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Author of "security" plan for Nixon was head of YAF

A top secret plan for surveillance, burglary and various illegal acts against dissenters was written at the White House in 1970 by Tom Charles Huston, a former National Chairman of the Young Americans for Freedom, the right-wing action organization.

The plan or series of options was referred to by President Nixon in his May 22 statement about the Watergate scandal, but it could not be described in any detail until reporters and Senators followed up.

The full text is believed to be in the papers removed from the White House by Nixon's discharged Counsel, John W. Dean III, for whom Huston worked in 1970. Dean has turned the papers over to the court and to Congress, but parts are still classified secrets. Huston, who is now practicing law in Indianapolis, has appeared before at least one closed session of a Senate Committee and has been interviewed by the press.

Nixon said the plan was not put into operation because of the refusal of the late J. Edgar Hoover to cooperate with other agencies. But he disclosed that an Intelligence Evaluation Committee was then set up in the White House, which led to creation of "the plumbers," some of whom broke into the Watergate a year ago and executed other "dirty tricks."

The Associated Press claims that at least part of the plans were put into effect, a suspicion growing widely in Washington.

Huston was
very active

Before Tom Huston joined the White House staff, at age 28, he had an impressive record of right-wing activity. While a senior at Indiana University, where he also got a law degree, Huston was State President of YAF. Next year, 1963, he was Midwestern Regional Director, and the next year he was National Vice Chairman. He became Chairman in 1965. In conjunction with his YAF leadership, he headed two other movements:

-- Students to Oppose Participation in NSA (STOP NSA), referring to the National Student Association, the dominant (and liberal) organization of student government representatives, which later was disclosed to have been subsidized by the Central Intelligence Agency.

-- World Youth Crusade for Freedom, a loose coalition of anti-communists who frequently went abroad to push the war in Vietnam and otherwise help anti-communist groups.

In the course of this work, he appeared twice on the Forum of Clarence Manion, a founding council member of the John Birch Society, to publicize his crusades.

On March 6, 1965, for example, he told Manion's radio audience that he had been to Vietnam recently and that the people there feared a sellout because the U. S. had stopped bombing the North. He said that "we should launch a national committee for the liberation of the North and we ought to provide the means for the Vietnamese to start dropping guerrilla units into the North and carry this war right up to Ho Chi Minh's homeland."

Also, Huston announced that the first project of his World Youth Crusade for Freedom would be a "Freedom Corps," which he said "will be sort of a private volunteer anti-Communist Peace Corps."

In 1967, Huston resigned as YAF Chairman to go into military service, where he served in Army intelligence for about two years.

He joined the Nixon staff at inauguration, serving "in an advisory capacity on defense matters," according to Human Events.

In the fall of 1971, he was sent to the YAF convention with another YAFer working for Vice President Agnew to prevent an open break between the young conservatives and Nixon. However, he is telling interviewers these days that he became disenchanted with the White House because pragmatism, not philosophical conservatism, was running things there. He left last summer.

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Another YAFer
also involved

Young Americans for Freedom was mentioned early in Watergate stories because the lawyer who showed up at the jail at 3:00 a.m. to help the burglars was M. Douglas Caddy, first Executive Director of YAF. Mystery was added by the fact that the burglars had placed no calls for help. Caddy, a young lawyer, soon turned the case over to more experienced hands, but it was disclosed that he had worked in a public relations firm with one of the defendants, E. Howard Hunt, and had known another, G. Gordon Liddy. He had also helped Liddy at the Committee for Re-election of the President.

Incidentally, Liddy ran for Congress in the 1968 GOP primary with endorsement of the Conservative Party of New York.

Recently, a suburban Washington paper, The Northern Virginia Sun, reported that Caddy received \$8,500 in cash from Hunt shortly after the burglary, adding that \$2,500 went later to a criminal lawyer and \$6,000 was put in a trust fund which was not explained.

Other connections

The newspaper also quoted Caddy as saying that he and Hunt organized the New Majority Book Club, a fleeting business which started with publication of an attack on Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

The Sun also disclosed that Caddy recently left the law firm of Gall, Lane, Powell and Kilcullen (which has ties to the National Right to Work groups) and is now working at the Center for the Public Interest, which would not describe its function for the reporter.

The Center is an offshoot of the Robert Schuchman Memorial Foundation, named after the first National Chairman of YAF who died in 1966. The Foundation sponsors seminars and other vague projects extolling free enterprise.

Right-wing campaigns against aid to North Vietnam

Jerry Norton, Editor of the Young Americans for Freedom magazine, has signed a fund raising letter against any U.S. aid to North Vietnam. Noting that he was wounded in Vietnam, Norton closes his letter with this postscript: "Fortunately, I was not seriously wounded and can continue living a normal life, however, thousands of others were not so fortunate. Please, don't let us down. Send your check to YAF today." A similar appeal of the John Birch Society is reproduced above. The reverse side makes it a postcard, but it is not identified with the Society on either side.

YOUR GOVERNMENT	Date <i>Sometime Soon</i>
	Amount <i>\$2,500,000,000.00</i>
PAY TO THE ORDER OF <i>Communist North Vietnam</i>	
<i>Two Billion Five Hundred Million</i> DOLLARS	
For " <i>Reparations</i> " Paid by <i>American Taxpayers</i>	

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Catholic group organizes for civil rights

The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights has announced its formation as expected. (p. 19) Its Executive Director, Stuart D. Hubbell, is a lawyer, as are many other officers, and the headquarters are at his home, Traverse City, Michigan.

Display ads heralding the new group state that it is neither controlled nor supported by the Catholic church and proclaim: "We are a group of Catholic citizens who refuse to accept second-class citizenship because of our religion."

Their first target seems to be the Supreme Court's attitude toward separation of church and state which has been a barrier to government aid for parochial schools.

In addition to lawyers, the directors and officers include a number of professors, Catholic school executives and editors, as well as laymen. Among the latter is Raymond P. Gauer, National Director of Citizens for Decent Literature, a right-wing group which has participated with the John Birch Society.

Human Events, the conservative Washington tabloid, distributed this list in a fund-raising letter last month. Incidentally, the publication has been very critical of President Nixon about Watergate and fearful that Vice President Agnew, its idol, may be damaged by the affair. Some think it might ask Nixon to resign.

A WHO'S WHO OF AMERICAN CONSERVATIVES

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew
Holmes Alexander
Robert S. Allen
Joseph Alsop
Rep. John M. Ashbrook
Paul Bethel
Prof. Anthony T. Bouscaren
Sen. James L. Buckley
Sen. Harry F. Byrd
John Chamberlain
Rep. Phil Crane
Ralph de Toledano
Edith Efron
M. Stanton Evans
Lawrence Fertig
Rep. Gerald Ford
Victor Gold

Sen. Barry Goldwater
Rep. H. R. Gross
Anthony Harrigan
Jeffrey Hart
Paul Harvey
Henry Hazlitt
Sen. Henry M. Jackson
Jenkin Lloyd Jones
Vivien Kellems
James J. Kilpatrick
Russell Kirk
Gen. Thomas A. Lane
John D. Lofton
Phillip Abbott Luce
Clark Mollenhoff
Kevin P. Phillips
Prof. Stefan T. Possony
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Gov. Ronald Reagan
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Morrie Ryskind
Jeffrey St. John
Prof. Hans F. Sennholz
Phyllis Schlafly
Emerson P. Schmidt
John Schmitz
Paul Scott
Henry J. Taylor
Sen. Strom Thurmond
Sen. John Tower
Dr. Wernher von Braun
Alice Widener

Colorado U. gets
millions for con-
servative center

The University of Colorado has accepted a multi-million dollar pledge to build the Edward Teller Center for the Advancement of Science, Technology and Politics --

named after "the father of the hydrogen bomb" who is also a hero of the right-wing.

The money is coming from Arthur Spitzer, a California oilman who apparently has not been active in right-wing circles; but the Center will be run by Professor Edward J. Rozek, who has. Teller will also be there.

The Center will replace another Rozek operation at the University -- the Institute for the Study of Comparative Politics and Ideologies -- which brought hawkish and conservative speakers to the campus.

Dr. Teller has been active in the American Security Council and the Republican Party, among other groups, and now serves on President Nixon's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

Prof. Rozek has participated in Dr. Fred Schwarz's Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, is on the board of the American Conservative Union and has spoken or lent his name to various other right-wing groups. A professor of political science, Rozek reportedly convinced the donor to locate in Colorado, instead of California. Up to \$25,000,000 may be involved.

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Organization notes:

The Committee for a Free China held a reception for Senators last month to urge that the Nationalist Chinese government on Formosa not be abandoned by the U. S....J. A. (Jay) Parker, a black leader of Young Americans for Freedom, was the speaker at the commencement exercises for four graduates of American Christian College, an enterprise of Dr. Billy James Hargis....The Committee for Constitutional Integrity, a small group of conservatives in suburban Washington, has attacked Senator Edmund Muskie for letting Daniel Ellsberg, the defendant in the Pentagon papers case, appear before his subcommittee on government secrecy...Tax Reformers United Endeavor (TRUE) of Pasadena is planning an unusual protest march on Washington -- by way of three days in Puerto Rico!