

**A Murder Plot****Jack Anderson**

**A** WEALTHY AMERICAN plotted to assassinate two leaders of the Bahamas shortly before the Caribbean islands gained independence from Great Britain, according to confidential intelligence reports.

The audacious murder plot against Premier Lynden Pindling and Deputy Premier Arthur Hanna is chronicled in classified reports prepared by the Internal Revenue Service.

The "financial backer of this plan has been identified as a wealthy American citizen," who owned a hotel on an island in the Bahamas, the report declares. The hotel financier, whose name was expunged from the IRS documents, believed he had been shaken down for a "political contribution" to Pindling's political campaign in 1972. Because he refused to contribute, the American alleged, his hotel was burned down by "politically motivated arson."

The American tried to purchase "Thompson-submachine guns and . . . M-1 rifles" through a cohort, the report continues. The arms were to be used "in connection with a plot to assassinate Pindling and Hanna."

**Footnote:** The IRS files were in records provided to Representative Benjamin Rosenthal, (Dem-N.Y.). His Consumer Affairs subcommittee was investigating IRS projects relating to tax havens.

**P**ETROLEUM PARLEY — Stuart Eizenstat, the scholarly, soft-spoken White House domestic policy chief, privately disagrees with President Carter's emerging energy policy.

Conservative energy czar James Schlesinger has been urging Mr. Carter to deregulate the price of natural gas. But in a private interview with us, Eizenstat called deregulation "a Republican policy."

Yet Eizenstat's personal philosophy hasn't deterred him from mingling with the energy industry's lobbyists. For example, former Massachusetts Governor Endicott Peabody, now a top nuclear lobbyist, has regular access to Eizenstat and the White House. The domestic chief also has asked Sun Oil officials to analyze federal studies.

Another oil and gas group used Eizenstat's old Atlanta law firm to try to influence the White House. The meeting with oil economists and lawyers in February was suggested by Will Cain, a Texas natural gas executive and a Carter campaign fund-raiser. The parley was actually set up by Mobil Oil representative Frank Love, a former law partner of Eizenstat's.

The oil and gas men fervently argued for increased coal use and energy price increases. While Carter's energy plans include some of their proposals, Eizenstat insists the meeting didn't influence the President's decision.