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Don't Knock the Rock: The CIA Investigates Itself

The Rockefeller Commission, the official Presidential body charged with uncovering the CIA's illegal domestic skulduggery is a tangle of interlocks within what many have called the Rockefeller financial group. The ties of the members also extend beyond the financial empire directly into the covert CIA machinations of the past.

Henry Kissinger initially presented the idea of the commission to Ford, who considered it between slaloms down the slopes of Vail. Kissinger is the chairman of the 40 Committee, a kind of board of directors of the CIA. All CIA clandestine plans are supposed to pass through the 40 Committee before they are executed. Kissinger, as has been widely reported, originated the "destabilization" of Chile program in his capacity as head of the 40 Committee.

Heading the new commission is Henry Kissinger's friend, benefactor (to the tune of \$50,000) and former employer, Nelson Rockefeller, who is well acquainted with CIA operations, having served on the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board since 1969. The board supposedly provides civilian review of CIA programs. According to Victor Marchetti and John Marks in their book, *THE CIA AND THE CULT OF INTELLIGENCE*, the FIAB, "has consistently pushed for bigger (and more expensive) intelligence collection systems." (John Marks will present, in detail, the workings of the CIA this coming Wednesday March 19, at the Great Hall at 8:00) As a member of the FIAB, Rockefeller was present at a December, 1970 briefing at which CIA officials described their plans for dealing with the then newly elected Allende government in Chile. When asked about this by Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman (D.-N.Y.), Rocky replied, "I will have to check it. It does not refresh my memory."

The Rockefeller group had much to lose in Chile. Under the democratic socialist government, the Chilean subsidiary of the Chase Manhattan Bank was nationalized, as was Anaconda Copper (tightly bound to the Chase Manhattan Bank, which is in turn dominated by the Rockefeller group --David Rockefeller,) and the International Basic Economic Corporation. IBEC was Nelson's personal creation. Presided over by his son Rodman, it has a wide variety of holdings in Latin America. In Chile, the IBEC mutual fund held controlling interests in the majority of the nation's top 25 companies. Allende's blow to the Rockefeller portfolios must surely have perturbed Nelson; the family's financial centers were

not idle while their properties were being assailed. Chase Manhattan, chaired by David Rockefeller, denied loans and credits to the Allende government and helped organize Wall Street sentiment against the Chilean social experiment. Rockefeller's long-term interest in the CIA has been and continues to be motivated largely by economic concern.

Ford's choice for the panel of C. Douglas Dillon, former Under Secretary of State and Secretary of the Treasury, is an auspicious one. The N.Y. Times describes Dillon as "America's top strategist in international economic affairs." Dillon is one of the Rockefellers' most important allies in the financial world. According to James C. Knowles, professor at the University of Southern California, in his definitive monograph, "The Rockefeller Financial Group," "In the case of the Chase Manhattan Bank, the Board of Directors reflects an alliance among the powerful Rockefeller, Dillon and Milbank families. One of Chase's directors, C. Douglas Dillon, is the principal heir to the investment banking fortune of Clarence Dillon (Dillon, Read & Company), which was estimated to be worth between \$150 and \$200 million in 1968." Dillon is the chairman of the Rockefeller Foundation, a non-taxable portfolio of Rockefeller wealth.

Dillon has tried to cover up the CIA's tell-tale tracks before. In

1960, as Acting Secretary of State, he issued a statement declaring that the CIA's U-2 spy plane shot down over the Soviet Union, had been merely observing cloud patterns and other meteorological phenomena. Dillon still held a seat in the inner sanctum of power when administrations changed and Kennedy became President. Democrats and Republicans may come and go, but the best and the brightest (and the richest) remain. On April 4, 1961, Dillon urged approval of the CIA-sponsored Bay of Pigs invasion at a National Security Council meeting. His benediction of this clandestine action did not sweep E. Howard Hunt, Bernard Barker, Frank Sturgis and friends into Havana; the attack was a disaster. Several years later, in 1968, Dillon chaired a secret Council of Foreign Relations meeting of former intelligence officials and other policymakers that discussed CIA penetration of American institutions. Former CIA Director Richard Bissell told those assembled that "if the Agency is to be effective it will have to make use of private institutions on an expanded scale." (Notes of this meeting are printed in the Marchetti-Marks book.)

General Lyman Lemnitzer, another Ford appointee to the "investigatory" commission, was present at the 1961 N.S.C. meeting approving the Bay of Pigs operation. He was, at that time, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, having served his country

as a belligerent cold warrior for years. His thoughtful opinions will undoubtedly be reflected in the panel's final report. In 1971, Lemnitzer called the Pentagon Papers "nothing but a memorandum written by a Joe Blow in the Pentagon." He termed its release to the public by Daniel Ellsberg "a traitorous act on the part of an individual who didn't know what he was doing to the security of the United States," the N.Y. Times reports.

John T. Connor, Secretary of Commerce under LBJ, is a businessman and philanthropist. He is chairman of the board of Allied Chemical, named by Professor Knowles as a firm intimately bound to the Rockefeller group by interlocks with Rockefeller banks. Connor sits on the boards of directors of Chase Manhattan as well as General Motors and General Foods, and is a member of the business council of the Council of Foreign Relations, the Eastern Establishment's private organization for foreign policy formulation. Connor's charitable work is exemplified by his collection of tractors, drugs and money as ransom for the Bay of Pigs invaders. As president of Merck & Co., Connor had easy access to drugs and dollars.

The only representative of labor is Lane Kirkland, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO. Kirkland is a trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation, served in 1969, on a commission formed by John D. Rockefeller III to study foundations (following exposure of the CIA's use of foundations as conduits for funds and fronts for covert activity), was appointed by Richard Nixon to a panel charged with recommending how the Pentagon might operate more efficiently, and was Nelson Rockefeller's labor man on his Critical Choices for Americans group, a vehicle intended to further Rocky's presidential ambitions.

Kirkland is also a board member of the American Institute for Free Labor Development, an innocent-sounding part of the AFL-CIO that has channeled millions of CIA dollars into foreign labor movements. AIFLD (actually CIA) agents have participated in coups in Brazil, Guyana, Ecuador, and other Latin countries. In Chile, the CIA spent millions to support "strikes" creating economic chaos and an unstable environment ripe for a coup (N.Y. Times, Sept. 20, 1974). Kirkland has denied that AIFLD received CIA money, but N.Y. Times reports, magazine articles, admissions by AIFLD officials and several books (see Joseph Goulden's MEANY) overwhelmingly support the charge. Perhaps the most detailed examination continued on page 8





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CIA & The Politics

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For those of you who think the red-scare peaked with Joe McCarthy and that Richard Nixon's downfall was the last piece of dirt under the rug, don't take solace. The running dogs of right-wing reaction may have lost their mouthpieces but their power and identity are still somewhat safe and hidden within the confines of the clandestine U.S. government--the Central Intelligence Agency.

It has been common knowledge, especially outside the U.S., that the CIA have been the engineers of installing and toppling governments in a myriad of foreign countries through various covert methods including assassinations. It has been the role of the CIA in U.S. Domestic politics that has escaped any real scrutiny.

The war in Vietnam made obvious that America's rule of thumb for emerging third world nations was, at all and any cost, to prevent communist control of those countries. Whether it meant crushing left-wing movements for national independence or literally bombing a country into the stone age, our role in Southeast Asia and other countries was fervently and wholly anti-communist.

During the war our foreign policy was said to be linked directly to our domestic policy. In order to contain communism abroad it was necessary to suppress these movements at home which opposed those actions. It has been widely publicized now that governmental agencies, particularly the

FBI and CIA, engaged in widespread illegal surveillance and penetration of the anti-war movement in order to neutralize and disrupt the efficacy of that movement. As the history of Vietnam had its roots in the Cold War, so too is the history of CIA involvement in U.S. politics rooted in the jingoistic Cold-War mentality of US vs. them.

Over the years this group had begun by defining the Soviet Union and World communism as the enemy. Then it had pressed the idea of global containment of the world of communism. To complete this fear-of-communism syndrome, this movement contained a strong element that saw communism and communist subversion seeping in to and permeating almost every area of the United States.

With the recent revelations about CIA misuses of power, we are given pieces of a puzzle that, to the wary reader of powerpolitics in the United States, produces images of a linking thread between those great events of the last decade that have shaped the complexion of this country. From the Bay of Pigs to the assassination of JFK, Martin Luther King, and RFK to Watergate, the linking thread has been CIA or other clandestine governmental involvement and cover-up activities. All these political acts seemed to have been designed by those same forces of domestic repression and militarism that emerged at the outset of the Cold War.

The specifics of execution and cover-up of the assassination of JFK, Martin Luther King, and RFK have been dealt with extensively in previous writings (Take Over Vol.5 No.4) However, the assassination of John Kennedy is perhaps most illustrative of these forces that have twisted and turned the face of U.S. politics for over a decade. To uncover an intra-governmental conspiracy to murder a president calls into question the very precepts of democracy and freedom that this government is supposedly based upon as well as the political motives of such an assassination.

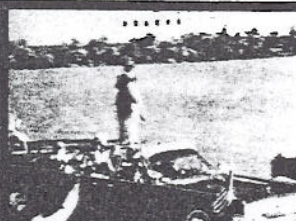
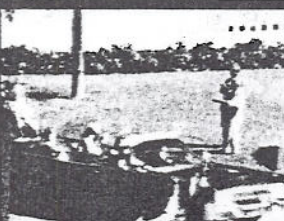
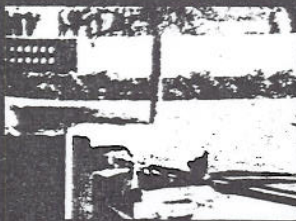
These forces that come to fruition in Dallas November 22, 1963 had been incubating for quite a while. The compulsive reactionaries of anti-communism saw red at Castro's victory in Havana in January 1959. Sometime during late 1959 Allan Dulles, the head of the CIA, decided the best solution for the Cuban problem would be to invade Cuba with an array of Cuban refugees and to overthrow Castro. The ill-fated Bay of Pigs operation planned in the Eisenhower administration and executed early in the Kennedy administration publicly failed to overthrow the Castro regime and also caught the U.S. government lying. Determined that there would be no repetition of the Bay of Pigs, Kennedy moved quickly to tighten White House control of the agency by purging three of the agency's top

officials including Dulles. Dulles later sat on the Warren Commission, investigating JFK's death. It was Kennedy's abandonment of a U.S. invasion of Cuba that flew directly against those anti-communist forces festering within the Cuban exile community and the CIA itself.

Kennedy's second (and hence fatal) mistake in the eyes of that same power elite was Vietnam. The beginnings of Vietnam were not simple. There were many forces at play there. However, the CIA was the first to introduce military hardware in an already well-entrenched counter-insurgency effort that had been instituted in the area. By the middle of 1963 it had become evident that either Kennedy was going to have to step in and put a halt to the spread of this counter-insurgency conflagration or let it consume Southeast Asia and the military strength of the U.S.

L. Fletcher Prouty, in the book *The Secret Team* describes Kennedy's dilemma as such:

As the country moved into the crucial simmer of 1963, the President admitted to his closest confidants that he could not move against the right-wingers and the Secret Team. As he told Senator Mansfield, "I can't do it until 1965, after I'm re-elected." And as he told Kenny O'Donnell, "In 1965, I'll be damned everywhere as a Communist appeaser. But I don't



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tion of AIFLD/CIA collusion is Philip Agee's *INSIDE THE COMPANY: CIA DIARY*. Agee was a CIA operative in AIFLD for 12 years, and went to England to publish his memoirs so they would not be censored in this country by the Agency. His book is currently unavailable in the U.S. but the writer has a copy in his posses-

ssion. The 630-page manuscript irrefutably establishes what Kirkland categorically denies.

Edwin N. Griswold is referred to as the former Solicitor General, the sole voice for civil liberties on the Rockefeller commission, and the N.Y. Times referred to him as a crusader. This wishful thinking is unsupported. As Solicitor General, Griswold argued the government's case a-

gainst newspapers that had published the Pentagon Papers (including the *GLOBE* and *TIMES*). He also presented a brief defending the right of the Army to spy on Americans (Tatum vs. Laird). The former Harvard Law School dean's most questionable act as Solicitor General attracted the notice of the Watergate Special Prosecutor's office and has recently been publicized by Seymour

Hersh in the *N.Y. Times*. On April 19, 1971, Richard Nixon called Assistant Attorney General Richard Kleindienst about the ITT anti-trust case. Nixon ordered Kleindienst to secure a court delay so that ITT could finagle a quick, favorable settlement. Kleindienst telephoned Griswold and a 30-day postponement was almost instantly granted. Griswold lauded ITT's out-of-the-court maneuver as "not merely a

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