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## Americans on Government Assassination List



Prof. Phil Jones, Univ. of East Anglia, stepped down as director of the Climate Research Unit after embarrassing e-mails were leaked to the press.

Scientist at center of row admits:

### No Global Warming Since 1995

By JONATHAN PETRE / DAILY MAIL (UK)

The academic at the center of the ‘Climategate’ affair, whose raw data is crucial to the theory of anthropomorphic climate change, has admitted that he has trouble ‘keeping track’ of the information.

Colleagues say that the reason Professor Phil Jones has refused Freedom of Information requests is that he may have actually lost the relevant papers.

Professor Jones told the BBC yesterday there was truth in the observations of colleagues that he lacked organizational skills, that his office was swamped with piles of paper and that his record keeping is ‘not as good as it should be’.

The data is crucial to the famous ‘hockey stick graph’ used by climate change advocates to support the theory.

Professor Jones also conceded the possibility that the world was warmer in medieval times than now — suggesting global warming may not be a man-made phenomenon.

And he said that for the past 15 years there has been no ‘statistically significant’ warming.

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### Internet Censorship *Will it be Politically Defined like Visa Denials?*

By WAYNE MADSEN / WMR

Indications are coming from the Obama administration that it is planning to limit freedom of speech and expression on the Internet. The head of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Harvard law professor Cass Sunstein, advocates censorship and web site disruption. A blueprint for what is to come can be seen in the government’s banning of certain foreigners from entering the United States for political reasons.

In his book, *Infotopia: How Many Minds Produce Knowledge*, Sunstein writes: “Every day, like-minded people can and do sort

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By SHERWOOD ROSS

Raising troubling comparisons to tactics employed by Josef Stalin and right-wing Latin American dictatorships, the US government has created a “hit list” of Americans abroad marked for murder.

Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair told a House Intelligence Committee hearing on Feb. 3 that the US may, with executive approval, target and kill American terrorist suspects, Inter Press News Service reported.

“We take direct action against terrorists in the intelligence community,” he said.

Blair added that US counterterrorism

officials may try to kill US citizens involved in terrorism overseas with “specific permission” from higher up.

In response to questions from the panel’s top Republican, Rep. Pete Hoekstra of Michigan, Blair said, if “we think that direct action will involve killing an American, we get specific permission to do that.”

Blair’s statement recalls the policies of Soviet Russia’s secret police, who often murdered those who fled Stalin’s tyranny. Red Army founder Leon Trotsky, for example, was tracked to Mexico by a Soviet agent who killed him with an ice pick.

Blair’s remarks followed a *Washington Post* article reporting that President Barack Obama had embraced President George W. Bush’s policy of authorizing the killing of US citizens involved in terrorist activities overseas.

*The Post* reported: “After the Sep. 11, 2001, attacks, Bush gave the CIA, and later the military, authority to kill US citizens abroad if strong evidence existed that an American was involved in organizing or carrying out terrorist actions against the United States or US interests,

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### CIA Involvement With Drug Trade Resulted In Death Threats Against US Senator

By WAYNE MADSEN / WMR

Retired FBI sources have told the FBI that the Central Intelligence Agency’s involvement with drug smuggling was such a lucrative operation for the spy agency that it once threatened the life of a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, one of the two congressional oversight committees for the CIA. Arizona’s Democratic senator Dennis DeConcini also feared for the lives of his family members, according to the FBI

sources. DeConcini served on the Senate intelligence committee from 1987 until his retirement in 1995. President Bill Clinton reportedly offered DeConcini the job of White House drug czar but he turned down the position because of threats received against him and his family.

As chairman of the Senate intelligence committee from 1993 to 1995, DeConcini attempted to slash the intelligence community’s budget in the wake of the collapse of the Soviet bloc but was

constantly rebuffed by CIA director James Woolsey and the Republicans.

DeConcini incurred the ire of the CIA because he discovered how deeply the agency was involved in the smuggling of drugs into the United States, particularly during the Iran-contra scandal.

The FBI sources, who worked closely with President Ronald Reagan’s task force on drug smuggling, chaired by then-Vice President George H. W. Bush, claim that

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#### State Department Admits:

### Detroit Christmas Bomber Deliberately Allowed To Keep US Entry Visa, Board His Flight

By WEBSTER G. TARPLEY

The Detroit Christmas bomber was deliberately and intentionally allowed to keep his US entry visa as the result of a national security override issued by an as yet unknown US intelligence or law-enforcement agency with the goal of blocking the State Department’s planned revocation of that visa. This is the result of hearings held on January 27 before the House Homeland Security Committee, and in particular of the testimony of Patrick F. Kennedy, Undersecretary of State for Management. The rickety US government official version of the December 25 Detroit underwear bomber incident, which has been jerry-built over the past month and a half, has now totally collapsed, and key elements of the terrorism-spawning rogue network inside US agencies and departments are unusually vulnerable to a determined campaign of exposure.

These developments decisively confirm the analysis offered by the present writer in a Dec. 28, 2009 television interview on Russia Today.<sup>[1]</sup> On that occasion, my estimate was that Mutallab was a protected patsy being used by rogue elements of the US intelligence community for the deliberate and intentional creation of a high profile incident with the goal of

obtaining a large-scale political effect. On January 4, Richard Wolffe reported on the MSNBC Countdown program that the Obama White House was investigating whether the Detroit Christmas incident had been “intentionally” created by an intelligence network with an “alternative agenda.”<sup>[2]</sup> It was in this report that Wolffe posed the alternative of “cook-up or conspiracy.”<sup>[3]</sup> Unfortunately, Obama opted for the screw-up version on January 5.

Based on what was already known a few days after this incident, it was clear that normal screening and surveillance procedures had been scrapped and aborted

in order to allow the youthful patsy Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab of Nigeria to board his flight from Amsterdam in the Netherlands to Detroit. Mutallab’s father, a rich, well known, and reputable Nigerian banker had gone to the US Embassy in his country and formally warned a State Department official as well as a CIA representative that his son was in Yemen and in all probability consorting with terrorists. Under normal circumstances, this report alone would have been more than enough to get Mutallab’s US visa revoked in the same way he had already been denied entry to Great Britain . He also would normally have been placed

on the no-fly list, thus setting up two insuperable obstacles to getting on his Detroit bound flight and winging off to produce an incident which caused several weeks of public hysteria in this country, complete with demands for body scanners in airports. In addition, the US intelligence community had reports that a Nigerian was training with the purported “Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula “ in Yemen. Obama had called a December 22 meeting with top CIA, FBI, and DHS officials because of reports of a terrorist attack looming during the Christmas holiday.

The January 27 hearings of the House Homeland Security Committee were also addressed by Michael Leiter, the AWOL Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, along with Jane Holl Lute, the Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, who was sent in place of HHS Secretary Janet Napolitano, who boycotted the hearings. But the important testimony came from Kennedy, whose responsibilities include Consular Services, and therefore visas. In his opening statement, Kennedy offered a tortured circumlocution to describe what had happened. Attempting to head off the question of why the

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### AIG-gate: The World’s Greatest Insurance Heist

ELLEN BROWN / WEBOFDEBT.COM

Rumor has it that Timothy Geithner is on his way out as Treasury Secretary, largely due to his involvement in the AIG scandal that is now unraveling in hearings before the House Oversight and Reform Committee. Bob Chapman writes in *The International Forecaster*:

“Each day brings more revelations of efforts of the NY Fed and Goldman Sachs to hide the details of the criminal conspiracy of the AIG bailout. . . . This is a real crisis on the scale of Watergate. Corruption at its finest.”

But unlike the perpetrators of the Watergate scandal, who wound up looking at jail time, Geithner evidently has a golden parachute waiting at Goldman Sachs, not coincidentally the largest recipient of the AIG bailout. At least that is the rumor sparked by an article by Caroline Baum on *Bloomberg News*, titled

“Goldman Parachute Awaits Geithner to Ease Fall.” Hank Paulson, Geithner’s predecessor, was CEO of Goldman Sachs before coming to the Treasury.

That is only rumor, but the situation is disturbing enough to warrant a close look. Geithner has been under the House microscope for the decision of the New York Fed, made while he headed it, to buy out about \$30 billion in credit default swaps (over-the-counter derivative insurance contracts) that AIG sold on toxic debt securities. The chief recipients of this payout were Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch, Societe Generale and Deutsche Bank. Goldman got \$13 billion, roughly equivalent to its bonus pool for the first 9 months of 2009. Critics are calling the New York Fed’s decision a back-door bailout for the banks, which received 100 cents on the dollar for contracts that would have been worth far less had AIG been put through

bankruptcy proceedings in the ordinary way. In a *Bloomberg* article provocatively titled “Secret Banking Cabal Emerges from AIG Shadows,” David Reilly writes:

[T]he New York Fed isn’t subject to citizen intrusions such as freedom of information requests. This impenetrability comes in handy since the bank is the preferred vehicle for many of the Fed’s bailout programs. It’s as though the New York Fed was a black-ops outfit for the nation’s central bank.

The beneficiaries of the New York Fed’s largesse got paid in full although they had agreed to take much less. In a November 2009 article titled “It’s Time to Fire Tim Geithner,” Dylan Ratigan wrote:

“[L]ast November . . . New York Federal Reserve Governor Tim Geithner decided to deliver 100 cents on the dollar, in secret no less, to pay off the counter parties to the

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### Toyota Affair Economic War Against Japan

By WAYNE MADSEN / WMR

The Obama administration has expanded its economic warfare against other countries, first reported on January 18 by WMR in the case of an authorized financial campaign against Venezuela. The Obama administration, according to WMR’s Asian sources, is waging an economic warfare campaign, coupled with industrial sabotage, against Japan through a pre-planned operation directed against the Japanese automobile manufacturer Toyota.

WMR has learned that the Obama administration authorized the anti-Toyota campaign as a warning shot to Japan over its reformist government’s insistence that the US pull its military troops out of Okinawa. WMR has learned that Obama and his chief

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### HEALTH

### Thousands Died From H1N1 Even After Flu Shot

By MIKE ADAMS / NATURALNEWS

The CDC is engaged in a very clever, statistically devious spin campaign, and nearly every journalist in the mainstream media has fallen for its ploy. No one has yet reported what I’m about to reveal here.

It all started with the CDC’s recent release of new statistics about swine flu fatalities, infection rates and vaccination rates. According to the CDC:

- 61 million Americans were vaccinated against swine flu (about 20% of the US

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### Pfizer, Merck, Dozens of Drug Studies Faked

By MIKE ADAMS / NATURALNEWS

It’s being called the largest research fraud in medical history. Dr. Scott Reuben, a former member of Pfizer’s speakers’ bureau, has agreed to plead guilty to faking dozens of research studies that were published in medical journals.

Now being reported across the mainstream media is the fact that Dr. Reuben accepted a \$75,000 grant from Pfizer to study Celebrex in 2005. His research, which was published in a medical journal, has since been quoted

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### Miracle Mineral Protects Your Brain

By SHEILA CASEY / RCFP

Numerous studies have found that a common mineral heals the brain by stimulating the growth of new brain cells and protecting brain cells from every known neurotoxin. It has been shown to reduce the incidence of violent crime, homicide, suicide, and drug addiction, while preventing the brain shrinkage and memory loss that otherwise occurs naturally with age, as well as helping people with alcoholism, Alzheimer’s disease, depression, Parkinson’s disease, stroke, cluster headaches and traumatic brain injury.

Although occurring naturally in tomatoes

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## Mumps Outbreak Spreads Among People Who Got Vaccinated

By MIKE ADAMS, / NATURALNEWS.COM

To hear the vaccine pushers say it, all the recent outbreaks of mumps and measles are caused by too few people seeking out vaccinations. It's all those "non-vaccinated people" who are a danger to society, they say, because they can spread disease.

Reality tells a different story, however. It is the vaccinated people who are causing these outbreaks and spreading disease!

Just this week, an outbreak of mumps among more than 1,000 people in New Jersey and New York has raised alarm among infectious disease authorities. The outbreak itself is not unusual, though. What is unusual is that the health authorities slipped up and admitted that most of the people infected with mumps had already been vaccinated against mumps.

In Ocean County, New Jersey, county spokeswoman Leslie Terjesen told CNN that 77 percent of those who caught mumps had already been vaccinated against mumps.

**77 % of those infected had been vaccinated**

Usually, this information is

censored out of the press. The vaccine industry wants the public to believe that vaccines are effective at preventing infection. So the media typically refrains from reporting what percentage of the infected people were already vaccinated against the infectious disease.

But in this case, the 77 percent figure slipped out. And now, intelligent observers are increasingly seeing the truth about these vaccines:

- Many infectious disease vaccines simply don't work. If they did, then why did all these children who were already vaccinated still get mumps?
- Vaccines may actually increase your risk of disease. Notice that far more vaccinated children were stricken with mumps than non-vaccinated children?
- The people who administer vaccines never tell you that their vaccines don't really work. They tell you that you'll be "protected" with the vaccine, implying a near-100% level of protection (which is blatantly false).
- Even if you're vaccinated against a disease, you may still catch

that disease anyway! So what's the point of the vaccine?

### The lies of the CDC

The CDC claims the mumps vaccine is 76 to 95 percent effective, but they offer no scientific evidence whatsoever to support that claim. To date, there has never been a randomized, double-blind placebo-controlled study published on the mumps vaccine in humans. The so-called "scientific" evidence supporting these vaccines is purely imaginary.

I still have a \$10,000 reward offered for anyone who can provide a single scientific study proving the safety and effectiveness of any H1N1 vaccine ([http://www.naturalnews.com/027985\\_H...](http://www.naturalnews.com/027985_H...)). To date, not a single person has stepped forward to claim that \$10,000. I might as well raise the reward to a million dollars, because I'll never have to pay it. There is no scientific evidence proving the safety and effectiveness of these vaccines!

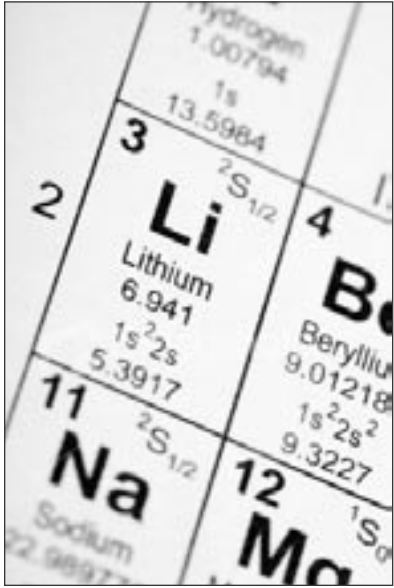
### Does being vaccinated raise your risk of infection?

The CDC also says that 2009 was a bad year for mumps outbreaks. They blame all the people who refuse to be vaccinated for causing these outbreaks. Their theory, of course, is based on the imaginary idea that mumps vaccines halt mumps infections. But once again, it's all imaginary! As we saw this week in New Jersey, most of the people who get infected in these outbreaks are the very people who were vaccinated!

If mumps vaccines actually worked, then what you should see instead is the mumps infection spreading among those who refused the vaccines, right? It's only logical.

In fact, if vaccines really work, then why should the vaccinated people be bothered at all by those who don't get vaccinated? After all, if the vaccines protect them from disease, then non-vaccinated people are no threat to them, right? So why are vaccinated people so pushy about forcing non-vaccinated people to get vaccinated?

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and in the water supply in many places, this mineral is rarely found in any vitamin-mineral supplement, and is not even commonly found in brick and mortar health food stores. Its name may surprise you: Lithium.

Most people think of lithium as a drug for crazy people. While high doses of lithium carbonate are used to treat bipolar disorder, and are available only as a prescription, both lithium orotate and lithium aspartate are available cheaply over the counter, in much lower doses, at outlets such as vitacost.com and iherb.com. (Note: We have no financial connection with either outlet.)

According to the controversial, and now deceased German orthomolecular physician Dr. Hans Nieper, the orotate form of lithium is more effectively transported inside cells, making it more effective at lower doses than the prescription form, lithium carbonate.

Lithium has also been shown to be effective at ultra-low doses, such as those found naturally in tap water. A ten year Texas study found that the incidence of rape, homicide, suicide, burglary and drug addiction was significantly lower in counties where the water supply contained 70-170 micrograms of lithium per liter, compared to counties where there is little or no lithium in the water. A similar study in Japan found that lithium in the water supply significantly reduced the risk of suicide.

Even a very thirsty Texan who drank three liters of water a day (100 ounces) would still be getting only a half a milligram of lithium per day, if they lived in an area where there is 170 mcg. of lithium per liter of water. Compare this to the amount commonly taken by bipolar patients: 900 mg/day of lithium carbonate, which contains 165 mg of elemental lithium. Put another way, the startling results of the Texas study were achieved with doses that were one-third of one percent of the amount taken by bipolar patients.

These highly beneficial effects from low dose lithium have prompted some researchers to call for adding lithium to the water supply in the amounts found naturally in the high lithium Texas counties.

One of these is Jonathan Wright M.D, author, founder of the Tahoma Clinic in Renton, Washington, and a member of the medical advisory board for the non-profit Life Extension Foundation. Dr. Wright first began working with lithium in the 70s, when research at a VA hospital showed that it dramatically reduced recidivism (otherwise known as "falling off the wagon") among alcoholics. Not only were these vets drinking less, their families reported less anger, aggression and violence in the men, and less moodiness, weepiness and depression in the women. They were also sleeping better, and generally calmer and happier.

Wright later began using low dose lithium with the children of alcoholics, who often have some of the same mood problems afflicting their parents. (A February 2010

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article published in the journal *Addiction* showed that kids with a family history of alcoholism are more likely to crave sweets, suffer from depression, and become alcoholics themselves.)

But Wright didn't start using low dose lithium himself until 1999, when an article in the British medical journal *The Lancet* reported the astonishing finding that just four weeks of high-dose lithium therapy caused a three percent increase in brain volume — translating into billions of additional brain cells. These findings turned on its head the conventional wisdom that we are born with all the brain cells we will ever have, and that brain shrinkage is an unavoidable consequence of aging.

In the past ten years, says Wright, there has been an "avalanche of research" about lithium. In addition to proving definitively that lithium stimulates the brain to grow new cells, it has also been shown to be, Wright says, a "wonderful neuroprotective agent from any type of toxin there is." This neuro-protective mechanism is so strong that one respected lithium researcher said, according to Wright, that it "verges on malpractice to prescribe any psychotropic medication without lithium to protect the brain." Psychotropics include antidepressants, anti-anxiety meds, and sleeping pills.

Dr. Wright has even heard, anecdotally, from numerous patients, that when they are taking lithium they don't get bad hangovers. Lithium protects the brain from the damaging effects of alcohol, reducing the pain the morning after. Wright cautions that one can't simply pop a tablet of lithium along with a pitcher of margaritas to achieve this effect, one would have to be taking it regularly, prior to a night of overindulgence, to protect brain cells.

Likewise, it has been shown that if the blood supply is suddenly cut off to the brain, such as with a stroke, brain cells suffer much less damage if the stroke victim has been taking lithium. (It does not work to take the lithium after the stroke, when the damage has already occurred.)

Mentioning that a recent medical journal carried a story with the headline "Can lithium prevent Alzheimer's disease?" Dr. Wright said, "You know when you see a headline like that, that in another ten years you'll see the same headline without the question mark." He then enumerated multiple ways in which lithium interferes with the Alzheimer's disease process.

Although he has no family history of mental illness or alcoholism, Wright has been taking 20 mg/day of elemental lithium (in the orotate form) for over ten years, purely to protect his brain and keep his IQ and memory in tip-top form, for as long as possible, as he ages.

In over 30 years, Wright has encountered only two or three people who have had a possible reaction to a dose of 20 mg/day or less: they thought it might have caused a slight tremor — which went away when the lithium was discontinued. On the other hand, he's had dozens of patients report that their benign tremor improved on low dose lithium.

Wright cautions that every patient is different and it is wise to also take fish oil and flax seed oil, if one is taking lithium. These healthy oils are routinely used to treat lithium toxicity in patients who are so severely bipolar that stopping their lithium is not an option, and they add an extra layer of safety for those using over the counter lithium without a doctor's supervision.

Wright defines low dose lithium as anything up to a maximum of 55 mg of elemental lithium per day,

which is the equivalent of a single 300 mg. capsule of prescription lithium carbonate, or 11 tablets of over the counter lithium orotate or aspartate, which typically contain 5 mg. of elemental lithium per tablet. No one, he says, should consider going higher than that without regular blood testing to insure that they are not toxic, and damaging either their kidneys or thyroid gland. Symptoms of lithium toxicity are: tremor in the hands, rising blood pressure, and flu-like symptoms.

Given the many amazing neurological benefits of lithium, why has there been so little in the press? A search at nytimes.com for "lithium alcoholism" brought up just two relevant articles: from 1973 and 1975. A search for "lithium Alzheimer's" at both MSNBC and CNN brought up no relevant articles.

Dr. Wright has a theory about this, and it's not flattering to either science writers, pharmaceutical companies or biosciences academics. The problem begins, he says, with the fact that lithium cannot be patented, so no real money can be made from selling it. Thus, there are no armies of press agents blanketing science writers with press releases touting its eye-popping benefits. And science writers, Dr. Wright says, "do not dig, and they have not been digging into this lithium *at all*." If they don't receive a press release about it, says Wright, science writers are unlikely to find out about new discoveries.

Not only is there no money to be made selling lithium, lithium represents direct competition to drugs that are currently earning many billions of profit for pharmaceutical companies. The central nervous system (CNS) drug market is expected to increase to \$64 billion this year. By comparison, lithium aspartate is available at vitacost.com for less than \$6 for a 30 day supply.

I asked Dr. Wright "If everyone were taking low dose lithium, as you are, wouldn't there be a greatly reduced market for psychotropic drugs, Alzheimer's drugs, alcoholism drugs?" and he replied:

"Yes. I don't know when the news about lithium will break through into public awareness. When it does, it will probably be opposed, because there are so many professors who are on the payroll of patent medicine companies. Anybody who comes out and promotes something that is in competition with a product from the patent medicine companies is going to be called crazy and a quack by those on the payroll of those same patent medicine companies."

The news that lithium is good for our brains raises some compelling questions. Is lithium an essential nutrient for human health that is deficient in our water supply and the soil that grows our food? With so many people now filtering their water or drinking purified bottled water, are we eliminating even trace amounts of lithium from our diets? Lithium is one of the most abundant minerals in the sea, with 50 micrograms in a tablespoon of seawater. Could that be part of the reason why people the world over flock to the sea, and feel so relaxed and calm after a day spent splashing in the waves?

Until these questions are answered, one thing seems clear: your brain has a good friend in lithium.

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## Thousands Died From H1N1 Even After Flu Shot

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population). The CDC calls this a "success" even though it means 4 out of 5 people rejected the vaccines.

- 55 million people "became ill" from swine flu infections.
- 246,000 Americans were hospitalized due to swine flu infections.
- 11,160 Americans died from the swine flu.

Based on these statistics, the CDC is now desperately urging people to get vaccinated because they claim the pandemic might come back and vaccines are the best defense.

But here's the part you're *not* being told.

The CDC statistics lie by omission. They do not reveal the single most important piece of information about

H1N1 vaccines. How many of the people who died from the swine flu had already been vaccinated?

### Many who died had already been vaccinated

The CDC is intentionally not tracking how many of the dead were previously vaccinated. They want you (and mainstream media journalists) to mistakenly believe that ZERO deaths occurred in those who were vaccinated. But this is blatantly false. Being vaccinated against H1N1 swine flu offers absolutely no reduction in mortality from swine flu infections.

And that means roughly 20% of the 11,160 Americans who died from the swine flu were probably already vaccinated against swine flu. That comes to around 2,200 deaths in

people who were vaccinated!

How do I know that swine flu vaccines don't reduce infection mortality? Because I've looked through all the randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trials that have ever been conducted on H1N1 vaccines. It didn't take me very long, because the number of such clinical trials is *zero*.

That's right; there is not a single shred of evidence in existence today that scientifically supports the myth that H1N1 vaccines reduce mortality from H1N1 infections. The best evidence I can find on vaccines that target seasonal flu indicates a maximum mortality reduction effect of somewhere around 1% of those who are vaccinated. The other 99% have the same mortality rate as people who were not vaccinated.

So let's give the recent H1N1 vaccines the benefit of the doubt and let's imagine that they work just as well as other flu vaccines. That means

they would reduce the mortality rate by 1%. So out of the 2,200 deaths that took place in 2009 in people who were already vaccinated, the vaccine potentially may have saved 22 people.

61 million injections add up to bad public health policy

So let's see: 61 million people are injected with a potentially dangerous vaccine, and the actual number "saved" from the pandemic is conceivably just 22. Meanwhile, the number of people harmed by the vaccine is almost certainly much, much higher than 22. These vaccines contain nervous system disruptors and inflammatory chemicals that can cause serious health problems. Some of those problems won't be evident for years to come... future Alzheimer's victims, for example, will almost certainly be those who received regular vaccines, I predict.

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## Wall Street Targets the Elderly Looting Social Security

By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS

Hank Paulson, the Gold Sacks bankster/US Treasury Secretary who deregulated the financial system; caused a world crisis that wrecked the prospects of foreign banks and governments; caused millions of Americans to lose retirement savings, homes, and jobs; and left taxpayers burdened with multi-trillions of dollars of new US debt is still not in jail. He is writing in the *New York Times* urging that the mess he caused be fixed by taking away from working Americans the Social Security and Medicare for which they have paid in earmarked taxes all their working lives.

Wall Street's approach to the poor has always been to drive them deeper into the ground.

As there is no money to be made from the poor, Wall Street fleeces them by yanking away their entitlements. It has always been thus. During the Reagan administration, Wall Street decided to boost the values of its bond and stock portfolios by using Social Security revenues to lower budget deficits. Wall Street figured that lower deficits would mean lower interest rates and higher bond and stock prices.

Two Wall Street henchmen, Alan Greenspan and David Stockman, set up the Social Security raid in this way: The Carter administration had put Social Security in the black for the foreseeable future by establishing a schedule for future Social Security payroll tax increases. Greenspan and Stockman conspired to phase in the payroll tax increases earlier than was needed in order to gain surplus Social Security revenues that could be used to finance other government spending, thus reducing the budget deficit. They sold it to President Reagan as "putting Social Security on a sound basis."

Along the way Americans were told that the surplus revenues were going into a special Social Security trust fund at the U.S. Treasury. But what is in the fund is Treasury IOUs for the spent revenues. When the "trust funds" are needed to pay Social Security benefits, the Treasury will have to sell more debt in order to redeem the IOUs.

Social Security was mugged again during the Clinton administration when the Boskin Commission jimmied the Consumer Price Index in order to reduce the inflation adjustments that Social Security recipients receive, thus diverting money from Social Security retirees to other uses.

We constantly hear from Wall Street gangsters and from Republicans and an occasional Democrat that Social Security and Medicare are a form of welfare that we can't afford; an "unfunded liability." This is a lie. Social Security is funded with an earmarked tax. People pay for Social Security and Medicare all their working lives. It is a pay-as-you-go system in which the taxes paid by those working fund those who are retired.

Currently these systems are not in deficit. The problem is that government is using earmarked revenues for other purposes. Indeed, since the

1980s Social Security revenues have been used to fund general government. Today Social Security revenues are being used to fund trillion dollar bailouts for Wall Street and to fund the Bush/Obama wars of aggression against Muslims.

Having diverted Social Security revenues to war and Wall Street, Paulson says there is no alternative but to take the promised benefits away from those who have paid for them.

Republicans have extraordinary animosity toward the poor. In an effort to talk retirees out of their support systems, Republicans frequently describe Social Security as a Ponzi scheme and "unsustainable." They ought to know. The phony trust fund, which they set up to hide the fact that Wall Street and the Pentagon are running off with Social Security revenues, is a Ponzi scheme. Social Security itself has been with us since the 1930s and has yet to wreck our lives and budget. But it only took Hank Paulson's derivative Ponzi scheme and its bailout a few years to inflict irreparable damage on our lives and budget.

Years ago with stagflation defeated and a rising stock market, I favored privatizing Social Security as a way of creating a funded retirement system and producing greater savings and larger incomes for retirees. At that time, Wall Street was interested, not for my reasons, but in order to collect the fees from managing the funds.

Had Social Security been privatized, I doubt that Wall Street would have been permitted to deregulate the financial system. Too much would have been at stake.

After the latest crisis brought on by Wall Street's dishonesty and greed, trusting Wall Street to manage anyone's old age pension requires a leap of faith that no intelligent person can make.

Wall Street has got away with its raid on the public treasury. Now, pockets full, it wants to pay for the heist by curtailing Social Security and Medicare. Having deprived the working population of homes, jobs, and health care, Wall Street is now after the elderly's old age security.

Social Security, formerly an untouchable "third rail of politics," is now "unsustainable," while the real unsustainables — a pre-1929 unregulated financial system and an open-ended multi-trillion dollar Global War Against Terror — are the new untouchables. This transformation signals the complete capture of American democracy by an oligarchy of special interests.

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## The Peace Movement Versus the 9/11Truth Movement

By BARRIE ZWICKER

What goes with the "split" between the anti-war movement and the 9/11Truth movement? Some light was shed on this regrettable reality in Boston the weekend of January 30-31, 2010. On Saturday New England United (NEU), an umbrella group, held an anti-war strategy conference. The next day Northeast 9/11Truth held its strategy conference, in part an analysis of the previous day's events.

As both a lifelong member of the peace movement and a committed 9/11Truther, I attended all of the Saturday conference, where I was a workshop leader, and the first half of the Sunday conference (having to leave early because of travel arrangements). My main points:

- 1) There is a split, but it has not been initiated, nor is it maintained, by members of the 9/11Truth movement. Truthers stand just as proudly and tall in their opposition to war as anyone in the peace movement. Truthers also are just as fully dedicated to the goals of justice, equality and environmentalism as are anti-war activists.
- 2) The split is unilateral from the anti-war movement's side, especially from leaders and organizers. Those at

the grassroots level trust and take their cues from the leaders. The result is a widespread attitude toward 9/11Truth that ranges from scepticism to outright hostility. This is why I choose the heading "The Peace Movement versus the 9/11Truth Movement."

3) A leading cause of the unilateral split is the work of planted agents of the state — spooks — whose instructions are to do this splitting. The Chinese call such agents "splittists." The peace movement has been around for decades, so there's been loads of time for the national security state to install numerous agents within it. Added to their usual instructions to slyly foment divisiveness within peace groups and derail effective anti-war actions are new orders to combat the dynamic truth movement.

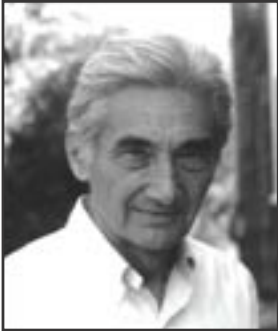
Point 3 is tough, I know. But it's an issue that must be confronted and in no way should be taken as an across-the-board slam at all members of the peace movement. I am not alone in my assessment. At the Sunday Truthers conference, the first topic was "How to explain the resistance to 9/11Truth in the peace movement?" Paul Zarembka, Professor of Economics at the University of Buffalo and editor of *The Hidden*

*History of 9/11*, offered four reasons. His first: "agents and gatekeepers among us." Sander Hicks, author of *The Big Wedding: 9/11, the Whistleblowers, and the Cover-Up*, offered seven reasons. His first: "The state, COINTELPRO."

Of course, activities by state infiltrators do not completely explain the split. Other reasons include fears of all kinds, ignorance of history, a powerful culture of militaristic nationalism in the USA and the largest reason everywhere: the treasonous complicity of corporate mainstream media and almost all so-called alternative media. They conspire in de facto censorship, deliberate avoidance of investigative reporting plus psychological warfare against the Truth movement.

These explanations for denial of or hostility to 9/11Truth also apply to the population at large and across issues. Peter Phillips is a professor of sociology at Sonoma State University in California, president of the Media Freedom Foundation/Project Censored and serves on the 9/11Truth steering committee. Phillips and Mickey Huff in a recent article state: "An international truth emergency, now in evidence, is the result of a lack of fact-based,

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Howard Zinn 1922-2010

## HISTORIAN ZINN SAID "LARGEST LIE" WAS US "WAR ON TERRORISM"

By SHERWOOD ROSS

The "largest lie," wrote hisorian Howard Zinn, who died January 27th at age 87, is that "everything the United States does is to be pardoned because we are engaged in a 'war on terrorism.'"

"This ignores the fact that war is itself terrorism, that the barging into people's homes and taking away family members and subjecting them to torture, that is terrorism, that invading and bombing other countries does not give us more security but less security."

In an article published previously in *The Long Term View* magazine of the Massachusetts School of Law, Zinn said that in the Fallujah area of Iraq, *Knight Ridder* reporters found there was no Ba'athist or Sunni conspiracy against the US, "only people ready to fight because their relatives had been hurt or killed, or they themselves had been humiliated by home searches and road stops."

Zinn, popularly known as the people's historian, pointed out that the US may have liberated Iraq from the tyranny of Saddam Hussein but afterwards it became Iraq's occupier. He noted this is the same fate that befell Cuba after the US liberated it from Spain in 1898. In both nations, the US established military bases and US corporations moved in to profit from the upheaval.

Zinn recalled the words of then Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld before the NATO ministers in Brussels in June, 2002, "the absence of evidence is not evidence of absence" of weapons of mass destruction. "That explains why this government, not knowing exactly where to find the criminals of September 11, will just go ahead and invade and bomb Afghanistan, killing thousands of people, driving hundreds of thousands from their homes, and still not know where the criminals are," Zinn wrote.

"This explains why the government, not really

knowing what weapons Saddam Hussein is hiding, will invade and bomb Iraq, to the horror of most of the world, killing thousands of civilians and soldiers and terrorizing the population," he continued.

The historian pointed out that even if the US experienced few battle casualties in its invasion of Iraq, casualties would mount afterwards in the occupying army from sickness and trauma, which took a high toll both in Viet Nam and after the Gulf War. In the 10 years after the Gulf War, 8,000 veterans died and 200,000 veterans filed complaints about illnesses incurred "from the weapons our government used in the war."

Zinn predicted accurately that once the American public realized President Bush had lied to them about Iraq, they would turn against the government. "When it loses its legitimacy in the eyes of its people, its days are numbered," he said of the Bush administration.

Writing of his personal feelings, Zinn said, "I wake up in the morning, read the newspaper, and feel that we are an occupied country, that some alien group has taken over... I wake up thinking this country is in the grip of a President (George W. Bush) who was not elected, who has surrounded himself with thugs in suits who care nothing about human life abroad or here, who care nothing about freedom abroad or here, who care nothing about what happens to the earth, the water, the air. And I wonder what kind of world our children and grandchildren will inherit."

Zinn called on his readers "to engage in whatever nonviolent actions appeal to us. There is no act too small, no act too bold. The history of social change is the history of millions of actions, small and large, coming together at critical points to create a power that governments cannot suppress. We find ourselves today at one of those critical points."



By CYNTHIA MCKINNEY

They shot this Black man in his genitals and in his back. It sounds like a hate crime to me. How else could one describe it?

Well, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it was self-defense. But how many times have we heard self-defense by cops used as a cop out?

What about Amadou Diallo? Amadou Diallo was murdered on February 4, 1999 by New York Police Department cops who mistook a wallet for a gun. They claim that they thought he was going to shoot them and so they shot him in self-defense. One officer fell as if he had been shot. Forty-one bullets later, Amadou Diallo had been shot 19 times. Young Amadou was only 24 years old. He could survive the itinerant life of an African trading family, moving from Africa to Asia, but he couldn't survive the mean, racist streets of America. And the killer cops went free. Diallo's mother and step-father settled with the City of New York for \$3 million in a lawsuit alleging wrongful death, racial profiling, and violation of Amadou's civil rights.

Kathryn Johnston was 92 years old when she was murdered by Atlanta Police Department (APD) officers who claim that they shot her in self-defense after narcotics officers broke into her home on November 21, 2006 using a "no-knock" warrant. Police forced their

way into Johnston's home and claimed to have found a stash of marijuana there. The APD officers claimed that she had injured them with her rusty revolver. Sadly, it was all lies. Later, it was learned that the Atlanta Police officers were actually injured by friendly fire after discharging their firearms 39 times; that they planted marijuana in the Johnston basement; lied on the drug warrant authorizing the raid; invented an informant justifying the raid; and pressured an actual drug informant to lie for them. Atlanta's lying, killer cops did serve time — either for manslaughter, conspiracy to violate Johnston's civil rights resulting in death, or perjury. The three officers were also required to reimburse the Johnston estate the \$8,000 cost of her burial.

In the wee hours of November 25, 2006, Sean Bell was murdered in a hail of 50 bullets fired by officers of the New York Police Department. Bell was celebrating his upcoming wedding and was leaving the club where he had just held his bachelor party. Police opened fire after they suspected the victim had a gun. Bell was struck 4 times in the neck and torso and died from his wounds. When no gun was to be found, they concocted a mystery witness who could possibly have had a gun. New York's killer cops were acquitted on all charges.

Although Diallo, Johnston, and



## Architects and Engineers Group Reaches Milestone

Congratulations are due Mr Richard Gage, the founder of Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth. As of January 2010, over 1,000 licensed architects and engineers have signed the group's petition demanding a truly independent investigation into the destruction of the three World Trade Center skyscrapers on 9/11.

Members of AE911Truth were instrumental in getting NIST to admit that World Trade Building 7 fell at free-fall speed on 9/11, tantamount to an admission of controlled demolition. The petition, with the 1000 signatures will be presented to every Member of Congress with the help of the group's over 14,000 active supporters.

## I Call It Murder

Bell were Black, Blacks in the United States are not the only ones who can be victimized by murderous US law enforcement. While on a visit to Cuba, I had the opportunity to meet and apologize to the widow of Filiberto Ojeda Rios, a leading Puerto Rican Independentista. Wanted by US authorities for actions stemming from his belief that Puerto Rico was a US colony that should be independent, Ojeda Rios was murdered on September 23, 2005, shot by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at his home. An FBI press release stated that Ojeda Rios opened fire on the FBI and that the FBI retaliated, but that claim was not substantiated by an Inspector General's report that noted that the FBI opened the attack on Ojeda Rios with a "flash bang" device. Ojeda Rios shot 10 times and the FBI fired one hundred times. Ojeda Rios was struck in the lung by a single sniper's bullet, fell to the floor, and bled to death over 12 to 15 hours with no medical help allowed to save his life.

The United States government wanted to investigate the Aryan Nations, a white supremacist organization in the United States, and solicited Randy Weaver to become an informant. He turned them down. After a series of incitements and retaliations, Federal

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Scientist at center of row admits:

# No Global Warming Since 1995

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The admissions will be seized on by skeptics as fresh evidence that there are serious flaws at the heart of the science of climate change and the orthodoxy that recent rises in temperature are largely man-made. Professor Jones has been in the spotlight since he stepped down as director of the University of East Anglia's Climatic Research Unit after the leaking of emails that skeptics claim show scientists were manipulating data. The raw data, collected from hundreds of weather stations around the world and analyzed by his unit, has been used for years to bolster efforts by the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to press governments to cut carbon dioxide emissions.

Following the leak of the emails, Professor Jones has been accused of scientific fraud for allegedly deliberately suppressing information and refusing to share vital data with critics.

Discussing the interview, the BBC's environmental analyst Roger Harrabin said he had spoken to colleagues of Professor Jones who had told him that his strengths included integrity and doggedness but not record-keeping and office tidying.

Mr Harrabin, who conducted the interview for the BBC's website, said the professor had been collating tens of thousands of pieces of data from around the world to produce a coherent record of temperature change.

That material has been used to produce the 'hockey stick graph' which is relatively flat for centuries before rising steeply in recent decades.

According to Mr Harrabin, colleagues of Professor Jones said, "His office is piled high with paper, fragments from over the years, tens of thousands of pieces of paper, and they suspect what happened was he took in the raw data to a central database and then let the pieces of paper go because he never realised that 20 years later he would be held to account over them."

Asked by Mr Harrabin about these issues, Professor Jones admitted the lack of organization in the system had contributed to his reluctance to share data with critics, which he regretted.

But he denied he had cheated over the data or unfairly influenced the scientific process and said he still believed recent temperature rises were predominantly man-made.

Asked about whether he lost track of data, Professor Jones said, "There is some truth in that. We do have a trail of where the weather stations have come from, but it's probably not as good as it should be.

"There's a continual updating of the dataset. Keeping track of everything is difficult. Some countries will do lots of checking on their data then issue improved data, so it can be very difficult. We have improved but we have to improve more."

He also agreed that there had been two periods which experienced similar warming, from 1910 to 1940 and from 1975 to 1998 but said these could be explained by natural phenomena whereas more recent warming could not.

He further admitted that in the last 15 years there had been no statistically significant warming, although he argued this was a blip rather than the long-term trend.

And he said that the debate over whether the world could have been even warmer now than during the medieval period, when there is evidence of high temperatures in northern countries, was far from settled.

Skeptics believe there is strong evidence that the world was warmer between about 800 and 1300 AD than now because of evidence of high temperatures in northern countries.

But climate change advocates have dismissed this as false or only applying to the northern part of the world.

Professor Jones departed from this consensus when he said: "There is much debate over whether the Medieval Warm Period was global in extent or not. The MWP is most clearly expressed in parts of North America, the North Atlantic and

Europe and parts of Asia. "For it to be global in extent, the MWP would need to be seen clearly in more records from the tropical regions and the Southern hemisphere. There are very few palaeoclimatic records for these latter two regions.

"Of course, if the MWP was shown to be global in extent and as warm or warmer than today, then obviously the late 20th Century warmth would not be unprecedented. On the other hand, if the MWP was global, but was less warm than today, then the current warmth would be unprecedented."

Skeptics said this was the first time a senior scientist working with the IPCC had admitted to the possibility that the Medieval Warming Period could have been global, and therefore the world could have been hotter then than now.

Professor Jones criticized those who complained he had not shared his data with them, saying they could always collate their own from publicly available material in the US. And he said the climate had not cooled "until recently – and then barely at all. The trend is a warming trend."

Mr Harrabin told Radio 4's *Today* program that despite the controversies, there still appeared to be no fundamental flaws in the majority scientific view that climate change was largely man-made.

But Dr Benny Pieser, director of the skeptical Global Warming Policy Foundation, said Professor Jones's "excuses" for his failure to share data were hollow as he had shared it with colleagues and "mates".

He said that until all the data was released, skeptics could not test it to see if it supported the conclusions claimed by climate change advocates.

He added that the professor's concessions over medieval warming were "significant" because they were his first public admission that the science was not settled.



A fighter jet takes off from Aviano Air Force Base in Italy, a site believed to store US nuclear weapons (photo USAF).

in Europe have lost all military importance," adds the statement, which was published in a number of Belgian newspapers.

"We call on our (Belgian) government to follow the example of the German government and to call on NATO for a rapid withdrawal of the nuclear arms."

Present NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen has cautioned any nation against rushing to divest itself of the US weapons, AFP reported.

"I hope that any step will take place in the alliance in a multilateral framework and that no unilateral step be taken," Rasmussen said last fall. "This is a question which concerns all allies. It's a question of overall security and defense."

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transparent, and truthful reporting on fraudulent elections, compromised 9/11 investigations, illegal pre-emptive wars, compounded by top down corporate media propaganda across the spectrum on public issues. Consumers of corporate news media — especially those whose understandings are framed primarily from that medium alone—are embedded in a state of excited delirium of knowinglessness."

In my estimation the black operations of government moles are a key reason for the malfeasance of the media as well as the main explanation for the peace movement's antagonism against 9/11Truth. The undoubted existence of undercover operatives and agents provocateurs has not been discussed nearly to the extent justified. A major elevation of this topic is 'way overdue.

Followers in the anti-war movement "do not realize," as Paul Craig Roberts wrote Sept. 15th, 2009, in Information Clearing House, "that by accepting the [government's] 9/11 explanation they have undermined their own opposition to the war. Once you accept that Muslim terrorists did it, it is difficult to oppose punishing them for the event. [Anti-war activists] do not understand that if you grant the government its premise for war, it is impossible to oppose the war."

It's tough to prove agency. Agents do not "out" themselves. Covert activity is their game. Deception and betrayal are their tools. Other approaches, however, are available to spot spooks. "By their fruits ye shall know them" is helpful. When ostensible peaceniks committed to peace and democracy engage in name-calling, we are entitled to ask whether they are simply individuals lacking civility and self-control, or are individuals deliberately causing tensions. When those who "study peace" have had eight years to invest just an hour or two looking into the overwhelming evidence that the official conspiracy theory of 9/11 cannot possibly be true and have failed to do so, we are entitled to theorize beyond the explanation that we are simply "puzzled." When members of the peace movement avow that they are committed to truth, justice and peace but fail in their commitment to truth in connection with 9/11 — arguably the most pivotal war-triggering event of modern times — we're entitled to question the authenticity of their commitment. It would be insulting to explain their shortcoming as due to stupidity. And if the explanation is ignorance, after eight years during which all persons interested in current affairs must have encountered evidence of 9/11Truth, it must be in most cases some variation of willful ignorance.

Consider how easy it is for agents of the state to operate. First, the state has virtually unlimited resources for recruiting, training and deploying agents. Second, agents have no legal or moral restraints. They act with complete impunity. (It's gratifying that there now is an International Coalition Against Impunity, www.icaiahokok.org). Volunteer organizations are easy as pie to infiltrate. All it takes is a trained sneak with a believable "legend" to lie his or her way into the confidence of the group.

The world of "guerrilla marketing" provides examples of the ease with which groups can be manipulated. A vodka company identifies heavy vodka drinkers — those who already drink their brand and others they entice to try it. The drinkers are all friends. The heavy users are "opinion leaders." By their drink orders at bars they are "role models" who trigger others to order the same brand they do. It's called peer group pressure. Even more effective is a conscious agent following sophisticated instructions in swaying a peer group.

There was an illuminating lead-

up to the conference of New England United. Only after months-long effective lobbying by an indefatigable member of Northeast 9/11Truth did NEU organizers agree that a person identified with the 9/11Truth movement could be one of four panelists in the afternoon. This was Peter Dale Scott, former Canadian diplomat and English professor at the University of California in Berkeley and author of *The Road to 9/11*. Scott, whose work I much admire, in fact has drawn short of fully recognizing and endorsing the voluminous evidence that 9/11 was an inside job. Nevertheless, his acceptance at an anti-war gathering in 2010 was generally agreed to be a "breakthrough."

It turned out that he had to cancel scant days before, as his wife took seriously ill. The Northeast Truthers proposed that, should an attempt to have Scott address the NEU conference by video-over-Skype fail, I be the stand-in. The organizers rejected me (believe me, this account is not

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Peter Phillips / Mickey Huff - Project Censored

motivated by sour grapes) on the basis, after alleged "extensive research" of my alleged "extreme rightwing" views and my alleged long and close association with historian and writer Webster Tarpley. He in turn was identified only as a LaRouchite. For anyone who knows me this description was bizarrely incorrect. If news of my "extreme rightwing" views reaches the Mounties it will puzzle the hell out of them.

As it turned out Scott's addressing the audience in Boston from California via Skype worked. Relevant to this report, he made this comment: "This brings us to 9/11. [...] before the last plane had crashed in Pennsylvania, the White House authorized the institution of so-called Continuity of Government [COG] changes. There is no doubt that COG was introduced — the 9/11 Report confirms it twice, on pages 38 and 326. And I have little doubt that the COG plans, still in force today under president Obama, are the justification for the surveillance agents who are with you in the room as I speak to you at this moment."

The 300 or so attendees at the NEU conference studiously avoided the 9/11Truth literature table. Book sales are a key indicator of interest. I sold three of the 20 copies I had brought of my book *Towers of Deception: The Media Cover-Up of 9/11* (fortunately the rest sold to Truthers the next day). Other Truther materials similarly were mainly passed by.

After the speakers of the Saturday morning panel had been heard, the floor was opened for questions. The first questioner was a young man in a green tee shirt. I'd say he was a plant. With reference to nothing any of the panelists had said, he claimed to be "disturbed" by "the logic" of the 9/11Truth movement, and asked the panelists what they thought. Glen Ford of the Glen Ford Black Agenda (radio) Report responded that "the inside job [theory] doesn't fly" and that "we have all the dirt on what they [the oligarchy] [has] already done." This garnered a great deal of enthusiastic applause, accompanied by a few boos. The next day Sander Hicks reported a conversation that he had had subsequently with Ford, who told him that he answered the question the way he did "out of deference to the organizers."

Nevertheless, the workshop session entitled "Covert and False Flag Operations and 9/11: Pretext for the Continuing War on Terror" was standing room only with about 65 in attendance. My poll of those attending showed that only two believed the

official 9/11 story. All the others raised their hands for "inside job."

At the Sunday Northeast Truthers conference Hicks suggested that part of the reason for peace movement members' antagonism to 9/11Truth is that they know they are the "fading sunset left" who have "lost the passion," whereas the Truther movement is fresh and passionate. Along the same line of thought, Frank Tolopko, producer of the bi-weekly radio program "The 9/11 Report" on WBCR in Great Barrington, Mass. suggested a fundamental reason that a "left gatekeeper" such as Amy Goodman would reject 9/11Truth is that she is promoting "a concept of bourgeois democracy that is over." As I quoted Chris Hedges from his new book *Empire of Illusion*, the US form of governance has become "participatory fascism." Goodman now takes foundation money to promote democracy on her program Democracy Now. Said Tolopko: "If the system can't be reformed, if 9/11 is an inside job, then she's out of a job. Goodman is terrified."

Alphonse Olszewski of St. Louis, Missouri, founder of Veterans for 9/11Truth, knows the power of naming. One contribution he's made to anti-splittism is renaming his group Veterans for 9/11 Truth, Peace and Justice.

There cannot be peace without justice and there cannot be justice without truth. Anything that underscores the primacy of truth, in my view, is to the good. And anything that builds bridges of common understanding and respect between people of peace who understand the significance of the fraudulent nature of 9/11 and people of peace who have not yet connected that dot to the anti-war dot is to the good. I was gratified to see somewhere over the weekend that the admonition "speak truth to power" is outdated, because "power never listens." The suggested update: "Challenge Power With Truth."

For those members of the peace movement who are sincere, think for themselves, and are open, I can't recommend too highly a videotape of a short talk given by Graeme MacQueen at the "We Demand Transparency" conference organized by Sander Hicks in New York City Sept. 12 and 13 of 2009. MacQueen is an associate professor in the Religious Studies Department and in Hamilton and former director of McMaster's Centre for Peace Studies.

In concluding his talk, addressed to "not just people in the peace movement but everybody," he said: "This is the worst time in history to inflame societies with the spirit of war; it is the worst time to be taken in by fraudulent trigger incidents, the most important time to reject the war system, and to co-operate with the rest of humanity to solve the grave ecological problems we face, which collectively threaten our civilization." He went on to quote the testimony of a New York fireman, Kenneth Rogers. Rogers testified that he looked directly at the collapsing towers on 9/11, hearing explosions and seeing evidence of them. "The reasons he saw things the others didn't see," MacQueen said, "is because he didn't leave the scene and he didn't turn his head away. He stood there and he looked at it and that's all I'm asking members of the peace movement to do. Stop turning your head away; don't flee the scene. Look at it, please." The video can be found at http: //www.boston911truth.org

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## Five NATO States Want US Nukes Out of Europe

(AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE, FEB. 19)

Five European nations are set to call on the United States to remove all nuclear weapons from the continent, Agence France-Presse reported today (Feb. 17).

NATO members Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Norway are expected to make the request "in the coming weeks" that "nuclear arms on European soil belonging to other NATO member states are removed," according to a spokesman for Belgian Prime Minister Yves Leterme.

"It's a question of launching the debate at the heart of NATO," Dominique Dehaene said.

Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands are believed to hold some of the roughly 200 US tactical nuclear weapons that remain in Europe, though most are estimated to be in Italy and Turkey. At the height of tensions with the then-Soviet Union, the United States reportedly fielded thousands of such

armaments on the continent.

The request would not address the nuclear arsenals of France and the United Kingdom, AFP reported.

"Belgium is in favor of a world without nuclear weapons and advocates this position at the heart of NATO," ahead of the May review conference for the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, Leterme said in a prepared statement.

The former head of NATO joined three other Belgian statesmen today in similarly calling for the withdrawal of the European-based US deterrent, according to AFP.

"The Cold War is over. It's time to adapt our nuclear policy to the new circumstances," according to a statement signed by former NATO chief Willy Claes, former Belgian Prime Ministers Jean-Luc Dehaene and Guy Verhofstadt and former Foreign Minister Louis Michel.

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# AIG-gate: The World’s Greatest Insurance Heist

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world’s largest (and still un-investigated) insurance fraud — AIG. This full payoff with taxpayer dollars was carried out by Geithner after AIG’s bank customers, such as Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Bank and Societe Generale, had already previously agreed to taking as little as 40 cents on the dollar. Even after the GM autoworkers, bondholders and vendors all received a government-enforced haircut on their contracts, he still had the audacity to claim the “sanctity of contracts” in the dealings with these companies like AIG.

Geithner testified that the Fed’s hands were tied and that the bank could not “selectively default on contractual obligations without courting collapse.” But if it was all on the up and up, why all the secrecy? The contention that the Fed had no choice is also belied by a recent holding in the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy, in which New York Bankruptcy Judge James Peck set aside the same type of investment contracts that Secretaries Paulson and Geithner repeatedly swore under oath had to be paid in full in the case of AIG. The judge declared that clauses in those contracts subordinating other claims to the holders’ claims were null and void in bankruptcy.

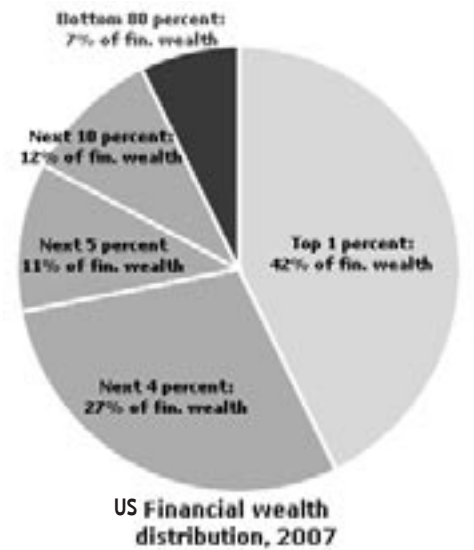
“And notice,” comments bank analyst Chris Whalen, “that the world has not ended when the holders of [derivative] contracts are treated like everyone else.” He calls the AIG bailout “a hideous political contrivance that ranks with the great acts of political corruption and thievery in the history of the United States.”

If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, said Joseph Goebbels, people will eventually come to believe it. The bailout of Wall Street initiated in September 2008 was premised on the dire prediction that if major counterparties in the massive edifice of derivative contracts were allowed to fall, the whole interlocking house of cards would collapse and take the economy with it. A hijacked Congress dutifully protected the

derivatives game with taxpayer money while the real economy proceeded to collapse, the financial sector choosing to put their money into this protected form of speculative betting rather than into the more mundane and risky business of making loans to struggling businesses and homeowners. In the end, \$170 billion of federal funds went to AIG and the banks feeding at its trough. Meanwhile, a survey of state finances by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities think tank found that state governments face a collective \$168 billion budget shortfall for fiscal 2010. If the money used to bail out AIG and the banks had been used to bail out the states instead, the states would not be facing insolvency today.

There is no law against gambling, but there is a law against fraud. In Watergate, a special prosecutor was appointed to bring criminal charges; but times seem to have changed.

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Segment	Percentage of Financial Wealth
Top 1 percent	42%
Next 4 percent	27%
Next 5 percent	11%
Next 10 percent	12%
Bottom 80 percent	7%

# Internet Censorship

## Will it be Politically Motivated Like Visa Denials?



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themselves into echo chambers of their own design, leading to wild errors, undue confidence, and unjustified extremism.” Sunstein complements the web site, the Volokh Conspiracy, which has attacked WMR’s editor, as a “conservative-leaning” web site that is an example of “civility, intelligence, and over-all high quality.” The Volokh Conspiracy is, in fact, a neoconservative propaganda outlet that now enjoys a fan who also happens to be the White House “information czar.” This is what Volokh parroted about this editor’s reporting: “Think twice when you’re the only guy in the world with an amazing insight. Or, as they say, They all laughed at Columbus. But they also all laughed at Bozo the Clown.” What else can you say about an Information Czar who credits such a web site? Of course, Sunstein works for the first teleprompter elected President of the United States and its avatar, a well-spoken push button-operated human named Barack Obama.

Perhaps the best example of what Sunstein and his friends have in store for the Internet is found by the decisions of the State Department in who they ban from receiving US visas to travel to the United States and why the individuals are banned.

Perhaps the most well-known person who has been refused entry to the United States merely because of his religion is Yusuf Islam, who is better known as Cat Stevens. Stevens adopted his new name when he converted to Islam. Islam’s name is on a US watch list and he has been banned from entering the United States because of his advocacy for Muslims around the world. A prominent Muslim scholar, Tariq Ramadan, a Swiss national, also saw his US visa revoked after he was due to take up a professorship at the University of Notre Dame, a Catholic institution.

However, it is not only Muslims who

have seen their US visas lifted for political reasons. The politically-outspoken British rapper, M. I. A., also known as Maya Arulpragasam, a British-born Tamil whose parents were born in Sri Lanka, also ended up on a US “terrorist watch list” in 2007. Her crime was that her father was a member of a Tamil pro-independence movement the Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students (EROS). This organization was linked by the United States to the Tamil Tigers, a US-designated terrorist group that saw its members and other Tamils massacred last year by the Sri Lankan military with the assistance of the United States and Israel.

But M. I. A. committed another crime in the eyes of the United States. Her song’s lyrics supported the struggles of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Tamils in Sri Lanka. In her song “Sunshowers,” M.I.A. sings “like PLO/we don’t surrend-er.”

The United States contended that M.I.A.’s appearance with a tiger in the above music video was an endorsement of the Sri Lankan Tamil Tigers. But when the US government comes up with a cockamamie conspiracy theory — it results in drastic actions being taken.

Under Sunstein and the coming Internet censorship regime, supporters of the Palestinians and Tamils will be the first to feel the heat. Arulpragasam’s views of the US “global war on terror” would also not find a happy home in Sunstein’s world view. She has been quoted as saying: “No one was singing about a million people dying in Iraq and us [Britain and America] f\*\*\*ing up and Saddam (Hussein) being hanged.” Ironically, Arulparagasam is married to a member of the Zionist Bronfman whiskey family of Canada, although her husband goes by the name of Ben Brewer.

2007 also saw another pop star banned from the United States. Lilly Allen, who was to have filmed a music video with rapper Kanye West, who attacked George W. Bush over his handling of the Katrina disaster, was refused entry into the United States. Allen, a British national, was hauled into an interrogation room at Los Angeles International Airport after a flight from Australia and informed that her work visa was not longer valid.

In Sunstein’s “brave new Internet world,” if you are a Palestinian or Tamil activist, an uppity African American rapper, or a Muslim who refuses to be pigeon-holed as a terrorist, watch out because Sunstein will be watching out for you.

# Toyota Affair Economic War Against Japan

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of staff, Rahm Emanuel, have decided to turn the screws on Japan, not only for auto market leverage, but also to punish Japan over the insistence by Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama and the newly-elected anti-US military mayor of Nago on Okinawa to move the US military off of Okinawa.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, a former congressman from Peoria, Illinois and who is owned and operated by Peoria-based Caterpillar, whose major competitor is Japan’s Kubota Tractor Corporation, kicked off the anti-Toyota campaign when he stated that all Toyota owners should stop driving their vehicles and return them to the dealership for a fix. LaHood was referring to a problem with some uncontrolled acceleration problems with some Toyota vehicles. However, LaHood painted a wide brush in his comments about Toyotas when the problem, which resulted in a voluntary recall of millions of Toyota vehicles, including the popular Camry and Corolla, by the Japanese auto giant, affected only a small fraction of Toyota vehicles. LaHood has also threatened Toyota with unspecified civil penalties.

Asian intelligence agencies have discovered that LaHood was implementing a White House operation to grab a major portion of Toyota’s market share and hand it over to General Motors and Ford. The Obama administration, through its bailout of GM, has become a virtual auto company and, therefore, is playing economic hardball with Japan. Ford also benefited from the Obama administration’s stimulus package. The chief architects of the anti-Toyota campaign, according to our sources, are Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner and White House chief of staff RahmEmanuel.

By increasing GM’s viability at the expense of Toyota, Geithner sees a potential windfall when the federal government sells its share of GM stock to the public. The corporate media has played along with the Obama administration’s anti-Toyota and anti-Japan operation by hyping the safety issues with Toyota’s vehicles, especially the once-popular Prius hybrid vehicle. The Obama administration has decided on economic warfare against Toyota to restore GM as the world’s number one auto manufacturer, a position enjoyed by GM until 2007 when Toyota overtook it in sales.

The Japanese government is aware of the machinations of the Obama administration in creating the controversy about Toyota. Tokyo is also acutely aware of the ill-effects

the Toyota recall is having on the value of the yen vis a vis the dollar.

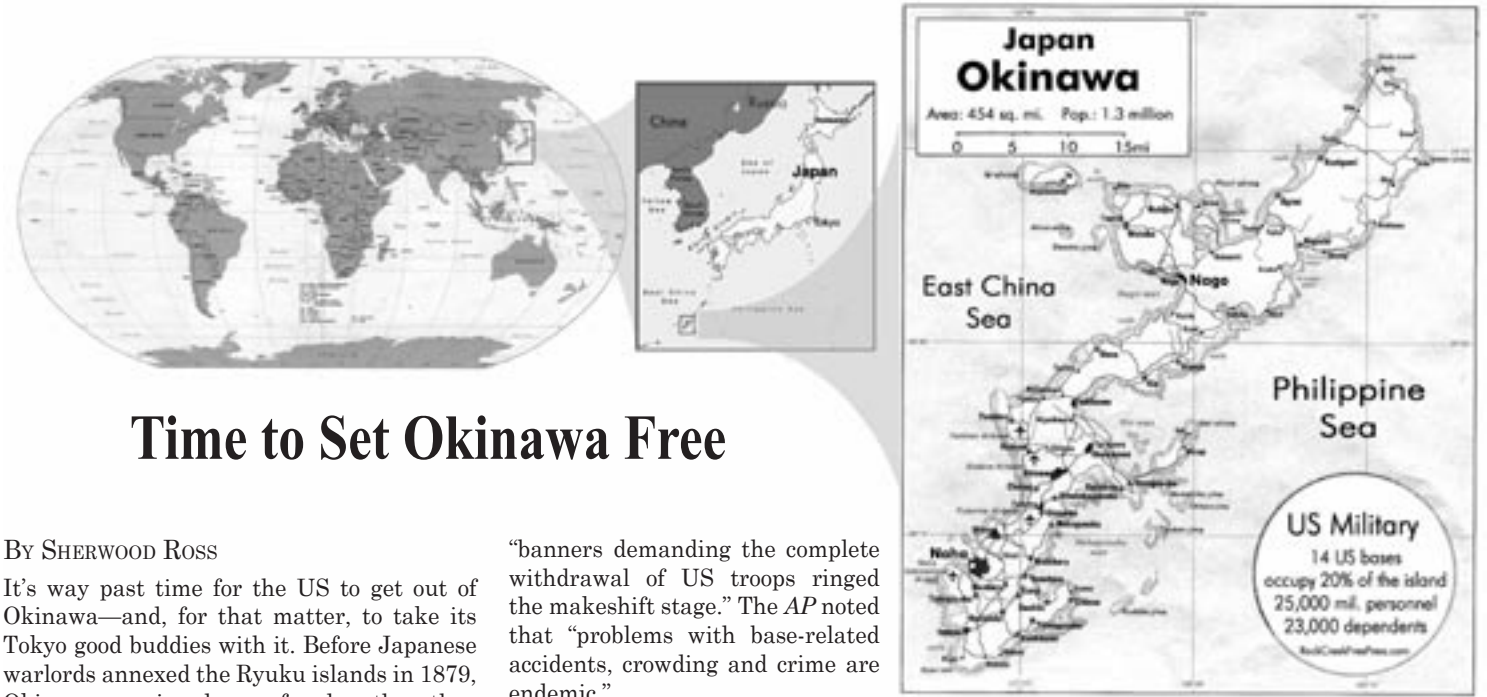
Informed sources pointed out to WMR that some 37,000 Americans died last year in road accidents. The issue of sticky accelerator pedals arose last year after a California Highway Patrolman and three of his family members were killed when their Lexus ES350 attained speeds in excess of 120 mph and struck another vehicle and was propelled off an embankment bursting into flames. One of the passengers in the Lexus reported in a 911 call that the accelerator was stuck. There is a controversy over whether the crash was caused by electronics or the floor mat. Toyota recalled millions of vehicles last October over concerns that gas pedals were catching on floor mats.

Ironically, Toyota does not make the sensor-equipped accelerator pedal for its recalled vehicles. Elkhart, Indiana-based CTS (formerly known as Chicago Telephone Supply) manufactures the pedals for Toyota, as well as for Ford. China’s Jiangling Motors has complained about sticking gas pedals from CTS and the firm has developed a reputation for faulty accelerator pedals and their associated sensors. CTS’s President and CEO is India-born Vinod Khilnani. Curiously, the Obama administration, which is flush with Indian-Americans at high levels, has not criticized CTS, especially since it supplied the very same accelerator pedals it manufactures for Toyota and GM to the US military.

WMR has learned additional details about the hype by the Obama administration over Toyota’s accelerator pedals. We are informed by a knowledgeable source that the earlier problem with 2002-2004 Toyota models regarding the so-called sticking floor mat has nothing to do with Toyota Corporation, since the mats are fastened to the floorboard with clips and there’s a space around each pedal. The problem occurs when a cheap substitute carpet is installed by a garage or a cheating dealer. Toyota always prefers to see its own products used inside their vehicles. WMR has also learned that the Prius brake problem is not serious and that it is caused by a difference in torque when the car switches from engine to electric motors.

Some may question why the Obama administration chose to target Toyota in its economic warfare campaign and not other Japanese auto manufacturers. The major shareholder in Isuzu is GM, which the Obama administration effectively owns. In addition, Ford owns Mazda.

The CTS-manufactured accelerator pedal



## Time to Set Okinawa Free

By SHERWOOD ROSS

It’s way past time for the US to get out of Okinawa—and, for that matter, to take its Tokyo good buddies with it. Before Japanese warlords annexed the Ryuku islands in 1879, Okinawans enjoyed more freedom than they do today. Every liberty-loving American ought to be shouting: “Okinawa for the Okinawans!”

Right now, this Los Angeles-sized Pacific gem of 454 square miles is Pentagon Tropical Paradise No. 1. It’s a land of martinis-and-honey where our 25,000 military personnel and their 23,000 dependents can live in high-rise splendor with housing allowances approaching \$1,000 or more a month (plus cost-of-living perks), enjoy PX shopping as good as it gets, and tan on the exotic beaches as Kin Red and Kin Blue.

This comes at a price, though — paid for by US taxpayers and 1.3 million long-suffering Okinawans. The Pentagon has studded their island paradise with airfields, barracks, artillery and bombing ranges, ammunition depots, toxic chemical, depleted uranium (and nuclear bomb) storage dumps — everything a demented mind could wish for to threaten modern civilization. This lethal garbage takes up 20% of Okinawa’s acreage, swindled from its hapless owners by Uncle Sam without benefit of cash payment the same way Joe Stalin collectivized Soviet Russia’s farms.

What particularly galls the locals (85% of Okinawans polled want the Yanks o-u-t) is not just the presence of US troops, mostly Marines, occupying their homeland, but the hundreds of ensuing rapes and sexual violations of their daughters, some as young as twelve. These have spurred vast anti-American demonstrations. The incidence of rape on Okinawa is twice that of the States and the *Dayton Daily News* reported the military has freed hundreds of US sex offenders despite their court-martial convictions.

In March, 2008, Okinawans rallied in a baseball stadium to protest the latest child rape and, according to the *Associated Press*,

“banners demanding the complete withdrawal of US troops ringed the makeshift stage.” The *AP* noted that “problems with base-related accidents, crowding and crime are endemic.”

Okinawans can do little to stop this lawlessness: “When US servicemen and their families commit crimes, they shall be detained by US authorities until Japanese law enforcement agencies file complaints with the prosecutors’ office,” the Japan-US Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) states — and by then the perps could be back in Hahira, Georgia.

Although *The New York Times* editorial page claimed “American military behavior in Japan has generally been good since the occupation in 1945,” between 1972 and 1995 US service personnel were implicated in 4,716 crimes. At one point up to a third of the Third Marine Division was infected with venereal disease, prompting author Chalmers Johnson in *Blowback* (Henry Holt) to crack “one has to ask what *The New York Times* might consider bad behavior.” What’s more, *Newsweek* noted that when Okinawa poet Ben Takara surveyed girls at Futenma senior high, one-third to one-half of them said they had “scary experiences with US soldiers on their way to school or back home.”

Approximately 75% of all US forces in Japan (why, fellow taxpayers, do we keep any forces in Japan, why?) are concentrated on Okinawa, having less than one percent of Japan’s total land area, which “amounts to a permanent collusion of the United States and Japan against Okinawa,” Chalmers observes. The answer is found in Tim Weiner’s *Legacy of Ashes* (Anchor Books), who recalls Okinawa was “a crucial staging ground for the bombing of Vietnam and a storehouse of American nuclear weapons.” Weiner notes that when opposition politicians in 1968 “threatened to force the United States off the island” the CIA funneled big bucks into Japan to defeat them at the polls.

In short, Japan can conveniently dump the military burden of its US defense pact on the backs of their captive Okinawans, with

used in Toyotas relies on an electronic pressure sensor. WMR has been informed by knowledgeable sources that the sensors are vulnerable to non-civilian frequencies. The Obama administration, fearful that military transmissions may be responsible for accelerator accidents, may have sought to jump the gun by blaming Toyota for the accelerator problems.

The last time an American president authorized a major economic intelligence operation against Japan was during the administration of Bill Clinton. In 1995, Clinton authorized NSA to spy on companies like Toyota and Nissan during US trade negotiations with Japan over Japanese luxury car imports to the United States. George H W Bush also used NSA to eavesdrop on Indonesia during negotiations between that government and Japan’s NEC on a major multi-million dollar telecommunications contract. Bush shared the intelligence with AT&T, a competitor of NEC on the Indonesian contract. On January 30, Obama met with former President George H. W. Bush at the White House in what was described as a “courtesy call.”

In addition to Japan, the Obama administration is also waging war on the “soft underbelly” of the European Union. The Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank have decided that if the national economies of the “PIGS” — Portugal, Italy, Greece, and Spain — are attacked, the euro will fall against the dollar, since the European Central Bank will be forced to bail out the most vulnerable large economies in the European Union. Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, a Socialist, recently attended the National Prayer Breakfast meeting in Washington, also attended by Obama, in order to plead Spain’s case. Apparently, Zapatero came away empty-handed and he was roundly criticized for attending an event sponsored by an ultra-right wing group, The Fellowship, which had ties with the Spanish fascist government of Francisco Franco. Obama also snubbed Zapatero, the current president of the rotating EU presidency, by saying he would not attend an EU-US summit scheduled for Madrid in May.

Obama’s worsening relations with China, developing from the US administration’s agreement to sell advanced weaponry to Taiwan, and the tweaking of the nose of the Russian bear by placing missile systems in Poland and Romania, have a number of worldwide intelligence agencies wondering whether Obama is trying to outdo George W. Bush in obstinacy and diplomatic bluster.

14 military bases jammed onto its 70-mile-long expanse. (Japan itself has just eight US bases.) This saddles Okinawa with the constant hullabaloo of jet warplane noise. (The Futenma base alone has 52,000 takeoffs and landings a year.)

Yoshida Kensei, former professor at Obirin University in Japan, and Asian Studies Lecturer Rumi Sakamoto of Auckland University, New Zealand, writes that Okinawa is nothing more than a US “military colony.” They want to rid the island of all “war cooperation” and reallocate its land to “agriculture, fisheries, and trade,” high tech, medicine and tourism. And they wouldn’t mind seeing Okinawans make some real cash by converting the US bases into remunerative housing areas, commercial and industrial properties, and educational or research parks.

Author Johnson quotes editor Koji Taira of the Ryukyuanist as writing, “the incomes generated directly or indirectly by the bases are only 5 percent of the gross domestic product of Okinawa. This is far too small a contribution for an establishment sitting on 20 percent of Okinawa’s land...In effect, the US and Japan are forcing on Okinawa’s economy a deadweight loss of 15 percent of its GDP every year.”

As Johnson concludes, “Okinawa is still essentially a military colony of the Pentagon’s, a huge safe house where Green Berets and the Defense Intelligence Agency, not to mention the Air Force and Marine Corps, can do things they would not dare do in the United States.”

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Book Review

The Strength of the Pack: The Personalities, Politics, and Espionage Intrigues That Shaped the DEA



BY DOUGLAS VALENTINE  
The Strength of the Pack (TrineDay, 2009) documents the secret history of federal drug law enforcement from the formation of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs in 1968, through the creation of the Drug Enforcement Administration in 1973, until the present time.

Many books to date have focused on individual aspects of federal drug law enforcement, but no book to date has plumbed as deeply or taken as comprehensive a view as this one.

The Strength of the Pack builds on the characters, themes, and action introduced in The Strength of the Wolf (New York, Verso, 2004), and develops the theory that federal drug law enforcement is essentially a function of “national security” in its broadest sense: not just defending America from foreign enemies, but preserving traditional values of race, class and gender at home, while expanding American economic and military influence abroad.

The book documents the unfolding of this unstated policy, and analyzes its impact not only on federal drug law enforcement, but on American society as well.

The Strength of the Pack is based largely on interviews with former federal narcotics agents, as well as the influential politicians and government bureaucrats they worked with. Many of these sources have never spoken publicly before. The information and insights these people provide is set within the context of existing literary sources on the subject. The author has refined the book by focusing only on the most important people and events. Taken together, Strength of the Wolf and Strength of the Pack represent a new chapter in American history; they introduce a host of fabulous characters, and an abundance of new and historically significant information.

Written in an accessible style, The Strength of the Pack tells how and why the Nixon Administration expanded federal drug law enforcement operations at home and abroad. Major successes and failures are examined. One failing was the self-destructive competitiveness among agencies. There was also a failure to properly address corruption and racism within the ranks. Most important was the inability to prevent the Central Intelligence Agency from commandeering federal drug law enforcement’s internal security and intelligence functions, and using them for national security purposes.

Strength of the Pack tells how, amid the Watergate scandal, the Nixon Administration created the Drug Enforcement Administration as a super-agency that would combine all existing anti-narcotic organizations in a concerted effort to solve America’s burgeoning drug problem. The Strength of the Pack reveals the personality conflicts, management problems and corruption that rendered the

DEA ineffective in its early years. By 1975, the press, the Senate, the Justice Department, the FBI, and the DEA’s besieged Internal Security Division were investigating the DEA. The author, notably, has spoken at length with the key players in this drama, which represents the turning point in the history of federal drug law enforcement, and is presented in its entirety for the first time in the book.

The DEA was paralyzed, a mere two years after its creation, at the height of America’s drug problem. The Strength of the Pack carefully describes how the government attempted, through a number of reorganizations – including the replacement of the DEA’s executive staff by FBI agents in 1980 – to correct its mistakes and more successfully prosecute the war on drugs. The book follows this drama, with all its recurring themes, through the Reagan, Bush, and Clinton Administrations, and it describes how each successive administration undercut its own attempts at reform by using the DEA for selfish political purposes. Most importantly, it tells how the CIA’s influence steadily grew, along with that of the military’s, until federal drug law enforcement entered its final and current stage of “narcoterrorism.”

The Strength of the Pack achieves its goal of telling new history in a manner that is both academically sound and compelling. It weaves together the most important characters and cases, with the political, bureaucratic, and espionage-related issues that shaped the destiny of federal drug law enforcement. The book follows the DEA as it spread around the world, but it never strays from the personal dramas that unfolded within the organization. The revelations in the book are profound; including evidence that U.S. government protects and supports, as unstated policy through its clandestine intelligence agency, the CIA, some of the world’s most powerful drug cartels.

The book is a major breakthrough in this era of government secrecy, and corporate media self-censorship. Its purpose is to acquaint the American public with an important segment of its history that has hitherto been buried; and by revealing this history, to restore to the American people a portion of their rightful heritage – the substance of self-knowledge.

Many of the people interviewed for the book have provided vintage photographs. The Strength of the Pack is fertile ground for documentary or theatrical film.

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History’s Lessons

Lessons For America From The White Rose  
The Heroic College Student Anti-War Anti-Fascist Resistance Movement in Nazi Germany

By GARY G. KOHLS

Sixty-seven years ago, on February 18, 1943, three courageous, patriotic German college students from Munich, the birthplace of the Nazi party, were arrested by the Gestapo on charges of treason, a crime that was punishable by death. The three, 22 year-old medical student Christoph Probst, 24 year-old Hans Scholl, also a medical student, and Hans’ 21 year-old sister Sophie, were part of a small group of university students whose code name was The White Rose.

The White Rose group had seen the atrocities that were being committed, the loss of freedom, the shredding of human rights and the fact that the war, following the carnage on the Eastern Front, had already been lost. These dissenters were also aware, as early as 1942, that hundreds of thousands of Jews had already been murdered and that atrocities were being committed against the Polish people.

They were also alarmed at the apathy and fear that they witnessed all around them. There was no active resistance movements among the adults they knew. They knew that Hitler’s aggressive war-making and terrorist activities were making Germany the most hated nation in the world and, because of their altruism, their still-intact consciences and out of their sense of patriotism, they felt that they had to do something.

Therefore they began, in late 1942, producing amazingly insightful, well-written leaflets, informing their fellow Germans about the criminal regime they were living under, which most Germans were tolerating without objection. These heroic young people knew that they had to use underground tactics because the liberal printing presses and other media that had tried to alert the people years earlier had been smashed by the barbaric right-wing Freikorps, the demoralized, demobilized, combat-traumatized military veterans’ militia groups that had formed all over Germany following World War I, with orders to crush socialism, communism and the attempts at bringing democracy to Germany. They had done their jobs well, but, when their usefulness was over, they were betrayed and annihilated in 1934 (“The Night of the Long Knives” certainly with the approval of the corporate elite that had control over Hitler).

The only “crime” that the little White Rose group had committed was the writing and circulating of a series of “subversive” leaflets whose purpose was to awaken people to the atrocities that were being perpetrated by Hitler’s obedient followers and to motivate others to join the various nonviolent resistance movements. They had also been guilty of having evaded detection for so many months, humiliating the Gestapo in the process.

The Nazis thought that the White Rose story ended with the arrest and the show trial, overseen by the notorious Roland Freisler, the shrieking Nazi judge who had been assigned to the “People’s Court” trials that the Nazis deemed most important for propaganda purposes — to instill fear in the people. Little did they know that the executions, by guillotine, only made martyrs of these heroic resisters. Their inspiring lives and courageous stand against tyranny lives on.

I have here excerpted some of the most applicable statements from the first three leaflets. The texts of all six leaflets can be found online at: [WhiteRoseSociety.org](http://WhiteRoseSociety.org)

It is highly recommended that freedom-lovers and anti-fascists read all six leaflets. A wonderful movie about the White Rose movement, entitled “Sophie Scholl: The Final Days” is essential viewing. The movie utilized a large amount of newly discovered documents of the interrogations



Hans Scholl, Sophie Scholl, and Christoph Probst; leaders of The White Rose resistance organization. Munich, Germany, 1942

of Sophie Scholl that had been unavailable for previous films about the movement. The official trailer to the German-made film is available on YouTube.

Excerpts From The 1st Leaflet of the Resistance – Fall 1942

“Nothing is so unworthy of a civilized nation as allowing itself to be governed without opposition by an irresponsible clique that has yielded to base instinct.

“It is certain that today every honest German is ashamed of his government.

“Who among us has any conception of the dimensions of shame that will befall us and our children when one day the veil has fallen from our eyes and the most horrible of crimes — crimes that infinitely outdistance every human measure — reach the light of day?

“If the German people are already so corrupted and spiritually crushed that they do not raise a hand...if they abandon the will to take decisive action ...if they are so devoid of all individuality, ...turning into a spiritless and cowardly mass — then, yes, they deserve their downfall.

“Goethe speaks of the Germans as a tragic people, like the Jews and the Greeks, but today it would appear rather that they are a spineless, will-less herd of hangers-on, who now - the marrow sucked out of their bones...are waiting to be hounded to their destruction.... [B]y means of gradual, treacherous, systematic abuse, the system has put every man into a spiritual prison. Only now, finding himself lying in fetters, has he become aware of his fate.

“Only a few recognized the threat of ruin.

“If everyone waits until the other man makes a start...the last victim will have been cast senselessly into the maw of the insatiable demon.

“Therefore every individual, conscious of his responsibility as a member of Christian and Western civilization, must defend himself as best he can at this late hour, he must work against the scourges of mankind, against fascism and any similar system of totalitarianism.

“Offer resistance wherever you may be...forestall the spread of this atheistic war machine before it is too late, before the last cities, like Cologne, have been reduced to rubble, and before the nation’s last young man has given his blood on some battlefield for the hubris of a sub-human [ Hitler].

“Do not forget that every people deserves the regime it is willing to endure!”

Excerpts from The Second Leaflet of the Resistance – Fall 1942

“It is impossible to engage in intellectual discourse with (fascist) philosophy...At its very inception this movement depended on the deception and betrayal of one’s fellow man; even at that time it was inwardly corrupt and could support itself only by constant lies. After all, Hitler states in an early edition of “his” book (a book written in the worst German I have ever read, in spite of the fact that it has been elevated to the position of the Bible in this nation of poets and thinkers): “It is unbelievable to what extent

one must betray a people in order to rule it.”

“If at the start this cancerous growth in the nation was not particularly noticeable, it was only because there were still enough forces at work that operated for the good, so that it was kept under control. As it grew larger, however, and finally...attained ruling power, the tumor broke open, as it were, and infected the whole body.

“The greater part of its former opponents went into hiding. The German intellectuals fled to their cellars; there, like plants struggling in the dark, away from light and sun, gradually to choke to death. Now the end is at hand. Now it is our task to find one another again, to spread information from person to person, to keep a steady purpose, and to allow ourselves no rest until the last man is persuaded of the urgent need of his struggle against this system.

“We are not in a position to draw up a final judgment about the meaning of our history. But if this catastrophe can be used to further the public welfare, it will be only by virtue of the fact that we are cleansed by suffering; that we yearn for the light in the midst of deepest night, summon our strength, and finally help in shaking off the yoke which weighs on our world.

“...three hundred thousand Jews have been murdered in this country in the most bestial way. Here we see the most frightful crime against human dignity, a crime that is unparalleled in the whole of history.

“...the entire Polish aristocratic youth is being annihilated. All male offspring of the houses of the nobility between the ages of fifteen and twenty were transported to concentration camps in Germany and sentenced to forced labor, and all the girls of this age group were sent to Norway, into the [houses of prostitution] for the SS!

“Why do German people behave so apathetically in the face of all these abominable crimes? The German people slumber on in their dull, stupid sleep and encourage these fascist criminals; they give them the opportunity to carry on their depredations; and of course they do so.

“Is this a sign that the Germans are brutalized in their simplest human feelings, that no chord within them cries out at the sight of such deeds, that they have sunk into a fatal consciencelessness from which they will never, never awake? It seems to be so, and will certainly be so, if the German does not at last start up out of his stupor, if he does not protest wherever and whenever he can against this clique of criminals.

“He must evidence not only sympathy; no, much more: a sense of complicity in guilt. For through his apathetic behavior he gives these evil men the opportunity to act as they do; he tolerates this “government” which has taken upon itself such an infinitely great burden of guilt; indeed, he himself is to blame for the fact that it came about at all!

“Each man wants to be exonerated of a guilt of this kind, each one continues on his way with the most placid, the calmest

conscience. But he cannot be exonerated; he is guilty, guilty, guilty! It is not too late, however, to do away with this most reprehensible of all miscarriages of government... Now...our eyes have been opened, we know exactly who our adversary is...[I]t is high time to root out this brown horde.

“Up until the outbreak of the war the larger part of the German people was blinded; the Nazis did not show themselves in their true aspect. But now, now that we have recognized them for what they are, it must be the sole and first duty, the holiest duty of every German to destroy these beasts.”

Excerpts From the Third Leaflet of The White Rose - February 1943

“But our present “state” is the dictatorship of evil. “Oh, we’ve known that for a long time,” I hear you object, “and it isn’t necessary to bring that to our attention again.” But, I ask you, if you know that, why do you not bestir yourselves, why do you allow these men who are in power to rob you step by step, openly and in secret, of one domain of your rights after another, until one day nothing, nothing at all will be left but a mechanized state system presided over by criminals and drunks? Is your spirit already so crushed by abuse that you forget it is your right - or rather, your moral duty - to eliminate this system?

“Many, perhaps most, of the readers of these leaflets do not see clearly how they can practice an effective opposition. We have no great number of choices... The only one available is passive [but active] resistance. At all points we must oppose [fascism], wherever it is open to attack. We must soon bring this monster of a state to an end. A victory of fascist Germany in this war would have immeasurable, frightful consequences...The defeat of the Nazis must unconditionally be the first order of business...

“Sabotage in armament plants and war industries, sabotage at all gatherings, rallies, public ceremonies, and organizations of the National Socialist Party. Obstruction of the smooth functioning of the war machine (a machine for war that goes on solely to shore up and perpetuate the Nazi Party and its dictatorship). Sabotage in all publications, all newspapers, that are in the pay of the [fascist] “government” and that defend its ideology...the presses run continuously to manufacture any desired amount of paper currency...Try to convince all your acquaintances, including those in the lower social classes, of the senselessness of continuing, of the hopelessness of this war; of our spiritual and economic enslavement at the hands of the National Socialists; of the destruction of all moral and religious values; and urge them to passive resistance!

“Aristotle [said in] Politics: “...and further, it is part [of the nature of tyranny]...that everywhere [the subjects] will be spied upon...and so it is part of these tyrannical measures, to keep the subjects poor, in order to pay the guards and soldiers, and so that they will be occupied with earning their livelihood and will have neither leisure nor opportunity to engage in conspiratorial acts.... Further, [to levy] such taxes on income as were imposed in Syracuse, for under Dionysius the citizens gladly paid out their whole fortunes in taxes within five years. Also, the tyrant is inclined constantly to foment wars.”

We salute the brave members of the resistance to Fascism, The White Rose Society. May they never be forgotten. -ed.



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## Americans Included on Government Assassination List

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military and intelligence officials said.

“The evidence has to meet a certain, defined threshold. The person, for example, has to pose ‘a continuing and imminent threat’ to US persons and interests.”

Daphne Eviatar, an attorney with Human Rights First, told *Inter Press*, “The short answer is that combatants can be targeted and civilians cannot, under international law. Their citizenship isn’t relevant. But just being a ‘suspected terrorist’ doesn’t necessarily mean they’re a combatant.”

She added, “The key question, and where there may be serious disagreement, is whether the person targeted is ‘directly participating in hostilities.’ If not, and they’re targeted, it’s a war crime.”

Ben Wizner, staff attorney with the ACLU National Security Project, said, “It is alarming to hear that the Obama administration is asserting that the president can authorize the assassination of Americans abroad, even if they are far from any battlefield and may have never taken up arms against the US, but have only been deemed to constitute an unspecified ‘threat.’”

Attorney George Brent Mickum, an American lawyer who has defended a number of Guantanamo Bay detainees, told *Inter Press*, “I guess my sense is that it’s just more fear mongering. They kill somebody and don’t need to offer any justification.”

“We have killed thousands of innocent civilians while attempting to target alleged operatives,” Mickum said. “And let us not forget how frequently our intelligence has been wrong about alleged operatives.”

“My clients Bisher al Rawi, Jamil el-Banna, Martin Mubanga, abu Zubaydah, and Shaker Aamer all are alleged to have been operatives based on intel. In every case that intel was incorrect,” Mickum told *Inter Press*. “I don’t have any expectation that our intel with respect to alleged American operatives is likely to be any better.”

Other experts on international law were outraged, too.

“This extrajudicial execution of human beings constitutes a grave violation of international human rights law and, under certain circumstances, can also

constitute a war crime under the Four Geneva Conventions of 1949,” said Francis Boyle, University of Illinois professor of international law at Champaign.

“In addition, the extrajudicial execution of US citizens by the United States government also violates the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution mandating that no person “be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.”

Boyle said, “The US Government has now established a ‘death list’ for US citizens abroad akin to those established by Latin American dictatorships during their so-called ‘dirty wars.’”

He claimed President Bush “reduced the United States of America to a Banana Republic waging a ‘dirty war’ around the world in gross violation of international law, human rights law, and the laws of war. It is only a matter of time before the United States government will establish a similar ‘death list’ targeting US citizens living here at home.”

Boyle added that, “As someone who used to teach Constitutional law, President Obama knows better.”

Boyle, a leading US authority in international law, drafted the Biological Weapons Anti-Terrorism Act of 1989 for the US. He is the author of a number of books in his field, including *Destroying World Order*.

Chip Pitts, president of the Bill of Rights Defense Committee, told *Inter Press*, “As with its embrace of the [George W.] Bush approach to indefinite detention, the Obama administration’s even greater reliance on targeted extrajudicial killing — including of US citizens — is a tragic legal, moral, and practical mistake.”

“Even for those who accept the legitimacy of the death penalty,” Pitts continued, “this further undermines the rule of law that is our best weapon in the fight against true terrorists, while completely subverting due process and constitutional rights of US citizens.”

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## I Call It Murder

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agents trespassed on Ruby Ridge, Weaver’s home in Idaho, incited a response from the Weavers, two of whom left the house to see what was happening, and by the end of the ordeal, Weaver had lost two family members — his wife, Vicky and his 14-year-old son, Sammy; his dog; while another family member, Kevin Harris, had been wounded. Randy Weaver was shot in the back. Justifying its attack on the Weavers, the US government claimed that Weaver and Harris had fired at a government helicopter. At trial, the jury believed that Federal Agents shot and killed the Weaver dog, then shot and killed Sammy, prompting Harris to shoot and kill one of the agents. The government awarded Randy Weaver \$100,000 and one million dollars to each of his three daughters. Although Harris had killed a US agent for which a jury had acquitted him of murder charges because he had fired only after having been fired upon, the federal government awarded Harris \$380,000 in settlement.

Now, although examples are rife in the Black and Latino communities of ordinary citizens finding themselves at the wrong end of a police muzzle for minor or no infractions, it should be clear that as long as government officials are out of control, no one is safe. That’s why we all should be outraged and public about excessive force no matter where it happens or who the victim might be.

That’s why I support the young people who are still facing charges from the fallout from the Oscar Grant New Year’s Day murder. Remove police violence and one would not even have an Oakland 100. And quite frankly, with Oakland under the leadership of my former colleague, Ron Dellums, I’m surprised that this issue had not been more forthrightly dealt with prior to Grant’s murder.

This all brings me to the January 30 report on the murder by the FBI of a Detroit Black man who was also an Imam. The case seems to have all of the ingredients of the worst of the above cases: the use of informants, law enforcement claims of self-defense or firing in retaliation for being fired upon, and failure to call for medical assistance after a fatal shooting. The FBI also refuses to release

what kind of weapon the Imam had. And more troubling is the autopsy that reportedly shows that Imam Abdullah was shot in the genitals — a vintage, racist attack on black men used by White men during the days of US slavery and even after the US Civil War; and in the back — I suppose that was self-defense, too. Imam Abdullah, with the help of an FBI informant, was led to a warehouse where he was shot by the FBI 21 times. At a press conference, FBI Special Agent Andrew Arena commented, “I take full responsibility for what occurred that day. And I have to be judged: I’ll be judged by you. I’ll be judged by the community. I’ll be judged by my bosses in Washington DC as far as the Justice Dept., and quite frankly, God someday.”

The sad fact of the matter is that too many killer cops are still walking around free. Sadly, many continue to serve as law enforcement officials, able to carry out their crimes against the community again and again. Yes, they all will face God’s judgment when they die, but it would be nice to get some justice here on earth, too. The Obama Justice Department has the opportunity to exact justice on behalf of communities besieged by rogue, killer cops. The verdict is not looking good, unfortunately, on whether the Obama Justice Department will serve the American people much-needed, long-delayed justice or whether certain perpetrators and their law enforcement departments will be given yet another White House pass.

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## CIA Involvement With Drug Trade Resulted In Death Threats Against US Senator

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Bush actually used his position to open up certain air routes into the United States from Latin America to pre-approved drug flights connected to the CIA’s contra supply operation in Central America.

The major drug routes from Central America, primarily Panama, to the United States saw CIA contract flights operated by such proprietary firms as Southern Air Transport and Evergreen Aviation fly fully-loaded planes with weapons and ammunition for the Nicaraguan contras from the United States, air drop them over contra bases in Central America, land in Panama and load up with narcotics supplied by Colombia’s Medellin cartel, fly through pre-approved air routes on the US-Mexican border, and air drop the drugs on designated cattle ranches in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. The Evergreen flights, according to WMR’s FBI sources, were based out of the firm’s facility at Pinal Air Park in Marana, Arizona. Southern Air Transport flights were based out of Mena, Arkansas and other airfields in the Florida panhandle, Alabama, and Louisiana.

Once the drugs from the Medellin cartel were dropped on the cattle ranches, they would be loaded on trailer trucks and hauled to distribution points around the United States. Our FBI sources stated that the smuggling and distribution was aided and abetted by some of the wealthiest cattle ranchers and trucking industry executives in the United States, all of whom were large political contributors to the Republican Party and the Bush family.

DeConcini was acutely aware of the operations and how they involved his home state of Arizona. After he and his family were threatened by the CIA, through the Medellin cartel, with assassination, DeConcini, according to our well-placed sources, wore body armor when appearing in public and succeeded in being named a US sky-marshal so he could carry a .357 magnum on commercial aircraft between Washington, DC and Phoenix.

Not succeeding in eliminating DeConcini physically, the CIA arranged for him to be tainted with dirty political money. DeConcini was named as one of the “Keating Five” senators who accepted cash from the owner of the failed Lincoln Savings & Loan, Charles H. Keating, Jr. Although the Senate Ethics Committee’s special counsel and CIA’s “clean-up man” Robert Bennett, tried to pin DeConcini on his knowledge of deals between him and Keating, WMR learned from the FBI that the Justice Department found no evidence that DeConcini was involved in anything criminal. One of our FBI sources contacted Ethics Committee chairman Senator Howell Heflin (D-AL) and told him about DeConcini’s campaign against the CIA and its drug trade.



Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ) served in the senate from 1977 to 1995.

Heflin suspended the hearings after being informed of DeConcini’s unique situation and only resumed them after the Justice Department assured Heflin that it had no plans to indict DeConcini. In fact, DeConcini was implicated in the Keating Five scandal because three of his close aides — his chief fund raiser Earl Katz, his campaign manager Ron Ober, and his administrative assistant Gene Karp — agreed to make favorable deals for Keating and thus enmeshed DeConcini in the scandal. Our FBI sources revealed the three aides were all “deeply involved” with Keating and when the scandal broke they helped in falsely implicating DeConcini in the scandal.

However, the Keating five scandal resulted in DeConcini deciding not to seek another term in 1994. DeConcini’s colleague from Arizona, Republican Senator John McCain, also one of the Keating Five, was, according to our FBI sources, involved deeply in not only the Keating Five scandal but the CIA’s drug smuggling operations.

WMR’s FBI sources also confirmed that the senior CIA officer officially vested with the job of countering the international narcotics trade was actively involved in promoting the CIA’s own drug smuggling operations. The individual also served in the Treasury Department where he ensured that the surveillance databases of suspicious money flows by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FINCEN) were scrubbed of any information that would point to the CIA’s involvement in drug money laundering.

We have also learned that the cousin of the CIA official, who discovered his cousin’s involvement in the narcotics and drug money laundering business, was recently arrested in Arizona and incarcerated in the Florence federal penitentiary for threatening the lives of federal agents, a serious crime under the new anti-terrorism laws. Although, the individual in question has been diagnosed

as “delusional” by a court-appointed psychiatrist, federal prosecutors are seeking a plea deal that would ensure that no mention is ever made of the cousin [who is now a well-known supporter of Israel], the CIA, FBI, or the Bush family. The jailed whistleblower also alleged that the CIA’s drug trade continues to flourish and that it involves Latin American Jews, Mossad agents and fabric and window covering warehouses in Florida, Georgia, and Texas that are used to store drugs from Latin America prior to distribution.

WMR has also learned that the Republican congressman who represents Midland and Odessa, Texas in the US House of Representative, Mike Conaway, has expressed a recent interest in the laundering of CIA drug money over the years. It is estimated that between \$4 and 6 trillion has been made by the CIA in the drug smuggling business and related money laundering. Although Conaway, who succeeded 11th District congressman [and House Intelligence Committee chairman] Larry Combest in 2003 after he suddenly resigned after winning his tenth term, is a friend of the Bush family, he is now faced with the possibility of a challenger in the GOP primary, either Jason or Jesse Waters, Iraq war veteran brothers who control Waters & Waters Services, an oilfield services firm. The potential challengers are also closely tied to the Bush family. Conaway served as chief financial officer for George W. Bush’s failed Arbusto Energy Inc. Conaway, an accountant, also discovered that hundreds of thousands of dollars were missing from the bank accounts of the National Republican Congressional Committee after he conducted an audit of the accounts.

Conaway’s potential challenge likely has resulted from asking too many questions — the answers for which could prove highly embarrassing for his old friends, the Bushes.

WMR has learned from a Delta Force veteran that when units of the elite military force were sent into Afghanistan after the 9/11 attacks, their first order from the CIA was to protect Afghan poppy fields. WMR’s FBI sources confirmed that Afghanistan has replaced Khun Sa’s poppy production operations in Burma’s “Golden Triangle” as the main source of opium and heroin for the CIA’s narcotics trade.

George H. W. Bush and his son, former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, recently paid a “courtesy call” on President Barack Obama at the White House. WMR’s FBI sources believe that Obama was “deep selected” at a young age by the CIA to eventually be installed as President of the United States.

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Frame 1: Two seconds before the shooting. One suspect (not visible far right behind officers) has already been cuffed. Police hold Grant down as they prepare to apply handcuffs. Officer Pirone is in the foreground with his knee on Grant’s neck. Officer Mehserle, center of the



frame with his bright shoulder patch visible, has his knee in Grants back.

Frame 2: Two seconds later, Mehserle now standing has drawn his weapon and fires one shot into Grant’s back from less than two feet away. Dozens of witnesses react in horror. The bullet passes through Grant’s torso and bounces off the concrete floor and into his lung. “You shot me!” Grant is heard to say, “I have a four year old daughter.” Grant was not armed.

For a few seconds the officers seem stunned by what has just happened. The injured Grant, who is still on the floor, is then cuffed and left to bleed out on the floor. No concern for his life nor attempt at first aid is in evidence.



Mehserle maintains that he meant to use his taser and drew his service weapon by mistake. If true, that error in judgement has effectively ended two lives, Oscar’s and his own. Mehserle is out on \$3million bail awaiting trial for murder. BART has agreed to pay \$1.5 million over time to Grant’s daughter until she is 30. Other lawsuits are pending.

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