like shearings from a saucer. The stuff-that-can't-be-wrinkled-ortorn appears *very* wrinkled and very torn.

Many following the case decided to discard Moore's interviews with Ramey and DuBose, mostly because Moore has, over the years, proven somewhat confounding. He claims his research into Roswell attracted the attention of a group inside the American intelligence community — and in truth, he does appear to have communicated with a number of spooky fellows, including Colonel John Alexander of Los Alamos National Laboratories. (See Dick Russell's "Non-lethal Weapons," in this issue.) Moore's associate Jamie Shandera received top secret presidential briefing papers allegedly confirming the extraterrestrial origin of the Roswell crash. But these documents are as widely questioned as Anna Nicole Smith's assurances that she never had cosmetic surgery.

So, just what, exactly, nose-dived onto Mac Brazel's ranch that day in 1947? Astronomer Jacques Vallee once offered the interesting suggestion that the debris may have come from a special floating drone, designed to measure radioactivity. (These were, after all, the days of open-air A-bomb tests.) Vallee believes the technology of the time could have produced Roswell-type metallic foil, "Aluminized Saran," he writes, "...was paper-thin, was not dented by a hammer blow, and was restored to a smooth finish after crushing."

Vallee came close, but lawyer Peter Gersten got the cigar. Gersten, now joined by a handful of other saucer researchers — including a controversial fellow named Karl Pflock — has explored the possibility that the crashed object was constructed for a top-secret balloon project called "Mogul." (The Army has recently issued a report backing up this scenario.) Project Mogul studied the phenomenon of atmospheric sound channels, once a highly classified subject. At a certain level in the upper atmosphere, soundwaves travel extremely far. The scientists involved with Project Mogul hoped to use stationary balloons to "overhear" possible nuclear

Was the
"crashed UFO"
really part of
Project
MOGUL?

explosions emanating from the Soviet Union.

Confirmation for the Mogul theory comes from Professor Charles B. Moore (that last name again! As if this tale weren't complex enough...) of the Langmuir Laboratory for Atmospheric Research in Socorro, New Mexico. Professor Moore, now in his 80s, headed Project Mogul. Jim Moseley, who puts out a sarcastic, iconoclastic newsletter called *Saucer Smear*, has printed the following excerpt from a letter written by the good Professor:

"Turning now to the debris recovered by W.W. Brazel in 1947, I have long held that this material probably was from one of our balloons. I tried to convince William Moore on this point when he visited me, but I failed..." According to the professor, the debris resulted from a balloon launch designed to test a Rawin radar target. "Rawin targets simply were not used by the regular weather services in peacetime. Therefore, the people who had previously found radiosondes and weather balloon debris would not have recognized the ML-306/AP targets because they would not have seen them before." These strangely-shaped radar targets were constructed of an unusual material which one balloon expert describes as a combination of aluminum foil and wax paper. (This is probably the "aluminized saran" Vallee speaks of.) The reinforcing tape had flowers, circles and other figures printed on it, possibly accounting for the "hieroglyphics" mentioned by rancher Brazel.

Although the actual Mogul balloons were made of the then-new material polyethylene, the scientists decided to use standard meteorological balloons to conduct a test of the radar target. Thus, in June of 1947, an ML-306/AP device was attached to a cluster of neoprene balloons and launched from Alamogordo Army Air Force Base. As the balloons ascended, the rubber-like neoprene expanded and burst — hence the "explosion" reported by Brazel. The balloon cluster descended; the remaining balloons had just enough "lift" to drag the ML-306/AP along the desert floor. Naturally, the radar target was shredded.

And Mac Brazel, it seems, found the shreds. Since Project Mogul was then highly classified (and remained so for decades), the military had to silence Brazel and put a cover story in place.

The jury still hasn't reached a final verdict; a number of reasonable people (including the unfortunate Haut) still don't buy the Mogul theory. Of course, that theory would immediately fall to shreds if someone could prove the nagging reports that searchers in 1947 found *actual alien bodies*. Indeed, a conster named Gerry Anderson came forward in 1990, claiming to have seen such bodies. His story was later proved a hoax.

More intriguing is the tale of one Grady L. "Barney" Barnett, a soil conservation engineer who stepped forward after researchers had already tracked down Jesse Marcel and other key witnesses. Barnett reported that he had found a crashed disc, complete with alien bodies, on July 3, 1947. The crash occurred on the Plains of Saint Augustine (near Magdalena), more than 100 miles from Brazel's spread. Weirdly, a team of university archeologists just happened to show up in this spot at that moment; they too saw the wreckage. Soon thereafter, a red-haired military man appeared. He swore Barnett and his compatriots to secrecy; Army personnel from Roswell then scooped up the bodies and the disc.

At least, that's what Barnett *claimed*. But his tale raises a number of questions: Who were these "archeologists," and why haven't they confirmed Barnett's story? What kind of crash could scatter extraterrestrial artifacts over an area 100

miles wide? Why does a diary kept by Barnett's wife note that her husband spent July 3, 1947 *in the office*? How can we reconcile Barnett's assertions with those of archeologist Herbert Dick, who was out working in the Plains of St. Augustine that day and never saw any sign of a crashed saucer or other archeologists? Most importantly: If the military had recovered aliens on July 3, *why didn't Jesse Marcel know anything about the Barnett crash or recovered alien bodies*?

The extraterrestrial cadaver story doesn't end there. Roswell mortician Glenn Dennis has told reporters that, 43 years earlier, Army personnel delivered alien bodies to the Roswell Army Air Field. But Dennis didn't see the bodies himself; he says he heard about them from a nurse who worked at the base. Others allegedly saw aliens first-hand: Captain Oliver "Pappy" Henderson of Roswell's First Air Transport Unit spotted the corpses *in situ*, while Sergeant Melvin E. Brown, stationed at the base, guarded a truck carrying recovered items from the Barnett crash site. Reportedly, Brown pulled back a tarpaulin and caught a glimpse of the alien cadavers.

Astonishing assertions. Alas, the Brown and Henderson accounts have a co-dependent relationship with the unconvincing Barnett narrative — and the Gerry Anderson fiasco makes one skittish of *all* such claims. The question remains: How could alien corpses make their way to Roswell base without anyone informing Major Jesse Marcel, Roswell's chief intelligence officer?

Ultimately, we have no iron-clad proof of alien bodies and no truly solid evidence of a July 3 crash on the Plains of Saint Augustine. We *do* have good reason to believe something fell on Mac Brazel's ranch — and we now have a pretty good idea of what that "something" probably was. UFO skeptics shouldn't gloat, though: The Mogul theory gives both debunker and believer an egg facial. Some participants on both sides of the debate reached conclusions before all the facts were in — for example, arch-skeptic Philip Klass insisted on the "weather balloon" cover story well after Marcel had discredited it.

In a sense, the believers were right: Something strange *did* plummet to earth near Roswell. The government really did cover up the truth about the crashed object.

But it probably wasn't a flying saucer.

Of course, we're willing to revamp that opinion if someone can prove that Professor Moore has it all wrong. Anyone willing to give that a go...?

— S.P.

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CASE CLOSED OR OSWALD FRAMED?

Case Closed:

Lee Harvey Oswald and the Assassination of JFK

by Gerald Posner (New York: Random House).

A Book Review

by Peter Dale Scott, Ph. D.

This is a special book about a special case. The two, indeed, are part of a single phenomenon. From the outset, the Kennedy assassination has attracted — along with cranks, ideologues, paranoid obsessives, charlatans, and a clairvoyant — two special kinds of student: the lawyers and the scholars. From the outset there have been reasons (persuasive reasons) of state to close the case; and from the outset there have been glaring problems with the evidence which have kept it open. Over the years there has been no shortage of people (not just lawyers) meeting the persuasive needs of state, nor of people (including some lawyers) following the lure of truth.

If anything has become more clear about the case since the Warren Report, it is that officials of many government agencies have lied, sometimes repeatedly, to maintain the Warren Commission's conclusions. Congressional Committees have established that FBI agents lied about Oswald's visit to the Dallas FBI office before the assassination and that CIA officials gave false statements (even within the Agency) about CIA surveillance of Oswald at the Cuban and Soviet Embassies in Mexico City.¹ These official lies have created a touchstone against which new books about the assassination can be tested. Are lies transmitted uncritically, in lawyerly fashion, as evidence? Or are they exposed by scholarly investigation? As we shall see, Posner's performance is a mixed one (he deals with the FBI falsehoods, but not the CIA ones). On balance, unfortunately, it is a lawyerly performance.

Case Closed may seem to uninformed readers to be the most persuasive of the succession of books that have urged readers to accept the lone-assassin finding of the Warren Report. But to those who know the case it is also evidence of ongoing cover-up. For Posner often transmits without evaluation official statements that are now known to be false, or chooses discredited but compliant witnesses who have already disowned earlier helpful

stories that have been disproven. He even revives a wild allegation which the Warren Commission rejected, and reverses testimony to suggest its opposite.

These are serious charges. There are in fact books on both sides of the Kennedy assassination controversy about which similar accusations could be made, and normally one might conclude that such books did not merit a serious rebuttal. But *Case Closed* is a special book, in which Posner more than once acknowledges help from "confidential intelligence sources."² It has since been granted major publicity in the media, from U.S. *News and World Report* to the *Today* show and 20/20.

There are many places where one can agree with Posner's rebuttal of particular critics on particular points. One must grant also that on a topic of this range and complexity no one's book will be flawless.

But in *Case Closed* some of the weakest sections of the Warren Commission argument have been strengthened by suspect methodologies and even falsehoods so systematic they call into question the good faith of his entire project.

On the now-hoary question of whether Oswald's protector in Dallas, George de Mohrenschildt, had a CIA relationship, Posner reverts to the Warren Commission method of letting the CIA answer the question: "CIA officials have provided sworn testimony that there was no de Mohrenschildt-U.S. intelligence relationship."³ That will not work in 1993. In 1978 the House Select Committee on Assassinations revealed that, when leaving Dallas in May 1963 for Haiti, de Mohren-

schildt traveled to Washington and took part in a Pentagon-CIA meeting with de Mohrenschildt's business ally, a Haitian banker named Clemard Joseph Charles. A former CIA contract agent has since suggested that one of de Mohrenschildt's purposes in moving to Haiti was to oversee a CIA-approved plot to overthrow Haitian dictator Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier.⁴

There is no excuse for Posner's repeating, uncritically and without footnotes, another old CIA claim, that at the time of the assassination, "Oswald's CIA file did not contain any photos" of Oswald.⁵ This false claim is an important one, since the CIA has used it to justify the false description of Oswald which it sent to other agencies on October 10, 1963, six weeks before the assassination. But as Anthony Summers pointed out thirteen years ago, the CIA preassassination file on Oswald contained four newspaper clippings of his defection to the Soviet Union in 1959, and two of these contained photographs of him.⁶ One could argue that the original error arose from an innocent oversight; although this is unlikely, since it is part of a larger pattern of CIA misrepresentations concerning the photos.⁷ One

cannot offer such an innocent defense for Posner's repetition of the falsehood. His discussion of the photo issue is a running argument with Summers; and indeed in this section he repeatedly disputes Summers' allegations.⁸

In short, this book is not "a model of historical research," as the historian Stephen Ambrose has claimed. It is a lawyer's brief.

Reversing the Verdict on Jack Ruby and Organized Crime

One would have thought that one issue now resolved beyond question is that Jack Ruby indeed had, as the House Select Committee on Assassinations concluded, a "significant number of associations" with organized crime leaders both nationally and in Dallas (AR 149). Eight pages on this topic in the House Committee Report were supplemented by a staff volume of over a thousand pages. Once this important point is conceded, it is hard not to agree that the Warren Commission's portrait of Ruby as a loner, based on misleading reports and suppression of evidence by the FBI, was a false one.

To avoid this problem, Posner has produced a witness who revives the Warren Report's portrait of Ruby as "a real low level loser," adding that only "conspiracy theorists" would "believe that Ruby was part of the mob." The witness is Tony Zoppi, whom Posner describes as a former "prominent entertainment reporter for the Dallas Morning News."⁹ He does not mention that Zoppi had been the source of an innocent explanation for Jack Ruby's 1959 visits to the Havana casinos, an explanation so swiftly demolished by the Committee that Zoppi himself retracted it. Thanks to this episode we now know that Zoppi, as well as Ruby, was close to a casino employee of Meyer Lansky's called Lewis McWillie and was himself working for a mob casino in Las Vegas, the Riviera, by the time the Committee interviewed him in 1978.¹⁰

Why would Posner choose a discredited casino employee to claim that Ruby was not connected to the mob? The answer, surely is, that he is a lawyer out, like the Warren Commission, to "close" a case. Posner opposes the thousand pages of House Committee documentation, not with new rebuttal documentation, but by extended oral interviews with just four witnesses, each of them dubious. One is Jack Ruby's brother Earl, investigated by the House Committee because of allegations that his business and personal incomes increased after Oswald's murder (AR 159). Another is former FBI agent William Roemer, from the Chicago FBI office that covered up Ruby's organized crime links in the first place. (The House Committee concluded that the FBI "was seriously delinquent in investigating the Ruby-underworld connections;" AR 243.)

The fourth is Dallas Deputy District Attorney Bill Alexander, who in November 1963 allegedly "prepared to charge Oswald with murdering the President as part of an international Communist conspiracy."¹¹ Posner transmits Alexander's admission to him (in the second of four interviews) that he has been an important liar about the case.¹² And yet Posner interviewed Alexander over "several days" (503), and cites him, as a "significant source," on at least sixteen different occasions.

Crucial to closing the case is rebuttal of the House Committee's finding that Ruby may have had "assistance" from Dallas

policemen in entering the Dallas Police Basement (AR 157). It learned that doors to another stairway had apparently been left unlocked, and the men guarding these doors reassigned elsewhere shortly before the murder. It learned also that "the Dallas Police Department withheld relevant information from the Warren Commission," particularly that at the time the sergeant responsible for the reassignments, Patrick Dean (an acquaintance of Dallas mob boss Joe Civello), had been given, and failed, a polygraph test (AR 158).

Posner ignores these disturbing indications of conspiracy. He writes (p. 393) that "it was never clear whether the door near the public elevators was properly locked," but offers no reason to counter the admission by Sergeant Dean, the officer in charge, that the door was not locked. Like the Warren Commission, he concludes that Ruby entered by a different route, a vehicle ramp, even though no witnesses saw Ruby enter that way and eight witnesses (Posner mentions only two) said that he did not.¹³ His only evidence for the ramp route is the Warren Commission's: Ruby's own sayso, as testified to later (but not at the time) by four Dallas policemen, one of them Dean.¹⁴

Here again Posner downplays an important Committee finding, by turning again to questionable witnesses and totally ignoring the evidence of official coverup, in this case by the Dallas Police.

Repeating Stories Which Even the Warren Commission Rejected

This lawyerly habit of preferring convenient but discredited witnesses is widespread throughout the book. With respect to Oswald's prior use of weapons (another highly disputable area), he accepts, as did the Warren Commission, the testimony of Marina Oswald. In so doing he does nothing to rebut the finding of Warren Commission Counsel Norman Redlich in February 1964 that Marina "has repeatedly lied to the Secret Service, the FBI, and this Commission on matters which are of vital concern."

Given this unrebutted memo, it is hard to excuse the Warren Commission for relying on Marina's testimony that the Mannlicher Carcano "was the 'fateful rifle of Lee Oswald.'"¹⁵ But Posner resuscitates a story from Marina which even the Warren Commission, knowing the story's history, discounted as having "no probative value."¹⁶

Marina said, "Then he got dressed and put on a good suit. I saw that he took a pistol. I asked him where he was going, and why he was getting dressed. He answered, 'Nixon is coming...'" She did not know who Nixon was but was determined that Lee should not leave the house with the pistol. She asked him to join her in the bathroom, and when he entered, she jumped out and slammed the door shut. Bracing her feet against the nearby wall, she struggled as hard as she could to keep the door closed against his efforts to push out. "I remember that I held him," she said. "We actually struggled for several minutes, and then he quieted down..." At first he was furious, but as he calmed, Oswald agreed to strip to his underwear, and stayed home reading

the remainder of the day.¹⁷

We can only repeat here a few of the problems with this story, which at the time engendered a number of supporting statements to the FBI that were later hastily recanted:

According to one version of this latest story from Marina, Oswald had "intended to shoot Nixon" in Dallas; and she "had locked Lee Harvey Oswald in the bathroom the entire day...to prevent him from doing so"... Faced with the fact that the Oswald bathroom — like all others — locked from the inside, Marina then told the FBI... that in April 1963 "she forcibly held the bathroom door shut by holding on to the knob and bracing her feet against the wall"... Finally she would tell the Warren Commission... that she and her much stronger husband "struggled for several minutes" inside the bathroom... Faced with other, irreducible difficulties in this Nixon story, the Warren Commission discreetly concluded it was of "no probative value."¹⁸

Note here that Posner has glossed over the inconsistencies in two incompatible stories by attempting to present them as one. In fact if Marina was outside holding on to the knob, she could not have simultaneously been inside struggling with her husband.

Twisting Testimony to Imply (or Even State) Its Opposite

But Posner's worst abuse of testimony occurs with respect to Oswald's location before the fatal shots. Posner inherits the Warren Commission's problem that a number of credible witnesses placed Oswald on the first or second floor of the School Book Depository, both shortly before and shortly after the fatal shots were fired from the sixth floor at 12:30 PM. The FBI Summary Report of December, 1963 suggested that Oswald had been observed on the fifth floor between 11:30 and 12:00, but the Warren Commission added that he had been seen (by Charles Givens, of whom more below) on the sixth floor. Posner, like earlier advocates of the lone assassin theory, reports another such alleged sighting as fact: "At 11:40 one of the workers, Bonnie Ray Williams, spotted Oswald on the east side of that floor, near the windows overlooking Dealey Plaza."¹⁹

The problem with this convenient story is that Williams, as if to satisfy his exigent examiners, had apparently changed his story not once but twice. An earlier FBI interview on November 23 had reported Williams as saying that he had seen Oswald on the fifth floor about 11:30 AM; and that Williams had returned to the sixth floor about noon and had seen no one.²⁰ One day earlier, only a few hours after the assassination, Williams had signed and sworn to a Dallas Police affidavit, stating categorically that "I didn't see Oswald any more, that I remember, after I saw him at 8 AM."²¹

The Warren Commission was quite aware of this problem. It quizzed Williams about his conflicting earlier statements to the FBI (though not to the Dallas police) and then discreetly declined to use his belated story about the sixth floor. And yet it relied heavily on Williams' account (in another story he had

failed to report earlier) of hearing the shots fired from one floor above him while watching the motorcade with two coworkers on the fifth floor. Commission Counsel Belin elicited vivid testimony from Williams on this point: "It sounded like it was right in the building ... it even shook the building, the side we were on. Cement fell on my head."²²

Williams' earlier amnesia about what he heard is compensated for by elaborate corroboration from his two alleged companions, "Junior" Jarman and Harold Norman. Indeed the corroboration is so precise that one's suspicions are raised, especially since none of the three had reported their important eyewitness accounts to the Dallas police.²³ We even find these suspicions voiced by Stephen White, in one of the many earlier books which, like Posner's, has tried to persuade the American public that the Warren Commission was right:

Any student of the Report...must become uneasy at the testimony of the three men who stationed themselves at a fifth floor window in the Depository to watch the motorcade go by. Their stories dovetail admirably: They each heard three shots; they believed they were fired above them; one of them heard three shells hit the floor above them. It may well be so, but uneasiness is engendered when one learns that the Warren Commission stimulated their memories by a reenactment that duplicated in detail the account to which the investigators themselves were by then committed, and in so doing may have made concrete a recollection that had earlier been vague and indistinct.²⁴

The Warren Commission needed an eyewitness to Oswald on the sixth floor in order to rebut three eyewitness stories that Oswald had spent this period on the first or second floor of the building. Posner has no better rebuttal for one of these three downstairs witnesses (Eddie Piper) than to say that "Piper... is clearly mistaken as five witnesses had placed Oswald on an upper floor, left behind by the elevators by that time."²⁵ The big problem here is that the witness score of five (for upstairs) versus three (for downstairs) had originally been one, or later two, (for upstairs) versus four (for downstairs). The problematic nature of this evidence had been noted in an early Warren Commission internal memo of February 25, 1964.²⁶ All five who had declared for upstairs by March had changed their stories to do so. None had done so more suspiciously than the one witness, Charles Givens, whom Posner chooses (without any hint of this problem) as his main source.

There are three possible responses to the confusion and conflict in witness testimony about Oswald's location. There is the judicious or common-sense response (which was that of the House Committee): to conclude that the "inconsistencies in the statements ... created problems that defied resolution 15 [now 30] years after the events in Dallas."²⁷

There is the scholarly response: to gather more evidence, whether as to what happened inside the Depository, or about the alterations in the witnesses' stories, or about the forces which led to these alterations. Sylvia Meagher in 1971 looked more closely at "The Curious Testimony of Mr. Givens," which changed at least four times in five months and ended up with his switch from being a downstairs to an upstairs witness. According to an FBI memo of November 22, Givens had told the FBI that at 11:50 AM he had seen Oswald reading a paper in the

"domino room" on the first floor. In his Warren Commission testimony of April 8, 1964, Givens told counsel Belin that he had never made the earlier statement and claimed (for the first time in the official record) that he had seen Oswald on the sixth floor just before noon.²⁸

Meagher also reprinted an intervening statement on February 13, 1964 to the FBI by Dallas Police Lt. Jack Revill (a narcotics detective), "that Givens had previously been handled by the Special Services Bureau on a marijuana charge and he believes that Givens would change his story for money." And she denounced as "patently false" Revill's testimony to the Warren Commission (on May 13, 1964) that Givens had told him on November 22 he had seen Oswald on the sixth floor, on the grounds that Givens had never said this until April, 1964.²⁹

Finally there is the lawyerly approach: to tell less, not more, to suppress the difficulties with the testimony that is preferred, and to invent nonexistent problems with the testimony of witnesses one wishes to discredit. This is the approach of Posner in *Case Closed*. Instead of admitting, and discussing, the problems with the sixth floor witnesses who recanted their own testimony, Posner completely ignores these problems and creates the false impression that it is a key first floor witness who has contradicted herself.

Posner is especially concerned to impeach the testimony of Carolyn Arnold, which corroborated Oswald's own account of having lunch on the first floor, in opposition to the Warren Commission account of Oswald waiting on the sixth floor. In Posner's words:

Carolyn Arnold, a secretary to the Depository's vice-president, told Anthony Summers in 1978 that at 12:15 she entered the second floor lunch room and saw Oswald sitting in one of the booths. "He was alone as usual and appeared to be having lunch," Arnold said. Her interview with Summers was the first time she ever publicly told the story about seeing Oswald in the lunch room. But Arnold had given two different FBI statements shortly after the assassination. In one, she said she "could not be sure" but might have caught a fleeting glimpse of Oswald in the first floor hallway, and in the second statement said she did not see him at all. Arnold told Summers the FBI misquoted her, though she had signed her statement as correct. Four other women worked with Arnold and watched the motorcade with her that day. They support her original statements and not the story she told fifteen years later. Virgie Rachley and Betty Dragoo accompanied her when she left the second floor at 12:15. They did not see Oswald in the lunch room.

After this apparent demolition of Arnold, Posner dismisses the other two witnesses in a footnote:

William Shelley and Eddie Piper also thought they saw Oswald on the first floor shortly before noon. But Shelley later admitted he saw him at 11:45 A.M., before others noticed him on the sixth floor. Piper thought he saw Oswald at noon filling orders on the first floor, but he is clearly mistaken as five witnesses had placed Oswald on an upper floor, left behind by the elevators at that time.³⁰

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(These five witnesses had come up with the elevator story long after the assassination; and one of them, Charles Givens, had originally placed Oswald on the first floor).³¹

But the apparent problem with Arnold's testimony is an artifact of Posner's own lawyerly imagination:

1) Arnold never told the FBI "she did not see [Oswald] at all." She said that she "did not see Lee Harvey Oswald at the time President Kennedy was shot."³² This was in response to a narrow question asked of all Book Depository witnesses by the FBI, in accordance with a request from the Warren Commission. Similar if not identical answers were given by Roy Truly, who according to Posner saw Oswald two minutes (some say 90 seconds) after the assassination, and by five of Posner's alleged upper floor witnesses.³³

2) It is highly misleading to say that "Arnold told Summers the FBI misquoted her, though she had signed her statement as correct." Here Posner conflates two different FBI statements, one of November 26 about seeing Oswald on the first floor (where she later claimed to have been misquoted) and one of March 28 about not seeing Oswald at the time of the assassination (which she had signed as correct).

3) Thus there is no evidence that Arnold ever contradicted herself. One might normally suspect witnesses who denied making statements attributed to them by the FBI. But Posner has no grounds for doing so in this case. As he is quite aware, three of his upper floor witnesses (Givens, Williams, and Norman, whose final stories he reports as gospel) had denied under oath making earlier statements attributed to them by the FBI and/or Secret Service.³⁴ Arnold's different memory after fourteen years is hardly comparable to the dramatic differences in reported stories from Givens after a few weeks, or even hours.

I call Posner's treatment lawyerly, because he is trying both to make some very problematic sixth floor witnesses seem clearer than they were and to make a first floor witness seem more problematic than she really was. But at times his abuse of evidence goes beyond legal propriety.

On the same page, for example, he tries to rebut Oswald's own statement that he took his lunch in the first floor domino room by a seemingly persuasive barrage of conflicting testimony: "Danny Arce, Jack Dougherty, and Charles Givens [all three of them upper floor witnesses who had changed their stories] also ate in the first floor room up to 12:15 and said there was no sign of him."³⁵ The footnoted citation for this statement from Givens is to the Warren Commission Hearings, Volume Six, p. 352. But on that page we find the exact opposite testimony:

MR. BELIN: On November 22 did you eat inside the building?

MR. GIVENS: No Sir.

After this discovery, one can raise questions about the other alleged witnesses as well.³⁶

Not every page of Posner's book is as full of distortions as this one. Even here I have focused on the worst handling of evidence; there are indeed other credible witnesses who create problems for those who believe that Oswald in fact spent this time on the first floor.

But I have no trouble admitting that the evidence is confused, and the Depository witness testimony problematic. It is Posner,

in his desire to find the case closed, who must introduce a false simplicity that in fact is not to be found. There will be those who argue that Mr. Posner is after all a lawyer, and we should expect no better of him.

But my complaint is about the national media pundits who (like Tom Wicker) have hailed this book as "thoroughly documented" and "always conclusive." My complaint even more is with the prominent academics who (like Professor Stephen Ambrose) have hailed it as "a model of historical research." The case will certainly never be closed as long as the media tout such misrepresentations as the proper answer to the critics. □

Footnotes:

1. U.S. Cong., Senate, Intelligence Committee, *Performance of Intelligence Agencies*, Appendix B; House, Judiciary Committee, FBI Oversight Hearings, October 21 and December 11, 1975; Posner, 215-17 (Oswald and FBI in Dallas); House, Select Committee on Assassinations, "Lee Harvey Oswald, the CIA and Mexico City," Classified Staff Study (cited henceforth as *Lopez Report*, declassified 1993), 123, 164, 183-84, etc. (Oswald in Mexico City).

2. Posner, pp. 511, 514, etc.

3. Posner, 86.

4. 12 AH 5557; Summers, 248; Dick Russell, *The Man Who Knew Too Much* (New York: Carroll and Graf, 1992), 318-19; Warren Hinckle and William Turner, *The Fish Is Red* (New York: Harper and Row, 1981), 210 (contract agent); Peter Dale Scott, *Deep Politics and the Death of JFK* (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1993), 78. There is also the problem of the alleged KGB defector, Yuri Nosenko, who came to America in 1964 with the claim that the KGB had nothing to do with Oswald. There are issues here that will probably never be resolved, but Posner, in order to close the case, makes light of them. He spends most of his time confirming what he calls "Nosenko's bona fides" (p. 41), and his arguments are quite persuasive. But even if Nosenko were a bona fide defector, it does not follow that all that he says about Oswald is true. On the contrary, the House Committee reported "significant inconsistencies" in statements Nosenko had given the FBI, the CIA, and the Committee (AR 102). Posner makes the valid rebuttal point (p. 45) that a 1967 CIA review found "massive errors in the translations of the interviews conducted before and during Nosenko's imprisonment," but he does not reveal to his readers that this finding related to CIA interviews only, leaving unexplained the reported major discrepancies between Nosenko's statements to the Committee and to the FBI. Thus there is still little justification for Posner's having relied so heavily on Nosenko as a principal source.

5. Posner, 186; emphasis in original. This false claim was originally made within the Agency by an anonymous official to CIA General Counsel Lawrence Houston. See Anthony Summers, *Conspiracy*, (New York: McGrawHill, 1980), 381.

6. Summers, 381; Warren Commission Document 692; CIA Document 590252.

7. *Lopez Report*, 13741. The Lopez Report called explanations offered by CIA employees on the matter of the false Oswald description "hard to accept" (139) and "implausible" (140).

8. Posner, 191 (footnotes 99 and 100), 193 (footnote 105). These cite pages in Summers immediately before and after the account of the photos in Oswald's file.

9. Posner, 355, 361.

10. Scott, 198-99; 5 AH 170ss; 9 AH 164-69. The stake of Meyer Lansky, Moe Dalitz, and the Chicago mob in the Riviera is confirmed by one of Posner's other Ruby witnesses, William Roemer, *War of The Godfathers* (New York: Donald I. Fine, 1990), 82, 167.

11. William Manchester, *The Death of a President* (New York: Harper and Row, 1967), 326; Scott, *Deep Politics*, 270. By the time Posner interviewed him, Alexander had become a fervid anticongressionalist (Posner, 361-62, 466-67). But Posner is usually scathing about witnesses who have changed their positions (e.g. 139, 227).

12. "Shortly after the *Inquirer* incident, Alexander and two local reporters concocted a story that Oswald had been FBI informer S-179 and had been paid \$200 a month. Lonnie Hudson, one of the reporters, printed the story, attributing it to an unidentified source. The fallout was so great that the Warren Commission held a January 22, 1964, executive session to discuss the issue. 'I never much liked the federales,' Alexander says. 'I figured it was as good a way as any to keep them out of my way by having to run down that phony story.'" One of those who printed the "phony story" was Joe Goulden (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, December 8, 1963).

13. Posner, 395; G. Robert Blakey and Richard N. Billings, *The Plot to Kill the President* (New York: Times Books, 321-22).

14. Posner, 395-96. Posner says "three" Dallas policemen, instead of four. Is he mindful of the problem with Dean's testimony which he does not share with his readers? Accepting Jack Ruby's version as if it were authoritative, Posner also claims (396n) that the House Committee "ignored the fact that Secret Service agent Forrest Sorrels also said he heard Ruby tell [the Dallas police] ... that he had come down the ramp (*Dallas Morning News*, March 25, 1979)." He thus rebukes the Committee members for ignoring a "fact" that emerged after their report was published. In 1964 Sorrels testified under oath that he did not recall hearing Ruby comment on how he got into the basement area (13 WH 68).

15. WR 128, citing 1 WH 119, 14.

16. Warren Report, p. 189.

17. Posner, *Case Closed*, 120.

18. Scott, *Deep Politics*, 271, 289; cf. discussion at 28991 22 WH 596, 786; 5 WH 389-90.

19. Posner, 225, cf. 22 WH 681 (FBI interview of March 19, 1964); 3 WH 165.

20. WCD 5.330, emphasis added; cf. 3 WH 169.

21. 24 WH 229.

22. 3 WH 175; quoted in Posner, 242. Cf. 3 WH 179: "I heard three shots. But at first I told the FBI I only heard two they took me down — because I was so excited, and I couldn't remember too well. But later on, as everything began to die down, I got my memory even a little better than on the 22d, I remembered three shots."

23. Like Williams, Norman — when testifying to the Warren Commission — recanted details of an earlier statement he had made under oath (3 WH 194; cf. 17 WH 208).

24. Stephen White, *Should We Now Believe the Warren Report?* (New York: Macmillan, 1968), 57-58.

25. Posner, 227. For just some of the many problems of the alleged Oswald-by-the-elevator encounter (later doubled to be-

come two Oswald-by-the-elevator encounters), see Gorden Miller, *The Third Decade* (September 1993), 33-35. Miller does not mention that Bonnie Ray Williams (3 AH 168) attributed to the first encounter an exchange of words between Givens and Oswald which Givens (6 AH 351) attributed to the second encounter (when Williams was not present). Posner, undaunted, reports both elevator-encounter stories, along with the Givens version of the exchange of words, as if they were incontestable facts. Posner also names Jack Dougherty as a witness to an 11:45 AM elevator-encounter, citing (without page reference) an "affidavit of Jack E. Dougherty, November 22, 1963" (Posner, 540, footnote 12). When Posner omits page references, one's suspicions are rightly aroused. The affidavit (24 WH 206) says nothing about an elevator encounter at all. There is also no elevator in the testimony (6 WH 377-78), where Dougherty stated, "It was about 11 o'clock; that was the last time I saw him."

26. Summarized in Sylvia Meagher, "The Curious Testimony of Mr. Givens," *Texas Observer*, August 13, 1971; reprinted in Peter Dale Scott, Paul L. Hoch, and Russell Stetler, *The Assassinations: Dallas and Beyond* (New York: Vintage, 1976), 246-47.

27. AR 50.

28. 6 WH 345-56; WR 143; cf. WCD 5.329 (FBI interview of 11/22/63); all summarized in Meagher, 245-47.

29. WCD 5.330 (FBI memo of 11/22/63); 6 WH 345-56, WR 143 (Givens testimony); WCD 735.296-97 (Revill to FBI), 5 WH 35-36 (Revill to Commission); Meagher, in Scott, Hoch, and Stetler, 245-48.

30. Posner, 227; emphasis added.

31. Posner does not supply a footnote for his statement that Shelley saw Oswald "at 11:45 A.M." What Shelley told the Commission, unambiguously, is that he saw Oswald on the first floor at "about ten to twelve." (6 WH 328). The difference of five minutes, trivial in practice, is devastating to Posner's logic; for 11:50 is the Commission's time for the first encounter at the elevator on the fifth floor. In other words, Shelley's testimony cannot be written off as compatible with the highly dubious elevator story.

32. 22 WH 635; FBI interview of March 18, 1964, emphasis added.

33. 22 WH 634 (Arce), 22 WH 645 (Dougherty), 22 WH 649 (Givens), 22 WH 655 (Jarman), 22 WH 666 (Norman); cf. Howard Roffman, *Presumed Guilty* (Rutherford, NJ: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 1975), 185.

34. 6 WH 354 (Givens); 3 WH 168, 171-72, 173, 180 (Williams); 3 WH 194 (Norman).

35. Posner, 227.

36. Givens' testimony is consistent with his original affidavit to the Dallas Police on November 22 that at twelve noon he took his lunch break and left the building. A very similar statement ("At lunch time at 12:00 noon I went down on the street") had been signed and sworn to by Danny Arce (24 WH 199). Arce's different statement to the Warren Commission, that he ate lunch in the "domino room" (6 WH 365), is thus open to question. This leaves only Jack Dougherty, a witness the Warren Report very understandably calls "confused" (WR 153) and who testified twice to Warren Commission Counsel Ball that the shots were fired "before I ate my lunch" (6 WH 379). □

Assassination Politics

Gerald Posner and the False Quotation Syndrome

Since this issue of *Prevailing Winds* contains Peter Dale Scott's masterful skewering of Gerald Posner's *Case Closed*, you may think we've dumped sufficient opprobrium on poor Gerry's noggin. Naah. We haven't even started. After all, we can't let future historians accept the JFK case as closed when new evidence indicates that media-hero Posner is a bit, shall we say, ethically challenged.

Of course, savvy folk knew Gerry had a wayward way with facts from his book's first sentence, which claims that more than 2000 books have been written about the Kennedy assassination. The actual figure is somewhere under 400. Posner probably got the "2000" figure from the struggling Assassination Research Center in Washington, D.C., which does (or did) house roughly that number of books on its unsteady shelves. But those holdings include many titles not directly about the assassination.

Posner goes on to claim that this avalanche of assassiology, foisted on the public by avaricious writers, has presented only the pro-conspiracy side of the Kennedy question. Let's first clear up this business of alleged avarice: JFK books normally sell well only when a movie or some other newsworthy event pushes the case into the spotlight. At other times, books in the genre do *not* sell particularly well (trust me on this), with the exception of works by a few lucky authors — Lifton, Lane, maybe one or two others. Most assassination researchers don't quit their day job; they do what they do because they believe in the work.¹ And a book which sells, say, 5000 or 10,000 or even 20,000 copies can scarcely compete with the *millions* reached by Dan Rather, NBC, *Time*, *Life*, and *Newsweek*. All of these media outlets have steadfastly defended the "lone nut scenario" over the decades. If Posner asserts that the public hasn't had a chance to hear the Warren Commission's side of the story, he is (as Dave Letterman might say) just plain goofy.

He may be worse than that. Researchers Harold Weisberg and Walt Brown, as well as medical expert Dr. Gary Aguilar, have been double-checking Posner's claimed interview subjects. Apparently, the Warren Commission's foremost apologist

seriously misrepresented those he supposedly interviewed.

For example: Posner testified to the Conyers Committee on November 17, 1993, that he interviewed JFK's autopsists, Drs. James Humes and J. Thornton Boswell. Both allegedly told Posner the skull wound was high. On March 30, 1994, Aguilar called Humes and Boswell to get their side of the story. Dr. Humes confirmed that he had spoken to Posner, but denied changing his mind about the skull wound, which he has always said was low. But here's the kicker: Not only does Dr. Boswell continue to say that the wound was low, he insisted to Aguilar — twice, and without any equivocation — that *he had never spoken to Posner at all!*

If *that's* true, then Posner is guilty of lying before a congressional committee. In other words, his sense of ethics has gone North. But it gets worse:

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Case Closed also draws on an alleged Posner interview of James Tague, the third man hit in Dealey Plaza that day. For thirty years, Tague has asserted that the first shot did *not* hit him — and his insistence on this point has, for various reasons, always caused grave problems for the Warren Commission and its avatars. Posner solved these problems by quoting from his alleged recent interviews with Tague, which, we are led to believe, were conducted on two successive days. (Never mind that Posner elsewhere expresses contempt for witnesses who change their original testi-

mony.) According to *Case Closed*, the "Third Man" now agrees that a fragment of the first shot *could* have hit him. This revised standard version of Tague's testimony greatly aids the book's reconstruction of the crime.

Dr. Aguilar and Harold Weisberg separately contacted Tague to ask why he told Posner a story differing from the one he has recited for years. The answer was clear and shocking: *James Tague never spoke to Gerald Posner at all!* And Tague stands by his oft-repeated story that the first shot most assuredly did not hit him.

Other instances of "false quotation syndrome" are only now coming to light. For example, there's the case of Harold Norman, a Dealey Plaza witness located under the alleged sniper's window. Norman *did* speak to Posner. But this witness told another writer, Walt Brown, that the information ascribed to him in *Case Closed* does not resemble what he actually said — "not by a long shot."

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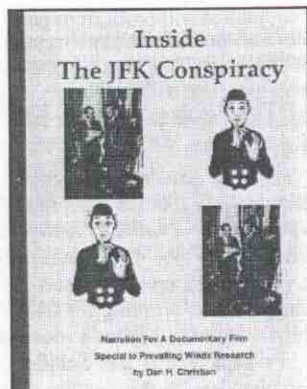
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Posner even seems to have misquoted his own editor, Robert Loomis of Random House. The author of *Case Closed* has frequently recounted the story of his book's genesis, which was on this wise: In 1992, Random House hired him to write a book that would establish a conspiracy once and for all; Posner started investigating, found no evidence of a plot to kill JFK, and reported these findings to his publisher, who told him to go with what he found. 'Tis a pretty tale, and utter bullshit. Well before *Case Closed*, researcher Walt Brown sent a JFK assassination manuscript to Random House, and got a vehement rejection notice — signed by editor Loomis — stating in no uncertain terms that Random House would *never* publish any book critical of the Warren Commission's basic findings.

If Loomis wants to maintain such an attitude, that's his privilege, of course. But how can Gerald Posner claim that Loomis originally tasked him to produce a work open to the idea of conspiracy?

During the 1993-94 year's media orgasms over *Case Closed*, the public frequently heard glowing remarks about Posner's background. For example, we heard that he was a Wall Street lawyer, which was comforting. All America instinctively trusts Wall Street lawyers. We also heard that he had acted as the attorney for an organization called CANDLES, which represents victims of Dr. Josef Mengele's horrifying experiments at Auschwitz. CANDLES is run by a feisty and courageous woman named Eva Kor, an Auschwitz survivor now living in Terre Haute, Indiana. When I called her last February, she insisted that Gerald Posner *never* was a lawyer for her organization. She considers him untrustworthy and expresses contempt for anyone who conjures up a false association with her

group in order to bask in unearned moral authority. Posner, in her view, is "a real son of a...gun." (She's too ladylike to swear, but she's cute when she's tempted.)

As for Posner's much-vaunted computer analysis, which "proved" that the bullets came from the back: Despite the impression you might have gleaned from *Case Closed* and its media cheerleaders, that analysis was *not* done at Posner's behest. A computer firm called Failure Analysis did the work for a 1992 mock trial of Lee Harvey Oswald, staged by the American Bar Association. In fact, Failure Analysis did *two* computer analyses — one for the prosecution and one for the defense.² The president of Failure Analysis, Robert McCarthy, found the defense position more convincing.

Dr. Gary Aguilar had a few enlightening words on *l'affaire Posner* in a letter he sent to the *Federal Bar News and Journal* (March/April 1994). A few excerpts:

"Posner dismissed Rose Cheramie's remarkable clairvoyance that President Kennedy was to be killed in Dallas [memorably dramatized in the Stone film] by claiming that the witness to Cheramie's statements, Dr. Victor Weiss, reported that Cheramie only mentioned this after Oswald's death. This is flatly untrue, which Posner must know from the work of the 1978 House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) which reported that, according to Dr. Weiss, 'Dr. Bowers allegedly told Weiss that the patient, Rose Cheramie, had stated before the assassination that President Kennedy was going to be killed.' Moreover, Posner certainly neglected to mention another unassailable, HSCA-cited witness, Louisiana state police lieutenant Francis Fruge. He reported Cheramie made the prediction directly to him two days before Kennedy's murder."

"Posner cited the testimony of Renatus Hartogs, the psychiatrist who examined Oswald as a teenage truant, arguing that Hartogs' findings suggested a violent potential. The Warren Commission dismissed Hartogs' testimony when an examination of his original report revealed the opposite conclusion..."

Aguilar concludes: "While one is naturally loath to question the good faith of any author, especially one nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, Posner seems to be begging even Warren Commission loyalists to question his."

Normie and Larry (An Outing)

Posner's volume was only the first blow in a projected one-two-three attempt to knock out the conspiracists. Expect two more volleys in the near future. The next big Oswald-did-it book will come from Norman Mailer, by way of — you guessed it — Random House. And you thought *Case Closed* got big-time publicity...

Mailer, previously considered a friend to the assassination research community, has visited Russia to put together *Oswald In Minsk*. A depressed gathering of researchers got an awful earful of this work when Mailer gave the opening address at the 1993 Assassination Symposium on Kennedy (ASK) in Dallas. During this speech, Mailer thus assessed Oliver Stone: "He is a brute, but he has the honesty of a brute."

Yeah, well, that works both ways: Norman Mailer is a sophisticate, and he has the, er, honesty of a sophisticate.

He gave ample evidence of his sophisticated approach to matters of honesty during that evening's reading from his upcoming volume. The audience was particularly awed by Mailer's attempt to explain away one of the major mysteries of Oswald's 1959 trip to the Soviet Union: *How did Ozzie pay for it?* Plane fare alone cost at least \$1500, yet Oswald's bank account contained a paltry \$203.

Mailer hilariously suggested — without offering proof, or even an argument — that Oswald earned the funds working the streets as a homosexual prostitute. Presumably he kept the money in his mattress rather than his bank account (but *why?*) without his barracks-mates ever noticing. Of course, there's absolutely *no* evidence Oswald ever did anything of this nature. El Toro Marine Base certainly offered few opportunities for a would-be street hustler, there being no public streets nearby. For Oswald to earn so much so rapidly (at that era's rates), his head must have been bobbing up and down faster than one of those "drinking bird" bar toys.

If the rest of Mailer's book can achieve this level of surreal silliness, he should read it aloud on Comedy Central in between the *Monty Python* reruns.

Mailer's close partner in this Minsk mess is Lawrence Schiller, who has skulked around the famed writer for more than two decades. In Peter Manso's 1985 biography of Norman Mailer, Schiller's own words damn him as the sort of self-obsessive wheeler-dealer anyone even glancingly familiar with Hollywood has met and hated. Although he almost never actually writes anything, Schiller somehow regularly gets involved with high-profile book projects, such as Mailer's 1973 coffee-table book on Marilyn Monroe.

Schiller was the business agent of Jack Ruby. He first had a go at the Warren Commission critics back in 1967, when, as the "photographic expert" hired by CBS, he "authenticated" the negative of the famous backyard photograph showing Lee Harvey Oswald and the rifle. Oddly, the Warren Commission said they could find no negative. Jack White's video presentation on this matter has utterly convinced me that the image is a forgery — and I speak as a professional illustrator who has used an airbrush to alter many a photo.

At this same time, Richard Warren Lewis and Lawrence Schiller, posing as objective journalists, visited the assassination critics; their true intention was to write an attack book called *The Scavengers and Critics of the Warren Commission*. Mark Lane, in his *A Citizen's Dissent*, paints an amusing picture of Schiller as a man obsessed with money and Lane's allegedly "mod" outfit (actually a conservative suit). In a magazine article, Schiller and Lewis smeared Lane by noting his conviction for "breaching the peace in Jackson, Mississippi." The S&L team never mentioned that the arrest occurred because Lane and the leader of the NAACP deliberately stood together in the segregated Jackson airport. Did Schiller ever have the guts to challenge segregation laws?

In their 1967 book, S&L got numerous spellings, dates and facts wrong — for example, they grossly overestimated the speed of the "magic bullet." Worse, they damned the critics as monetarily motivated — which, coming from Schiller, was a major hoot. (Remember: Jack Ruby's business agent.) The aforementioned book by Manso portrayed Schiller — at least in my reading — as a man so in lust with money he would ravish a quarter if he could find an orifice.

by Howard Zinn

From the opening pages, an account of "The European invasion of the Indian settlements in the Americas," there is a reversal of perspective, a reshuffling of heroes and villains. The book bears the same relation to traditional text as a photographic negative does to a print: the areas of darkness and light have been reversed. The open-minded will profit from professor Zinn's account, and historians may well view it as a step toward a coherent new version of American history." —Eric Foner, New York Times book Review.

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Yet only now are we getting the full story of Schiller's actions during that period. Newly released FBI documents in the possession of writer-investigator James DiEugenio prove — beyond all doubt — that Lawrence Schiller was an FBI informant. (We don't know if he was a *paid* informant, though it's hard to imagine him working for free.) To put it bluntly: Lawrence Schiller, Norman Mailer's research partner, has a history as a spy. Perhaps Mailer and Schiller will try to cobble together a rationalization for this spying; there's *always* a rationalization. But I doubt that they will convince any activist of that era who recalls the damage wrought by FBI harassment and infiltration. When you think of that damage, that backstabbing, that double-dealing, that covert tattling, think of Schiller. And think of Mailer, whose involvement with the left during the 1970s deserves a major reassessment. *Did FBI-guy Schiller get useful info from Norman Mailer?*

It gets worse. While spying for the FBI on the Garrison case, Schiller contacted homosexual acquaintances of the defendant, Clay Shaw. These sources (two in San Francisco, three in New Orleans) all confirmed that Shaw used pseudonyms, including the name Clay Bertrand. Schiller and the FBI knew that Garrison was correct concerning a key disputed point in his case. Yet they never made their knowledge public.

Perhaps the most interesting comment on Schiller's honesty came, oddly enough, from Mailer himself, who once told a columnist (*New York Daily News*, April 5, 1984): "When it comes to lying, Larry Schiller makes Baron von Munchausen look like George Washington."

So why has Mailer made this man his partner?

I don't know. But I feel that financial worries may be one key to the mysteries of Mailer, whose legendary tax problems bring Willie Nelson to mind. For many years, Mailer dodged (and for all I know may still be dodging) the IRS. In Manso's biography, we find the following quotes from Mailer's sixth wife: "All the while Norman was writing *The Executioner's Song* he was in serious financial trouble, and we were borrowing money every month." "After going through all the records and the bills, I realized what idiocies had been committed by his financial people." "The nut was \$1000 a day, a staggering figure." "So it's a given — owing number of dollars a year — and he's got to work like crazy to pay for it." In the late '70s, the debt to his publisher alone was \$300,000. Mailer even resorted to borrowing a further \$90,000 from his own mother.

Has this scramble after bucks ever affected the accuracy of Mailer's reportage? To answer that question, one need only turn

to the last chapter of Donald Spoto's excellent 1993 biography of Marilyn Monroe, in which Spoto recounts the controversy over Mailer's over-hyped *Marilyn* book of two decades previous. In that fluffy 1973 work, Mailer dropped none-too-subtle hints that Robert F. Kennedy was involved with the death of the actress. Did Mailer really believe this? Apparently not: He told *60 Minutes* that he felt Marilyn had died accidentally. Then why did Mailer smear RFK? "I needed money very badly," he told his TV interviewer.

In 1983, Mailer came into big money when he left Little Brown, his longtime publisher, for Random House, which signed a \$4,000,000 four-book deal with the author. *Ancient Evenings*, *Tough Guys Don't Dance*, and *Harlot's Ghost* followed. When he completes *Oswald in Minsk*, his publisher will have finally gotten what they paid for.

In a way, Mailer's most recent fiction work bears a deliciously appropriate title. As a literary figure, he has become a ghost of his former self. And as a historian, he has become quite the...

...nope. Better not finish that thought. But I wanted to register the temptation.

"They Call Me Gus!" (Another Outing)

The third big Oswald-did-it book will come from a fellow named Gus Russo (pronounced *ruse-oh*) who is worth a few words, none of them kind. Forgive the upright pronouns in the following section, but this one's personal.

More than eighteen months ago, I got an out-of-the-blue call from Russo, then known as an assassination buff who had helped edit the published screenplay of Oliver Stone's *JFK*. "If Stone trusts him, he's gotta be cool," I reasoned, and so I spoke as freely to Russo as one would to a best friend.

He explained that he was heavily involved with a PBS *Frontline* special on Lee Harvey Oswald. This special, he maintained, would prove the case for conspiracy. Specifically: *Frontline* would air declassified documents establishing that Oswald worked for the Office of Naval Intelligence. Russo repeatedly assured me that the show would demonstrate Oswald's spookery beyond any doubt.

Pretty impressive. Naturally, I wanted to assist this *Frontline* investigation in any way possible.

Russo said he wanted to know anything and everything about the people visiting Guy Banister's office before the assassination. (Anyone who has seen the Stone film knows who Banister is.) I told him that acquaintances of mine were close to tracking down an elusive, little-known witness who had performed key duties in the Banister operation.³

Cut to November, 1993: Gus Russo's *Frontline* special airs, and I discover that his telephone call was about as misleading as those famous signs reading *Arbeit Macht Frei*. Nearly the entire documentary is an ode to the glories of Posner. The show also features Patricia Johnson MacMillan, author of the unconvincing *Marina and Lee*; Newly released CIA documents identify her as a witting Agency asset, a fact never mentioned by PBS. *Frontline* pooch-pooches the very idea of conspiracy. No mention of "documents" proving Oswald's work for ONI.

By this point, I couldn't help suspecting that Gus Russo was as spooky as Caspar, and a lot of other people felt likewise. These suspicions deepened when files from the House Select Committee on Assassinations started to come out. Turns out that Banister witness I had discussed with Russo knew a lot of interesting stuff and had spilled many a bean to the HSCA investigators after they granted him immunity. Alas, Russo (with PBS funding, a luxury envied by other researchers) tracked this witness down in 1993 and got him to deny what he had said some fifteen years earlier.

This denial raises questions of its own: If the witness told a bogus tale in the 1970s, why did he demand immunity at that time? But the damage was done. Russo found out — from me, dammit! — that other researchers were pursuing an overlooked lead, a lead more significant than anyone realized, and he got to the witness in question first.

File this one under M for Mouth, as in me-and-my-big.

Now Gus Russo has reportedly received an advance of one quarter of a million dollars to write a book about the assassination. Unbelievable! Can you name any other first-time author (not counting celebrities) who has ever received that kind of money?⁴ Especially for yet another book on JFK? Titles on this subject may have sold well immediately after the Stone film, but they're not hot-sellers these days — many stores don't even stock the newer works.

Russo has told differing stories about this forthcoming book to various JFK researchers (Peter Cross, John Newman, Gary Aguilar, etc.), but a general image of the quarter-million-dollar volume has come into view. The Russo bottom line: Oswald did it, the Warren Commission said so, and that settles it. The Russo kicker: Oswald did it on behalf of Fidel Castro, and those darned Kennedys hushed up the true facts of the assassination to protect the deceased President's image. It seems that John the Blood-thirsty desperately wanted to see Fidel's bearded head dancing on a spear, and he forced those nice boys at CIA to concoct assassination schemes against the Cuban leader, even though they didn't really want to.

This last bit of balderdash will probably go over well with leftists of a certain stripe, the kind for whom all weapons are fair in their ongoing war against Main Enemy JFK. (I'm sure Noam Chomsky will love Russo's "revelations" — of course, Chomsky once blamed the murder of Patrice Lumumba on JFK, even though Lumumba died before Kennedy took the oath of office.) But the whole idea is disproven by a newly released 1967 report, written by the Inspector General of the CIA, giving the full history of the Castro assassination plots. Those plots began in 1959, and the Agency desperately tried to keep them secret from the President. JFK had, in fact, been seeking a detente with the Cubans directly before the assassination, sending peace-feeler messages through ambassador William Attwood to Cuba's U.N. ambassador Carlos Lechuga.

Where, you might ask, is Gus Russo getting his "information?" Good question. Here, as Paul Harvey would say, is the rest of the story:

By Russo's own admission, he's been cozying up to none other than William Colby and Theodore Shackley. (He originally told a JFK researcher that these meetings also included Richard Helms, but he later retracted that story.) Anyone who has read anything about the CIA knows these individuals and their horrifying history. But Russo is proud to have struck up an acquaint-

tance with these gentlemen. He's been quoted as crowing proudly, "They call me Gus!"

I can think of other names.

—M.C.

Notes:

1. By contrast, the begetter of a book like, oh, say, *Recycled Doonesbury* can hardly claim that he isn't in it for the money.

2. Posner finally got around to mentioning this business in the paperback edition of *Case Closed*. (Compare the first footnote for chapter 14 in both the hardcover and softcover editions.) He tries to save face by claiming that the Failure Analysis defense team presented a weak case. Indeed it did. By the company's own admission, the computer team working defense did not set out to prove a conspiracy, but merely to raise doubts about Oswald's guilt in the jurors' minds. The fact that the defense made only a limited effort hardly bolsters Posner's argument; quite the opposite.

Failure Analysis participated in the ABA mock trial in order to demonstrate to lawyers the effectiveness of using computer graphics in presenting a legal case. The company used computer graphics to illustrate the defense and prosecution positions, not to recreate fully the assassination. The correspondence between the company and Harold Weisberg, reprinted in his book *Case Open*, makes this point quite clear. No computer can truly recreate the JFK assassination; a genuine recreation would involve firing weapons in Dealey Plaza.

Weisberg makes another good point: To illustrate the case for the prosecution, the Failure Analysis team relied on information gleaned from second hand sources. (Garbage in, garbage out.) Had they gone to first hand sources — the varying testimonies of the Parkland and Bethesda doctors, the interviews with the Dallas nurses, the questioned X-rays, and so forth — they would have come up against all the same controversies and inconsistencies that medical specialists like Dr. Gary Aguilar and Dr. David Mantick are now trying to resolve.

Incidentally, during the initial flush of Posner hype, Tom Brokaw and other media heavies pretended that *Case Closed* represented the first application of computer technology to the JFK case. In fact, the Warren Commission critics have used computers for decades — for example, some early pro-conspiracy photographic analyses first appeared in the technical journal *Computers and Automation*.

3. I give only sketchy details of this business in order not to step on the toes of another writer, who wants to pursue this topic.

4. By comparison: Anne Rice stunned many when she received the queenly sum of \$12,000 for her first novel, *Interview With the Vampire*. Russo has beaten her badly. And I'm sure it's the kind of beating she disapproves of. □

Yes, Virginia, There Is a Lone Nut

Pretend that you live in the most secure residence in North America: bodyguards everywhere, anti-aircraft guns on the roof, impenetrable wrought-iron fences. Then imagine that you visit a part of the world thronged with suicidal mass-killers of opposing religious faiths who ALL hate your guts. And yet you return home without receiving even a paper cut.

Then pretend, if you can, that before you left, a man whose name nobody now remembers dive-bombed his airplane into your yard a few feet from your bedroom. And then imagine that "Security" and the newsmedia explain the incident by saying the dead pilot was "despondent." And then, after you've returned unscathed from Suicide-Killer-City, some unimpeded bozo peppers your family's house with 30 bullets from a public sidewalk and nobody, not a soul, has the slightest idea why.

And then imagine that, at this very same time, you're being viciously assailed as a leader of vile far-left political forces you actually never had anything to do with. Would you think that something, er, fishy, was going on, that there might be some sort of organized operation to drive you nuts, if not drive you into an early grave?

Of course you would not! Because if you did, you'd obviously be one of those wacko *conspiracy buffs*! And you're certainly not one of *those* pathetic fools, even though your Vice-President once publicly alleged that a—gasp!—conspiracy assassinated one of your predecessors back in 1963. Obviously the airplane "crash," the mute gunman, and the hate campaign are all just weird *coincidences* that are part of life. You know, just like that recent false alarm in the White House which enabled platoons of armoured "firefighters" to enter your home without previous security clearance. No siree, no time's available to fret over such trifles.

And good thing that's so. Otherwise you might start fretting about other trifles like:

1. Frank Eugene Corder, the "despondent" kamikaze pilot vanished from sight three weeks before his already forgotten landing beneath your bedroom window.

2. Sidewalk sharpshooter Francisco Martin Duran vanished from sight a month before he "shot" to national prominence. He spent his unchronicled army career in a military prison.

3. Periods of pre-assassination, unaccounted-for "missing time" figure prominently in the life reconstructions of many of America's most notorious "lone nuts," like Lee, Sirhan, Artie, Sara Jane, John, James Earl, Squeaky, *et al.*

4. Corder evidently started going 'round the bend when his dear old dad bought the farm. Seems Dad worked for years at Maryland's Edgewood Arsenal, site of some of this nation's most appalling, illegal and (once) covert mind-control and biological warfare programs. When John Corder was asked how his brother gained access to the Cessna he stole and piloted into the White House lawn, he professed puzzlement but added that "Dad had a whole lot of keys for airplanes he worked on."

6. Briefly, the Durans' neighbors told newsmedia that Duran belonged to a shadowy, proto-fascist "militia." Then they stopped being quoted or stopped talking.

But you are the President, and you're not going to succumb to such silly, paranoid speculation.

Yes, Virginia — uh, *Bill* — there is (as you well know) a Lone Nut, or two, or ten. And just because they congregated around you during a six-week period which also marked your party's national Armageddon, why, that's no reason to believe anything else other than that it was all some sort of great, big coincidence! Right, Bubba?

In most nations, the concept that violent, secretive, sinister groups occasionally travel unlawful avenues to power is itself a cliché that nobody bothers to deny. But not here, no siree! We are AMERICANS!! And as our den mothers, omniscient high

school teachers, "liberal" media pundits and college professors taught us, we have a "special" political system that absorbs and addresses *all* needs and discontents. In America, there's no need to resort to violence and covert crimes, because a simple two-party system takes care of everything — content, discontent and ambivalence. If on occasion there is a crime committed that *appears* to be political in nature — why, it's actually the product of a *despondent loser*, or *dysfunctional nut*, or the *workings of sheer coincidence* confabulated by some paranoid troublemaker into something sinister. Sure it might really be there in Europe or Latin America, but not here. Americans don't play that kind of game. There's no here, here.

There comes a time in the life of every person and every collective of persons when childhood fantasies must be discarded and adult realism striven for. Otherwise, if the individual or collective continues believing in Santa Claus, or The Tooth Fairy, or "Coincidence," then growth ends and the functional equivalent of Death takes over.

Long years have passed since the United States of America — the world's mightiest power, the richest producing nation, the Arsenal of Democracy — fell "into denial." Yes, it's a lame phrase, bandied about indiscriminately by "recoverees" filled with the 12-step Full Gospel of Human Potential. And yet, like many obnoxious platitudes and clichés, there is a sticky element of unpleasant truth to it.

It is long past the time that America's collective "Inner Child" should have grown up and moved out of denial. We've been on a binge of such denial ever since the bloom went off the imperialistic rose back in February (Tet), 1968. Conspirators, criminals and cynical swindlers have succeeded in bilking millions of us because our leaders, our newsmedia and just plain us have been unable and unwilling to admit that conspiratorial evil is practiced here almost every day of every year.

Superficially, it would appear that Nasty Old Mister Truth Decay is on his way out because the Justice Department recently indicted Francisco Martin Duran for attempting to assassinate President Clinton. Will the media actually talk about the *political*, as opposed to merely psychological, motivations for his act? Has realism come into play in Washington?

Hardly. As the not-entirely comatose *Washington Post* has noted, due to maddeningly labyrinthine federal regulations, the FBI gets jurisdiction over the (easy-to-win) Duran case if Presidential assassination comes into play. If not, then jurisdiction rests with the only government employees who've grossly, simultaneously offended right-wing gun nuts and left-wing civil libertarians, the dreadful BATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms). Say what you will about the FBI, but it's certainly understandable that the U.S. Attorneys handling the Duran case prefer an FBI investigation to one by the super sleuths of the BATF. That, and most likely *only* that, is why Duran has been indicted for attempted Presidential assassination.

The prospects are bleak for thwarting the Forces Of Darkness via a Presidential assassination trial of the pathetic Duran. Six years ago, during my lengthy re-investigation of Bobby Kennedy's assassination (a reprint of which is available in the

Prevailing Winds catalogue), I was granted an open-ended, "as much time as you want" interview with a fellow in the Los Angeles District Attorney's office who was point man on the RFK case, plus the LADA's man in charge of the physical evidence in the case. Time after time, I would ask the men about tantalizing bits of evidence suggesting Sirhan was not alone or did not even shoot RFK. Each time the DAs would reply that although such evidence existed, "We couldn't find anything of that nature that we could take to a jury and obtain a conviction." Remember, these are the same people who could not "obtain a conviction" on the Menendez Brothers.

The point of a local or state or federal justice system is always to "obtain justice," but it's always justice in the context of individuals. Law & order hardliners want to maximize convictions; civil libertarians want to protect the rights of individual defendants. But our justice system has no place for delivering justice for *society*. In the case of Bobby Kennedy and every other leader whose successful or unsuccessful assassin survived, justice for our society was never obtained because that justice is equal to *truth*, which is rarely a popular item in politically-charged litigation for either prosecutor or defendant. Given the

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choice, most Americans would release to the streets a Sirhan or Bremer or Duran if in return American society could learn *the truth* about the political assassinations these men were nailed for. But nothing remotely like that ever has or ever will emerge from a criminal justice system totally oriented to convicting or absolving individual suspects.

No doubt Francisco Martin Duran will be convicted of attempting to assassinate a President. And the stoney silence he, or his hypnotists, have decided to maintain will

undoubtedly prevail until he dies sometime around November 22, 2063. *He* sure as hell will never try to assassinate another important person whose physical existence may mean justice for certain oppressed sectors of society. But: Was there anything *more* to this act by a Lone Nut? If so, don't expect the "justice system" to find it, because the "justice system" giveth not a shit.

And it also doesn't care that the pilot who nearly crashed his airplane into the White House (true, the Clintons slept that night in Blair House, but so what?) might have been an assassin sent on a nearly-successful mission by someone who was not despondent. That pilot is now dead, and you can't indict and convict a corpse. So why bother investigating whether he was despondent, DIAspondent or dissociated.

I have a slightly different view of justice. I think Francisco Martin Duran should be set free after a trial in which he responds to just one statement from the prosecutor: "Martin, why don't you pass the time by playing a little solitaire?" Once he flips over the Queen of Diamonds, a few follow-up queries from defense attorneys knowledgeable about Manchurian-style elections would surely deliver the greatest of all forms of justice: TRUTH. Until that happens, the It-Can't-Happen-Here crowd will reign supreme, and the rest of us will continue being modern history's biggest patsies.

Yes, Virginia, it *has* happened here. And it can happen again, and again, and again.

— A.B.

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If you've never read one of Mae Brussell's breathtaking analyses of political history, we suggest you start with this classic, book-length study, which lays out the true story of America's most infamous kidnapping. Members of the so-called "Symbionese Liberation Army" were actually FBI and police undercover operatives, out to manipulate public fear and pave the way for today's "national security" police state. Mae explains how to recognise federal agents provocateurs. \$4.95

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The Silkwood murder and the resulting motion picture starring Meryl Streep focused American attention on the power of the nuclear industry. If you don't know the details of the murder and cover-up, this article will bring you up to speed; it paints a grim picture of the forces operat-

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by Michael Drosnin

On June 5, 1974, burglars staged a daring break-in at 7000 Romaine Street in Hollywood—the nerve center of Howard Hughes' vast empire. The thieves got the most secret papers of the world's most secretive man. Who was behind the robbery? The CIA, the Mafia, the White House and the Hughes organization itself were all suspect, but despite a top-secret FBI investigation and a \$1,000,000 CIA buy-back bid, the case was never solved. Years later, reporter Drosnin began his own investigation, which eventually led him to the stolen secrets. \$1.25

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by Barbara Honegger

Starting in 1963, Barbara Honegger traces the events that led to the October Surprise. But she doesn't stop there. She shows how the criminal activities continued and evolved into all the other scandals and crises which plague us to this day. (Incidentally: Anyone who thinks Congress settled the October Surprise controversy should read Robert Parry's *Trick or Treason* — turns out Barbara was right all along!) \$1.95

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by Cameron Barr

Richard Brenneke, a quiet man who lives in a suburb of Portland, Oregon, claims to be a former CIA contractor who has laundered money, dealt arms, and flown secret cargo flights during the last two decades. The CIA denies any association with him, and high-level officials have dismissed his allegations concerning the October Surprise and other scandals. During the Bush administration, a well-respected federal prosecutor spent nine days in court trying to prove Brenneke guilty of lying — and failed. Cameron Barr, writing originally for *American Lawyer*, looks at the case. 50¢

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a speech by Tony Avirgan

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Two articles by reporter Cyrus Reed (from Costa Rica's *Tico Times*) which discuss the indictment of CIA asset John Hull on charges of murder and drug trafficking. A comprehensive look at the Costa Rican investigation of Hull's involvement in cocaine smuggling. 30¢

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by Seymour Hersh

Don't let Rush Limbaugh re-write our history! Get the real story of the Reagan/Bush assault upon our Constitution. Hersh outlines the Iran-Contra Committee's failures. The committee uncovered numerous avenues of inquiry which they elected not to mention publicly. Hersh also discusses the aborted testimony of James Radzinski, which might have led to Reagan's impeachment. 50¢

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by David MacMichael

You think Iran-Contra was investigated thoroughly? Hey — they never even started. MacMichael investigates several lesser-known but critical aspects of this still-misunderstood scandal. 60¢

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by Barbara Honegger

If you remember the Iran-contra scandal (and don't let it go down the memory hole!) you'll recall that July 13th, 1985 is a very important date. That's when "the President" allegedly signed the finding authorizing the shipment of arms to Iran. What most people overlook is that on July 13, 1985, Ronald Reagan was under the knife for colon cancer surgery and George Bush was officially "President-for-a-day." Barbara Honegger's extensively footnoted article suggests that Reagan wasn't lying when he said he couldn't recall signing the finding. \$2.00

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by John Picton

The world doesn't yet know the true story of the crash of Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. And we don't yet know the truth about the crash at Gander, Newfoundland, which killed 248 U.S. servicemen. These two articles from the *Toronto Star* discuss the Gander and Lockerbie crashes in depth and suggest the real reasons for these disasters. (Both "crashes" had links to covert operations.) Once you read these, you'll understand why the

muzzled American press won't give these stories any play. 75¢

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by Jeff Jones

"Is the story of Pan Am 103 that some U.S. Government, U.N. Officials, and foreign leaders were spared because they had access to information indicating that the flight was threatened, while the traveling public was kept in the dark? Is it the case that in their rush to make flight schedules and cut costs, Pan Am allowed bags that had not been properly searched to be loaded on its plane? Is it the case that a rogue CIA operation trying to free U.S. hostages by protecting a heroin smuggling ring failed to prevent the bomb from going on board?" Just what is the CIA hiding? 75¢

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James A. Traficant, Jr. (D-Ohio)

One of Congress' bolder voices releases a key section of the Interfor report, which blames the CIA for the Pan Am 103 bombing. Learn about the participation of Manzur Al-Kassar, Oliver North's arms trading partner. Did you know that that doomed airliner carried a team of disaffected American intelligence officials who were going to spill the beans about a "protected" Middle East drug operation? 95¢

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by Pete Hamill

One of the great, hidden scandals of the Reagan-Bush era was the way they sold off America in bits and pieces. "If you buy the latest Springsteen hit, you are buying it from a Japanese company, CBS-Sony. If you shop at Bloomingdales, you are giving your trade to a Canadian company. If you eat Ball Park franks or dine at Burger King or wear Endicott Johnson shoes or buy gas from Standard Oil or get a Jacuzzi for your home or buy a set of Farberware pots and pans, you have brought your custom to a British firm. Your new RCA records and your Doubleday books come from the German firm of Bertelsmann. Shopping for groceries at the A&P? The chain is owned by Germans. Mack Truck is owned by the French. And Firestone has been bought by Bridgestone, which is Japanese." 70¢



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by Russ Baker

George Bush's favorite charity, AmeriCares, turns out to be less than saintly. Russ Baker links this charity to an assortment of right-wing loonies—from the Knights of Malta to child-molester Father Bruce Ritter! "As an officially sanctioned Point of Light, AmeriCares typifies the glitzy self-serving response of the very establishment responsible for many of the problems that plague the Third World: debt, hunger, militarization, and dictatorships. Meanwhile, dozens of other aid groups work quietly to transform the lives of the world's impoverished without making the nightly news." \$1.75

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by John Connolly

Investigative Reporter Danny Casolaro couldn't let go of a big, dark, twisted story involving the CIA, the mob, arms smuggling, Indian reservations, the stolen IN-SLAW software and financial intrigue. When the authorities found him dead in a motel room, his arms deeply slashed thirteen times and his fingernails partially removed, certain "assets" in the press tried to tell us he had committed suicide. This article will tell you some of what Danny Casolaro died to discover. 95¢

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by Glenn Krawczyk

Profits of War is the book the CIA and the Israelis tried to stop, written by the man they said didn't exist: Ari Ben-Manashe, the Mossad's golden boy. After spending a year in a U.S. jail on trumped-up charges, Ben-Manashe decided to spill the beans—on Inslaw, the stolen Promis software, Robert Maxwell, and a host of covert ops. 80¢

THE BUSH CRIME FAMILY

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by Frank Snapp & Jonathan King

Bush was a major player in an international extortion scheme which used foreign aid to bribe and coerce support for their American proxy armies. Despite Bush's claim that he knew nothing of the contra supply effort, new evidence proves he signed off on early deliveries, helped organize a supply bridge to Honduran contra bases, and sent members of his staff into the field. And recent documentation confirms the central role played by the Israelis. \$1.25

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by Joseph McBride

This now-classic article argues that George Bush had a long, hidden history with the CIA. A November 29, 1963 memo from FBI Director Hoover to the State Department—subject-headed "Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, November 22, 1963"—reveals the Bureau contacted "Mr. George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency" regarding the reaction of Miami's Cuban exiles. An intelligence source confirms that Bush started working for the agency in 1960 or 1961, using his oil business as cover for covert activities. \$1.20

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Anthony L. Kimery

"The name's Bush — George Bush." Strong evidence suggests that George Bush has put in 45 years of loyal service to the CIA, and has profited from shady oil deals and covert operations. \$1.25

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Harken Energy signed an agreement with Bahrain, giving Harken the exclusive exploration, development, production, transportation, and marketing rights to most of Bahrain's massive offshore oil and gas reserves. Oil industry analysts marveled at how this little-known company, with no previous international drilling expertise, landed such a valuable concession. Ah...but it seems that George Bush Jr., eldest son of you-know-who, sits on Harken's board of Directors and owns a ton of company stock. Which may explain Harken's links to institutions involved with drug smuggling, currency manipulation, and covert ops. *At this writing, young George is running for Governor of Texas!* \$1.45

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by Rep. Henry Gonzalez (D-Tex.)

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by Jack Colhoun

Bush family members have done deals with shady partners from the netherworld of covert operations and organized crime. The Bush men looted and pillaged from D.C. to Dallas, from Bahrain to China. And they're still getting away with it. \$1.20

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by Scott Armstrong and Jeff Nason

George Bush has been on the scene of the biggest political scandals of the last two decades. How did he always get out alive? Bush served as a congressman, U.N. ambassador, envoy to China, and CIA. As Vice-President, he headed NSC groups on crisis management, drugs, and terrorism. Despite this busy resume, Bush's footprints were shallow when they were visible at all. How did he do it? \$1.20

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059 "Where Was George? Bush & the Secret Noriega Report"

by Joe Conason & John Kelly

This article from *The Village Voice* describes the DeFeo report, released in 1975, which pointed out Manuel Noriega's involvement in narcotics smuggling from Panama to the United States. There's no way George Bush couldn't have known about this report, yet he still kept Noriega on the payroll. 95¢

CULTS AND RELIGION

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by *Françoise Hervet*

A scholarly overview of the Knights of Malta and their shadowy role in international intelligence operations. Hervet discusses the Order's history, the American Association of SMOM, the American-Italian Connection, the fascist P-2 Lodge, AmeriCares, and the group's covert political goals. It's Church and State, working hand-in-hand to propagate fascism. \$1.75

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Lee studies the relationship between the CIA and the Vatican, paying particular attention to the Knights of Malta. He charges that the CIA: (1) passed money to numerous priests and bishops, some of whom became witting CIA agents; (2) employed undercover operatives to lobby members of the Curia and spy on liberal churchmen, and (3) collaborated with right-wing Catholic groups to counter progressive clerics in America. 95¢

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by *Joan Bokaer*

Joan Bokaer is with the Center for Religion, Ethics and Social Policy at Cornell University. Here, she exposes how fundamentalist cults have affected America's foreign and domestic policy. Today, with the religious right vying for ever-greater power, you *must* understand this important piece of social history. \$2.25

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by *John Judge*

What the media told you about Jonestown was a massive lie. John Judge's classic, painstakingly researched monograph (footnotes galore!) reveals what really went down: Cult leader Jim Jones and his key aides *all* had links to the military and the intelligence community. Jonestown was a CIA-run mind control experiment on human subjects. American blacks were the targets (most of the whites at Jonestown lived comfortably). The denizens of Jonestown did *not* commit suicide; they were murdered by the Green Berets and British Black Watch troops. And no-one has yet tracked down the missing Jonestown money. You can't understand what happened in Waco until you know what happened in Guyana. \$2.95

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by *John Dinges*

Recently, PWR contacted a source in Chile and discovered that, despite the political changes in that country, the infamous Colonia Dignidad continues much as before. It's the world's most dangerous cult, the model for Jonestown and other mind control sects. Led by Paul Schaefer—a fugitive from child molestation charges in Germany—this fascist encampment has long been accused of human rights violations, torture and murder. A must-read monograph for anyone interested in Nazis, brainwashing, child abuse, strange religions and strange politics. \$1.50

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by *Lanny Sinkin*

CIA mind control experimentation is well documented. We know the Agency looked at the way *cults* affect belief and behavior. Were the Branch Davidians under study? Lanny Sinkin postulates a mind control experiment gone horribly awry—and his reconstruction of events seems to answer a number of unresolved questions. Sinkin also looks at the role played by Mark Richards—the man who, according to Danny Sheehan, runs interference for the CIA at the Justice Department. 95¢

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A PWR exclusive! The author of the brilliant *The Man Who Knew Too Much* was the only reporter to cover a high-level meeting on "non-lethal weaponry," hosted by the mysterious Col. John Alexander, a man involved in parapsychology, UFOs, and Washington power games. Uncle Sam's been making some *very* bizarre toys, including weapons which affect the mind and nervous system. And *you're* the target. Is "non-lethal weaponry" the new way to pronounce "MK-ULTRA"? (Remember: Any technology which makes insurrection impossible also makes tyranny inevitable!) 95¢

429 "Microwave Harrassment and Mind Control Experimentation"

by *Julianne McKinney*

McKinney, director of the Association of National Security Alumni's Electronic Surveillance Project, compiled this preliminary investigative finding based on a rapidly growing number of complaints from "average citizens" who appear to be the targets of U.S. Government-sponsored harassment and mind-control experimentation, involving the abuse of directed-energy weapons technologies. A distinctive pattern has emerged in these cases, which suggests that those running the experiments have received centralized training. Mind control is alive and well—and *anyone* is a potential target. \$6.95

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by *Glenn Krawczyk*

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by *Ralph Steiner*

Whatever you believe about UFOs—whether you are a skeptic, a believer, researcher or an "experiencer"—this article will raise questions. Private hoaxes and government sanctioned "disinformation" dog the heels of UFO investigators, and it is becoming apparent that some cases are not what they seem. This is an account of one researcher's odyssey into the bizarre world of orchestrated deception and elaborate counter-intelligence operations—operations that employ high theater, sophisticated psychological war-

fare practices, and (quite possibly) mind control. \$2.95

428 "Intelligence Links to a Famous UFO Case?"

by George Hansen, Joseph Stefula and Richard Butler

We know that a lot of you "covert politics" followers are also closet UFO buffs. Well, we strongly suggest you read this report, which illustrates the curious methodology of certain leading ET researchers. "Alien abduction" specialist Budd Hopkins has publicized the case of one Linda Napolitano, who claims that she floated out the window of her New York City apartment one night, and ascended into a spacecraft. We're told that three people in a nearby car—including Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary General of the U.N.—witnessed this event. Linda also speaks of subsequent kidnappings by CIA agents. The authors of this controversial monograph interviewed the claimed abductee, found problems in the story, and identified a science fiction novel that may have inspired the affair. \$3.25

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from the London Times

Does the U.S. Government conduct political assassinations? You bet. According to this piece, the U.S. Navy seeks out convicted murderers and programs them to conduct political hits. 50¢

WAR AND TERRORISM

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by Ward Churchill

Churchill exposes Brown's fascist leanings, and describes his important role in recruiting right-wing wackos to serve as mercenaries. Brown isn't someone to laugh at—he represents the brutality and arrogance pervading the underside of U.S. politics. 95¢

374 "U.S. Supports Khmer Rouge"

by Jack Colhoun

"Although most people believe that the U.S. ended its intervention in Southeast Asia in 1975, it is evident from the information provided here that the U.S. continues to support repressive and non-democratic forces in the jungles of Cambodia. When asked about U.S. policy in Cambodia during an April 26, 1990, ABC News special, Rep. Chester Atkins (D-Mass.) characterized it as a 'policy of hatred.' The U.S. is directly responsible for millions of deaths in Southeast Asia in the

past 30 years. Now, the U.S. government provides support to a movement condemned by the international community as genocidal. How long must this policy of hatred continue?" 75¢

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by John Cummings

Right-wingers love to cry "international terrorism!" as an excuse to revoke civil liberties. This article proves that behind much of the world's terrorism stands none other than the CIA itself. 75¢

377 "Israeli Arms in Central America"

by Clarence Lusane

First, let's get one thing straight: PWR is not right-wing, we don't support any anti-Semitic conspiracy theories, and we don't blame Mossad for all the world's problems. (Got that, Chip?) But let's face facts: Israel provided weapons to the contras after Congress prohibited military aid. The Israelis supplied the Guatemalan military in their brutal war on their own people. And when the Colombian government raided the palaces of the Medellin cartel, they found Israeli agents actively training the troops working for the druglords. An eye-opening investigation from *Covert Action*. 50¢

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by Ward Churchill & Russell Means

The Middle East crisis won't truly end until we understand the area's history. "The 'special relationship' existing for more than three decades between the United States and Israel has led to the creation of a mythology in this country concerning the nature of Israel's 'unique moral character' and the 'purity' of its military conduct. The U.S. government and its media cohorts have literally inverted the truth..." \$1.00

372 "A Violation of International Law: The U.S. Invades Panama"

by Howard Friel

At the height of his Persian Gulf deception, Bush had the audacity to claim that Saddam Hussein had violated international law! Using Panama as a case study, Friel demonstrates that the U.S. itself has precious little concern for the tenets of international law: "Given the illegality of the U.S. invasion of Panama, the Chief Executive who ordered and approved the invasion, George Bush, is at least as much an international criminal as Manuel Noriega. 50¢

391 "Transcript of the Speech of General Manuel Noriega at his Sentencing"

On July 10, 1992, more than two-and-a-half years after the U.S. invasion of Panama, General Manuel Antonio Noriega was sentenced to 40 years in prison—the first time in modern history a sovereign nation was invaded under the pretext of arresting the head of state to face criminal charges. Oddly, the trial received little attention in the media—perhaps because Noriega was an insider willing to talk about things Uncle Sam doesn't want you to know. 80¢

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You've no doubt heard about the strange meeting which took place between Saddam Hussein and April Glaspie on July 29, 1990, shortly before Iraq invaded Kuwait. This is the official transcript, including not only Glaspie's conversation with Hussein but also her responses to reporters. 45¢

063 "Producing the Proper Crisis"

A speech by Philip Agee

Those of you who suspected there may have been more going on in the recent Persian Gulf war than met the eye will find former CIA agent Philip Agee's brilliant analysis deeply disturbing. Comparing the situation in the Gulf to the Korean War, Agee paints a vivid picture of how Washington manipulates public opinion by demonization techniques and the use of Hitler's "Big Lie" principle. 90¢

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by Murray Waas

Although the Gulf War ended swiftly, Waas shows that the outcome could have been far more gruesome had plans gone awry. Read how John Mitchell, Richard Nixon, Henry Kissinger, Sarkis Soghanalian and all the other shady operators pumped up the dictator Hussein with arms deals that made war inevitable. \$1.50

034 "Why Are We in the Persian Gulf?"

Pam Burton interviews John Judge

Prior to the Gulf War, John Judge was interviewed on the hidden history of Bush's manipulations in Kuwait. Tracing the secret history of the oil cartels, John lays out what they're really up to and why they manipulated Saddam Hussein into invading Kuwait. \$2.00

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by Robert Hennelly

Saddam Hussein ("the new Hitler") was, throughout the 1980s, an important U.S. trading partner—receiving loans, arms, food, military intelligence, and even moral support, right up to the Kuwait invasion. Here's how Bush covered up his alliance with Saddam. \$2.50

045 "U.S. Oil Plot Fueled Saddam"

by Helga Graham

This short article from *The London Observer* details a side to the Persian Gulf War ignored by the American press. The U.S. did everything it could to push Saddam into Kuwait, and held a secret meeting in New York urging Iraq to engineer a big oil price rise. "James Baker was attempting to have a State Department Human rights report critical of Saddam's regime (albeit moderately) suppressed. Huge credits to Iraq were continued despite congressional sanctions waived by the president." 40¢

COVERT OPERATIONS AND DRUG CARTELS

390 "What War On Drugs?: The CIA Connection"

by Alfred W. McCoy, Ph.D

The author of *The Politics of Heroin* shows how American diplomats and CIA agents have been involved in the narcotics traffic at three levels: coincidental complicity through covert alliances with pro-American groups engaged in the drug traffic, active support of the traffic by

protecting drug lord allies, and even outright engagement in the transport of opium and heroin. 80¢

054 "The CIA & The Politics of Narcotics"

Alfred McCoy

A recent interview with Professor Alfred McCoy, author of *The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia and Drug Traffic: Narcotics and Organized Crime in Australia*. McCoy traces the history of America's involvement with narcotics from the 1870's to the present, with special emphasis on the CIA's role in the Southeast Asian heroin trade and contra cocaine trafficking. \$1.95

052 "Right Under Your Nose"

by Jim Crogan

When it became clear to thoughtful Americans that the Iran-contra committee was part of the cover-up, some hoped that Senator John Kerry's Subcommittee on Narcotics and Terrorism would expose the CIA-NSC-Narcotics link. Although the Subcommittee seditiously watered down its findings, the hearings supported the allegations in the Christic lawsuit. 30¢

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Various authors and former Air America pilots show the wide extent to which that CIA proprietary airline was involved in drug smuggling during the Vietnam War. 40¢

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046 "Cocaine & The White House Connection"

by Murray Waas

Certain elements of the U.S. government play a crucial role in narcotics trafficking. This article provides background on the key players, from Ollie North to Noriega to the Columbian cocaine cartels. \$1.45

389 "Cocaine & The White House; Part 2"

by Murray Waas

Columbian drug cartels are bigger than Exxon or IBM, and your government helped them get that way. \$1.45

073 "The Panama Connection: U.S. Addiction to National Security"

by Robert Matthews

An excellent summary of the deeds and misdeeds that led us to invade Panama. As Senator John Kerry remarked: "It seems as though stopping drug trafficking in the U.S. has been a secondary U.S. foreign policy objective, sacrificed repeatedly for other political and institutional goals, such as changing the government of Nicaragua, supporting the government of Panama, using drug-running organizations as intelligence assets, and protection of military and intelligence sources from possible compromise through involvement in drug-trafficking." 80¢

091 "The Vietnamese Mafia"

by Corky Johnson & Donald Goldberg

Ever wonder why so many Vietnamese came to America, and why some have done so well here? Did it ever occur to you that many of them derived huge fortunes from narcotics? This article chronicles the growth of the "Vietnamese Mafia" under the guidance of none other than General Nguyen Cao Ky, former Vice President of South Vietnam. They make the Italian Mafia look like the Little Rascals. 75¢

055 "State Organized Crime"

by William J. Chambliss

Criminologist William J. Chambliss presented this paper at the American Society of Criminology. He provides a persuasive overview of U.S. government involvement in narcotics peddling, comparing characters like North, Singlaub, Secord, and Hull to pirates of yore. Just as European rulers from the 16th to the 19th centuries licensed pirates to attack rival states (taking a cut in the process), the U.S. has made similar deals to obtain financing for covert operations. \$1.50

FINANCIAL SCANDALS

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David Armstrong interviews Pete Brewton

The journalist who uncovered the CIA-Mob-S&L connection discusses his findings with a reporter for the *Texas Observer*. Enlightening! \$1.00

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by Jonathan Kwitny

Who benefited from the S&L ripoff? George Bush, his sons, his Houston pals, his campaign manager, his comptroller of the currency, and his landlord, not to mention the Republican Party, the Mafia, and the CIA. Drawing from research done by Pete Brewton, Kwitny shows how George not only looked the other way, but actively intervened to keep failing S&L's open. Makes the current Whitewater "scandal" seem about as naughty as an overloud belch. \$1.75

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by Rebecca Sims

Although the Big Media barons don't like to talk about it, the CIA was a huge part of the S&L debacle. Learn how and why the Agency helped pull off the world's greatest bank robbery. 95¢

061 "The Banks & The CIA: Cash & Carry"

by Steve Pizzo

The authors of *Inside Job* probe three specific incidents which point to CIA involvement in the S&L fiasco: (1) The owner of a freight airline that shipped guns to the Middle East and Central America kept this Agency operation afloat with loans (never repaid) from a bank at which he was a director. (2) A Baltimore banker found himself servicing a CIA front company and arranging over \$20 million in arms deals before being hung out to dry. (3) Acting as a middleman for arms shipments to Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, and Central America, a CIA contract pilot helped bilk a Denver bank out of more than \$2 million. Why didn't Congress look into this stuff? \$1.00

064 "The Brewton Articles"

by Pete Brewton

These history-making articles from *The Houston Post* are the result of a year-long investigation by reporter Pete Brewton of CIA links to the S&L scandal. The mainstream press ignored this story, as usual. Brewton connects the pieces in the S&L puzzle, including Neil Bush's Silverado buddies. \$2.50

065 "Did the CIA Raid the S&L's?"

by Joel Bleifuss

Investigative reporter Joel Bleifuss examines the involvement of key CIA people in the collapse of several S&L's and summarizes Pete Brewton's investigations. 50¢

066 "Ripoff Savings & Loan of Colorado"

by Bryan Abas

This fine article focuses primarily on Richard Rossmiller and his involvement in several S&L failures. Abas also exposes Neil Bush, scion of the Bush Crime Family, and his suspicious involvement in the failure of the Silverado S&L. Great info you can't get anywhere else. \$1.00

AIDS AND MEDICAL FRAUD

441 "AIDS Linked to Smallpox Vaccine"

by Robert S. Mendelsohn, M.D.

Have you read or heard anything in the major media linking the AIDS epidemic with vaccinations? Probably not. Yet data from the World Health Organization indicates that AIDS hit Central Africa most heavily in those areas targeted by smallpox immunization programs. A not-to-be-missed article. Also included: "AIDS and Hepatitis B. Vaccine" which provides an alternative view (from the *Journal of the American Medical Association*) on that vaccine's safety. \$1.00

094 "The 1970 AIDS Funding Bill?"

Could this be the AIDS smoking gun? During the Department of Defense Appropriations Hearings for 1970, a Pentagon scientist requested \$10 million to fund creation of a "synthetic biological agent" that would "be refractory to the immunological and therapeutic processes upon which we depend to maintain our relative freedom from infectious disease." The Pentagon got its money, and soon the world got AIDS. 50¢

095 "The AIDS Pandemic"

Three great articles from *CovertAction*: "Is AIDS Non-Infectious? The Possibility and its Chemical Biological Implications" by N.S. Lehrman, M.D., "Origin and Spread of AIDS: Is the West Responsible?" and "Chemical-Biological Warfare, Medical Experiments, and Population Control" by Robert Lederer. These classic articles remain very relevant to the AIDS issue and discuss topics never touched by mainstream media. \$4.75

443 "A Special Collection of AIDS Articles"

By Nathaniel S. Lehrman, M.D.

This collection includes the following articles: "Galileo Affair Whitewash," *The Churchman*, Dec. 1982; Letter, "Dr. Lehrman replies," March 1983; "U.S. Science Muzzles AIDS Questions," *Lies of Our Times*, June 1992; "Separating Pesticides and AIDS: The Belle Glade,

Florida, Epidemic," *Lies of Our Times*, July-August, 1991; "AIDS Controversy and the Media," *Lies of Our Times*, July-August, 1991; "What Really Causes AIDS? Scientific Dreyfusards Challenge the HIV Hypothesis," *The Human Quest*, May-June 1990; "Is AIDS Non-Infectious? The Possibility and its CBW Implications," *Covert Action Information Bulletin*, #28, Summer 1987; *Psychiatric Times*, letter, "L.A. Riots," September, 1992; and a piece on AZT written for *Newsday*. \$3.95

096 "AIDS: The Manmade Virus"

Speech by Robert Strecker, M.D.

Dr. Strecker outlines his theory of how the AIDS virus was created and spread, probably intentionally, through infected vaccines to selected populations. Strecker challenges many of the assumptions about AIDS. The transcript also includes the Q&A portion of the program. \$2.00

097 "AIDS References"

from the Strecker Group

Those of you who have read Dr. Strecker's analysis of what AIDS is and how it started will find this bibliography of great value. 50¢

098 "WHO Killed Africa"

by Wm. C. Douglass, M.D.

This chilling article by William Campbell Douglass, M.D., traces the World Health Organization's "vaccination" program in Africa, which coincided with the advent of AIDS on that continent. Dr. Douglass believes AIDS was introduced into the U.S. via the hepatitis-B vaccine, pointing out that "The Centers for Disease Control reported in 1981 that 4% of those receiving the hepatitis-vaccine were AIDS-infected. In 1984 they admitted to 60%. Now they refuse to give out figures at all because they don't want to admit that 100% of hepatitis vaccine receivers are infected with AIDS." 50¢

099 "The Strecker Memorandum" and "AIDS: The Man-Made Virus"

Dr. Robert Strecker

These are reprints of Dr. Strecker's brochure describing his videotape, plus an interview with Dr. Strecker on the "Tom Valentine Radio Show." In these few pages, Dr. Strecker outlines why he feels that: (a) AIDS is a man-made disease; (b) AIDS is not a homosexual disease; (c) AIDS is not a venereal disease; (d) AIDS can be carried by mosquitos; (e) Condoms will not prevent AIDS; and (f) there are at least 6 different AIDS viruses loose in the world. 70¢

444 "Germ Genocide: The Ultimate Ethnic Weapon"

by Lowell Ponte

Every ethnic group has inherited susceptibilities to specific ailments. In their infernal race for "better" weapons, military scientists have developed the ultimate horror: bio-weapons that target specific races. Ponte reveals just how far these developments have gone and what's in store for humankind. \$1.25

445 "NutraSweet™ Alert: The SweetPoison"

A hand-out briefly outlining the dangers and side effects of aspartame, a.k.a. NutraSweet 30¢

488 "NutraSweet™, the NutraPoison"

by Alex Constantine

A lavishly-footnoted expose of the most dangerous hoax ever foisted on American consumers. Is NutraSweet (developed at Fort Detrick, America's bio-warfare wonderland) really safe? Numerous scientific studies suggest otherwise. Yet powerful political forces rushed aspartame onto the market, while covering up its disturbing side effects. Note: A heavily-edited version of this article ran in a men's magazine. PWR is the only source for the full story, which outlines the far-right agendas of NutraSweet's major promoters (e.g., Orrin Hatch). \$2.25

016 "The Prostitution of Psychiatry: 1930s Germany—1980s America"

by N.S. Lehrman, M.D.

Psychiatrists were the first mass murderers in Nazi Germany. Dr. Lehrman's address (to the First International Congress of Psychiatry, Law and Ethics) reveals disturbing parallels between American psychiatry in the 1980s and psychiatry in the Third Reich. The article looks at John Hinckley, Mark David Chapman, and several other assassins. \$1.25

004 "Did a Nazi Spray You Today?"

by Leonard Cole

This chapter from Leonard Cole's book *Clouds of Secrecy* tells the story of the Nevin family's lawsuit against the government. Edward Nevin died as a result of an Army experiment with *Serratia marcescens* virus, sprayed over San Francisco in 1950. Needless to say, the Army was found innocent, but Cole's description of the trial raises many questions about what "justice" has become in today's America. In view of the mysterious "AIDS" plague, this excerpt raises fascinating questions. .70¢

006 "Malathion's Deadly Legacy"

by Dave Armstrong

Did you know that Malathion, the pesticide being sprayed over large portions of the United States, was originally a Nazi nerve gas? "Malathion has its roots in the research laboratories of Germany's I.G. Farbenindustrie. I.G., once described as 'an almighty industrial colossus,' is best remembered for its development of Zyklon B, the hydrogen cyanide gas used by the Nazis to exterminate Jews and other 'undesirables' at the Auschwitz death camp." 80¢

446 "Radiation Cannot Be Contained"

Dr. John Gofman

An interview with Dr. Gofman, Professor Emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley. He co-discovered Uranium-232, Plutonium-232, Uranium-233, and Plutonium-233, and of the fast neutron fissionability of Uranium-233. Starting in 1969 he challenged the AEC claims of a "safe threshold" of radiation. Gofman outlines how he came to understand the true dangers of man-made radioactive matter and how the government and the nuclear industry cover up the hazards. \$4.95

449 "Nuclear Cover-Up: 49+ Years Old, Going Strong & Killing Us All"

Excerpts from a speech by Norman Solomon

In a 1992 speech, author and journalist Norman Solomon addressed the critical issues of nuclear power. The nuclear industry promotes official mythologies about the "peaceful atom," and the "safety" of low-level radioactive material. Solomon reveals the truth about fallout, waste, biosphere contamination, the inherent dangers of nuclear power plants, and "temporary" radioactive waste sites. Clinton's not doing anything about this problem; it's up to us. \$1.25

450 "Interview with Dr. Ernest J. Sternglass, Author of *Secret Fallout*"

by David T. Ratcliffe, Jan 1993

This interview touches on the health effects of low-level radiation generated by nuclear bomb testing, as well as the effects of routine radiation releases by nuclear reactors. (These facts were known to the U.S. government since the late 1950s — not that they ever told us!) Ernest J. Sternglass is Emeritus Professor of Radiological Physics in the department of Radiology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, where he directed the

Radiological Physics and Engineering Laboratory. He is the author of *Secret Fallout: Low-Level Radiation from Hiroshima to Three Mile Island*. \$2.45

455 "Dr. Rosalie Bertell, Mathematician and Medical Researcher"

A key interview from the 1982 book *Nuclear Witnesses: Insiders Speak Out*. Dr. Rosalie Bertell, details her personal experiences within the nuclear establishment. A wealth of info about the contamination of Mother Earth. We give this one a glowing review (so to speak). \$2.95

456 "16 Million Radiation Deaths and Counting"

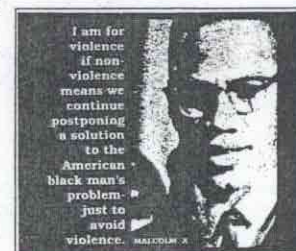
Dr. Rosalie Bertell

Adapted from a talk given by Dr. Rosalie Bertell, President of the International Institute of Concern for Public Health in Toronto, Canada. The issue of radioactive pollution — from nuclear testing fallout, from routine reactor emissions, from billions of tons of uranium tailings left exposed at sites around the globe, and from massive amounts of radioactive waste generated every year — is hardly the "passe" story the industry's PR hacks would have us believe. This is the number one problem our children, grandchildren, etc. will have to deal with for at least the next 250,000 years. The damage to the integrity of the gene pool is still being assessed. \$2.25

457 "Secrecy is the One Way an Open Society Can Be Controlled"

Dr. Ernest Sternglass

Another important selection from the rare book *Nuclear Witnesses: Insiders Speak Out*. This is an interview with Dr. Ernest J. Sternglass, at the time the director of the Department of Radiological Physics at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School, detailing his personal experience and knowledge regarding the nuclear establishment. Dr. Sternglass is a staunch advocate of the public's right to know about the true costs and consequences of exposure to low-level radiation on the human body — especially on the unborn the young, and the elderly. \$2.95



THE HEMP CONSPIRACY

478 "Medical Marijuana: The Healing Herb"

by R.C. Randall

There is an ancient medicine of potential benefit to hundreds of millions of people which can be produced anywhere, for almost nothing. Yet, everywhere it is illegal. The medicine is marijuana, and modern scientific studies confirm its medicinal properties. This article explores marijuana's many therapeutic uses. (Does it make any sense to you that a dying cancer victim can get hard drugs but not pot?) 70¢

484 "Hemp In England"

by the editors of *Face Magazine* in England

Hemp was once grown throughout Britain, and used to make oil, rope, cloth, medicine and food. Now many farmers want to reinstate it. As the Manchester-based drug agency *Lifeline* says, "The lethal dose of cannabis is a two-kilo block dropped on your head from the 25th floor of a high-rise building." \$1.85

476 "Hemp In Hawaii: Power For the People"

by Judy Osborn

Oil shortages, high prices, and recession have pushed Hawaii into economic crisis. And with the world's highest plant and animal extinction rate, the state also faces an environmental crisis. Hawaiian-grown hemp could help solve both emergencies. (It could certainly cheer up out-of-work Hawaiians.) 75¢

477 "Can Hemp Save the Planet?"

by David Walker, Ph.D.

Hemp has been a crop of enormous economic and social value for most recorded history. Jack Herer's book *The Emperor Wears No Clothes* advocates the expanded cultivation of hemp for environmental, economic, and social purposes. This manuscript reviews the scientific literature backing Herer's argument. 50¢

479 "Hemp, the Plant That Can Save Mother Earth: "

A *Hugh Downs ABC News* radio commentary (Transcribed by Dave Ratcliffe)

Downs gets down! Listen to Uncle Hugh: Hemp is the world's prime renewable natural resource. Its uses are as varied as you could possibly imagine or hope for. This plant can solve many of the critical imbalances in our industrial culture. \$2.95

057 "The Politics of Hemp"

from *'The Emperor Wears No Clothes'*

Did you know it was once illegal in the United States *not* to grow hemp? Did you know that the first flag of the United States was made of hemp cloth and the Constitution was printed on hemp paper? Did you know that George Washington not only grew hemp but also smoked it? So: *Why is marijuana now illegal?* The story will shock and infuriate you. \$1.00

791 "The Many Uses of Hemp"

by the Business Alliance for Commerce in Hemp

Curious about the constructive uses of hemp? PWR feels this 20-page reprint is one of the most comprehensive discussions of the incredible possibilities in the fields of commerce, medicine, textiles, the environment, and food. Read about: Hemp for Ecology, Hemp & The Economy, Hemp for Health, Hemp for Fuel—and more. Even if you *don't* inhale, it's a very valuable plant. \$1.85

MISCELLANEOUS

424 "The Mind of Mae Brussell"

by Paul Krassner

From Sirhan to Satanism, from Chapquiddick to Chowchilla, from malathion to Manson, Mae covered it all, tirelessly investigating the hidden links between seemingly-unconnected events. Radical comic Paul Krassner (who published some of Mae's best work in *The Realist*) paints a humorous and insightful portrait of the woman who, for nearly two decades, gave her weekly radio listeners the news *behind* the news. 80¢

088 "The Flynt Papers: November, 1983"

by Don Ray

Remember when Larry Flynt was all over the front pages as a result of his explosive appearance before the Supreme Court, his "run" for the presidency, and his claim that he had copies of the Vicki Morgan tapes? This extensive profile of Flynt describes what was going on behind the scenes and provides a fascinating glimpse of a complex and fascinating man. Though some damn Flynt as merely a pornographer, he's long been an outspoken and ferocious fighter for First Amendment freedoms. \$1.75

047 "An Evening with Daniel Sheehan"

speech at Paramount Pictures, March 22, 1990

Dan Sheehan describes the Christic Institute's La Penca lawsuit to the executives and staff at Paramount Pictures. Although the suit failed (the bad guys won) we still need to understand this history—a history of cruelty and criminality known as the Reagan/Bush era. \$1.95

048 "Current Events and Past History"

a speech by Daniel Sheehan

Sheehan details the United States' involvement in narcotics trafficking, the secret arrival of Nazi spy master Reinhard Gehlen in America after World War II, CIA collusion with the Mafia, and the rampant lawlessness. \$1.95

049 "Who, What, Why, When, Where?"

a speech by Daniel Sheehan

Many don't understand why the Christic case was so important, and why it failed. In this speech, Sheehan describes how George Bush squirmed when Christic subpoenaed documents from his office, why Oliver North got away with it, and who J. Danforth Quayle really is. Sheehan gives the straight skinny on Judge King, the Lansky-associated Nixon appointee who threw out the case against America's venal covert operatives. \$1.95

027 "Poolside With John Judge"

A PWR Interview with John Judge

John Judge answers all kinds of provocative questions about Bush, the Iraq invasion, numerous assassinations (including John Lennon's), & more. \$2.50

666 "The Monarch Project"

by Andy Boehm

For years, troubling rumors have proliferated about a mysterious U.S. government mind-control program designed to convert multiple-personality-disordered children into to spooks, spies and killers. While investigating (for a British TV documentary) assorted atrocities in eastern Nebraska (see #802t, *The Franklin Cover-up*), investigator Andy Boehm uncovered considerable evidence attesting to the existence of this Manchurian-Candidate Academy (although it's not necessarily named "Monarch") at Offut Air Base near Omaha, home of the SAC. Included are investigative notes and a lengthy interview from a Monarch "Graduate" whose memories of a frighteningly bizarre education are neither repressed, recovered nor false. \$14.95

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Dr. Caldicott, a world renowned peace activist, who has won The Gandhi Peace Award, University Women's Peace Award, and numerous other awards. Dr. Caldicott founded International Physicians for Saving the Environment, Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, and Physicians for Social Responsibility.

103 "A Compassionate Society"

Dr. Helen Caldicott spoke to a packed audience at the Santa Monica Civic Center on Nov. 4, 1991. A very important talk from the heart of Helen Caldicott. \$7.95

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100 "Producing the Proper Crisis"

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All six World Watchers broadcasts (#793, 794, 795, 804, 805, 806) are available as a set for \$19.95

If you want to sample each tape individually, order them by their PWR code numbers: PWR code # 571 = tape 793, PWR code #572 = tape 794, PWR code #573 = tape 795, PWR code # 574 = tape 804, PWR code #575 = tape 805, PWR code #576 = tape 806.

A word of explanation: Mae numbered her broadcasts in consecutive order. She began each show by saying something like: "This is Mae Brussell, and this is broadcast number 793." In this catalogue, we have assigned each tape a PWR code number—and these do not correspond to the original broadcast number. Sorry. We don't mean to confuse anyone—we just have our own filing system, that's all.

TONY AVRIGAN

101 "La Penca, John Hull, Drugs & Central America"

At the Santa Barbara Free Methodist Church on May 1, 1990, award-winning photojournalist Tony Avirgan eloquently spoke about his experience at La Penca and discussed CIA activities in Central America. A unique listening experience. Avirgan is introduced by Father Bill Davis. 2-60 min. tapes. \$9.95

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"Judged in terms of the power, range, novelty and influence of his thought, Noam Chomsky is arguably the most important intellectual alive"—*New York Times Book Review*. Like many another great thinker, Chomsky has the uncanny ability to make difficult concepts appear obvious. His insights force his listeners to question their ideological foundations, while imparting a sense of empowerment. (Yeah, we know he's said some stuff about the JFK assassination we don't agree with. But we like nearly everything else he says.)

104 "Slaughter in The Gulf"

Noam Chomsky discusses the Gulf War in Berkeley, Ca. (1991) \$6.95

105 "The Media's Role In the New World Order"

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749 "An Evening of Comedy & Politics"

Jeff Cohen, Norman Solomon and Paul Krassner

A great evening of insightful political analysis and humor. Jeff Cohen and Norman Solomon discuss their book "Adventures in Medialand: Behind the News, Beyond the Pundits," and Krassner talks about his outrageous "Confessions of a Raving, Unconfined Nut: Misadventures in the Counterculture." 2 tapes. \$11.95

DANIEL ELLSBERG

106 "Beyond The Pentagon Papers"

In January of 1991, Daniel Ellsberg, of Pentagon Papers fame, visited the campus of UCSB in Santa Barbara, Ca. and gave a superb analysis of the Bush Administration and a behind-the-scenes look at what has been going on in our name worldwide. 2 tapes \$11.95

JON RAPPAPORT

210 "AIDS, FDA, and Health Fraud"

John Rappoport Series (5 tapes)

This is the landmark series of KPFFK appearances by Jon Rappoport on Roy Tuckman's show, *Something's Happening*, in 1992. Rappoport, the author of *AIDS INC.*, here delves into the FDA and the federal government's war against alternative health. Rappoport takes apart the myth of Medical Authority and breaks the last real taboo, the Medical and Scientific Priesthood. These five 90 minute tapes serve as the foundation for Rappoport's later programs on the pharmaceutical industry and toxic drugs. These programs define what Health Freedom really means and why it is absolutely necessary to our survival as free people with civil rights. A must for anyone who wants to know what repressive government agencies and corporations are up to. \$27.95



THE LIGHTHOUSE REPORT

Originally broadcast over KAZU in Monterey, CA. With Will Robinson & Marilyn Colman

730 Special Report: "The 2nd Gun: Who Killed RFK?"

On the 25th anniversary of the assassination of Robert Kennedy, the Lighthouse report put together a special documentary look at the conspiracy involved in the murder and subsequent coverup. In a way, this program is the defense Sirhan Sirhan never got in court. Was he another Lee Oswald? Was he a "Manchurian Candidate?" This program incorporates the work of journalist and eyewitness Theodore Chapach, the noted radio broadcaster Mae Brussel, and the late Dr. Edward Simpson-Kallas. \$7.50

731 "Cocaine Politics"

Interview with Peter Dale Scott

In this interview, Professor Scott enters the dangerous world of cocaine trafficking and tells the sordid story of how elements of our own government worked with narcotics traffickers, and then fought to suppress the truth. \$7.50

732 "Who Killed John Lennon?"

A interview with Fenton Bresler, author of *Who Killed John Lennon*. Author/lawyer Fenton Bresler spent eight years researching police reports, court testimony and the psychological makeup of Mark David Chapman and found things didn't add up. Mr. Bresler, along with Will & Marilyn explore the possibility that Chapman may have been a mind-controlled assassin. \$7.50

733 "AIDS & the HIV Myth"

A interview with Celia Farber, investigative reporter & Senior Writer for *Spin Magazine*. Farber has spent years in chasing the truth of the cause and cures of AIDS. She not only answers many of the questions but also brings up new questions, such as: Why is AIDS in Africa defined differently than in the U.S.? A must-listen for anyone interested in the alternative theories surrounding this deadly disease. \$7.50



JIM GARRISON

777 "The Rise of The Fourth Reich"

From the year 1967, this speech by Garrison has endured the test of time. Garrison lays bare the Kennedy Assassination with incredible insight, accuracy, and wit. Fascinating listening! \$8.95

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The author of *October Surprise*, Barbara Honegger reveals many of the crimes of the Reagan-Bush *junta* that presided over America. From secret arms deals with the Iranians through the S&L scandal and the Persian Gulf war, Barbara exposes the secret history that today's Republican apologists very much hope to keep secret.

877 "The October Surprise Whitewash"

by Barbara Honegger

Barbara returned from Washington days after the "Joint Report of the Task Force to Investigate Certain Allegations Concerning the Holding of American Hostages By Iran In 1980" (October Surprise Task Force) was released. She gave a press conference to explain what happened behind the scenes and exposes the Task Force's deceptions. What a tape! We have offered to refund anybody disappointed with this tape (and so far, no one's asked for a refund). You will not find anybody who can lend more insight to the matter of the "October Surprise" than Barb Honegger. \$7.95

111 "October Surprise Update"

Barbara Honegger gives a great outline of the "October Surprise" scenario along with all the latest. Barbara has worked the hardest in getting the "October Surprise" story to the masses. On November 4, 1991, Barbara spoke to a University of California, Santa Cruz, full house. 4 stars. 2 tapes \$11.95

112 "A Majority of One"

On July 24, 1990, Barbara gave a comprehensive analysis linking the treasonous dealings in 1980 with illegal covert operations and banking scandals. Barbara spent nearly three years working in the White House and delivers an amazing account of the sinister secret agendas at work to undermine our democratic structures. 1-90 min. tape. \$6.95

113 "The October Surprise"

On November 3, 1990, Barbara Honegger graced the University of California Santa Barbara's Campbell Hall. Barbara attended UCSB for her freshman year, 25 years ago, which gave this won-

derful talk a certain magic. For over two and a half hours she lays out a White House insider's view of the crooked deals and deceptive practices of the Reagan-Bush administration. If you think we have been Bush-whacked all these years, how do you think the families of the 250,000-plus dead in Iraq feel? \$11.95

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194-198 "The Deaths of Democracy"

For the last 22 years, John Judge has researched current political assassinations and other covert operations. Beginning with the murder of John F. Kennedy in 1963, which he identifies as a military coup d'etat, Judge focuses on the hidden historical developments of the National Security state. John gave somewhat differing presentations at each night's event during his California tour in 1992. Each night presents new topics and new information. Each lecture is approximately three hours long.

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» 198 The Women's Building, San Francisco, 3-91 \$11.95

882 "Cults, Lies & Videotape: From Jonestown to Waco"

with John Judge in Hawaii 7-8-93

A wild evening in which the following topics are discussed: Cults, mind control, UFO's, fear, paranoia, assassinations, drugs, Jonestown, Waco, Rajneesh, secret societies and more. A sensible-and-sane approach to weird-land. PWR highly recommends this explanation of how the intelligence community and cults interact. Four hours, 3 tapes. \$16.95

135 "Who Killed JFK and Why?"

Featuring John Judge and Ralph Schoenman

Ralph teamed up with John to give two separate one hour summaries followed by one hour of questions and answers. As executive director of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, Ralph Schoenman founded the Who Killed Kennedy Committee in 1963. The Committee found that Clay L. Shaw was a director of the CIA proprietary organization in Europe through which a series of assassinations and coups d'etat were prepared. Schoenman provided evidence on Clay Shaw to New Orleans D.A. Jim Garrison in the 1960's. 2 tapes \$12.95

114 "Blacks, Drugs, & the CIA"

A priceless analysis of how covert drug operations have victimized the African-American community. This talk exposes the real political and social agenda behind the drug traffic and the repressive police state "justified" by drug use. \$6.95

115 "Jonestown — The Untold Story"

A timeless speech on some under-reported details of the "Jonestown Massacre." Based on years of careful research, Judge documents the mass murder (not suicide) that took place, the mind control experiments, and the incredible connections to military intelligence. \$6.95

116 "Who Really Runs America?"

This three-tape lecture was delivered to a sold-out house at the University of Toronto. Covering the hidden history of the Cold War, U.S. intelligence agencies and international fascism, Judge names the key players in control of our society, and how they hope to conquer the last frontier, "the space between our ears." 3-tape series. \$15.95

117 "Evidence in the JFK Assassination"

Judge and Wendy Govier gave this six-hour analysis of the events surrounding the coup-d'etat of November 22nd, 1963. Slides, videotapes, analyses and Q & A clearly revealed the hard evidence of conspiracy and cover-up in the murder of the President. Judge then names the groups and individuals responsible for that and many other murders in a "Whodunnit" that will surprise and alarm you. Special 4 tape series. A mind-bender. \$19.95

118 "UFOs: Unrecognized Fascist Observatories"

Judge lays out evidence that "flying saucers" are part of the secret Nazi arsenal captured by American forces and concealed from the public. He discusses hidden technology and manipulation of public opinion. 1-90 minute tape. \$6.95

119 "Who Killed The Dreamer?"

Judge spoke at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Los Angeles, naming and exposing the real murderers of Martin Luther King. A step-by-step analysis of the ballistic and eyewitness evidence leads to the real killers. Then Judge goes further, revealing a pattern of witness deaths similar to the Kennedy murder, and mysterious links to the Jonestown massacre. \$11.95

120 "Farewell America"

UCSB's Isla Vista Theater welcomed John Judge for an evening of insight on Friday December 1, 1989. In this discussion John featured topics such as AIDS as Chemical Biological Warfare, the Bush-Hinkley connection to the 1981 attempt on Ronald Reagan's life, the murders of John Lennon, RFK, JFK \$11.95

121 "The Fourth Reich"

John gave the speech of his life to a packed house in San Luis Obispo, California. Many J.F.K. researchers were present, making for a most complete discussion of the assassination. Also featured: the sordid truth behind Jonestown and the suspicious deaths of certain popular figures in music, media and progressive politics. 2-90 min. tapes. \$11.95

122 "The History of U.S. Government Drug Involvement"

John lays out the history of U.S. government involvement in narcotics transport, distribution and use from 1945 t'ill today. A compelling exposé of the hidden history of post-WW2 America. 2-90 min. tapes. \$11.95

123 "Judge For Yourself"

This intense, provocative discourse touches on everything—a great overview of our hidden history. Every one of John's speeches is unique and rich in value. 2-90 min. tapes. \$11.95

124 "Why Are We In the Persian Gulf?"

John exposes the real hidden agenda of Mr. Bush's war; covert/overt power plays, billions made by oil companies, defense spending (some peace dividend!), the history of OPEC, the S&L drain, CIA activity and more. 1-60 min tape. \$7.95

125 "Poolside with John Judge"

Judge lays out the truth about Bush's family history, the phony war on drugs, the national security state, covert manipulation of racial tensions, the Manson murders, and even the death of Bob Marley. (Incidentally: Although certain Marley 'experts' try to pooh-pooh the story, Neil Bush really *did* visit him shortly before his death.) 1-90 min tape. \$6.95

126 "Poolside II: Solutions and Alternatives"

Nearly a year after Prevailing Winds conducted the first poolside interview with John, we met again to concentrate on solutions and alternatives. So often the question comes up: "What can we do?" A fair question: It is easy to point out corruption without addressing how to improve matters. In this new interview, John offers some ideas and some hope. It's nice to know there's something positive you can do... \$6.95

127 "John Judge In L.A."

Interview by Joe Crumme

John shocked the L.A. radio audience with details on the Hinkley-Bush connection and the events surrounding the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan in 1981. \$6.95

128 "Prisoners' Justice Day"

During one of John's visits to Toronto, he met with Rick Lines to discuss the prison situation as well as parallel psychiatric abuses worldwide. \$6.95

129 "The History of Fascism in America: 1917 to 1987"

John gives names, places, dates leading you through some incredible hidden history regarding American fascism's deep roots. While most of the names will come as no surprise, a few of the folks he exposes may shock you. Fascinating and filled with vivid historical detail. 1-90 min tape. \$6.95

130 "John Judge Sampler"

Whether you're familiar with John's work or not, this tape makes for a zesty sampling of his research. Unless we miss our guess, you'll find him to be a bracing jolt to your knowledge banks. This tape focuses primarily on Jim Jones and Jonestown, summarizing John's ground-breaking research study "The Black Hole of Guyana." He goes on to describe other cult operations. 1-90 min tape. \$6.95

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Authority**

RFK

"Y": The R.F.K. Assassination Album

Produced in 1969, this tape contains all the original recordings of the assassination, and the drama that follows. You will hear the actual assassination, witnesses recreating the scene, the arrest, the investigation, evidence, security, questions of conspiracy, Sirhan and the trial. Some of the people you will hear from are: RFK, Jeff Brent, Karl Uecker, Ramsey Clark, Dr. Thomas Noguchi and many others. A very moving experience, replete with dramatic first-day evidence. \$7.95

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MICHAEL PARENTI

131 "Global Militarism & the Bush Hypocrisy"

Author of many books, Professor Parenti is highly respected in the educational community. His lecture demonstrates the massive deception perpetrated upon the American populace. Once again Michael is in excellent form. 4 STARS! 1-90 min tape. \$6.95

132 "Human Nature in Politics"

The Christic Institute hosted Michael Parenti for his talk, "Human Nature in Politics," which deals with political dimensions of human nature, as well as a critique of conservative concepts. 1-tape. \$6.95

717 "Make-believe Media: The Politics of Entertainment"

Parenti explains bias in the media and presents a history of the manipulation and propaganda found in so-called "escapist" entertainment. 2-tapes. \$11.95



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880 "Mr. X on the Stony Knoll" with Col. L. Fletcher Prouty and John Judge

Believe it or not, we brought Prouty ("Mr. X" in the film *JFK*, played by Donald Sutherland) to the same spot in Washington where Oliver Stone shot the scene with Kevin Costner. For over two hours, Fletcher and John discussed the CIA, covert operations, assassinations, the Reagan shooting, KAL flight 007, and much much more. Very important information! 2 tapes. \$12.95

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134 "The Hidden History of Iraq & Kuwait"

Schoenman provides the a comprehensive and scathing indictment of U.S. foreign policy and helps us to understand how Saddam Hussein was transformed from a friend and ally to the "new Hitler" by Washington propagandists desperate for a conflict to legitimize their post-Cold War military expenditures. No-one else comes close to Schoenman's analysis of the Middle East. 1-90 min. tape. \$6.95

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Ralph Schoenman at UCLA in February, 1992. One of Ralph's finest speeches. Schoenman lays bare the true underlying political framework in which the hit took place. Full of brilliant insights, these tapes are a must for JFK researchers. 2 tapes. \$11.95

748 "The Politics of the Gulf War"

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The last time John was in California he sat down with Ralph and they discussed many issues surrounding the U.S. sponsored "slaughter in the Gulf." Both were able to share their own valuable insights. Very important information. \$6.95

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451 "JFK, The October Surprise and the Christic Institute Today"

On March 25, 1992, Sara Nelson and Danny Sheehan gave an extremely warm talk to a gathering at Esalen in Big Sur, Ca. Topics included the October Surprise, JFK, and even Watergate. 2 tapes. \$11.95

452 "The Philosophy of the Christic Institute"

At the Esalen Institute in Big Sur, Ca. 3-91. 1 tape. \$6.95

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137 "Some Bad News and Some Good News"

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139 "The Politics of Drugs in America"

Danny's speech gives a concise overview of the real problems facing our nation, focusing in particular on the phony "War on Drugs" and the real purpose of this exercise. 4 STARS. 1-90 min. tape. \$7.95

140 "Noriega & Bush — The Real Dope"

Daniel Sheehan spoke at the Crossroads School in Santa Monica. Since the invasion of Panama was fresh, Danny spent considerable time going over the Bush-Noriega link, which is so important to understanding the ramifications of the U.S. presence in Central and Latin America and the U.S.-backed drug flow. 1-90 min. tape. \$7.95

141 "Current Events/Past History"

Santa Barbara City College Political Awareness Club featured Daniel Sheehan at the Garvin Theater. Danny covers so much ground at every speech, that it's hard to say which talk is of greater value. Sheehan explains how the NSC/CIA was formed and the Nazi connection to those ill-conceived organizations. The question and answer session opens up a lot of important issues, ranging from racism in America to JFK. \$11.95

142 "An Evening With Daniel Sheehan"

Paramount Pictures invited Daniel Sheehan to present the La Penca lawsuit and an update of the suit to a large group of executives and staff. Danny also provided an interpretation of the hypocrisy so prevalent in our government. This speech is perfect for an overview of The Christic Institute and what they stand for, and the deeper meanings behind the La Penca bombing case they pursued so diligently those many years. 1-90 min. tape. \$6.95



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145 "AIDS: The Man-Made Virus"

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OTHER AMERICAS RADIO

149 "The Media As Propaganda"

World-renowned linguist Noam Chomsky levels his guns at the commercial media. Chomsky, widely regarded as America's foremost intellectual dissident, explains why previous administrations were forced to use clandestine military operations and how the American public can affect U.S. foreign policy. A startling presentation. 60-min. \$8.00

150 Crosswired: U.S. Media and Central America

Mercedes Lynn D'Uriarte, media researcher and veteran of the Los Angeles Times, provides an inside view of commercial media and its coverage of the Third World. It doesn't matter where it happened, or whom it happened to—until Washington pays attention to it, you don't hear about it. Two 30-min. parts. \$8.00

151 "Objectivity or Complacency" and "Quietly Eating Radioactivity"

(Two programs on one tape) In "Objectivity or Complacency," Saul Landau, journalist and Emmy award-winning filmmaker, explores the concept of National Security and how it affects media coverage. Humorous, yet compelling. In "Quietly Eating Radioactivity," radiation expert Dr. Rosalie Bertell explores the hidden dangers of low-level radiation in our environment, in the food chain, and the effect of radiation on future generations. She exposes a failed U.S. nuclear test that paralleled Chernobyl, thus raising questions as to the actual cause of increased U.S. radiation levels at that time. This program, made in 1986, instigated a Ted Koppel special. (60 min.) \$8.00

152 "Lines of Deceit: Cocaine and the White House"

Why did cocaine smuggling increase 1000% after George Bush became Drug Czar? This program delves into the murky world of drugs and covert action, and explores the ways in which drug smuggling has been used for decades to finance numerous U.S. secret operations. 60-min.: \$8.95

153 A Nation Betrayed: Heroin and the White House

General Khun Sa, warlord of the opium-rich Golden Triangle, was believed to have been holding 10 American POWs since the Vietnam war. The White House sent in Lt. Col. James "Bo" Gritz, the most decorated Special Forces commander of the Vietnam War, in search of these POWs. His quest led him to the mountain stronghold of Khun Sa, where Gritz uncovered a trail of drug smugglers and secret military operations that led straight to Washington. 30-min. Side B contains an audio sampler featuring 2 to 3-minute audio samples of most of the programs in Other Americas Radio's catalog. \$8.00

154 "October Surprise"

This documentary examines the startling allegations that a treasonous plan was carried out in 1980 by members of the Reagan/Bush presidential campaign to delay the release of the 52 hostages in Iran, thus assuring victory for Reagan. Barbara Honegger (former Reagan policy analyst), Mansur Rafizadeh (ex-chief of the U.S. SAVAK Iran's secret police), Abol-Hassan Bani-Sadr (former President of Iran) and others charge that a promise of weapons for Iran was made by George Bush et al. in exchange for not releasing the hostages until Ronald Reagan was elected and inaugurated. Side B contains an audio sampler of other available audio tapes. \$8.00

556 "Contragate: The Men Behind the Guns"

The first complete account of the La Penca press conference bombing and subsequent uncovering of a shadow CIA network dealing in drugs, assassinations and terrorism. Journalists Tony Avirgan and Martha Honey, along with the Christic Institute, conducted investigations that have revealed links between this network, the Iran-contra arms deal and the White House. 60-min. \$8.00

**557 "Crying Uncle:
Nicaragua's Elections Under
Fire"**

With Chamorro's upset victory in the 1990 Nicaraguan election, the Bush administration succeeded in buying the election, but did they succeed in buying the candidate? This program focuses on UNO: the new Nicaraguan administration, who they really are and how they plan to deal with the Sandinistas. 30-min. \$8.00

**156 "Guatemala: A Curtain of
Silence"**

This 2-part program reviews the history of Guatemala from the Spanish con-

quest to the domination of the country by the United Fruit Company, moving into the 1954 CIA coup and culminating with the present attempts at civilian democracy and indigenous activism. Part I examines the history of U.S. influence in Guatemala, including then-CIA Officer Philip Roettinger's account of his efforts in creating the coup. Part II explores the human rights situation in Guatemala, focusing on the Indian communities and the challenges to their survival. Heartfelt and eloquent. Two 30-min. parts on one 60-min. tape. \$8.00

**157 "Waging Unconditional
Peace"**

Vietnam veteran Brian Wilson lost both legs while waging peace at the Concord Naval Weapons Station, blocking a train loaded with weapons bound for Central America. Wilson conveys his own experience of a U.S. foreign policy that kills and maims civilians in the name of national security. Joining Wilson is John Ryan, the FBI special agent assigned to investigate Wilson. Ryan's refusal to classify the Veterans for Life participants as terrorists cost him his career and a \$300,000 retirement pension. 60-min.: \$8.00



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PHILIP AGEE

100 "Producing the Proper Crisis"

Philip Agee was one of the first CIA staff officers to go public and protest the Agency's illicit activities. In his speech, delivered at UC Santa Barbara on April 24, 1991, Phil guides you from early CIA activities in foreign lands to events leading up to the Persian Gulf war. An excellent, eye-opening speech! \$16.95

TONY AVIRGAN

101 "La Penca, John Hull, Drugs & Central America"

At the Santa Barbara Free Methodist Church on May 1, 1990, award-winning photojournalist Tony Avirgan eloquently spoke about his experience at La Penca and CIA activities in Central America. A unique listening experience. Avirgan is introduced by Father Bill Davis. \$16.95

NOAM CHOMSKY

Author of many books, Chomsky has the uncanny ability, as do many great thinkers, to make the unknown ultimately appear obvious. Chomsky's direct portrayal of world events forces his listeners to question their ideological milieu. His insights, though forbidding in their intensity, impart a sense of empowerment.

737 "The Media's Role in The New World Order"

Noam Chomsky (with Jeff Cohen) spoke at a F.A.I.R. event in Culver City, Ca, on November 11, 1991. Highly recommended viewing. \$17.95

199 "The Media's Role in The New World Dis-Order" (1993)

Noam Chomsky, an introduced by Jeff Cohen, spoke at an event sponsored by F.A.I.R. (Fairness and Accuracy In Reporting) An eye opening video! \$17.95

COHEN, SOLOMAN & KRASSNER

881 "An Evening of Comedy & Politics"

A great evening of insightful political analysis and humor. Jeff Cohen & Norman Solomon wrote "Adventures in Medialand: Behind the News, Beyond the Pundits." Krassner had just finished his "Confessions of a Raving, Unconfined Nut: Misadventures in the Counterculture." \$17.95

FATHER BILL DAVIS

161 "Third-Party Politics in America"

Father Bill Davis, one of the co-founders of The Christic Institute, came to speak at The Green Dragon in Santa Barbara. Bill gave a great summary of the state of our dis-union and the potential and urgent need for a third party. \$16.95

BARBARA HONEGGER

164 "A Majority of One"

Barbara gives a comprehensive analysis, linking pre-election treason with illegal covert operations and the Saving and Loans scandal. Barbara spent nearly three years working in the White House, and delivers an amazing account of sinister secret agendas to undermine our democratic structures. \$16.95

165 "The October Surprise"

For over two and a half hours Barbara lays out a White House insider's view of the crooked deals and deceptive practices of the Reagan-Bush administration. Step by step, Barbara outlines the "October Surprise" and its ramifications. \$16.95

JACK HERER

166 "Sooner or Later, There's a Time for Hemp."

Jack Herer spoke to the community of Isla Vista, CA. His message: There is only one known renewable natural resource able to provide goods. And essentials such as paper and textiles meet all the world's transportation, home and industrial energy needs; and clean the atmosphere. Yep: It's hemp! \$17.95

167 "Hemp For Victory"

The original 1942 United States Department of Agriculture *pro-marijuana* film, titled "Hemp For Victory". It contains a chronology of the many uses of hemp from Roman times to the present. Along with "Hemp For Victory", you'll see Jack Herer, author of "The Emperor Wears No Clothes", in Isla Vista, CA., presenting one of his power-packed speeches in defense of hemp. The video tape will come with plenty of reading material as well. (For an excellent book on the subject, pick up "The Emperor Wears No Clothes.") \$19.95

JOHN JUDGE

"The Deaths of Democracy"

Back in the '20s, hundreds of decent Germans were killed by covert fascist cells; the authorities covered up the crimes, and those who cried "conspiracy" were widely derided. Is history repeating itself? John says yes, and he presents a powerful argument. For the last 22 years, John Judge has researched political assassinations and other covert operations, beginning with the murder of John F. Kennedy in 1963, which he identifies as a military coup d'etat. Judge's parents worked in the Pentagon and as a child he frequented the Pentagon library. John spoke on America's plague of mysterious deaths during his 1992 California tour. Knowing that a high-quality video was being produced for each night's event, John gave a somewhat different presentations at each lecture. Each talk is around three hours long.

169 Deaths of Democracy

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172 Deaths of Democracy

Louden Nelson Center, Santa Cruz, 2-28-92 \$16.95

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The Womens Building, San Francisco, 3-91 \$16.95

882 "Cults, Lies & Videotape: From Jonestown to Waco"

John Judge in Maui, Hawaii, 7-8-93

A wild evening in which the following topics are discussed: Cults, mind control, UFOs, fear, paranoia, assassinations, drugs, Jonestown, Waco, Scientology, Rajneesh, secret societies and more. A sensible-and-sane approach to weird-land. PWR highly recommends this explanation of how the intelligence community and cults interact. This four hour evening in Maui will come on two cassettes, to provide you with strong quality for-making copies. \$24.95

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533 "Who Really Runs America?"

For nearly three and a half hours, John Judge delivered an immaculate indictment of America's hidden elite to a sold-out house at the University of Toronto, on August 9, 1991. Covering the hidden history of the Cold War, U.S. intelligence agencies and international fascism, Judge names the key players in control of our society, and how they hope to gain the last frontier, "the space between our ears." Special 3 1/2 hour video. \$19.95

534 "The JFK Assassination"

At the University of Toronto, John Judge and Wendy Govier gave an incredible six-hour analysis of the events surrounding the coup-d'etat of November 22, 1963. Slides, video, and analysis clearly reveal the conspiracy and cover-up in the murder of President Kennedy. Judge names the groups and individuals responsible for the events in Dallas and leads you through the global implications. A mind-bender! Special six-hour video. \$19.95

176 "John Judge in Thunder Bay, Canada"

In 1991, John was invited to Thunder Bay to give an insightful and humorous talk on assassinations, fascism, history and then-current events, including the Clarence Thomas confirmation. \$16.95

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876 "The RFK Assassination Special Presentation"

Compiled by Ted Charach and PWR

This tape contains speeches and interviews with Robert Kennedy. The last hour contains highlights of the strongest evidence available from the RFK assassination. This tape was shown during RFK assassination lectures around North America, by Ted Charach of "The Second Gun" fame. \$16.95

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OCTOBER SURPRISE

179 "Highlights of October Surprise Colloquy"

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188 "Crack, Covert Operations & The Constitution"

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"Gee, Ben, how come we never thought of selling narcotics to the American people and weapons to America's enemies?"

Because in our day, George, they used to hang men for treason, not elect them president!

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SABINA VIRGO AND BLASE BONPANE

193 "The Peace & Justice Struggle: Carry It On"

Sabina Virgo and Blase Bonpane came to Montecito, Ca., on Sunday, January 26, 1992. Sabina Virgo is on the National Board of Directors for the Rainbow Coalition, International Affairs Committee as well as other important organizations. Blase and Theresa Bonpane founded the Office Of the Americas (OOA). To contact them, see our reference page. \$16.95



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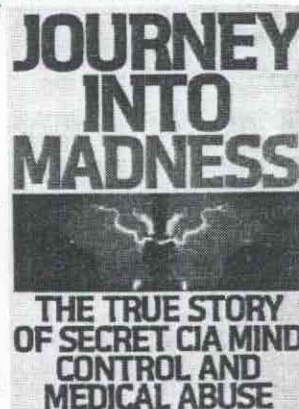
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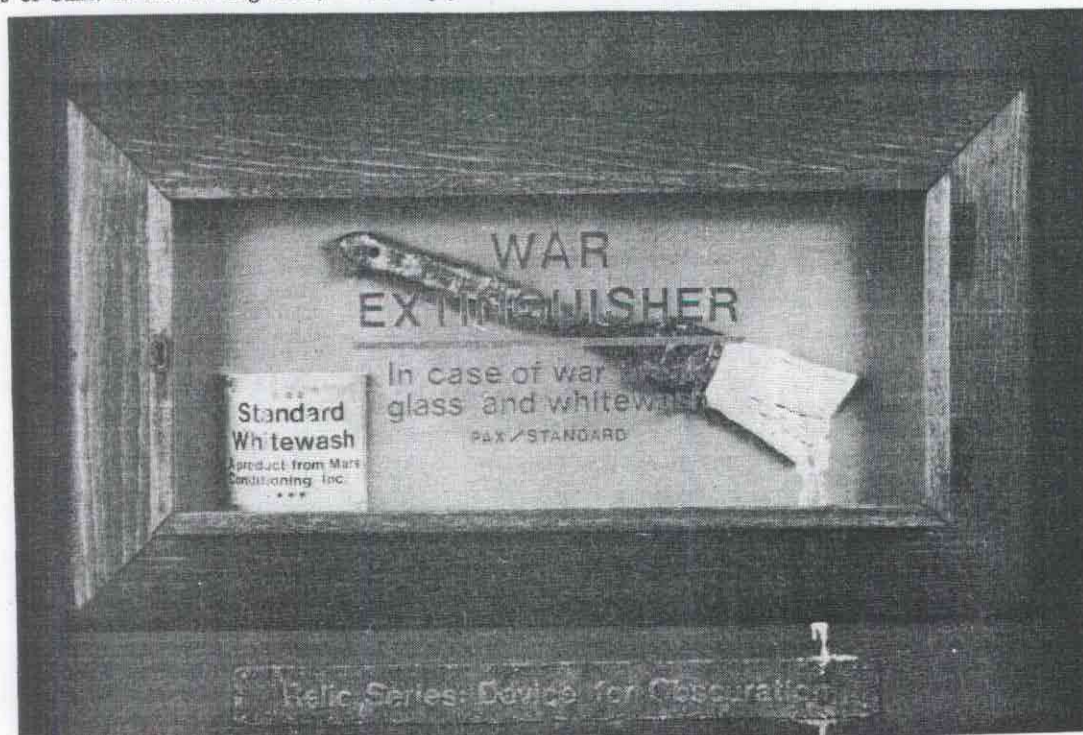
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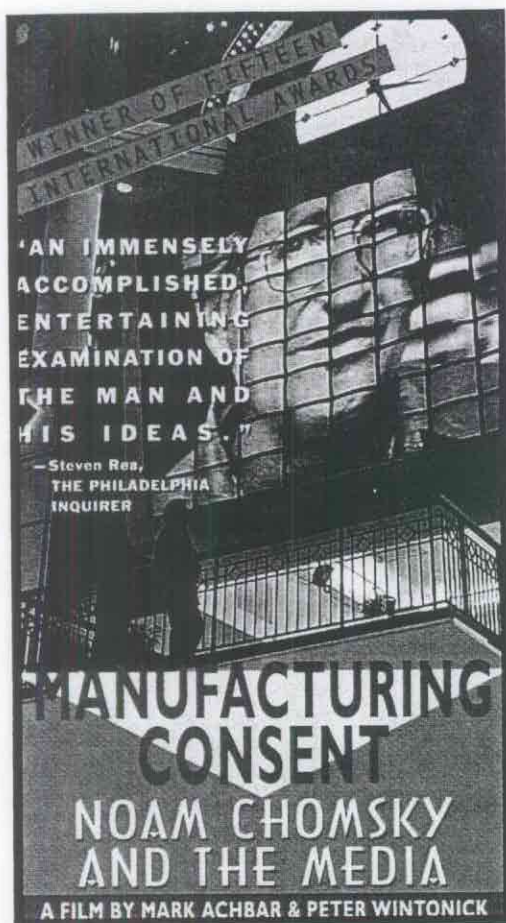
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