

TRANSCRIPT

*COMMENTS OF LEON JAWORSKI TO REPORTER ROGER GRACE, TAPED 8/5/77
IN A PERSONAL INTERVIEW DURING THE ABA CONVENTION IN CHICAGO:

GRACE - MR. JAWORSKI, ART KEVIN IN LOS ANGELES HAS COME OUT WITH
A STORY THAT YOU'RE A DIRECTOR OF THE M-D ANDERSON FOUNDATION IN
HOUSTON...AND ACCORDING TO A MR. FREEMAN WHO'S IN YOUR OFFICE,
THAT FOUNDATION HAS BEEN USED FOR THE LAUNDERING OF CIA MONEY...

(INTERRUPTED)

JAWORSKI - WHAT HAPPENED WAS...YEARS AND YEARS AGO...I THINK ITS
UNFORTUNATE THAT THESE THINGS ARE DREDGED UP THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY
MEANINGLESS...WHAT HAPPENED...THIS OCCURRED PROBABLY 15 YEARS AGO...
FREEMAN WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE FOUNDATION AT THE TIME AND, THEY
WERE HOLDING A CONVENTION OF JUDGES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. IT WAS
A RULE OF LAW CONVENTION. SOME OF THEM CAME FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.
SOME OF THEM CAME FROM PLACES WHERE THERE WAS NO RULE OF LAW. AN
ORGANISATION IN NEW YORK WAS INTERESTED IN HELPING FUND...BUT THEY
NEEDED TO HAVE A FOUNDATION JUST TO USE SIMPLY AS A CONDUIT TO LET
THE FUNDS GO THROUGH THERE. AND I'VE EVEN FORGOTTEN THE REASONS OR
THE DETAIL FOR IT. THE ANDERSON FOUNDATION DIDN'T ACTUALLY CONTRIBUTE
ONE PENNY TO IT.

GRACE - WHERE WAS THE MONEY GOING?

JAWORSKI - THE MONEY WAS GOING TO THIS ORGANISATION THAT WAS PUTTING
ON THIS RULE OF LAW AFFAIR AND IT WAS TO BE USED FOR BRINGING JUDGES
OVER THERE WHO OTHERWISE COULDN'T COME.

GRACE - OVER TO WHERE?

JAWORSKI - OVER TO WHEREVER IT WAS HELD. I CAN'T TELL YOU WHERE IT WAS
HELD.

GRACE - OVERSEAS?

JAWORSKI - YES...OVERSEAS. YES. Y'SEE I DON'T EVEN KNOW THE DETAILS
OF IT. IT'S A RIDICULOUS THING. BUT IN ANY EVENT IT WAS NO
CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE FOUNDATION. IT WAS SIMPLY USED FOR THE
PURPOSE OF SENDING THESE FUNDS ON. MR. FREEMAN AGREED TO IT AND
REPORTED IT TO US AT THE NEXT MEETING (AND) IT WAS FINE WITH ME.

GRACE - SO THIS HAD NO CIA LINKUP?

JAWORSKI - I...I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHO TALKED WITH HIM ABOUT IT. HAVE
NO WAY OF KNOWING.

GRACE - THANK YOU VERY MUCH SIR.

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LOS ANGELES (UPI) -- FORMER WATERGATE PROSECUTOR LEON JAWORSKI SAYS HE KNEW MONEY WAS BEING LAUNDERED THROUGH THE M.D. ANDERSON FOUNDATION, OF WHICH HE IS A TRUSTEE, BUT HE DENIES KNOWING THE FUNDS WERE SUPPLIED BY THE CIA, RADIO STATION KMPC REPORTED TODAY.

"THIS OCCURRED POSSIBLY 15 YEARS AGO," JAWORSKI SAID SATURDAY WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE FUNDS. "IT'S A RIDICULOUS THING... THAT THESE THINGS THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY MEANINGLESS ARE DREDGED UP."

KMPC NEWSMAN ART KEVIN SAID THAT AS FOUNDATION TRUSTEE JAWOR KI ALLOWED OUTSIDE MONIES TO BE CHANNELED THROUGH THE FOUNDATION. BUT JAWORSKI SAYS THE FUNDS WERE SIMPLY USED TO PAY EXPENSES FOR JUDGES ATTENDING AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN AN UNNAMED OVERSEAS LOCATION.

JOHN FREEMAN, FOUNDATION PRESIDENT AND SENIOR PARTNER IN JAWORSKI'S HOUSTON LAW FIRM, TOLD KEVIN HE WAS CONTACTED IN 1966 BY THE CIA TO CHANNEL "SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS" THROUGH THE FOUNDATION. FREEMAN SAID THE FOUNDATION WAS "ENJOINED" TO SECRECY BY THE CIA.

KEVIN SAYS JAWORSKI ADMITS HE HAD FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT THE FUNDS WERE COLLECTED AND PASSED THROUGH THE FOUNDATION, BUT DENIED KNOWING THE SOURCE OF THE MONEY.

"THE FOUNDATION WAS BEING USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SENDING THESE FUNDS ON," JAWORSKI SAID. "I SAID IT WAS FINE WITH ME. I HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM."

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