

Tip of the iceberg

Watergate: Nullify elections

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Watergate is evidently just the Tip of the iceberg. Already the number of people involved is mind-boggling. Obviously, the White House knew. From the visible evidence alone, we know that the 1972 election was a fraud.

Some call for impeachment. Others call for more hearings. But, perhaps the wisest course would be to annul the election null and void. Samuel Beesonman, former special advisor to Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman and former President of the Bar Association of New York City, has suggested just that in an interview with L.A. Times Associate Editor Robert J. Donovan.

The shock wave from the revelations of Watergate has taught us all that the Committee to Re-Elect the President sabotaged the entire electoral process.

More than that it appears likely that those who control Richard Nixon, those whom we still have yet to hear about, intended to establish permanent self-perpetuating power. The Citizens Research Investigation Committee (CRIC) has begun to put the evidence together.

As early as October of 1971, with the surfacing of Louis Tackwood, an informer for the Criminal Conspiracy Section of the Los Angeles Police Department, and an agent provocateur, the elements of the conspiracy became known. Tackwood told of a special unit that would disrupt the Republican Convention, then scheduled for San Diego, in such a way that the left would be blamed and a situation would be created that "would permit the President to invoke special emergency powers leading to the arrest and detention of political activists throughout the country."

For those of us who want to remain sane, the thought of a concentration

camp, of an impending cancellation of the election, of an assassination of

Nixon just to let Agnew walk in, all seemed like a paranoid nightmare. Who would willingly accept the descent into hell? Poets and madmen and women did. And they were right.

A sample. In 1971, Louis Tackwood made several tape recordings. They are part of a book by CRIC editor and author Donald Freed, *The Glass House Tapes*, to be published this summer. Tackwood:

"I'm giving up only two names. There's 'Martin' and there's 'White.' Alright, now, 'Martin' was the code name for my control, and I'm gonna tell you how CIA did it. Are you ready for this? He was in Dallas when they got Kennedy; he left out of there for the Caribbean. And 'Martin' is in on the cancellation of the election, some way, and in on the concentration camp thing. He's a stone killer.

"Now the control, the man over 'Martin' is 'White.' I only heard a little about him, but they say he's the money man, nobody's over him but the top dogs. 'Martin' and 'White,' that's all I'm gonna give you now. This is my life insurance."

We now know that James McCord, Jr., used the code name "Martin." Following his testimony before the Senate Hearings, one would be a fool not to see that, indeed, McCord is capable of being a "stone killer." Elated and efficient, with just the right touch of sardonic humor, James McCord is, and was for hire, E. Howard Hunt, the mastermind behind the Ellsberg burglary in September of 1971, is, according to various press accounts, known as "White."

(These biographies have been supplied by Don Freed and will be part of a forthcoming book, Operation Gemstone, an analysis of Watergate, written by members of CRIC including the author of this article.)

"Martin"

James McCord, Jr., began his undercover work in 1949 when he joined the FBI. In 1951 he switched to the CIA and spent the next nineteen years of his life working for them.

McCord was part of the CIA team that ended in the Bay of Pigs. Virgilio Gonzalez and Eugenio Martinez (two of the seven indicted and who pled guilty in January, 1973, for the Watergate break-in) were working with McCord in 1961 and maintained the contact through the years. Martinez worked with E. Howard Hunt in the raid of Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office in 1971.

According to Freed, "James McCord was a super agent. In the 1950's, CIA director Allen Dulles used him for the most sensitive "black" assignments behind the lines in the Soviet Union."

McCord was an interrogator working with downed US spy pilots in Russia. He eventually headed a special sixteen man unit (SAD) attached to the executive office of the White House. This unit compiled extensive files on civilians, formulated contingency plans for the White House "in case of emergency," and McCord was assigned to a task force on "Censorship of News Media and the United States Mail."

McCord retired from the CIA in 1970 and began his own security agency which, despite lack of license for security services, was given a contract for security at the GOP convention in Miami. McCord was also the Security coordinator for the Committee to Re-Elect.

"White"

E. Howard Hunt had worked for the CIA in a variety of assignments for over twenty-one years. In 1970 he left the CIA but was immediately hired by Charles W. Colson, Special Counsel to the President, to check leaks to the press and to conduct research on prominent Democrats.

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Hunt was in charge of the raid on Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office and,

according to testimony he gave before the Grand Jury in Washington, received extensive CIA assistance for that raid. Moreover, Hunt had forged cables linking Kennedy to assassination of Diem.

Hunt was planning director for the Bay of Pigs invasion which brought him into close association with Bernard Barker (who helped in the raid at the psychiatrist's office, and who was paid \$114,000 from CRP funds Watergate defendants).

Hunt's prolific activities with the CIA included field agent work in Latin America, Spain and the Far East. In 1969, while still a CIA agent, he joined Robert R. Mullen & Company, a public relations agency located across the street from the White House. Head of the firm, Robert F. Bennett, "was a prime organizer of the phony campaign committees in which the first \$10 million of Nixon's 1972 slush fund was hidden.

Thus, "White" and "Martin," named by Tackwood in 1971 as part of a major White House conspiracy to cancel the elections. Tackwood feared for his life. Now, so do Martha Mitchell and John Dean.

The links of the conspiracy seem to go beyond 1971. Some researchers are now investigating the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and the recent assassination attempt on George Wallace. The unanswered questions in all those "lone-man" efforts are now being examined with cross-references to the men involved in the Watergate break-in.

In particular, the curious liaison of CIA agents with ex-Cubans, with names appearing in various incidents, supposedly unlinked, may provide the thread by which we can learn the true nature of the "hidden

government" in America.

Example:

Frank Sturgis

Frank Sturgis, one of the convicted Watergate conspirators. Extensive Cuban and Miami business connections. Had been a key figure in the Bay of Pigs invasion. Formed a continuing friendship with Bernard Barker, worked with Lee Harvey Oswald and was questioned by the FBI after the death of John F. Kennedy.

Sturgis traveled throughout South and Central America. At the time of his arrest at Watergate, he was identified as a Miami aluminum-door salesman and "self-professed soldier of fortune engaged in fighting Castro and communism."

According to Freed, "Sturgis has a twenty-year association with columnist Jack Anderson. After the arrests at Democratic Headquarters, Anderson went to court immediately to vouch for his friend and long time source of information."

I always wondered where Jack Anderson got his information.

The unraveling tale is still to be told. But if impeachment comes, then Spiro Agnew is not far behind. And Agnew has been strangely silent these past weeks. We can not afford Agnew. But we can not afford a continuation of the present regime in any form.

Investigations will continue. The Senate, citizens' committees and Grand Jury's may begin to unravel the full tale.

In the meantime, the presidential elections of 1972 should be declared null and void.

For years we have felt the burden of William Butler Yeats, who spoke of anarchy unleashed upon the world, and we know now that rough beast who slouched towards Bethlehem, its hour come round at last, was Richard M. Nixon.