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2/22/90

Dear Peggy,

although I do not know what is in the AARC files on DeM., I suspect it may be limited to copies of records from the "main" FBI assassination files, perhaps those of FBIHQ only because there was no general release of the Dallas files I got by suit. However, if they were placed in the FBI reading room AARC could have some copies from them. You can tell from the file numbers. There are two 62-<sup>class</sup> classification numbers for the assassination, 62-109060 for the assassination and 62-109090 for liaison with the Commission. 105082555 is the Oswald file. The Dallas files start with 89 and 100 numbers. I gave you the number of the Dallas DeM file + have Ruby files start with 44.

I never had the interest in DeM that Bud, Garrison and most others had so in making copies for "subject" filing I did not make extra copies of all DeM records I read and have. All for the first two years or so can be located through the Dallas special index I have. I'm sorry, all the Dallas ones can be. I have no HQ index. If and when you come it will help you and save time and effort if you make a list of the numbers on the records you have. The number written on, generally at the bottom of the page but not always. When the FBI withheld Dallas records as "previously processed," meaning in the HQ general disclosures, I was able to compel it to annotate the processing worksheets and note next to each claim of previous processing the number in the HQ records. These worksheets are by file and then by serial number, about a dozen numbers to a sheet.

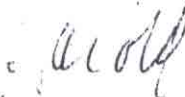
AARC never borrowed the "subversive" file on DeM I finally got. It is this file the size of which I indicated to you, not the duplicate copies + made for what I call a subject file, of records that I thought might later interest me or others.

Because it is not safe for me to drive for more than 15-20 minutes at a time I can't pick you up where Metro now ends. Bus connections from either Washington or Baltimore are not good. (Greyhound.) But I can meet the bus here and deliver you to it. Unless you do not drive, it will be better to drive or stay with friends in DC. From most of northwest we are an hour or less. If your friends can bring you up. But again, there is Greyhound between DC and here. There are early morning busses, both ways.

Interesting story on the spooks and savings gypers.

You are welcome any time. If you should drive, it is a little less than an hour from the time you leave the Baltimore Beltway. I'm sorry we don't have a spare bedroom to offer you should you be here more than a day.

Best wishes,



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Enclosed you will find the first in a series of articles by "The Houston Post" concerning the CIA connections with the demise of the federally insured lending institutions in this country. What has happened in Texas is something which occurred throughout the United States.....

Harold,

Thank you so much for your kind note & offer of 2/10.

I have about 1 1/2-2 inches of FBI/dell'ohrenschildt documents which I copied at AARC. I called Jim Lesar, after your letter, to me, advised, to see if he knew how much of what I copied from their files would be a duplicate of what is in your files. Jim was not sure, and suggested that I'd be best off coming down to see you & your files in person. If this is ok with you, perhaps we can set up a mutually convenient time, in the spring. I would probably come in by train....  
.... does the Metro come out your way?  
If so, I could see if I could stay

(over)

with one of my D.C. friends & commute...

All Best Wishes,

Peggy

P.S. I got another letter from  
George Dell's brother yesterday

Also... enclosed is my  
resume so that you will know  
more about me by the time we  
meet...

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# S&L probe has possible CIA links

## Authorities target Houston developer

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Federal authorities are investigating Houston developer Robert L. Corson in connection with several failed financial institutions where fraud contributed to their demise. The Houston Post has learned.

Corson, who already has been barred from having any dealings with federally-insured financial institutions, is the former son-in-law of Houston businessman and political power broker Walter M. Mischer Sr.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Smith, who heads the fraud division of the U.S. Attorney's office in Houston, said, "there are currently two ongoing intensive investigations" that focus on Corson.

During an eight-month investigation into the role of fraud in the nation's savings and loan crisis, The Post has found evidence suggesting a possible link between the Central Intelligence Agency and organized crime in the failure of at least 22 thrifts, including 16 in Texas.

Corson purchased one of these thrifts, Vision Banc Savings in Kingsville, which had assets of \$70 million, in early 1986.

Four months later, the thrift was insolvent, in part because of \$20 million in loans that were made to help finance a Florida land deal.

Corson is identified in federal law-enforcement records as a "known money launderer." One former CIA operative told The Post that Corson frequently acted as "a mule" for the agency, meaning that he would carry large sums of cash from country to country.

The CIA would neither confirm nor deny whether Corson had a relationship with the agency.

One of the people who helped arrange the Florida land transaction was Miami lawyer Lawrence Freeman, a convicted money launderer with ties to CIA agents and organized crime figures. Hill Financial Savings in Red Hill, Pa., put up \$80 million to help seal the deal.

Hill Financial also was among the 22 failed thrifts where The Post found connections to the CIA and organized crime.

Smith would not divulge details.

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# Evidence finds CIA, organized crime may be implicated in failure of 22 S&Ls

## S&L FRAUD

That failures with possible links to organized crime and CIA operations.

Name	City	Assets	Estimated cost to taxpayers
Continental Savings Houston	Houston	\$455 million	\$307 million
Marland Savings Houston	Houston	1 billion	400 million
United Savings Houston	Houston	120 million	140 million
First Savings of East Texas Houston	Houston	130 million	87 million
Nicargo Savings Wichita Falls	Wichita Falls	800 million	60 million
Ben Mann Savings Cameron	Cameron	250 million	40 million
Wardlaw Savings Dallas	Dallas	1.3 billion	13 billion
Shelton Savings Dallas	Dallas	341 billion	2 billion
International American Savings Dallas	Dallas	320 million	301 million
Vernon Savings Dallas	Dallas	1.5 billion	13 billion
State Savings Lubbock	Lubbock	700 million	585 million
Data Savings Allen	Allen	200 million	130 million
Provincial Savings Lingo	Lingo	170 million	200 million
Lamar Savings Austin	Austin	2 billion	1 billion
Standard Savings Dallas	Dallas	186 million	150 million
Vision Banc Savings Fort Worth	Fort Worth	70 million	50 million
Spartan Savings Springtown	Springtown	15 billion	50 million
Hill Financial Savings Red Hill, Pa.	Red Hill, Pa.	27 billion	1.9 billion
State Federal Savings Abingdon, Md.	Abingdon, Md.	530 million	50 million
Respect Financial Savings Saffa, Kan.	Saffa, Kan.	17 million	475 million
Bashy Federal Savings Laverne, La.	Laverne, La.	1 million	20 million
Shenado Savings Denver	Denver	23 billion	1 billion

Estimated total cost of covering federally insured deposits: \$113.1 billion  
Source: The Houston Post, based on government documents, sworn testimony and interviews with key government investigators and prosecutors.

## S&L: Investigation of Houston developer turns up links to CIA

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The Justice Department's investigation into Corson's dealings, but did say one of the probes involves prosecutors in Texas, Florida and Pennsylvania.



The Post was unable to reach Corson for comment. The telephone in his Houston office has been disconnected. He is said to be staying in San Diego, Calif., and phone calls to his residence there were not returned. Targeted in the 1986 Florida transaction.

By PETE BREWTON  
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Evidence related to the nation's savings and loan crisis suggests a possible link between the Central Intelligence Agency and organized crime in the failure of at least 22 S&Ls, including 16 in Texas.

The Houston Post, during an eight-month investigation into the role of fraud in S&L failures, has found numerous links between organized crime figures and CIA operatives, including some involved in gun running, drug smuggling, money laundering and covert aid to the Nicaraguan Contras.

The evidence obtained by the Post from court documents, sworn testimony, law enforcement reports and interviews with key government investigators and prosecutors suggests that the CIA may have used part of the proceeds from S&L fraud to help pay for covert operations and other activities that Congress was unwilling to support publicly.

The CIA denied that the agency has used savings and loans to fund cover activities. "That would be a violation of U.S. laws, and we do not violate U.S. laws," said CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield.

The Post, however, found evidence that the CIA has intervened in criminal investigations involving agency operatives accused of S&L fraud, and may be at least partly responsible.

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responsible for the fact that a substantial amount of suspected fraud has gone unprosecuted.

Lloyd Monroe, a former prosecutor with the Justice Department's organized crime strike force, said the federal agencies responsible for investigating S&L fraud are not in the "position to investigate wrongdoing, and are being precluded from investigating wrongdoing that is possibly being conducted in the name of national security."

Monroe, now a fellow at Brown University, asked rhetorically: "How do you expect the government to investigate itself?"

Richard Brenneke, a former CIA contract agent, testified in September 1988 during a federal court trial in Denver that the CIA had set up a systematic program to raise money for the Contras.

Support for the Contras first became a point of controversy in 1984, when the Democratic-controlled Congress cut off aid to the Contras after revelations that the CIA had helped mine Nicaraguan harbors. Yet there were allegations that CIA aid continued despite the ban.

After the trial, Brenneke told the Post that the banking and S&L officials involved in such schemes were required to sign "secrecy agreements" with the CIA.

The Post in 1988 reported that a number of failed Texas S&Ls had connections to reputed organized crime figures Maro Renda and Herman K. Beebe, who both later pleaded guilty to bank fraud in separate cases.

Since then, the Post has found possible links between the CIA and S&L fraud, as well as additional evidence of connections between organized crime figures and failed S&Ls.

The 22 collapsed S&Ls not only include large institutions such as Mainland Savings in Houston and Sunbelt Savings in Dallas, but tiny S&Ls such as Vision Banc Savings in Kingsville.

In each case, the institution made substantial loans to people with links to organized crime, the CIA or both. Eighteen of the 22 were either owned or controlled by people with links to organized crime, the CIA or both. And in each institution's failure, fraud was a key factor.

made \$13 billion to cover federally insured deposits. Monroe, who successfully prosecuted Renda in Kansas City, said although he is convinced the CIA either masterminded or condoned a certain amount of S&L fraud, proving it would be extremely difficult.

"To get to the bottom of it would take 10 times the effort" it took to put Renda behind bars, Monroe said.

"It's like trying to grab smoke," said Bruce Mallico, former special prosecutor with the Justice Department's Organized Crime Strike Force in Brooklyn.

Congress has done little to spotlight the full scope of S&L fraud, with the possible exception of the House Banking Committee under U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Texas. His committee has been investigating Charles Keating and the failure of the Lincoln Savings in California.

The absence of more intense scrutiny is despite reports by the staff of a congressional subcommittee and the General Accounting Office that fraud was a key factor in most of the nation's S&L failures.

Most of the money lost in S&L failures has yet to be traced to its ultimate destination. The celebrated cases of S&L officials' wrong spending on cars, boats, planes, condos and lavish entertainment account for only a tiny percentage of the money lost. Federal and congressional investigators who have the subpoena power to trace the money have shown little apparent interest in doing so.

Monroe, the former prosecutor, said he suspects that Congress and federal regulatory agencies have not been more aggressive because high government officials were aware of what he believes was the CIA's involvement in S&L fraud.

As matters now stand, Monroe said, CIA and high government officials who might have had ties to people involved in S&L fraud can maintain the facade of "plausible deniability" that they ordered or condoned anything improper.

At the same time, Monroe said, "the CIA knows that these people are going to use their financial institutions (for CIA purposes) and are going to come to the CIA when they get in trouble."

In a news release announcing the sanctions against Garmann, the Office of Thrift Supervision said examiners discovered a number

of large, speculative loans that were tainted with conflicts of interest and other violations of law and regulations. Further investigation by OTS revealed that Vision Banc insiders had received financial benefit from loans made by Vision Banc that resulted in substantial loss to the bank. "The OTS release said, 'Insiders also arranged to have proceeds of significant dollar amount loans made by Vision Banc diverted through the borrowers and others back to themselves.'"

And in 1989, Corson's mother, B.J. Garmann, received similar sanctions from the Treasury Department's Office of Thrift Supervision for her part in the Vision Banc failure. During the same year, sources told the Post, Corson rolled up more than \$150,000 in gambling debts at Las Vegas casinos, spent more than \$250,000 of auto-



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

CO-ILLUSTRATOR, "Weather In Your Life", John Day Company (1958)  
ILLUSTRATOR, "Hot And Cold", John Day Company (1959)  
Free-lance mechanicals, John Day Company (1959)  
Production Department, Golden Press (Summer, 1959)  
ILLUSTRATOR, "Numbers Old And New", John Day Company (1960)  
Editorial Department, Golden Press (Summer, 1960)  
Sales, Children's Book Department, F.A.O. Schwarz, 5th Avenue, NYC, 4/61-10/61  
AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR, "The Adler Book Of Puzzles & Riddles", John Day (1962)  
ILLUSTRATOR, "Your Ears", John Day (1962)  
AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR, "The 2nd Adler Book Of Puzzles & Riddles", John Day (1963)  
The World Premiere, "Butch Cassidy And The Sundance Kid" (1969)  
Illustration, logistics and ticket sales & management:  
Yale University and The Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation  
ILLUSTRATOR, "Sets & Numbers For The Very Young", John Day (1970)  
Graphic Designer, Cover, "Sets & Numbers For The Very Young"  
ILLUSTRATOR, "Reading Fundamentals For Teen-agers", John Day (1973)  
Graphic Designer, Cover, "Reading Fundamentals For Teen-agers"  
CO-ILLUSTRATOR, "Revised Tools Of Science", John Day (1973)  
CO-ILLUSTRATOR, "Revised Thinking Machines", John Day (1973)  
New York Zoological Society (Bronx Zoo) (1973)  
Children's Zoo poster; Children's Zoo banner; logos, directional signs  
CO-ILLUSTRATOR, "Revised Magic House Of Numbers", John Day (1974)  
ILLUSTRATOR, "Revised Hot & Cold", John Day (1974)  
The Humane Society Of The United States:  
ILLUSTRATOR, "Pet Care" (1974)  
ILLUSTRATOR, "Caring For Your Cat" (1974)  
ILLUSTRATOR, "Caring For Your Dog" (1974)  
ILLUSTRATOR, posters, "KIND Teaching Tips" 12/74 - 4/75  
ILLUSTRATOR, "Petroleum", John Day (1975)  
ILLUSTRATOR, "DO A ZOOMDO", Little, Brown & Co. (1975)  
ILLUSTRATOR, "Environment", John Day, (1975)  
Designer, Logo, Branford Intermediate School, Branford, CT (1975)  
ILLUSTRATOR, "A Model Of Contact Pressure In Phyllotaxis",  
The Journal Of Theoretical Biology (Vol. 45, Part 1)  
ILLUSTRATOR, "A Model Of Space Filling In Phyllotaxis",  
The Journal Of Theoretical Biology (Vol. 53, Part 2)  
Designer, Cover, "The Impossible In Mathematics" (1975)  
National Council Of Teacher's Of Mathematics  
CO-ILLUSTRATOR, "Revised How Life Began", John Day (1976)  
AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR, "Metric Puzzles", Franklin Watts (1977)  
ILLUSTRATOR, "Food", John Day (1977)  
CO-ILLUSTRATOR, "The Stars, Steppingstones Into Space", John Day (1977)

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR, "Math Puzzles", Franklin Watts (1978)  
AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR, "Geography Puzzles", Franklin Watts (1979)  
Theatrical Agent, Jan J. Agency, NYC (1981-82)  
Personal Management/Consulting/Public Relations, 1983 - Present  
Free-Lance Investigative Researcher/Analyst, 1986 - Present  
PR, "Sweetie, Baby, Cookie, Honey", by Freddie Gershon  
pub. by Arbor House (1986)  
RESEARCHER/AUTHOR, "Hakim's Connection", CAIB (1988)  
RESEARCHER/CO-AUTHOR, "Skull and Bones: The Skeleton in Bush's Closet?"  
w/John Loftus (1988)  
RESEARCHER, "Passion and Prejudice: A Family Memoir", by Sallie Bingham  
pub. by Alfred A. Knopf (1989)  
CONSULTANT, "Nixon's Private Eye: An Autobiography" by Anthony Ulasewicz  
w/Stuart McKeever (1989), (unpublished MMS)  
Designer, Logo, Public Information Research, Inc. (1989)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Author's League of America, Inc.  
The Dramatist Guild, Inc.  
National Conference of Personal Managers, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL LISTINGS:

Marquis' "Who's Who in Finance and Industry"  
Marquis' "Who's Who in Entertainment"  
"Dictionary of International Biography" (UK)

CIVIC/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Public Information Research, Inc.  
Washington, D.C.  
Vice President, 1989  
Director, 1989

The Arts Council of Greater New Haven:  
Board Of Directors, 1971-73  
Co-Editor, "Collage", Arts Council Newsletter  
Co-Editor-In-Chief, Arts Council Editorial Board  
Designer, "Collage"  
Membership Committee, 1971-73  
Designer, Membership Mailer  
Program Committee, 1970-72

Madison Arts & Science Council, Inc.:  
Incorporator  
Director, 1979-81  
Vice President, 1979-81

Shoreline Youth Theatre, Inc.  
Founder, 1979  
Incorporator  
Executive Director, 1979-81

Producer, "Best Foot Forward", 1980  
Advisory Board, 1981-1986

Principal's Advisory Council, Daniel Hand H.S., Madison, CT., 1979-81

Long Wharf Theatre Associates:  
Cast Dinners, 1977-Present  
25th Anniversary Calendar (1989)

Goodspeed (Opera House) Guild:  
Special Events Committee, 1979-81  
Cast Dinners, 1980-81

Daniel Hand H.S. Music Boosters:  
Recording Secretary, 1979-80

Church of the Redeemer, New Haven:  
Christian Education Committee, 1967-70

Hamden Hall Country Day School:  
Parent's Association Representative, 1969-70

Bennington College Alumni Association of New Haven:  
Regional Chairman, 1968-69

Planned Parenthood of Greater New Haven:  
Board Of Directors, 1972-73

New Haven Lawn Club Association, Inc.:  
Tennis Committee, 1967-73  
Movie Committee, 1967-73  
Entertainment Committee, 1966-69  
Paddle Tennis Committee, 1968-69  
Children's Christmas Party, 1966-72

The Greens Condominium Association, Inc.:  
Board of Directors, 1975-77  
Rules & Regulations Committee, 1974-75  
Playground Committee, 1974-75  
Activities Committee, 1974-75  
Co-Chairman, Movie Committee, 1975  
Designer, Cover, Condominium Newsletter, "The Greens Scene"  
Building & Grounds Committee, 1974-78

Charlton Hill Condominium Association:  
Pool Committee, 1970-72  
Social Committee, 1970-72